

All French Troops Driven Out of Germany; Many Men Killed; England and Austria at War

FOES BATTLE ALL DAY LONG NEAR HAELEN

First Big Struggle With
Invading Germans On
Road to Brussels.

LATTER DRIVEN BACK

Column of Five Thousand Con-
stituted German Strength
in Fierce Battle.

Brussels, (via London) Aug. 13.—The fighting yesterday between the Belgium and German armies in the vicinity of Diest lasted the entire day, constituting the first considerable battle of the war. It will be known as the battle of Haelen. Shells were still falling at 7:30 in the evening on the roads around Diest.

The battle centered around Haelen in the Belgian province of Limburg, extending to Diest in the north of the province of Brabant, after passing around Zeehem. At 7 o'clock in the evening all the country between the three towns mentioned had been cleared of Germans except the dead and wounded who thickly strewed the firing zone. Upwards of 200 dead Germans were counted in a space of 50 yards square.

A church and brewery and some houses at Haelen were set afire and two bridges over the Demer destroyed by Belgian engineers. Great quantities of booty were collected on the battlefield. This was stacked in front of the town hall of Diest. Many horses were captured.

The strength of the German column was about 5,000.

Casualties at Haelen.
Brussels, Aug. 13.—According to Le Soir the German casualties yesterday in the fighting at Haelen were 1,000 killed and 1,000 wounded. The Belgian casualties are not precisely known but it is declared they comprise only a few dead and many wounded.

Belgian Official Report.
Brussels (via London), Aug. 13.—An official communication issued today confirms yesterday's success of the Belgian troops over the Germans at Haelen. It says three-fifths of the German troops engaged in the encounter were killed or wounded. The Belgian casualties were relatively small.

French Report of Battle.
Paris, Aug. 13.—An official communication published here says: "A division of Belgian cavalry, supported by a brigade of infantry and by artillery, engaged and defeated near the fortress of Diest, 18 miles northeast of Louvain, a division of German cavalry, also supported by infantry and artillery." The fighting was extremely fierce, and resulted in the Germans being thrown back toward Hasselt and St. Trond.

Germans' New Plan.
Brussels, via London, Aug. 13.—The Germans appear to be commencing a fresh phase of the war. Their attack through central Belgium having failed, they are entrenching along their Maestricht-Liege front and are employing a number of peasants on the road south through the provinces of Liege and Luxembourg, foreshadowing an attempt to force their way to the south of the river Ourthe and toward the upper Meuse in France.

Peasants are Alarmed.
Brussels, Aug. 13.—Peasants report that the Germans are waging a war of extermination. They allege the troops are firing on priests and are killing and wounding people indiscriminately. Whole villages, according to their stories, are being wiped out.

Yesterday at Tirlemont the Belgian lancers lost 25 men in a clash with uhlans, while the latter lost 250 killed. The lancers were checked by machine

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Probably showers or thunderstorms
this afternoon or tonight; Friday gen-
erally fair; cooler.

Highest temperature yesterday, 88;
lowest last night, 72; temperature at
7 a. m., 73.

Temperature at 2 o'clock p. m., 88.
Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 5 miles per
hour.

Precipitation in the last 24 hours,
none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. yester-
day, 31 per cent; today, 65 per cent.
River stage at 7 a. m., 3.1 feet, a
fall of .1 of a foot in the last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Jupiter, Venus, Mars.
Morning stars: Saturn, Mercury. Con-
stellation Corvus seen setting in the
southwest about 7:30 p. m.

guns, but the Belgian infantry stopped
the Germans.

Belgium Calls More Reserves.

Brussels, Aug. 13.—It is announced
that the 1914 classes of reservists are
soon to be called to the colors.

The ministers of war states there
has been engagement in Limburg pro-
vinces in which the Germans were
driven back.

Again Battle for Forts.

Brussels, Aug. 13.—The struggle be-
tween the Belgians and the Germans
for the Liege forts recommenced yester-
day. The forts are being fired upon
and are returning the fire of the Ger-
mans with vigor.

