

GERMANS LOSE 25,000 MEN; ASK FOR TRUCE

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ITALY IS FIRM IN ITS NEUTRALITY IN PRESENT MIX

German Government Uses Its Utmost Endeavors to Get Italy to Change Attitude.

MEMBER OF TRIPLE ALLIANCE

But the People Feel More Friendly to France and Great Britain.

NO MANIFESTATIONS ALLOWED

Yet Everywhere Are Spontaneous Outbursts for France.

OFFER TO JOIN THE FRENCH

French Embassy at Rome Besieged with Offers to Join the French Force to Fight the Kaiser.

ROME, Via Paris, Aug. 7.—2:40 p. m.—The German government is using its utmost efforts to bring about a change in Italy's attitude in the present European situation. Direct appeals have even been made to King Victor Emmanuel, but in vain. It is asserted that Italy, having declared its neutrality, intends to maintain it.

Italy's position as a member of the triple alliance, and therefore an ally of Germany under certain conditions, has been discussed in every phase, and the general consensus of opinion seems to be that the Italian people would never permit an act of hostility against France and Great Britain.

Because Italy is neutral all manifestations for or against the belligerents are being rigorously repressed. Yet everywhere, spontaneous outbursts of enthusiasm for France have occurred. In Rome there have been frequent cries of "Long live France! Long live our Latin brothers!" and the "Marseillaise" is being sung in the streets.

The French embassy here and the French consulate in other cities of Italy are daily receiving offers from men who wish to join the French forces.

Reval and Libau Reported Taken by German Squadrons

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 7.—(Via London 2:17 a. m.)—A Finnish sea captain, who has arrived here, reports that the Russian navy is bottled up at Helsingfors, while Reval and Libau have been taken by the Germans after a furious battle and are burning. The report is not credited by the best informed here.

Passengers of the Mauretania Will Go to New York by Rail

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—The Cunard line today announced that passengers of the Mauretania, which put into Halifax yesterday fearing capture by German warships, would be brought to New York by train today. Some passengers left by train last night.

Naval Battle Near Sicily is Probable

MESSINA, Italy, (Via London, Aug. 7.—(11:45 a. m.)—The German cruisers Goeben and Breslau sailed out of San Salvatore at 5:30 o'clock this morning under full steam. Their decks were cleared for action in the expectation of meeting the vessels of the British fleet patrolling the straits.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Saturday: Partly cloudy; no important change in temperature.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.	Hours.	Deg.
12 m.	72	72
1 p. m.	72	72
2 p. m.	72	72
3 p. m.	72	72
4 p. m.	72	72
5 p. m.	72	72
6 p. m.	72	72
7 p. m.	72	72
8 p. m.	72	72

Comparative Local Record.

Excess for the day.	1914	1913	1912	1911
Total excess since March.	22	59	64	95
Normal precipitation.	12	12	12	12
Deficiency for the day.	10	10	10	10
Total rainfall since March.	12	12	12	12
Deficiency since March 1.	4.05	3.22	3.22	3.22
Deficiency for cor. period, 1912.	3.22	3.22	3.22	3.22

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State Temp. High-Rain-fall.

WAR FEVER IN BERLIN—Crowds in streets of capital cheering and singing "The Watch on the Rhine," the German national anthem. (This and other photographs received by The Bee are the first to come since war seemed likely, and perhaps will be the last for some time, owing to strict censorship that has since been established.)



FUNERAL OF MRS. WILSON MONDAY

Services at the White House Are to Be Strictly Private and Simple.

BODY BURIED AT ROME, GEORGIA

Thousands of Messages of Condolence Reach President, Who Asks Congress to Keep at Its Work.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Funeral services for Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president, will be held at the White House at 2 p. m. Monday, after which the body will be taken on a special train for burial at Rome, Ga.

AMERICANS MAY GET GOLD IN NETHERLANDS

THE HAGUE, Aug. 7.—(Via London 4 p. m.)—Henry Van Dyke, United States minister to the Netherlands, today made arrangements with the Netherlands government for the cashing of American checks and drafts endorsed by him under the authorization of the United States State department. The minister was instructed to endorse drafts necessary to supply the absolute necessities of traveling Americans.

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LIGHTNING OFFENSE IS HOPE OF GERMANY

Kaiser Stakes All Apparently on Ability to Strike Enemies Quickly.

MORAL FACTOR WILL PLAY PART

English Military Expert Believes British Cause Will Win Because No Disaffection Among the People.

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LONDON, Aug. 6.—(Special Cablegram to New York World and Omaha Bee.)—Germany seems to be staking everything upon a lightning offensive campaign, careless of its rivals and utterly regardless of treaty rights.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Heavy firing of great volume and at short intervals, lasting more than an hour, was heard at 5 o'clock this morning sixty miles south-east of Scotland Lightship by officers and crew of the steamer Scottish Prince, which reached here this afternoon from Trinidad.

