

Germans Occupy Three French Cities; Russians Pushing In

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cided not to defend Lille and that its evacuation by the French troops was announced by the mayor Tuesday.

A wireless dispatch direct from Berlin early to-day brought the official announcement that all the forts at Namur had fallen before the Germans who had also captured Longwy. The army of the Crown Prince, it was added, had repulsed a French attack and upper Alsace was free of the enemy except at points westward of Kolmar.

SAY FORTS ARE STILL HOLDING OUT

The Belgian operations were asserted to have been completely successful in an official statement that came from Antwerp by way of Paris a little after midnight. Four Belgian divisions from Namur were said to have stopped the southward movement of the German fourth division after which the Belgians retired on the French line. The forts at Namur were still holding out, it was declared. This claim regarding the Namur fortifications was repeated later by an English correspondent at Ostend who quoted a Belgian officer who had arrived from Namur. He said that the Germans have destroyed two forts and were still assaulting the others.

It is officially announced at St. Petersburg that the Russian advance in Prussia is proceeding with irresistible force. It has been stated that the object point of the main Russian army for the present is Posen. The Germans are represented as having retired to Osterode in East Prussia. A merchant arriving in London from Berlin is credited with the statement that the trains are bringing many refugees to the German capital from Konigsburg which city, he claimed, civilians had been advised to leave.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS SEVERED

Diplomatic relations between Austria and Japan apparently have been formally severed. A dispatch direct from Tokio states that the Austrian Ambassador Baron Muller De Szentgyory, has been recalled. A blockade of the leased territory of Kiao Chow has been declared by the Japanese whose warships shelled a small island off the coast. This island was not defended. This information comes from Tsing Tau. The same correspondent states that so far as can be observed the Japanese have not yet sent landing party ashore.

The Japanese minister of justice, Yukio Ozaki, announces that hostilities in the China and Japan seas will end with the capture of Kiao Chow when Japan will become a spectator instead of a participant in the war. He adds, however, that if the Germans should prove a menace to the peace through their standing in the south sea Japan would consult with Great Britain and might co-operate in driving the enemy out of the Orient.

Keen interest continues in the attitude that will eventually assume. A dome correspondent of the London Times says Germany and Austria are bringing great pressure to bear offering Italy inducements to join them. Newspaper dispatches represent the Italian people as more favorable to a war against Austria. It is to be noted, however, that these reports lack official confirmation.

New Minister of War Can See Only Victory

Paris, Aug. 27, 4:05 P. M.—Alexandre Millerand, who became minister of war in the new cabinet formed last night immediately after the old cabinet resigned, to-day addressed the following letter to General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French troops: "My dear General: In assuming control of the ministry of war I wish my first act to be to send to the troops under your command and their chiefs the tribute of the admiration and confidence of the government and the public and country. France is assured of victory because she is resolved to gain it."

"Following your example and that of your armies, France will maintain until the end calm self-control with an earnest of success. Subjected to iron discipline, which is the law and strength of the armies, the whole nation and army if they displayed their colors at once when called upon to do so."

American Ships Slow in Running Up Colors

New York, Aug. 27.—The United States government has been informed through diplomatic channels that the admiral commanding the British cruiser squadron in the Atlantic has experienced difficulty in getting American merchant vessels to show their colors, according to a message received here to-day by the collector of the port from the secretary of the Treasury McAdoo at Washington.

Austrians Evacuate Sanjak of Novipazar

London, Aug. 27, 3:23 P. M.—A dispatch to the Havas agency at Kragevatz, Serbia, declares that the Austrian army has evacuated the Sanjak of Novipazar.

The Sanjak of Novipazar is a strip of territory lying between Montenegro and Serbia. Up to the time of the Balkan war in 1913 it belonged to Turkey.

British Hold Out Well Against Superior Forces

London, Aug. 27, 4:21 P. M.—Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons to-day that Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British expeditionary force had reported that he was yesterday engaged against superior German forces. The British troops fought splendidly and General French considered the prospects in the impending battle satisfactory.

Priests Leave Palestine to Serve Under Colors

Paris, Aug. 27.—The keenness of Frenchmen of all classes and all over the world to join the colors is instanced by the priests in Palestine. A number of those in Jerusalem, hearing of the mobilization order, left on the first boat for France. Among them is Dominican Father Vincent who was engaged at the time in writing an archaeological work on ancient Jerusalem.

