

GERMAN ARMIES GAIN OVERWHELMING VICTORIES

England in Gloom Admits Great Disaster

KAISER'S ARMS TO ADVANCE ON PARIS NEXT

French Army Is Everywhere Defeated

LONDON, Aug. 25. — Three days of continuous fighting finds the Germans occupying the French fortified city of Nancy, a few miles south of Metz, with decisive victories to their credit at Didenhafen, in Northern Lorraine, and at Neufchateau in the southern central part of the Belgian province of Luxemburg.

The French forces which were defeated at Dedenhofer and Neufchateau retreated, crossing to the west bank of the Meuse river, over the French border.

BRITISH STEM TIDE OF VICTORY.

The Germans were generally successful along their left, which constitutes the east and southern end of the long curved line that extends from Switzerland to past Mons in Belgium, but their right has been steadily stemmed by the British whose center is at Mons.

Washington, Aug. 25. — The German embassy has received a dispatch which says that 10,000 French prisoners were taken in the capture of Luneville, and that the Duke of Wurtemberg's army crossed the river Semois and completely crushed the advancing French army, and defeated a British cavalry brigade.

BRUSSELS PAYS \$4,000,000.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Brussels has paid the Germans \$4,000,000 of the \$40,000,000 that was demanded as the price of sparing the city from destruction.

GERMANS Poured INTO BELGIUM WITH LONG FRONT

LONDON, Aug. 25.—A letter sent from Charleroi Friday, says: "Germans are advancing over the line into Belgium with a front nearly 100 miles long, and spreading out with a formidable fanlike movement, preceded by swarms of scouts in all directions."

300,000 GERMANS PASS THROUGH BRUSSELS

LONDON, Aug. 25.—A dispatch received here from Rotterdam says 300,000 German troops have passed through Brussels alone. It is believed here that their numbers in Belgium have been greatly underestimated by the Allies.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR SAILS FOR FRANCE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—American Ambassador William G. Sharp will sail for France tomorrow.

FRENCH WANT 15,000 AMERICAN HORSES

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Aug. 25.—A local firm has received an order from the French government for 15,000 horses.

LONDON OVERSUBSCRIBES TREASURY NOTE LOAN

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Great Britain offered \$75,000,000 six months' treasury notes to the public and the public subscribed for \$210,000,000 of the notes in one day.

THE WEATHER TODAY.

Twenty-four hours ending at 3 p. m.: Maximum—56. Minimum—48. Rainfall—.37 inch. Cloudy; rain.

SERVIA TO GIVE NO QUARTER

PARIS, Aug. 25.—Serbia has served notice on Austria that she will wage war, asking and giving no quarter, as the result of the orders given the Austrian army to burn the Servian crops. The announcement states that no prisoners will be taken.

ROME, Aug. 25.—A dispatch from Antivari says the fortifications of Cattaro, Austrian Dalmatia, have been completely destroyed by a Russian and British fleet. The commander of the city's defenders is now parleying for terms of surrender.

ITALY WILL NOT MIX IN THE WAR

LONDON, Aug. 25.—A dispatch from Rome to the London Times says the Premier has assured a committee of the Deputies that the mobilization of the Italian army is not imminent, and that should it take place Italy will remain neutral in the war at all hazards.

SUPT. W. G. BEATTIE APPOINTED GUARDIAN

W. G. Beattie, superintendent of Indian school for Southeastern Alaska, yesterday received a cablegram from the Interior Department notifying him that he had been appointed custodian of the Native Indian interests in the tide lands on either side of the new roadway lying in front of Auk Indian village and extending out into deep water of Gastineau channel. This appointment is in direct line with the recommendations of Gov. J. F. A. Strong in the premises and insures an active defense against interlopers attempting to get a foothold in the tidelands.

FORMER SENATOR BAILEY TO CONTEST AGAIN

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 25.—The formal announcement of the Senatorial Candidacy of former Senator Joseph W. Bailey for re-election to the United States Senate to succeed Senator C. A. Culberson was made yesterday. He will be opposed by Robt. L. Henry.

PARIS PROTECTING SELF AGAINST AEROPLANES

LONDON, Aug. 25.—A Paris dispatch to the Standard says the authorities have caused the Louvre to remove the "Venus de Milo" and other art treasures, gems and the State Jewels to vaults, and have strengthened the roofs of all picture galleries with sand bags and other substances as protection against an aeroplane bombardment.

