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GERMAN REPORT SAYS THE FRENCH LEAVE GERMANY

First Uncensored News from Germany Tells of Victory for the Germans Near Muelhausen.

MANY FRENCHMEN PRISONERS

German Soil is Now Entirely Cleared of the Troops of the French.

FRENCH TELL OF VICTORIES

Official Report Tells of Double Success of the French Arms Over the Germans.

GERMAN ARTILLERY IS WEAK

Heavy Bombardment is Said to Have Done Little Damage.

BELGIANS REPORT A VICTORY

German Force that Made Attack on Eghese Repulsed and Number of Machine Guns Are Captured.

BERLIN, Aug. 13 (by direct wireless from Nauen, Germany, to the Goldschmidt Wireless company's station at Tuckerton, N. J.)—The German troops took 120 French officers and 1,110 French soldiers prisoners in the fighting at Muelhausen, Alsace. They also captured four cannons.

Another 1,000 French officers and men were taken prisoners by the Germans in the fight near Longwy. German soil is now entirely cleared of French troops.

Belgians Repulse Germans.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 13.—(Via London, 3:30 p. m., Aug. 13.)—A Belgian official communication today says that a German force proceeding in the direction of Eghese, to the north of Namur, was attacked and repulsed this morning by the Belgian troops. The Germans suffered severe casualties. The Belgians captured a number of machine guns mounted on motor cars.

The German troops in Belgian Luxembourg are said to be starving and many of them are reported to have dropped unconscious owing to their privations. In some of the dead officers' pockets raw potatoes were found, while the soldiers are said to have dug up unripe turnips and bread to eat.

A party of French dragoons while reconnoitering came on a strong detachment of Uhlans, whom they attacked and cut to pieces, killing fifty of them. A party of 600 German prisoners arrived today at Ath, in the province of Hainaut. Many of the horses belonging to the German Uhlans found dead in Belgium Limbourg were declared after a post-mortem examination to have starved to death.

German Prisoners in Paris.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—(12:40 p. m.)—The first German prisoners passed through Paris today on their way to Pottiers. The men were mostly Uhlans. The train conveying them passed around the city on the belt railroad, so that few of the general public saw them.

French Take Many Prisoners.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—(6:57 p. m.)—A despatch from Paris to Reuters' agency says that during the fight of August 11 (Continued on Page Two.)

Two Bryan Peace Treaties Ratified

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Secretary Bryan's peace treaties with The Netherlands and Norway were ratified today by the senate. They are the first of twenty pending. They provide for commissions in inquiry before resort to arms in international disputes which ordinarily require of diplomacy fail to settle.

The Weather

Forecast till 2 p. m. Friday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity
—Fair; cooler.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hours	Deg.
5 a. m.	59
6 a. m.	59
7 a. m.	59
8 a. m.	59
9 a. m.	59
10 a. m.	59
11 a. m.	59
12 m.	59
1 p. m.	59
2 p. m.	59
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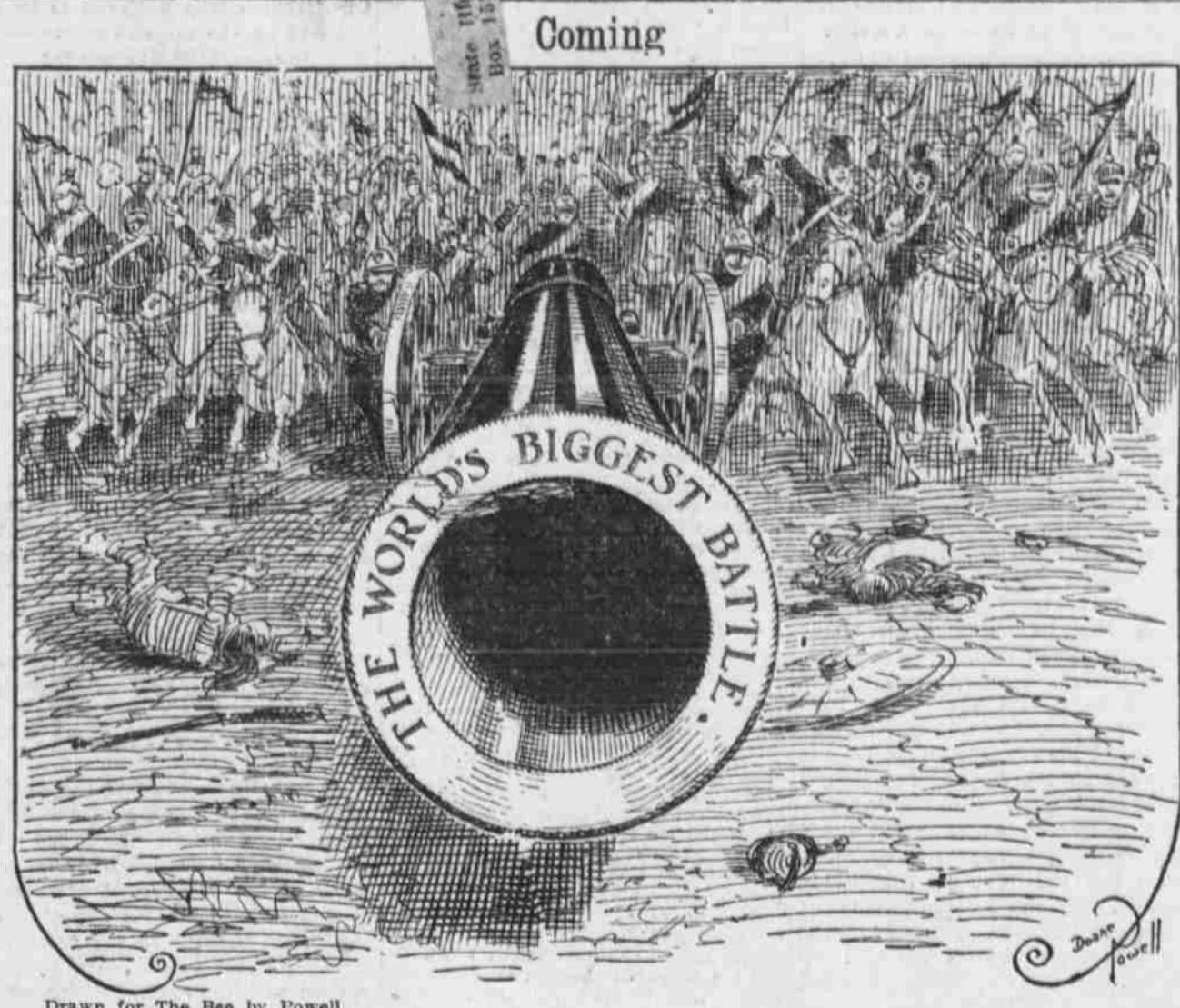
COOLER