A new German army corps is invest-
ing Liege.

The German advance is being greatly
retarded by the Liege fortifications,
as they dominate the routes taken by
the Germans and also the intervals
between the forts, thereby preventing
the passage of artillery and transport
wagons.

The Germans are erecting fortifica-
tions in the streets of Liege with a
view to resisting a possible Belgian
attack on the right flank.

The war office announces that it is
once more in communication with the
city of Liege, the Germans having re-
moved their headquarters to the Col-
lege of the Sacre Cœur, which is
strongly barricaded. The Germans, it
adds, are accumulating quantities of
flour, in case they should find them-
selves invested instead of being the
besiegers.

French Town Shelled.

Paris, Aug. 13.—The bombardment
by the Germans of Pont-e-Mousson,
in the department of Meurthe and Mo-
selle, about twenty miles northwest
of Nancy, commenced yesterday morn-
ing. A hundred shells of large cal-
ibre fell in the town, killing or wound-
ing a number of the inhabitants and
demolishing buildings.

RUSSIANS TAKE AUSTRIAN TOWN

Garrison Defending Sokal in
Galicia Sustains Heavy
Losses in the Assault.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 13.—It is semi-
officially announced that a Russian
force has taken the town of Sokal,
Austrian Galicia, by assault, inflicting
heavy casualties on the Austrian gar-
rison.

GERMANS THREATEN TO DECIMATE POLISH TOWN

St. Petersburg, Aug. 13.—A semi-offi-
cial statement says the German
troops before Kalisz, Russian Poland,
have issued a proclamation stating
that every 10th inhabitant of Kalisz
would be shot in event of further re-
sistance.

GOVERNMENT TO CHARTER SIX VESSELS FOR EUROPE

Washington, D. C., Aug. 13.—Secre-
tary McAdoo, Garrison and Daniels
have agreed upon an immediate char-
tering of six vessels to go to Europe
for Americans. They will carry 8,000
at reasonable rates if possible.

HONG KONG FORT SHELLS JAP SHIP

Shanghai, Aug. 13.—The Japanese
steamer Shikoku Maru was seriously
damaged today and one of her crew
killed by a cannon shot fired from the
British fort at Hongkong while the
vessel was entering the harbor. The
Shikoku Maru paid no heed to the
harbor regulations. Two warning
shots were fired over her bow and
when she did not stop, a third shell
struck her amidships. A tug assisted
the steamer to berth.

SEVERE LOSS IN BATTLE AT MUELHAUSEN

Both French and Germans
Claim Victory in Strug-
gle for Alsatian Town.

HOSPITALS ARE FULL

Swiss, Near Scene of Battle,
Declare Facilities Are Ab-
solutely Inadequate.

The first dispatch direct from
Berlin, uncensored by the au-
thorities of the nations at war
with Germany, was received to-
day by the Associated Press
through the medium of the
Goldschmitt wireless company's
station at Tuckerton, N. J. The
dispatch follows:

Berlin (by wireless from
Nauen, Germany, to Gold-
schmitt wireless station, Tuck-
erton, N. J.) Aug. 13.—German
troops took 120 French
officers and 1,110 French sol-
diers prisoners in the fighting
at Muehlhausen, Alsace. They
also captured four French can-
non.

Another thousand French of-
ficers and men were taken pris-
oners in the fighting near Long-
wy. German soil is now entire-
ly cleared of French troops.

French Claim Victory.

London, Aug. 13.—A dispatch from
the French foreign ministry issued by
the French embassy here today reit-
erates that French troops behind
Muehlhausen, Alsace, "have not retired
but have victoriously resisted an en-
tire German army corps."

The statement of the minister adds,
"The Belgian army and forts around
Liege are intact and are prepared to
resist all attacks. There have been no
important changes in Lorraine and
there is no truth in the report that the
sixteenth regiment of French infantry
was taken prisoners by Germans at
Briey, in the department of Meurthe-
et-Moselle."