STEFANSSON STARTS TO JOIN DR. ANDERSON

OTTAWA, Aug. 25.—A report has been received here that V. Stefansson, the explorer, set out alone five months ago to join Dr. Anderson east of the Mackenzie river.

LEAVING ON AL-KI.

The following have engaged passage on the Al-Ki, sailing South early tomorrow morning: Werner Johnson, Ella Purcell, Mrs. George Shotton, A. Harris, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Mary Fox, Ole Anderson, G. Johnson, Emmet Kirk, Henry Bowen, Mrs. Finley.

GRAND JURY VOTES RUSTGARD THANKS

The grand jury that is in session at the court house this morning extended a sincere vote of thanks to John Rustgard, retiring United States district attorney, for the "conscientious" way he has performed his duty "without fear or favor" as an official.

The information concerning the action of the grand jury was conveyed to Mr. Rustgard in a letter as follows: "Juneau, August 25, 1914.

"Mr. John Rustgard, Juneau. "We the grand jury of this August term of court do hereby extend to you a vote of thanks for the conscientious way you have performed your duty as United States District Attorney, without fear or favor, and move that a copy of this motion be spread upon the minutes of this grand jury, and also have same printed in the daily paper.

"L. H. KEIST, Foreman. "I GOLDSTEIN, Secy." Reagan is Old Alaskan.

John J. Reagan, who succeeded District Attorney John Rustgard yesterday through temporary appointment by Judge R. W. Jennings, came to Alaska in 1904. He was appointed assistant district attorney under Henry M. Hoyt, at Nome, in 1906 and continued to hold that position under District Attorney George B. Grigby, who succeeded Mr. Hoyt. He has been a resident of Juneau for nearly a year. He is a Democrat.

COURT HOUSE BRIEFS

One indictment. The grand jury this morning featured an indictment against Pedro Rodriguez charging the defendant with selling liquor to Indians.

Plead Guilty. William Howard this morning entered a plea of guilty to the charge of selling liquor to Indians.

SEVERAL WHISKEY PEDDLERS SENTENCED IN COURT

Jose Ramirez drew a year's sentence in the Federal court this morning for the crime of selling liquor to Indians. He will be taken out on the Alameda to McNeil's Island penitentiary. Others receiving sentence for the same crime this morning were John Radcliffe who was given a year in the Federal jail; John Smith, Ed. Jacobs and William L. Howard each given a month in the Federal jail. All entered pleas of guilty.

Plead Not Guilty. Michael Keane, entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of robbery; M. J. Keating plead not guilty to forgery; M. Ostrada, Alice Cox, and C. Chalmus entered pleas of not guilty to selling liquor to Indians.

SUIT FOR POSSESSION OF WATERFRONT PROPERTY

The case of J. Ousby against Arvid Franzen commenced in the district court this morning. The action is for right of possession to certain waterfront property facing on lower Front street. The following jury is trying the case: Nick Triestchield, T. A. Page, W. K. Zott, L. Church, R. H. Perry, J. M. Tanner, Gust Grunther, Hugh Tracy, W. P. Mills, T. H. Demidoff, E. Schwab, and H. R. Shepard.

PARTY PICNICS AT SALMON CREEK

Mrs. Walter Bathe chaperoned a crowd of picnickers to Salmon creek last Saturday afternoon. All report having had a jolly good time. Those who attended were Ethel Olsen, Mabel Bathe, Florence Bathe, Marjorie Coman, Lucile Bathe, Dorothy Cramer, Gertrude Nelson.

LEAVING ON GEORGIA.

The following have engaged passage on the Georgia, sailing from Juneau for Sitka and waypoints tomorrow at 12:01 a. m.: For Killisnoo—Phillip Funcke; for Sitka—L. E. Buell; for Tenakee—Fred Carlson; for Excursion Inlet—W. P. Irwin; for Gypsum—A. G. Mosier.

NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS ACQUITTED

DENVER, Aug. 25.—Court martial acquitted 22 officers and men of the National Guard growing out of the charges in connection with the Ludlow battle.

GERMANS PLAN TO TAKE PARIS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—A Berlin dispatch received today by the German embassy says a concerted advance of all German armies on Paris will be the next step in all probability.

