

French Troops Invade German Territory

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GERMAN TORPEDO FLOTILLA RAIDS SHIPS IN Humber

Four British War Vessels In Waterway Leading to Hull Are Reported Sunk.

NEWS BY WAY OF NEW YORK

Number of the Attacking Craft Reported Lost During the Engagement.

LACKS OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION

Report Tallies with Statement of May Be Unfavorable.

ACCEPT FORTUNES OF WAR

News of Sinking of Amphion Causes Little Excitement.

MANY GERMANS ARE ARRESTED

War Office Convinced that Kaiser Has Maintained Complete System of Espionage in England for Years.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Private cable advices in New York report that a flotilla of German torpedo boats has attacked British warships in the Humber, the waterway to Hull, on the east coast of England, sinking four of them.

A number of the attacking German torpedo boats were lost. The report tallies with yesterday's declaration of the British admiralty that the first news of the war might be unfavorable. The date of this engagement is not given.

Commons Denounces False Reports. LONDON, Aug. 8.—Heated condemnation was voiced in the House of Commons today of the dissemination of false news concerning the war such as that published regarding a great naval battle off the coast of Holland.

"It was absolutely false," said Reginald McKenna, the home secretary, and he expressed the hope that the house would join him in the strongest condemnation of the publication of such reports. He continued:

"I do not say it was wilfully done in this case, but it might be wilfully done in order to assist the circulation of a paper.

"The publication of false news is a misdemeanor and now that a press bureau with a constant stream of reliable information has been established, the public has the right to expect that no such news will be published except when furnished by the press bureau."

Mr. McKenna added that he was confident of the unanimous opinion of the House (Continued on Page Two.)

Czechs in Bohemian Regiments Are Shot

PARIS, Aug. 7.—(6:30 p. m.)—An official dispatch received at the war office here states that the Austrians shot a number of Czech soldiers in the Bohemian regiments before the latter left for the scene of war.

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The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Sunday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Fair Sunday; somewhat cooler.

| Temperature at Omaha Yesterday | Hours | Deg. |
|--------------------------------|-------|------|
| 7 a. m. | 71 | 71 |
| 8 a. m. | 72 | 72 |
| 9 a. m. | 73 | 73 |
| 10 a. m. | 74 | 74 |
| 11 a. m. | 75 | 75 |
| 12 m. | 76 | 76 |
| 1 p. m. | 77 | 77 |
| 2 p. m. | 78 | 78 |
| 3 p. m. | 79 | 79 |
| 4 p. m. | 80 | 80 |
| 5 p. m. | 81 | 81 |
| 6 p. m. | 82 | 82 |
| 7 p. m. | 83 | 83 |

Comparative Local Record.