At the end of the communication
the French minister says, "France is
gratified by the attitude of Ameri-
cans."

Another French Report.

Paris, Aug. 13.—The following of-
ficial announcement was issued by the
French war department late Wednes-
day afternoon:

"Up to the present hour no encount-
ers between German and French
forces except those of outposts have
taken place."

"The occupation of Muehlhausen was
effected by a French brigade of in-
fantry in order to destroy the German
intelligence center in operation in that
town. That being accomplished, the
brigade was withdrawn, the general
in command considering the position
too perilous."

"The French brigade was followed
by the entire Fourteenth German
army corps, which were halted by our
principal lines."

"Our strategical situation remains
as before, excellent."

Many Wounded at Muehlhausen.

London, Aug. 13.—An exchange Tel-
egraph company's dispatch from Swit-
zerland, says: "Following the terrible
battle at Muehlhausen the hospital fa-
cilities proved absolutely inadequate
to care for the almost incredible num-
ber of wounded. Hospitals, schools,
churches and hotels were occupied to
their capacity. It was necessary to
charter special trains to convey the
wounded to Mulheim, St. Ludwig and
other towns." The latest estimates
place the German losses at from eight
to ten thousand.

Take French Troops.

Berlin, (via London), Aug. 13.—The
German troops near Muehlhausen have
captured ten French officers, 500 men,
four guns, ten wagons and many rifles.

According to the report German ter-
ritory has been cleared of the French.
It is also stated that at Lagarde the
German troops took more than a thou-
sand prisoners, about one-sixth of the
two defeated French regiments.

If it is necessary to make enemies
choose lazy men.

SITTING TIGHT



CONFEREES PASS ON SHIPPING BILL

Washington, D. C., Aug. 13.—The
house and senate conferees on the
emergency shipping bill agreed to
recommend to congress that foreign-
built vessels registered under the act
be permitted to engage in coastwise
trade within two years from its pas-
sage.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Agreement
was reached last night by senate and
house conferees on the emergency
ship registry bill and it was brought
before the house and senate today for
final passage.

The conferees rejected the amend-
ment of Senator Jones authorizing for-
eign-built ships admitted to American
registry to engage in commerce from
points on the Atlantic coast to points
on the Pacific coast. This is consid-
ered coastwise trade, and the Jones
amendment would permit such ships
to engage in the Hawaiian trade as
well.

Incorporated in the Jones amend-
ment was the proposition of Senators
Williams and McCumber that ships
from Atlantic or Pacific ports could
trade with gulf and great lake ports
and ships from the great lakes could
trade with the ocean coast ports. This
proposition was carried down with re-
jection of the Jones amendment.

The conferees accepted the Cum-
mings amendment, which provides that
as to all foreign-built ships purchased
under the emergency act during the
next year the application for registry
must be approved by the secretary of
state before the registry is granted.

Senator Cummings was insistent on
this proposition as offering a safeguard
against foreign complications and
charges of violation of neutrality or
commission of infidelity act. To the
same end he insisted on a provision
in the bill requiring ownership of 51
per cent of the vessel by Americans
before application for registry is made.

Cone Johnson, solicitor of the state
department, gave the following con-
clusions as to the transfer of mer-
chant ships of a belligerent to a neu-
tral nation after the outbreak of war.

"Merchant ships of a belligerent
may be transferred to a neutral after
the outbreak of hostilities."

"If the sale of the ship is made in
good faith, without defeasance or re-
vocation of title or interest in the ven-
dor, without any understanding, ex-
pressed or tacit, that the vessel is to
be retransferred after hostilities, and
without the indicia or badges of a col-
lusive or colorable transaction."

"But transfer cannot be made of
such vessel while in a blockaded port
or while in transit."

"The transfer must be allowable un-
der and in conformity to the munici-
pal regulations of the country of the
neutral purchasers."

London Calls for Eggs.

New York, Aug. 13.—With the sup-
ply of eggs from Russia shut off, Lon-
don has called New York for eggs.
Tomorrow the American liner New
York will sail with 36,000 dozen. Eggs
cost here 25 cents a dozen.