Comparative Local Record.

Highest yesterday	1914	1913	1912	1911
Lowest yesterday	67	71	69	57
Mean temperature	55	53	54	56
Total rainfall since March 1	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65
Deficiency since March 1	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35
Deficiency for cor. period, 1913	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35
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Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

TO INVESTIGATE HIGH COST OF FOOD

President Asks Attorney General to See Whether Any Persons May Be Prosecuted.

WANTS SOME LEGAL ACTION Says if Present Laws Are Insufficient New Laws Should Be Passed to Prevent Hoarding of Foodstuff Prices.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—President Wilson today directed Attorney General McReynolds to investigate recent increases in prices of foodstuffs and to take up the question whether any person responsible can be prosecuted.

The president sent the following signed letter to the attorney general:

"The rapid and unwarranted increase in the prices of foodstuffs in this country on the pretext of the conditions existing in Europe is so serious and vital a matter, that I take the liberty of calling your attention to it.

"I would be very much obliged if you would advise me whether there is under existing law any action which the Department of Justice could take, either by way of investigation or legal process, and what federal legislation if any would in your judgment be justifiable and warrantable in the circumstances.

"I feel that this is a matter which we cannot let pass by without trying to serve the country. Certainly the country ought to be defended, if possible, against men who would take advantage of such circumstances to increase the price of food and the difficulties of living."

First Matter Taken Up The president took up the question of increasing prices the first thing today and was impressed by the pressure of the situation. He at once decided that legal action should be taken if possible and that if there were no law covering

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Russians Take Sokal in Austrian Galicia at Bayonet Point

ST. PETERSBURG, Via London, Aug. 13.—(2:45 p. m.)—A Russian force has taken the town of Sokal, Austrian Galicia, by assault, inflicting heavy casualties on the Austrian garrison, according to a semi-official announcement.

The Austrian garrison consisted of two infantry battalions, a regiment of lanciers and a regiment of hussars. After dislodging them the Russian cavalry pursued the Austrians across the river Bug and blew up two bridges and a viaduct. Several houses in Sokal, which is forty-five miles northeast of Lemberg, were set on fire and burned to the ground by the Russian troops because civilians had fired from them on the attacking forces. The Russians captured some military building material, pontoons and telegraph instruments.

Cable Companies Will Fight Order to Censor Messages

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Officials of the Commercial Cable company refused to believe that the government would extend its censorship to its lines.

"It is utterly incredible. I know of no authority in law for such action," said George Clapperton, traffic manager.

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WANTED AT ONCE—STENOGRAPHER A YOUNG MAN WITH OUT EXPERIENCE WILL DO IF BRIGHT AND WILLING TO LEARN. SALARY TO START, \$10.

For further information about this opportunity, see the Want Ad Section of today's Bee.

HELD ACCUSED OF KILLING Coroner's Jury Finds He Wilfully Murdered Miss Louise Mick.