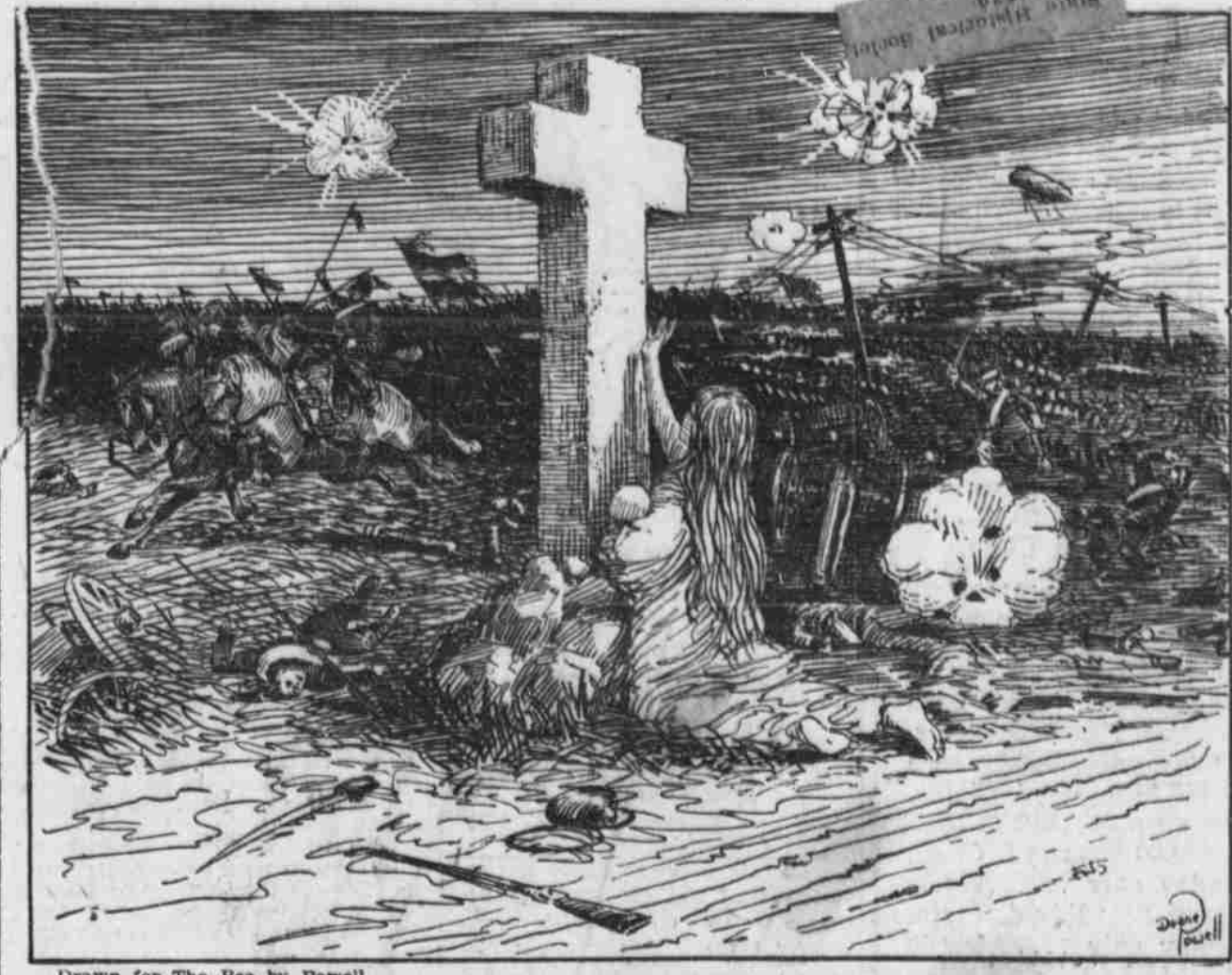
| 1914 | 1913 | 1912 | 1911 | |
|-------------------|------|------|------|-----|
| Highest yesterday | 97 | 105 | 77 | 90 |
| Lowest yesterday | 77 | 69 | 64 | 68 |
| Mean temperature | 87 | 87 | 79 | 79 |
| Precipitation | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Normal temperature | 86 |
| Excess for the day | 11 |
| Total excess since March 1 | 371 |
| Normal precipitation | 12 inch |
| Deficiency for the day | 12 inch |
| Total rainfall since March 1 | 15.07 inches |
| Deficiency since March 1 | 4.15 inches |
| Deficiency for year period, 1913 | 2.5 inches |
| Deficiency for year period, 1912 | 3.13 inches |

"T" indicates trace of precipitation.
L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

The Higher Appeal



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

REPUBLICANS IN OLD-TIME RALLY

Huge Crowd Gathers at Florence to Hear Speeches and Eat Roast Beef

YEISER, ALONE, TALKS HARSHLY

Jeffers, the Only Speaker Not a Candidate for Office, Reviews Past Achievements and Brilliant Future.

It was probably the largest republican rally since the good old campaigns of 1896 and 1900 that was staged at Florence yesterday afternoon and evening. It was scheduled for 2 o'clock. Long before that time the crowds began to gather in the park at Florence. Every car from Omaha carried loads jammed into the seats and clinging to the straps.

Final Arrangements for Funeral of Mrs. Wilson Completed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Final arrangements made today for the funeral of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president, made it certain that the services both at the White house Monday and in Rome, Ga., Tuesday, will be the simplest. Every effort will be made to conduct the funeral as if the president were a private citizen.

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Steel Works Gives French Government Big Guns Batteries

PARIS, Aug. 8.—(2:35 p. m.)—The Creusot Steel works has presented to the French government twenty-six complete batteries of 160-millimeter guns of a new type, which had been ordered by a foreign government just before the war broke out. The company informed the government that it stood ready to pay indemnity for the nonexecution of the contract. As the manipulation of the guns requires special knowledge, a number of Creusot workmen have enlisted to handle them. The gift represents a value of over \$2,000,000.