BRITISH EMBASSY AT BERLIN STONED

Britons and Americans Arrested—British Subjects Being Rounded Up in Berlin.

KEPT PRISONERS IN CASTLE

Americans Are Making Every Effort to Secure Their Release—Americans in Copenhagen Have Sufficient Funds.

OLDENZAAL, Netherlands, Aug. 7.—(Via London, Aug. 7, 11:19 a. m.)—The correspondent in Berlin of Reuter's Telegraph company of London, who with other British subjects, were expelled from the German capital, arrived here with several other newspaper correspondents on the train which conveyed the British ambassador, Sir William Edward Goschen.

Heavy Firing Lasting an Hour Heard Sixty Miles South of N. Y.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Heavy firing of great volume and at short intervals, lasting more than an hour, was heard at 5 o'clock this morning sixty miles south-east of Scotland Lightship by officers and crew of the steamer Scottish Prince, which reached here this afternoon from Trinidad.

Captain Naylor said that the firing was very distinct and that the shots appeared to come at very quick intervals. He saw no warships during the voyage.

The Scottish Prince carried eleven passengers. It sailed from Trinidad July 21.

80,000 TEUTONS MASSES BEFORE LIEGE RESERVES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN HOME

United States Customs Inspectors Receive New Instructions Regarding Neutrality Laws.

BAN ON CONVERTED SHIPS Vessels Belonging to Naval Reserves or Partly Prepared for War Will Be Detained.

WARPAINT TAKEN AS EVIDENCE Unpacking Guns or Taking Abnormal Amount of Coal is Sign of Conversion

OLYMPIC AND THE VADERLAND British and Belgian Steamers Probably Will Be Held.

RAINBOW IS AT SAN FRANCISCO British Cruiser Comes Into Harbor at Golden Gate, but Must Leave Port Within Twenty-Four Hours.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Foreign merchant ships being converted for war purposes or carrying foreign reservists in organized manner will not be permitted to clear from ports of the United States.

Instructions to aid the customs authorities at New York in enforcing President Wilson's neutrality proclamation were telegraphed today from the Department of Commerce.

"Wire the department before issuing clearance papers to foreign vessels, unless you are satisfied, after careful inspection, that the ship has not made any preparations while in port tending in any way to its conversion into a vessel of war," said the department.

"Taking on an abnormal amount of coal, except in the case of colliers, would indicate such conversion. Unpacking of guns already on board would be conclusive. Painting of vessels a war color would indicate conversion. It must be clear that it is not to be used for transportation of reserves or recruits for a foreign army or navy. This does not prevent transportation of passengers in the usual sense, as where there are women and children and men of different nationalities, even though among them there were a few reserves without your knowledge.

"If the passengers are nearly all men and practically all the same nationality, clearance cannot be granted. It must be unquestionable that it has no arms or munitions of war aboard. Have representatives of each foreign vessel in your port certify to this department whether it is a merchant vessel intended solely for the carriage of passengers and freight, excluding munitions of war, or whether it is a part of the armed force of its nation. This information is for the purpose of maintaining the neutrality of the United States under the recent proclamation of the president. Clearance will be refused in the absence of this certificate."

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—The Olympic, crack ship of the White Star fleet, may not be permitted to sail tomorrow for Southampton, inasmuch as it belongs to the British naval reserve. After receiving the Department of Commerce's instructions concerning enforcement of neutrality, customs officials declined today to say whether they would give it clearance.

The Red Star liner, Vaderland, booking only male passengers for Belgium and with its entire stowage accommodating 2,000 persons, placed at the call of the Belgian consul here for reservists, may also be held, according to customs officials.

Rainbow May Be Detained. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—The German freighter Alexandria of the Cosmos line, with \$1,000,000 cargo in its hold, was sighted five miles outside the harbor, bound in, at 10:30 a. m. today. Had the British cruiser Rainbow, which passed in two hours and twenty minutes earlier, delayed its arrival it might have made a rich prize of war.

No civilians were allowed aboard the Rainbow, but it was learned from the boarding officers that Captain Walter Hose made informal application to be allowed to take on coal. He was informed that the application must be put in writing.

Captain Hose was asked his intended destination and he was understood to have replied he was bound south, supposedly to join the Algerian and Shearwater. If such is the case, he will not be allowed to coal, as the neutrality regulations provide that he be allowed to take on only enough coal for a run to the next home port, which, in this case, would be Victoria, B. C.

Another Neutrality Proclamation. WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Upon receipt today from the Russian embassy of confirmation of Austria-Hungary's declaration of war against Russia, officials of the State department began drafting another neutrality proclamation to define the position of the United States.

