

BRITAIN DECLARES WAR

Formally Challenges the Austrians

GUNS OPEN ON NAMUR AND SLAUGHTER BEGINS

ONE MILLION GERMANS FIGHT ON BELGIAN SOIL

—LATEST—

BRUSSELS, Aug. 13.—Never has history related the story of such carnage as that which is covering the plains of Belgium with blood this afternoon. The tremendous German host has begun its attack on the city of Namur, its plans having been perfected, and between the soldiers of the kaiser and the allied troops of Belgium and France a struggle is going forward in which the lives of men are hardly counted.

The war office announced this afternoon that the Germans attempted last night to break the front of the allies and that after enormous slaughter they were forced to abandon the project. They charged in without even seeming to reckon the cost.

Three times did the Germans capture Hassel and three times were they driven out by the combined charges of the Belgians and French. Ten thousand German cavalry were engaged in the work and as they thundered across the plains again and again the earth rumbled almost to the capital. The reports coming from the front state that the battling is still going forward. The sun is shining brilliantly and the fields are clothed in green but everywhere over the field of slaughter the bodies of men and horses are strewn. The Germans have also recommenced the bombardment of the forts that still stand near Liege and powerful guns are being used with terrible effect.

SLAUGHTER AT MULHAUSEN

BASEL, Switzerland, Aug. 13.—It is now known that the slaughter of the Germans and French in the fighting around Mulhausen was something awful. The French troops fought with a bitterness and enthusiasm and every public building in the city is literally crammed with the wounded.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—Contrary to expectations there is much close fighting between the French and German troops on the border. Several times the two hostile forces charged up to the muzzles of each others' guns and the number of losses surpasses the losses in any other war of modern times.

With one great bayonet charge the French drove the Germans back from French ground west of Luxemburg yesterday and in the charge bayoneted thousands of the enemy. The French infantrymen are described as going into the awful charge singing the Marseillaise. It is described in the dispatches as one of the most glorious charges even in the history of French wars and Paris is wildly celebrating the event today.

ENGLAND DECLARES WAR

LONDON, Aug. 13.—Great Britain declared war on the Austrian empire today and from this time forward attacks on the Adriatic coast of Austria may be looked for by British ships. The Austrians had declared that their navy would not fight the British at sea as they were not at war with Great Britain but the declaration of war by this country now sends the two nations at each others' throats.

The people of all the nations engaged in the war now admit that the fighting is only beginning. Even Germany is said to be fully aware of the fact and this country has really yet not entered into the conflict to any extent. From this declaration of war against Austria may be said to commence the real fighting.

RAINBOW SAFE

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 13.—The people of this city were driven almost to transports of joy this afternoon when the British warship Rainbow, which was reported sunk, steamed into the harbor. She came convoying the British sloop of war Shearwater which was reported to have been in danger off the coast of southern California. The two vessels will now be used to guard this coast and for the first time since the opening of hostilities this city considers itself tolerably safe.

BERLIN MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

BERLIN, Aug. 13.—An official announcement was issued by the war office this afternoon in which it was declared that all goes well with the armies of the kaiser. It announces that the French have been defeated again in Alsace and that one thousand of them have been taken prisoners. It is also officially announced that the German

army in Belgium is slowly driving back the allies and that the advance has been so successful that the German troops have got in touch with Namur and are now attacking it.

BATTLE AT WATERLOO

LONDON, Aug. 13.—That the historic field of Waterloo will be the scene of another great and decisive conflict within a few days is now almost made certain in the minds of Englishmen by the positions which the German leaders are now occupied. One army has already reached the field of Waterloo itself and is this afternoon being reinforced by a great body of the army that has succeeded in crossing the river Meuse. The army which is operating in Luxemburg is now evidently acting in conjunction with the movements of the army in Belgium and the greatest uneasiness is felt in English military circles.

SURROUND THE ENEMY

It is dawning on the minds of the people here that the Germans are now engaged in a tremendous and secret series of movements that will result in surrounding the enemy if they have not actually succeeded in doing so already. German forces are now appearing like bolts from the blue in all directions and great bodies of infantry, cavalry and artillery are being constantly thrown across the Meuse so that today British military authorities estimate the number of Germans in Belgium as not less than one million. The German line may be said to be practically unbroken for more than a hundred miles and the great movements are still going on with amazing regularity and contempt of attacks. In a short time this huge machine will probably strike and it will be only then that Germany's plans will come out.