PRESIDENT ACTS ON PRICE RAISING

Will Ask New Legislation if Old
Laws Do Not Reach Food-
stuff Speculators.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 13.—Presi-
dent Wilson has directed Attorney
General McReynolds to investigate the
recent increases in the prices of food-
stuffs and to take up the question
whether any persons responsible can
be prosecuted.

The president took up the question
of increasing prices the first thing to-
day and was impressed by the pres-
sure of the situation. He decided im-
mediate action should be taken if possible
and if there is no law covering the
question that new legislation should
be passed. Officials said the president
in many cases considered the increase
wholly unjustifiable.

In replying, Secretary McReynolds
said: "I have instructed special agents
of the department throughout the coun-
try and district attorneys to ascertain
the facts. The department has been
for some time investigating prices of
foodstuffs." Acting on a suggestion
by Secretary McReynolds, the presi-
dent instructed the department of
commerce to begin similar investiga-
tions.

New York, Aug. 13.—Vigorous and
searching inquiries into the causes for
the swift rise in food prices were be-
gun today by District Attorney Whit-
man and a committee of 133 citizens,
with George W. Perkins as chairman
appointed by Mayor Mitchell.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 13.—Attorney
General Boynton has begun an in-
vestigation of the increased cost of staple
foods in Massachusetts.

TWO PEACE TREATIES RATIFIED BY SENATE

Washington, D. C., Aug. 13.—Secre-
tary of State Bryan's peace treaties
with the Netherlands and Norway
were ratified by the senate. They are
the first of twenty similar treaties
pending.

They provide for a commission of
inquiry before resort to arms in in-
ternational disputes, which ordinary
resources of diplomacy fail to settle.

Losses at Pon-a-Mousson.

Paris, Aug. 13.—An official report
of the fighting of French and Ger-
mans in the vicinity of Pon-a-Mousson
says: "Fighting started Aug. 11, con-
tinued Aug. 12 under thrilling con-
ditions for the French. Nine German
officers and a thousand wounded men
fell into French hands as prisoners."

Italian Troops Mobilize.

Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 13.—Italy
has mobilized a quarter million of
troops on the Swiss and Austrian fron-
tiers as a precautionary measure.

Dover Hears Cannonading.

Dover, (via London) Aug. 13.—
Heavy cannonading was heard here
early this morning, the reports com-
ing from the northeast. The firing
lasted an hour.

BRUTAL MURDER IN CHICAGO LOOP

Chicago, Aug. 13.—Edward P. Am-
ory, secretary of the Western Rail-
road association, was found dead in a
pool of blood in his office in a down-
town office building late Wednesday.
There were two deep cuts in his head.
The police believe he was murdered.

Books and papers scattered about
the room indicated that a struggle
had taken place.

A. M. Thompson, an employee, was
taken to the police bureau of identifi-
cation where an impression of his fin-
ger tips were taken.

Miss Janet Scholen, a stenographer,
told the police that she had gone to
the office at the usual time yesterday
morning but had been unable to enter.
She waited until afternoon then left
for home.

A note in Amory's handwriting was
found on his desk. It was scribbled on
a piece of yellow scratch paper and
was unintelligible to the police. It
read:

"Libel and scandal, 3 Russels 8888.
Will be malice."

The police believe the note was
written after Amory had been injured
and was his dying effort to identify his
murderer.

TURKEY MUST EXPLAIN PURCHASE OF CRUISERS

Paris, Aug. 13.—It is declared here
that the alleged purchase by Turkey
of the German cruisers Goeben and
Breslau, announced at Constantinople,
will probably be the subject of a de-
mand for explanations on the part of
France and the allies. The cruisers
entered the Dardanelles yesterday.

Mazatlan Merchants Taxed.