FRENCH ADMIT DEFEAT

Paris, Aug. 25.—The French newspapers today generally admit that the armies of the Allies have met with severe reverses, and that the news of the day is decidedly bad.

Paris, Aug. 25.—The War Office in a statement of the conditions surrounding Charleroi said:

"On the order of Gen. Joffre, commander-in-chief of the Allies, our troops and the British troops are withdrawing to covered positions within the defenses of France. The French army will remain for a time on the defensive, but at the right time it will resume vigorous offensive operations.

ABANDON ALSACE AND LORRAINE.

Continuing, the Minister of War said: "Every Frenchman will deplore the temporary abandonment of our well earned positions in Alsace and Lorraine, but the ordeal is inevitable, though but temporary."

CHIEF OBJECT ACCOMPLISHED.

The War Minister added further: "The chief purpose of our operations has been accomplished. They have permitted the Russians to penetrate into the heart of East Prussia where they are meeting with success and working their way into the vitals of the German Empire."

CANADIAN WAR SHIP AFTER FUEL

The Prince George, belonging to the Grand Trunk line but recently requisitioned by the British government for military purposes and converted into a hospital ship, arrived at Ketchikan yesterday after fuel oil, asking for the full capacity of her tanks.

Deputy Collector of Customs M. S. Dobbs immediately wired Collector of Customs John F. Pugh, asking for instructions. Mr. Pugh communicated with the Treasury Department, and in the meantime instructed Mr. Dobbs to let the Prince George have a sufficient quantity of fuel to take her to the nearest British port, pending instructions from Washington.

ENGLISH BANK TO HAVE BALANCES ABROAD

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The Bank of England is arranging for Canadian, South Africa, Australian governments to accept deposits of gold on behalf of the bank to avoid dangers of ocean transport.

JAP AND BRITON DAMAGE GERMANS

LONDON, Aug. 25. — A cablegram from Tokyo says the German warships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst attempted to run the blockade "out of Kiaochou and were badly damaged by the Japanese and British cruisers before they regained the shelter of the forts.

Jap-Cruiser to Victoria.

TATOOSH, Wash., Aug. 25. — The Japanese cruiser Idzumo passed into the Strait of Juan de Fuca presumably on her way to Esquimalt, near Victoria.

United States Neutral.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The President issued a proclamation this afternoon declaring the neutrality of the United States in the war between Japan and Germany.

AUSTRIA DECLARES WAR ON JAPAN

VIENNA, Aug. 25 — Austria declared war on Japan today.

FRANCIS JOSEPH CANNOT LIVE

LONDON, Aug. 25.—A dispatch from Copenhagen says the death of Emperor Francis Joseph is but a question of a few hours.

GEN. VILLA MAKES SPECIFIC DEMANDS

CHEHUAHUA, Mex., Aug. 25.—Gen. Villa has demanded from Carranza that a civil government be established throughout Mexico, and a general election conducted by it; that no military chiefs hold office of provisional president; that land reforms be put into effect in accord with Mexican constitution; that present federal army be dissolved, but meritorious officers and men be taken over into the new army of the republic; and that amnesty be given all political offenders except those directly responsible for the overthrow of Madero and Juarez.

WAR CLOSES MANY ENGLISH FACTORIES

LONDON, Aug. 25.—War with Germany has closed a number of English factories. Sir Alfred Mond estimates that 300,000 persons are engaged in trade with or employed in manufacture of goods exported to Germany.

JAPANESE ACCUSED OF KILLING WHITE GIRL

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—Helena Wood Smith, an artist, was found strangled to death on the seashore near here. George Kodino, a Japanese artist, is held in connection with the affair.

Japanese Confesses.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—George Kodino yesterday evening confessed that he murdered Helena Wood Smith, the American artist.

NEW HAVEN DIRECTORS MAY QUIT ORGANIZATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. — The New York American says the resignations of William Rockefeller and other directors of the New Haven, who opposed the dissolution plan, and some of whom are soon to be defendants in a suit filed by the government, are said to be imminent.

AMERICA TO LEAD BANKING NATIONS

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Irving Fisher, of Yale, says that the European war offers a wonderful opportunity for American bankers to make New York the banking center of the world, as this country will become a lending, instead of a borrowing nation, and when the war is over it should hold this position.

FLORIDA HAS LARGEST FRUIT CROP IN HISTORY

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 25. — Florida's citrus crop will be the largest on record.