It was learned here today that the German destroyer which was blown up a few days ago was not destroyed by an explosion of her own but was blown up by a mine which had been laid by the Germans themselves.

DENMARK MASSING TROOPS

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 13.—The armed forces of Denmark were called out yesterday and the troops are already beginning to mass on the border so that the fear is general all over this country this morning that she will be involved in the war before many days.

The most disquieting stories have also come from Norway and Sweden where the fear is now prevalent that they also will become involved in the great conflict although a reason for their participation in the war is not apparent just yet. It has been declared here, however, that Sweden may call out her reserves for the ostensible purpose of defending her territory from any attempt that might be made to violate her neutrality.

As the war is now drawing around every portion of this part of Europe it is thought almost impossible for the Scandinavian countries to avoid being drawn into it.

TURKEY AND ROUMANIA NEXT

COLOGNE, Germany, Aug. 13.—It is reported here today that Roumania is about to enter the war as an ally of

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CALL ON GOVERNMENT TO OPEN MATANUSKA

From all the coast of Alaska, and probably from the whole Pacific coast, will go up today a stirring appeal to Washington for the immediate opening of the Alaska coal fields to guard against a coal famine that might come at any time by the cutting off of the supply of coal from British Columbia mines.

The following communication was received by the Seward Commercial club today from the chamber of commerce of Cordova:

"We are wiring the president and congress demanding the opening of the Alaska coal fields on account of the war conditions. The British Co-

lumbia supply is liable to be cut off any day. Assist by wiring your friends in congress."

Immediately after the receipt of the wire James R. Hayden was delegated by the Commercial club to prepare to endorse the action of Cordova and also take steps for the sending out of strong appeals. Messages have already been dispatched to the cities of the coast asking for aid in the effort and the club has wired the president and congress as well as individual members of congress who have shown an interest in Alaska.

The whole coast will undoubtedly take up the matter as the cutting off of the British Columbia supply at the present time would be nothing less

VALDEZ MINER SHOT BY THUG

ELMER ANDERSON MAY DIE OF WOUND INFLICTED IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Aug. 13.—Elmer Anderson, a miner of Valdez, was found lying wounded on University street last night and may die.

He was unconscious when found and has a bullet wound through the breast which is regarded as very dangerous. He has recovered consciousness and has discovered that he lost \$300 and a gold watch. He says that he attempted to seize the thug's revolver but that it was turned on him. He fired three shots from his own revolver, he says, after his fleeing assailant but probably did not hit him.

VICTORIA COMES IN AFTER MIDNIGHT

With Seward's Usual Luck Her People Had to See the Town Without Daylight

The steamship Victoria of the Alaska steamship company arrived soon after midnight and left after a stay of five or six hours. She had aboard just ten round trippers. The other passengers were made up of more than 50 steerage, druggists and some few Nome people going outside. Aboard was the drill for Charles E. Herron and Major French. It came in charge of Pete Kavanagh, one of the best known miners and drillers in Seward Peninsula.

WILL START DANCING CLUB FOR SEWARD

Harry E. Whittemore M. B. of New York and Boston, society dancer, will open a club for the teaching of the latest modern ballroom dances in Seward. He will teach two-step, waltz, hesitation waltz, Spanish waltz, one-step, wave one-step, castle walk, lame duck, castle half and half, Argentine tango, maxixe, furlana, aeroplane glide and muscavite. He won the amateur championship of New England from many competitors. When last in Boston he was giving exhibition work on the stage, ballroom and the Puritan hotel roof garden.

Mr. Whittemore is protege of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle and Mr. Hepburn Wilson. If enough interest is taken he will later start a class for children.

John Greenwood, the representative of the Alaska Citizen, Fairbanks, has also been here.

CARRANZA ORDERS VILLA'S POWDER HELD

TAMPICO, Aug. 13.—A most significant occurrence took place today when Carranza ordered all the ammunition consigned to Villa be held. That the order means nothing less than the ending of the friendship of the two men is generally believed and in many quarters it is thought not unlikely that it will mark the beginning of the real trouble between the two leaders.

Villa has taken no part whatever in the recent negotiations for the surrender of the federals and now that the Carranza forces are going to continue the war the importance of Villa's position has become very clear. Villa has made no hostile statements against Carranza but that he is inclined to jump out of the traces is very evident to the people who live here.