Schuyler Man Charged with Beating Young Woman Over Head and Causing Her Death Following Attack.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Aug. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank Held was found to be the man who killed Miss Louise Mick last Tuesday morning, in the opinion of the coroner's jury today, and Coroner J. C. Woodward signed a complaint in county court charging him with the murder.

The jury held the murder was committed wilfully and recommended that immediate steps toward prosecution be taken. It is quite likely that Held will waive preliminary examination and his trial will come up in district court, unless there should be a plea that would obviate the full recital of the details of the crime again.

In the proceedings so far, Held has not been represented by an attorney. Though prominently connected here in Schuyler, none of his relatives has come to his aid. Some of them were in Canada at the time on a visit.

Dr. W. H. Mick at the inquest identified the body as that of his sister. Guy Spile testified that he saw Held in the stench near the Mick home Sunday, corroborating other witnesses that Held was in Schuyler. Halley West, newsdealer, testified that he sold Held the magazine which was found near the scene of the murder.

N. Napier, one of the searching party, testified to the various scenes and to the discovery of the body in an improvised grave.

Funeral services for Miss Mick were held this morning at 9:30 o'clock, with interment at Purple Cane cemetery. There was a large attendance at the ceremonies, both at the home and at the grave.

Irrigation Committee Kills the Resolution to Aid Dry District

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Kinkaid's resolution requiring the interior department to release for use of the drought-stricken settlers in the Platte valley the surplus water impounded by the Pathfinder dam was turned down today after a heated discussion by the house committee on irrigation, which refused to report favorably on Judge Kinkaid's measure.

The O'Neill congressman admitted after the vote was taken in committee that notwithstanding the vigorous fight put up to obtain this water, he found the powerful opposition of the interior department too much to overcome.

Although hope has not been given up to secure relief in the suffering localities from Washington, yet as the matter stands tonight it is practically at a standstill, the next move being uncertain.

So far as today's vote in the committee was concerned there was strong sentiment in the committee in favor of Judge Kinkaid's resolution, but the reclamation officers held that under the terms of the present law it would be impossible for them to take the action desired.

The National Capital Thursday, August 13, 1914.

The Senate.
Met at 11 a. m.
Consideration of Secretary Bryan's twenty peace treaties was continued in executive session.

Conference managers agreed upon amendments to the bill to extend American registry to foreign ships.

Agreed to conference report on cotton futures bill.

Ratified eighteen special peace treaties negotiated by Secretary Bryan.

Recessed at 5:45 p. m. to 11 a. m. Friday.

The House.
Met at noon.
Debate was resumed on the bill to regulate water power.

Representative Humphrey introduced a bill to authorize mail contracts with American built ships to be available as naval auxiliaries.

Adjourned at 2 p. m. to noon Friday.

Winnipeg Infantry Called to Quebec

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 13.—Four infantry regiments of Winnipeg, 2,000 strong, were called to mobilize at Quebec, by an order received from Ottawa today. They leave Monday night. The local battery will accompany the regiments.

GERMAN LOSSES AT MUELHAUSEN HEAVY

Hospitals Filled with Wounded Soldiers and Schools, Churches and Hotels Used

LOSS MAY REACH TEN THOUSAND Terrific Fighting Around Muelhausen—French Say They Have Successfully Repulsed an Entire German Corps.

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Another official communication today says:

"The Belgian cavalry division this morning took up the offensive against the Germans, who were defeated in yesterday's battle of Haelen, with the object, it is believed, of

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New Governor of Mazatlan Levies Loan on Merchants

UNITED STATES STEAMER CALIFORNIA, MAZATLAN, Mex., Aug. 12.—(Delayed in Transmission.)—On assuming command of Mazatlan today, Governor Riveros of the constitutional administration immediately removed from the doors and windows of all German stores signs which had been placed there reading: "German property; under protection of the German cruiser Leipzig." The Leipzig has left here and is now off San Francisco.

The next act of the new governor was to levy a forced loan of \$100,000 on all foreign merchants.

In the three days' fighting which accompanied the evacuation of the city by the federalists the constitutionalists lost in killed and wounded is estimated at 800. The hospital staff of the California is caring for the wounded.

General Alvarado, in command of the constitutionalist forces in the state of Sonora, has been placed under arrest with all his staff by order of Governor Maytorena and taken to Hermosillo.

NOGALES, Sonora, Aug. 13.—The arrest of General Alvarado and his staff at Mazatlan was regarded by the constitutionalists here today as the result of his open recognition of Carranza as first chief of the constitutionalist movement. Alvarado and his staff are now in jail at Guaymas.

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Will Charter Six Ships to Bring the Americans Home

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Besides funds deposited with the State department for the use of Americans abroad, nearly \$1,000,000 had been sent to the United States treasurer, who will transmit it to Europe. In most instances the deposits were accompanied by detailed descriptions of the payees.

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