Fall of Namur Casts Cloud Over England

KAISER HONORS HIS SONS

Berlin, Aug. 25. — Emperor William today conferred the Iron Cross upon his son Crown Prince Frederick William and also upon Dukes Albrecht and Wurtemberg. At the same time he conferred the Iron Cross of the second class upon his son Prince Oscar.

His Majesty sent the following telegram to the Crown Princess: "I thank thee with all my heart, dear child. I rejoice with thee over the first victory of Wilhelm. God has been on our side and has most brilliantly aided us. To him be thanks and honor. I remit to Wilhelm the Iron Cross of the first class. Oscar also fought brilliantly with the grenadiers. He has received the Iron Cross of the second class. Repeat that to Ina and Marie. God protect and succor my boys also in the future. God be with thee and all wives." The message was signed "Papa Wilhelm."

GERMAN PAPERS HAVE LITTLE WAR NEWS

ANTWERP, Aug. 25.—An American citizen, escaping from Germany, says no newspaper in Germany is permitted to print more than a few messages of three or four lines each about the war. These are distributed by an official agency.

London Nearly Out of Paper.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—A London special says it is estimated that reserve stocks of white printpaper in England are normally equal to 10 weeks' supply, but at the present rate of consumption, even with a reduction in size of the papers, there is only sufficient paper for six weeks.

CANADA MAY DELAY PAYMENT OF DEBTS

OTTAWA, Aug. 25.—It is likely that Parliament will authorize the government to declare a moratorium before the close of the present week. "Moratorium" Defined. The word "moratorium," which appears in the news from the countries at war, is an extraordinary act of the government by which the collection of debts is suspended for a specific time. The word comes from the Latin word "mora," to delay.

GERMANS SEEKING AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Work of the naturalization bureau in New York has been increased over 30%. Most of the applicants are Teutons.

BIG SEATTLE BANKER DIES AT HIS HOME

SEATTLE, Aug. 25.—E. W. Andrews, president of the Seattle National bank, and one of the foremost bankers of the State of Washington died yesterday. President Andrews attracted attention as one of the first bankers in the United States to give support to the administration currency bill.

SEATTLE SAILS NORTH.

SEATTLE, Aug. 25.—The Spokane sailed for Alaska last night with the following passengers for Juneau: Miss Jean V. Rankin, E. G. Mallory, Carl Aunland, Mrs. G. Brown; for Douglas—Mrs. R. R. Hubbard.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The news of the fall of Namur has cast a gloom over England.

It is admitted here and at Paris that the German victory has been decisive.

The French are falling back into their fortresses all along the lines.

All along the lines between France and Belgium, Luxemburg and Lorraine the Germans are this afternoon pouring a steady stream of soldiers into France.

ADMIT NAMUR IS FALLEN

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The military information bureau admitted today that Namur has fallen.

A dispatch to the News says German cavalry was attacking Ostend this morning.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 25.—A dispatch from Berlin says the receipt of the news of the fall of Namur caused the wildest excitement.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Berlin dispatches say that five of the Namur forts and the city have fallen into the hands of the Germans. The fall of the other forts is imminent.

GERMAN SHIPS FORCED OFF ATLANTIC OCEAN

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The acting British consul at New York says the Atlantic lanes have been cleared of the ships of enemy "without firing a single gun" and that five British warships — the Suffolk, Lancaster, Berwick, Bristol and Essex — will continue the patrol of western Atlantic.

CANADIAN STEAMERS BECOME TROOP SHIPS

MONTREAL, Aug. 25.—Four more Canadian steamers—the Empress of Britain, Mt. Temple and Lake Manitoba of the Canadian Pacific, and Surtoria of the Donaldson Line — have been requisitioned by the British Admiralty and probably will be used as grain and troop carriers.

AUSTRIAN AND ITALIAN RELATIONS ARE STRAINED

LONDON, Aug. 25.—A Rome special says there are indications of an increasing strain in the relations between Italy and Austria. The Italian navy officers have notified neutral powers, as well as the Board of Trade of England, that the ports of Spezia, Ancona, Taranto and Venice have been mined.

WORLD WANTS TO BUY AMERICAN COAL

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Soft coal exporters are being besieged with cable orders from countries that have heretofore taken their supplies chiefly from England, but American dealers have been unable to take advantage of any of this business because of our lack of vessels.