WARBURG PROMISES SENATE TO BEHAVE

New Member of Federal Reserve Board Will Drop Financial Alliances

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Paul Warburg, member of the federal reserve banking board, promised the senate committee on currency today to abandon his objectionable financial alliances. He has already been confirmed as a member of the reserve board and he was bound in no way to apologize but he voluntarily made the offer to keep away from any entanglements that could even suggest the likelihood of partiality in his decisions.

COMING ON ALAMEDA

SEATTLE, Aug. 13.—The passengers on the Alameda for Seward are Ed Christian, Frank Parrish and one steerage.

NEWS NOTES

J. Edward Rea, who has been working for the Primrose Mining company as manager of the mine is suffering from an injury to a finger. The finger was rather badly crushed but Dr. Romig says the bone is not injured.

Charles Schultz and John Rolls have brought to town the story of how Mayor Boe and John Madsen were treed by a bear a few days ago at Chickaloon Flats. The bear is said to have come along while the two men were cooking. Each took to a tree and the bear hung around for something like five hours before he gave the prisoners a chance to get away. They had a gun also, it is said, but instead of using it on the bear they made him a present of it. Some one has suggested that this story would be a good one to make a joke about, but being up a tree for five hours is no joke at all, at all.

Mrs. Price came in last Saturday from Mile 20.

Five young blue foxes have arrived in Seward for Joseph Sterling of Fairbanks and have been placed in charge of Mr. Sexton by Dr. Jones who brought them from the Pribiloff Islands. The five cost \$1,030 on the island. One of the little animals died after arriving in this city.

The uniforms of the baseball team are on the Sampson. The team will give a fine dance Saturday night at the railroad building. After the game they put up against the Albatross there is nothing too good for them.

Several new members will be initiated in the Loyal Order of Moose tomorrow evening. The order is new about the largest one, even in Alaska. The local lodge may get busy on a ladies circle later on.

J. C. Lusler of Galveston, Texas, after a trip all over Alaska came visiting all the public galleries in the city this morning and after having seen and taken in everything he declared that Seward has every place in Alaska "skinned".

CHAIRMAN EDES IS TAKEN FOR JAUNT

Went Today to Look at Country Around the Bay

Chairman Edes of the Alaska railroad commission went out with Derick Lane today to look at the country around the bay near the city. He and his party, including Secretary Tillman, will leave on the Sampson and return to Ship Creek where his headquarters are located.

NEW HAVEN RAILROAD AGREES TO DISSOLVE

Howard Elliott Becomes President But Old Directors May Be Prosecuted

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The New Haven railroad people have finally given up the fight against the government and agreed today to dissolve. Howard Elliott has been chosen president of the Boston-Maine road. The dissolution of the New Haven will not, however, prevent the prosecution of the directors and an announcement to this effect was received from Washington today after the news of the dissolution came.

TWO INCHES OF RAIN IN THIRTY MINUTES

PANA, Ill., Aug. 12.—The heaviest rain ever known in this region and, perhaps, in any region fell here yesterday. Two inches fell in thirty minutes and the result was remarkable in several instances.

SAMPSON DUE AT FIVE

Word was received today by Agent Wayne Blue that the Sampson can be looked for at 5 p. m.

HARVESTER TRUST IS FINALLY DISSOLVED

ST. PAUL, Aug. 12.—The Harvester trust has been finally dissolved and must divide up into three separate parts within 90 days. The decision was arrived at today after the consultation following the hearing.

EXPECTS LOTS OF TRAVEL VIA SEWARD

W. R. Lloyd, a well-known business man from the Iditarod, passed through Seward this morning on the Victoria bound for the outside on a short business trip. Mr. Lloyd stated that he expected to return to the interior early this winter and will make the trip over the Seward Iditarod mail trail. He stated further that there would be a great deal of travel from the interior camps this coming winter over this trail as all of the outside bound travelers from the Innoko, Iditarod, lower Yukon and Nome country will take this route now that the government is sending the mail this way. Mining in the Iditarod is good this season and Riley and Marston are doing even better than was anticipated with their recently installed dredge.

FORAKER BEATEN IN PRIMARIES FOR SENATOR

COLUMBUS, Aug. 13.—Warren Harding beat Foraker yesterday in the primaries for senator. The winning of Harding is not taken to mean much as his chances of election are regarded as very doubtful. It is thought that more people would have voted for the older warhorse if they believed he could get elected.