MOORHEAD PLAYS PARTY FAVORITES

Makes it Hard for Republican Voters to Get Their Names on Registration Books.

EASY FOR THE DEMOCRATS

Democrats Are Shown Preference When They Appear at Commissioner's Office to Register for Coming Primaries.

"Voting used to be an inestimable privilege, but now it is a privilege with Election Commissioner Moorhead deciding whether to make it hard or easy for me," declared a sarcastic would-be voter, as he abandoned his attempt to register. "I know and others know that men who are known to be republicans are given the worst of it, but what can we prove?"

Servian Army Has Invaded Austria

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee and The New York World.)—The Servian army has invaded Austria at Uvats, which has been abandoned by the enemy after setting fire to the barracks. The place is in flames. Outpost skirmishing is the only fighting going on.

Nephew of Kaiser Reported Captured

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(Special Cablegram to The Bee and The New York World.)—The French forces have effected a junction with the Belgians and it is reported that a nephew of the Kaiser was in command of the German forces which were reported captured.

RIVAL AEROPLANES PATROL FRONTIER

French Airman Fired on by German Soldiers, Rises Beyond Range of Bullets.

MILITARY FLIERS TELL STORY

Outer Ports of Liege Turn Guns on Friendly Aviators, Already Made Targets by the Germans.

The whole Franco-German frontier is being patrolled by rival aeroplanes, which are flying parallel and within easy sight of each other. "Soldiers and anti-aeroplane artillery are posted on both sides of the border line to destroy hostile airmen."

Greedy Rich Britons Try to Corner Food Supply in London

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(2:15 p. m.)—Walter Runciman, secretary of agriculture, introduced a bill into the House of Commons today giving the British government power to seize all the food stuffs. The bill passed through all its stages.

Germans Accused of Shooting Children

PARIS, Aug. 8.—(1:30 p. m.)—Count Albert De Mun, of the conservative leaders in the Chamber of Deputies, writes over his signature to a newspaper here today:

United States Tries to Avert Further Clash in Mexico

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The United States made further efforts today to avert the clash of constitutionalists and the Carral government at Mexico City. Telegrams to American Consul Silliman urged him to persuade Carranza to enter into direct communication with Carral.

GERMANS FORCED TO TAKE DEFENSIVE

FRENCH TROOPS ARE HELPING IN LIEGE DEFENSE

British Army Said to Have Landed in France on Its Way to Battlefield.

THREE CORPS CUT TO PIECES

Continuous Assaults of Germans Fail to Make Any Impression on Fortifications.

LOSS OF LIFE IS ENORMOUS

All Men in One Division Which Succeeded in Crossing River Are Killed or Captured.

ANOTHER FIGHT IN LUXEMBURG

Armistice is Refused Because of the Fighting Elsewhere.

GERMANS FIGHT LISTLESSLY

Soldiers Seem to Lack Enthusiasm—Captured Officers Try to Pass Themselves Off as Frenchmen.

BULLETIN. LONDON, Aug. 8.—(5 a. m.)—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Brussels says that a division of German cavalry which had succeeded in fording the Meuse to the north of Liege was surprised and practically annihilated by Belgian cavalry and infantry, supported by a battery of light artillery. The German rout was complete. Seven German regiments surrounded.

BULLETIN. LONDON, Aug. 8.—(7 a. m.)—According to late dispatches this morning quite an important engagement between French and Germans occurred in Belgian Luxembourg.

The Etrole Belge of Brussels learns from an official source that no decision has been reached on the question of an armistice at Liege, an engagement having begun elsewhere.

BULLETIN. BRUSSELS, Aug. 8.—(Via London Aug. 6.)—The War office has issued an official statement saying that 125,000 Germans participated in the assault on the forts at Liege, but that they completely failed to make any impression on the fortifications. Three army corps engaged in the attack were cut up and rendered useless, it is declared.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—All eyes were turned today toward Belgium, where the unexpected stand made by the Belgian army against a German advance guard has earned praise in all quarters.

The authorities here have taken the greatest precautions to prevent the leakage of information as to military and naval movements, but indications were seen in the com-

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Cross River Under Fire of Belgian Guns and Reach the Left Bank—Great Streaming Mass of Humanity.

