



FOUR BRITISH SHIPS SUNK, IS RUMOR

GERMAN SOLDIERS MARCHING INTO BELGIUM FROM HANOVER



Within two days after the Kaiser's declaration of war against Belgium 40,000 German soldiers were on the march into the little nation from Hanover. They went by foot and train and with the result that they gathered, August 5, for attack on Liege. In the first day's fighting they were repulsed, and according to accounts from Belgian sources, they lost 5,000. The battle was renewed August 6 with the Crown Prince Frederick William himself in charge of about 100,000 troops. The Belgians under King Albert held them off for a long time awaiting the arrival of 80,000 French troops being hurried to the scene. The battle took place some miles from the scene of Waterloo 100 years ago. Inasmuch as it came at the beginning and not the end of the war it did not promise to be so decisive.

GERMANS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE LOST SEVERAL TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS NEAR HULL

Private Cable Advices Received In New York Tally With Declaration of British Admiralty That First News of War Might Be Unfavorable; Montenegro Notifies Austrian Ambassador She Considers Herself At War With Austria; Fighting At Liege Continues, Is Belief, And Belgians Refuse To Grant Armistice To Germans; Bodies Reported To Be Piled Four And Five Deep In Trenches. English Troops Reach France. Portugal Announces Her Intention Of Helping England.

New York, Aug. 8.—Private cable advices received 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.

London, Aug. 8.—1.13 P. M.—A telegram from Rome to the Central News, says semaphores 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 has been no declaration of war between Austria-Hungary and Great Britain.

Indications that both British and French troops are hurrying to the assistance of the Belgians are given in French official dispatches to-day. The extent of the support is kept secret as well as the route taken by the reinforcements. French cavalry is said to have arrived on the scene 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 Belgium 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 Luxemburg where several German army corps are supposed to have concentrated.

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WAR PLANS ABROAD KEPT WELL HIDDEN, ARMY EXPERTS SAY

German Attack on Liege Not Believed to Be Principal Movement

Special to The Telegraph
Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—In the opinion of strategists, the plans of the European Powers have been concealed with such completeness that it is impossible for a military expert to determine with any degree of accuracy the moves now being made abroad. The cutting of the cable to Germany has caused all news of the movements of the German army to be kept secret.

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Late News Bulletins

Robert Nisley, the Allison Hill boy who fell from the third story window of his home and landed on his head this morning, died shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon.

New York, Aug. 8.—The Olympic's passengers were transferred to the Adriatic after the suspension of the Olympic's sailing was announced to-day. The Adriatic sailed at noon. The Minnehaha sailed at the same time.

HAMLIN IS MADE GOVERNOR

Washington, Aug. 8.—Charles S. Hamlin, has been selected for governor of the Federal Reserve Board and Frederic A. Delano, of Chicago, vice-governor.

London, Aug. 8.—4 P. M.—Francis Dyke Ackland, foreign under-secretary, on behalf of the British government to-day 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.

London, Aug. 8.—Mrs. James T. Macey, of Denver, Colo., committed suicide to-day as a result of a nervous breakdown caused by the privations she had undergone since she was ordered out of her sick bed at Antwerp on Monday. She arrived in London seriously ill. She left her mother and child in Germany.

Reading, Pa., Aug. 8.—To-day notices were posted at the Reading Railway Company's car and paint shops in this city, announcing that beginning next Monday, the shops will work 40 hours instead of 50 hours per week.

Washington, Aug. 8.—New instructions to collectors of customs designed to free commerce from all possible restrictions, and still observe neutrality, were promulgated to-day. Under the new regulations European reservists will be allowed to sail for their home countries. If they are not in uniform, do not carry arms and go as individuals.

WAR BULLETINS

Vienna, Aug. 8.—Via London, 4.10. m.—The Montenegro government has informed the Austrian minister that Montenegro considers itself in a state of war with Austria. As a consequence the Austrian minister has left Cetinje.

Brussels, Aug. 8.—Via London, 5.40 a. m.—The minister of war has received word that fighting has occurred between French and Germans in Belgium and Luxemburg.

London, Aug. 8.—5 a. m.—The latest dispatches from Brussels indicate that an armistice of twenty-four hours asked by the Germans has been refused by the Belgians.

New York, Aug. 8.—The first American refugees from the European war ridden countries are expected to arrive here to-night on the American liner New York from Southampton.