Mazatlan, Mexico, Aug. 13.—In as-
suming charge of Mazatlan yesterday
Governor Rivers of the constitutional
administration ordered to be re-
moved from the doors and windows
of German stores the signs reading
"German property under protection of
the cruiser Leipsic." The Leipsic is
off San Francisco. The governor then
levied a forced loan of \$100,000 on all
foreign merchants. In the three days'
fighting which accompanied the eva-
cuation by the federals the constitu-
tionalists lost eight hundred killed
and wounded.

WILL INCREASE REVENUE TAXES

Washington, D. C., Aug. 13.—Ways
and means to supplement the falling
customs receipts by other taxes during
the European war were discussed by
Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo,
Chairman Simmons of the senate
finance committee and Chairman Un-
derwood of the house ways and means
committee. It was determined to
draft a bill to raise \$100,000,000 by ad-
ditional internal revenue.

BRITISH GIVE WAR NOTICE TO AUSTRIA

Expect French Fleet to
Guard Interests in the
Mediterranean Sea.

OCEAN TRAFFIC SAFE

War Bureau Says Shipping
Takes No Chances Anywhere
but in the North Sea.

London, Aug. 13.—The war of the
nations of Europe today became fur-
ther regularized with the formal de-
claration of war on Austria-Hungary
of Great Britain.

The strength of the British fleet in
the Mediterranean is unknown as no
movement of warships is made pub-
lic. It is known, however, that France
has the bulk of her fleet in the Med-
iterranean, so no apprehension exists
as to the safety of trade routes
through that sea.

Most Sea Routes Safe.

The official press bureau here de-
scribing today the disposition of British
cruisers in the Atlantic and else-
where expressly urges traders of all
nations doing business with Great
Britain to send their cargoes confi-
dently and boldly to sea in British
or neutral ships in all directions ex-
cept in the North sea where, owing
to mines and the probability of naval
operations, no guarantee can yet be
given, although passenger service is
again running.

All News From One Side.

In the field of land operations little
change occurred since yesterday. It
must be remembered that all pub-
lished reports of military operations
emanate almost exclusively from the
side of the allied French and Bel-
gian armies. Nothing whatever comes
from the German or Austrian side re-
lating to military movements and only
occasionally a brief item describing
the result of past engagements is
made public from those quarters.
Strict censorship over the whole field
makes it difficult to estimate the value
of news received.

Movements in Belgium.

The struggle for the possession of
the Belgian forts surrounding Liege
has recommenced and reports of ar-
tillery and cavalry engagements are
taken as an indication of the possible
beginning of a great battle on Belgian
soil. The bulk of the German force
is believed to be concentrated between
Liege and the Duchy of Luxembourg.
This leads to the conclusion that the
German frontier facing Russia is only
lightly guarded, probably by newly or-
ganized reservists.

American Consuls to Act.

London, Aug. 13.—It is officially
announced that a state of war has ex-
isted between Great Britain and Aus-
tria-Hungary since midnight. Ameri-
can consuls throughout the British
Isles have been notified to take over
the Austrian consulates.

French Also Declare War.

Paris, Aug. 13.—An official declara-
tion of war by France on Austria-Hun-
gary has been made public.

WAR NO BAR TO BIG SHOW

San Francisco Says Exposition Will
Be Held Next Year.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The Panama-
Pacific Exposition company has noti-
fied Secretary Bryan there would be
no postponement of the exposition
next year because of the European
war or for any other cause now fore-
seen.

France has notified the state depart-
ment that she would participate in
the exposition. In the face of her war
she is going ahead with preparation of
her exhibit, which she promises to
have ready for the exposition.

BERLINERS OFFER AID TO STRANDED AMERICANS

Berlin, Aug. 13.—A meeting of 500
Americans in the capital last night
was informed that many German fam-
ilies were ready to take stranded
Americans into their homes without
cost.

UNCLE SAM TO CENSOR FRENCH-ENGLISH CABLES

Washington, D. C., Aug. 13.—It has
been decided to impose the same cen-
sorship on French and English cables
as is now imposed upon the German
wireless stations at Sayville, L. I., and
Tuckerton, N. J.