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Summary of War Situation

Indications that both British and French troops are hurrying to the assistance of the Belgians are given in French official dispatches. The extent of the support taken by the reinforcements French cavalry is said to have arrived at Liege, where masses of German troops are reported moving forward to support the strong advance guard which was checked by the Belgians, and, according to reports from Belgian sources, lost 25,000 men in killed, wounded and prisoners. The German war office declares the German check not a defeat, but the result of an heroic attempt of a small German force to advance in face of difficulties.

French and German troops are said to have come into contact in Luxembourg, where several German army corps are supposed to have concentrated.

Numbers of Germans have been arrested in England on suspicion of spying.

Portugal decided to act as ally to Great Britain under the terms of an old treaty by which it must supply 10,000 men.

A French newspaper dispatch reports the sinking of the German cruiser Augsburg in the Baltic sea by a Russian torpedo boat.

A big Norwegian steamer struck a mine on the Dutch coast and was beached.

Transatlantic lines running from Glasgow suspended their sailings, causing the stranding of many Americans and Canadians.

The Bank of England reduced its discount to 5 per cent owing to the improvement in the monetary situation.

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Speaking of the reported destruction, Pierre Mail, the Belgian consul-general, said today:

"It is monstrous and inhuman—the fight being made in the city of Liege. It lies on the right bank of the Meuse river, in the center of the circle of twelve forts, which comprise the fortifications of the district of Liege.

It is fatter than New York and its approaches inside the forts are unguarded. There are 11,000 people in the city proper and in the poorer quarters the congestion is a serious matter. If a fire ever starts there the city is doomed."

FRENCH TROOPS HAVE ENTERED MUELHAUSEN

Invade German Territory of Alsace and Engage in Fierce Fight at Altkirch.

MARCH AGAINST FORTRESS

Officials Report that They Have Entered the Town of the Great Fortress.

GERMAN FORCES IN RETREAT

Natives Are Delighted at the Entrance of the French Troops Into Country.

BRITISH TROOPS IN FRANCE

Twenty Thousand Land at Three Important Places.

GO TO ASSIST BELGIANS

Proceed at Once in the Direction of Namah, to the West of Leegy, on Their Way to Meet German Forces.

BULLETIN. PARIS, Aug. 8.—(8:05 p. m.)—It is officially reported that French troops have entered Muelhausen.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—(3:45 p. m.)—French troops today entered Alsace and captured the village of Altkirch near the Swiss frontier, seventeen miles west of Basel.

The official report of the French invasion of Alsace today says the French troops crossed into Alsace and delivered a fierce attack on the German forces at Altkirch. The French troops took the village, a place of nearly 4,000 inhabitants. The German forces retreated, pursued by the French troops in the direction of the great fortress of Muelhausen.

The Alsatin natives were so delighted at the arrival of the French soldiers that they tore up the frontier post.

British Land in France. PARIS, Aug. 8.—(1 p. m.)—It was officially announced this afternoon that 20,000 English troops already had been landed at Ostend, Calais and Dunkirk. They are now proceeding toward Namur to the west of Liege on their main railroad line to assist the Belgians.

Great Britain and Germany will Try to Exchange Citizens

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Francis Dyke Acland, foreign under secretary on behalf of the British government today gave expression to British appreciation of the diplomatic assistance rendered by the United States. Speaking in the House of Commons, he said the various American embassies had been most kind and courteous in all matters connected with the position of British subjects abroad. He hoped that before very long it would be possible through the United States to arrange for the exchange of British subjects in Germany for German subjects in Great Britain.

Wilson's Mediation Order is Producing an Excellent Effect

ROME, Via Paris, Aug. 8.—(8:10 p. m.)—The offer of mediation by President Wilson has produced an excellent effect. Italy, while admitting the great obstacles to its success will warmly support the American proposition.

GERMAN CRUISERS ARE MAKING FOR ADRIATIC

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(1:30 p. m.)—A telegram from Rome to the Central News says reinforcements on the south coast of Italy report the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau making for the Adriatic. A request to the Austrian fleet for aid was refused on the ground that there had been no declaration of war between Austria-Hungary and Great Britain.

BRITISH FORCE SEIZES PORT LOME, AFRICA

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(2:30 p. m.)—A British force on the gold coast of West Africa, has seized Port Lome, German Togoland.

Announcement Extraordinary: The Bee has perfected exclusive arrangements with the New York World for special war news service for the benefit of our readers--this in addition to the full Associated Press reports.