Paris, Aug. 8.—The government in appointing a commission to consider the food supply, sanitation, organization of employment bureaus and other kindred subjects that may arise, is arranging for the country to have the service of a number of the most distinguished public men in France who cannot be taken into the cabinet.

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Paris, Aug. 7.—8.07 p. m.—According to reliable information received here Belgian troops have cut the railroad between Arlon and Virton, thus stopping all German transportation in the direction of Virton. At Athus the Belgians took the rails away bodily.

Paris, Aug. 7.—8.05 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.

Paris, Aug. 8.—Steamer service St. Nazaire to Colon, from Bordeaux to Africa and from Marseilles to various points has been suspended.

Brussels, Aug. 8.—Via London, 9.20 a. m.—Soldiers returning here report that the trenches under Liege are literally filled with bodies of Germans. In some places the bodies are piled four and five deep.

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. Several German regiments surrendered.

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Inspector Walmer of G. A. R. Names His Assistants

Noah A. Walmer, 115 North Thirtieth street, inspector at large of the twenty-fifth district of the Grand Army of the Republic which includes all the posts in Dauphin county, has appointed the following assistant inspectors: E. B. Hoffman, Post 58; W. T. Bishop, Post 116; G. T. Seelrick, Post 523; Finley I. Thomas, Post 58; J. C. Davis, Post 232; William B. Meetch, Post 212; A. Judson Pugh, Post 58. At the session of the last department encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Indiana, Pa., Mr. Walmer was elected representative to the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic which will be held at Detroit, Mich., beginning August 31.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Generally fair to-night and Sunday, not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Generally fair to-night and Sunday, slightly warmer Sunday in north portion; gentle to moderate shifting winds.

River
The main river continues to fall slowly to-night and probably Sunday. A stage slightly below one foot is indicated for Harrisburg Sunday morning.

General Conditions
Local showers fell in New York and Pennsylvania in the last twenty-four hours, the heaviest reported being 1.37 at Wilkes-Barre; 1.40 at Wellboro, and 1.03 at Renovo, Pa. It is 2 to 12 degrees warmer generally along the immediate Atlantic coast from Maine to Florida, and in the Upper Mississippi Valley, and 6 to 16 degrees cooler in Northern Colorado.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 74.
Sun: Rises, 5:09 a. m.; sets, 7:12 p. m.
Moon: Rises, 8:25 p. m.
River Stage: One foot above low water mark.
Yesterday's Weather
Highest temperature, 59.
Lowest temperature, 44.
Mean temperature, 74.
Normal temperature, 76.

GEORGE W. BARNES, COURT CRIER FOR 30 YEARS, DIES AT 80

Had Been Inactive Two Years; Death Due to Age and Heart Trouble



George W. Barnes, for more than thirty years crier of the Dauphin County Court and one of the oldest court attaches in Pennsylvania, died this morning at 5 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hawthorne, 110 South street, aged 80 years. Valvular affliction of the heart, aggravated by the advancing years, caused the well-known court official's death. For the last two years he had been inactive and for the past year he had been practically confined to his home. For three weeks or more he had been almost unconscious. Surviving Mr. Barnes are the following: Mrs. Clement Studebaker.

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PRESIDENT'S OFFER WARMLY RECEIVED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

Mediation Will Be Heartily Supported Should an Opportunity Be Presented

Rome, Aug. 8.—President Wilson's offer of mediation in the European conflict is warmly received by the Italian government and will be heartily supported should the opportunity offer for its application.

Official Account of Liege Fight Issued

Paris, Aug. 8, 1.20 p. m.—An official account of the fighting at Liege, Belgium, issued to-day, says: "The German columns crossed the Belgian frontier during the night between August 3 and August 4. "German cavalry came into contact with the Belgian advanced posts to the east of the forts at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of August 4. "The plan of attack developed during the day of August 5. Each German column had a different objective, constituting the northeastern section, being the first point, while the second column attacked the southeastern section comprising Forts Boncelles and Embourg."