Latest News of the Great War

Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the British admiralty, declared in the House of Commons there had not been any fighting or losses other than had been announced officially. This statement ensued on reports of a naval battle between German and British ships received from several sources, but the admiralty refused information. It was regarded significant that the fishing fleets on the east coast of England were given permission to go out and fish.

Complete silence reigns as to military movements in Germany and France, and it is assumed both armies are concentrating for decisive battles. No hint as to where they will come into contact has been given. Liege, Belgium, was again attacked by German troops Thursday, but was still holding out. The report of a German reverse there was denied in a dispatch from Berlin.

The German cruisers Goeben and Breslau, obliged owing to Italian neutrality to leave San Salvatore, Sicily, have gone out to meet the British fleet. The commanders are said to have handed their wills to the German consul before departure. A London newspaper report says the German crown prince has been seriously injured by an unidentified assailant.

A Finn sea captain on arriving at Stockholm reported the Russian navy bottled up at Helsingfors and the Russian ports of Libau and Revel to be burning after an attack by German vessels. No confirmation.

Many German merchant vessels were brought into English ports yesterday by British cruisers. The Holland Lloyd steamer Tubantia, with \$2,500,000 in gold from South America for the Deutsche Bank in London, was also brought in.

French warships also captured several German merchant ships. The French premier appealed to the women of France to gather the wheat and wine crops.

Tokio reports the German squadron at Tsing-Tsao, China, hemmed in by British war vessels. The British tank steamer San Wilfrido is reported destroyed by a mine off Cuxhaven, Germany, and the British steamer Craigforth was beached near Constantinople after contact with a mine.

Stories of discourtesy in Germany to the dowager empress of Russia are declared false by the German foreign office.

Paris and London send unconfirmed dispatches concerning the fighting at Liege, Belgium. The French telegram states that fierce fighting continues in the streets, while the London messages report the German attackers asking for an armistice of twenty-four hours.

CHURCHILL DENIES STORY OF SEA FIGHT

First Lord of Admiralty in House of Commons Says There Has Been No Great Battle.

BOATS GO TO FISHING GROUND

Permit Given Them to Leave Ports After Two Days' Idleness is Regarded as Significant—Ask Care for Wounded.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—(2:37 p. m.)—Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George informed the House of Commons that the government was considering the question of taking over the harvest throughout the British Isles.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—12:30 p. m.—Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the British admiralty, announced today in the House of Commons that there had been no fighting and no losses of any kind other than had already been officially made public.

The first lord said: "Apart from the loss of the small British cruiser Amphion and the German mine layer Koenigin Luise there has been no other fighting and no other loss, as far as we are aware."

"On Wednesday a flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers, while patrolling the upper reaches of the chan-

GERMANS LOSE 25,000 MEN IN FIGHT AT LIEGE

Kaiser's Men Slaughtered in Three Days' Battle in Front of Belgium's Strong City.

STATEMENT GIVEN AS OFFICIAL Dispatch from Brussels Says Germans Admit This Awful Sacrifice of Life.

SEND IN A FLAG OF TRUCE Surrender of City Again Demanded by Teutons and is Again Refused.

BATTLE RAGES IN THE STREETS Germans Are Unable to Reduce the Forts Around City.

FRENCH ARMY IN BELGIUM It is Now Well Advanced Toward the Scene of Hostilities—Germans Reported to Have Asked Armistice.

BULLETIN. LONDON, Aug. 7.—(7 p. m.)—It was officially stated this evening that the Germans had 80,000 men before Liege Wednesday, and that in all probability this number had been considerably augmented since the forts were manned.

BULLETIN. BRUSSELS (via London), Aug. 7. (6 p. m.)—The Germans before Liege have requested twenty-four armistice, according to an announcement made by the Belgian ministry of war this evening. At the ministry it was stated that the Germans admitted their casualties numbered 25,000.

It is assumed the Germans asked for an armistice in order to pick up their dead and wounded.

BULLETIN. PARIS, Aug. 7.—Official reports received here say the German troops have entered the Belgian city of Liege, but have not been able to take the forts. Fighting of the most violent character took place in the streets.

The Belgian troops have captured twenty-seven German cannon.

BULLETIN. LONDON, Aug. 7.—(4 p. m.)—An Exchange Telegraph company's dispatch from Brussels says the German troops at Liege acknowledged the loss of 25,000 men. The agency says this statement is official.

Another dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Brussels says the French army has now entered Belgium and has advanced well into the country.

BULLETIN. LONDON, Aug. 7.—(3:55 p. m.)—A dispatch from Brussels to the Exchange Telegraph company today says the German troops attacking

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