MOTHER AND CHILD BADLY HURT WHEN AUTO HITS TEAM

Collision at West Fairview Results Seriously For Cloverly Heights Family

Mrs. Justus V. Hershey of Cloverly Heights and her six year old daughter, Katherine, were badly injured last night at West Fairview when an auto truck owned by Brown and Company, furniture dealers, of 1217 North Third street, and driven by George Nell, crashed into a team driven by Mr. Hershey. Mrs. Hershey to-day is in bed with internal injuries. She also received a number of gashes and cuts on the body. The daughter is unable to walk as a result of a badly bruised leg. Mr. Hershey is slightly injured. The Hershey family were returning from a visit to the home of Mrs. John Huddler, rear Enola, Mrs. Hershey had been ill and was in the country for the benefit of her health. As the Hershey team was coming down the approach at the railroad bridge at West Fairview, the Brown and Company auto driven by Nell was coming up the approach. According to Mr. Hershey the auto driver, having but one oil lamp burning, failed to see his team and ran into it. The horse frightened and the wagon was overturned, throwing out the occupants. The driver, George Nell, says he had both lights burning, and was on the right side of the road. He declares the horse became frightened at the auto and started to run away, the wagon hitting the auto truck. The injured was taken to a house near the bridge where medical assistance was given. Later they were brought to Harrisburg in a taxicab.

P. R. R. CO. OFFERS ITS ASSISTANCE TO STRANDED AMERICANS

Funds Will Be Distributed to Those in England Who Are in Need

Philadelphia, Aug. 8.—It was announced by the Pennsylvania Railroad to-day that in order to give all proper aid and support to Americans in Great Britain who were unable to return home on account of lack of cash the company has authorized its special European agent, Ralph P. Baker, at Liverpool, to furnish funds when needed to Americans properly identified on their travelers checks or letters of credit, or if without funds, on their own obligations. Mr. Baker is also directed to assure passengers that the Pennsylvania Railroad will undertake to forward them to their destination upon their arrival at New York or Philadelphia, or any other more convenient port of the Atlantic seaboard. These instructions were forwarded by cable to Liverpool to-day and officials believe that this prompt method of meeting the difficulties surrounding Americans in England has already relieved the pressing necessities of many of them.

Publication of False News Is Condemned

London, Aug. 8, 1 p. m.—Heated condemnation was voiced in the House of Commons to-day of the dissemination of false news concerning the war, such as that published in regard to 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 the unanimous opinion of the House of Commons on this subject would carry weight in the country.

BOY LANDS ON HEAD IN FALL FROM THIRD STORY; STILL LIVES

Allison Hill Lad Topples Out of Window Trying to Grasp Curtain

Robert Nisley, aged 10 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Nisley, 1846 State street, is in a serious condition at the Harrisburg Hospital with a fractured skull. The boy fell from a third-story window at his home this morning, dropping a distance of forty feet, and struck his head on the concrete pavement. An operation was performed at noon to-day with a hope that the lad would recover. Physicians at the Harrisburg Hospital are surprised that the boy was not killed instantly. The accident happened at 9 o'clock and the boy was still alive at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It is believed, however, that he will die. Young Nisley was in the bathroom at his home. The window curtain slipped to the top of the upper sash and Robert climbed on a small stool to reach the string. The stool slipped and the boy fell through a screen, dropping to the pavement. Neighbors who witnessed the accident ran to the boy's side. He was unconscious and was bleeding at the eyes, nose and ears when picked up. The boy's skull is badly fractured and he is injured internally.

German Newspapers Claim of Treatment Accorded Government

Berlin, Aug. 8, via Amsterdam and London.—The German newspapers complain about the diplomatic maneuvers carried out to make Germany appear the disturber of the peace. They maintain that it was Russia that pushed Germany to war. It is reported here that the Germans in France who were unable to leave within the time limit are being sent to western France and compelled to help in the harvest. They add that German women in Russia are being expelled, while the men have been thrown into prison. Matthias Erzberger, leader of the Clerical party in the Imperial Parliament and chairman of the arms committee, states that the German army and navy are both splendidly equipped, while the German rifles and cannon are superior to those of their adversaries. He declares Germany can absolutely rely on her defensive forces.

Italians Are Reported to Have Seized Two German Ocean Steamers

London, Aug. 8.—A dispatch from Milan to the Chronicle says the Italian authorities at Genoa have seized two German trans-Atlantic vessels, the Moltke and the Koenig Albert. It is explained that the action was taken when the captains demanded a supply of coal, though they already had coal aboard. The Koenig Albert belongs to the North German Lloyd line and sailed from New York July 24, arriving at Genoa, August 7. The Moltke is a Hamburg American liner. She left New York on July 15 arriving in Genoa the 28th.