BLOOMER GIRL GETS TRUNK FROM SHERIFF

Everything Was There, Even to the—Well Everything Was There

Left Fielder May Novak, of the Western Bloomer Girls' baseball club, got most of her spring clothes from Sheriff Harry C. Wells last evening. Thereby hangs this tale:

Some weeks ago several members of the team began an action here against Mrs. Kate Gage, who was manager of the nine, and who, they claimed, owed them some money. The execution was issued and Deputy Sheriff William Hoffman attached a couple of trunks. "You're not to be taking a fine settlement of the case."

Early last evening pretty May Novak, who claimed to be the left fielder, and the real rightful owner of the trunks and their contents, appeared and after some discussion the deputy sheriff and the deputy sheriff that she was the rightful owner, and that the clothes had been taken away by a fine settlement of the protesting fellow-players, she got the trunks.

One contains the costumes of the players; the other—well, Miss Novak glanced appealingly at the deputy sheriff, who blushed and, obligingly turned his head, and Miss Novak snapped open the smaller trunk. "You're not to be taking a fine settlement of the case," she said, "there's all here, even to the—well, everything's here, anyway."

The trunk took a late train for Chicago.

London Paper Predicts Trouble Between U. S. and Germany if Latter Wins

London, Aug. 27, 3:40 a. m.—A Belgian officer who returned here yesterday from Hazebroek, France," says the Daily Express' Ostend correspondent, "is of the opinion that the situation, it was decided Monday not to defend Lille and Tuesday the mayor's proclamation was published announcing the evacuation by the French of the city and the details of the town into an undefended place."

"All the gendarmes were disarmed and steps were taken to deliver the city to the Germans. The only available treasure was removed. Apparently there were never any great allied forces to bar the road to Lille. The more the German army advances, the nearer the end of the world comes its situation. It now has its flanks and lines of communication menaced by Belgians based on Antwerp, with advance guards at Malines, by the northern French army, and by the allied masses near Maubeuge."

"All that now is needed is a strong holding force near Arras, which the French have had ample time to prepare."

"It is estimated that the German striking force from Brussels numbered 750,000 men."

The Morning Post, in an editorial on the neutral state of Belgium, says: "It is impossible to believe," says the Post, "that these transactions can have the sympathy of the American people. America is not at sentiment but at her own future. A victorious Germany will control the seas as well as the armies of Europe. She could take the African and Asiatic possessions of England and France, if no one was strong enough to resist."

"Would such a Germany be willing to let the Monroe doctrine and would the United States be able to enforce it against her?"

Belgians May Yet Cut Off Germans' Supplies

London, Aug. 27, 4:50 a. m.—The tests made along the German army's line of communication, says the Ostend correspondent of the Daily News, show it is surprisingly weak. The Germans seem to have gone forward with confidence that they had nothing more to fear from the Belgian army.

"If the allies can hold their own at the front," says the correspondent, "it is certain that German communication with their base can be cut at any moment. In fact, their army seems to be up in the air. It has no support and everything has been changed on a victory for the advancing army, which is traveling fast, carrying its own supplies and supplementing them with levies on the surrounding country."

Berlin Again Opposes Alleged Acts of French

Berlin, Aug. 26, via London, Aug. 27, 6:40 a. m.—The war correspondent of the Associated Press interviewed by many inhabitants of the desolated region in the war fields of Belgium showing that the French tireur organizations (irregulars) were created with the sanction and support of the authorities who without doubt, according to these people's statement, supplied the civil population with ammunition. As a result of the irregulars' systematic adoption by the Germans this warfare of the France tireur has been nearly stamped out.

DOWNMAN'S SEA BIG GARLISLE STORE

Purchase Price \$75,000; Edgar G. Cross Is New Owner

The Imperial Store Company at Carlisle, it was announced to-day, has been sold by Bowman & Co. of Harrisburg, to Edgar G. Cross of Carlisle. The purchase price was \$75,000. The store was owned by the Harrisburg firm, but has no connection with Bowman and Company, still doing business in Carlisle.

The store was 60 by 250 feet and one of the largest in the town in terms of that size.

Friendly to U. S. Cables Premier Okuma of Japan

Tokio, Aug. 27.—Count Okuma, the premier of Japan, to-day cabled the following message to the Independent, New York: "I gladly seize the opportunity to send through the medium of the Independent a message to the people of the United States, who have always been helpful and loyal friends to Japan."

"It is my desire to convince your people of the sincerity of my government and of my people in all their utterances and assurances connected with the present regrettable situation in Europe and the Far East."

"I have consistently so endeavored, and I now again state to the people of America my sincere belief and confidence that his message will meet with a national response."

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"My government and my people have given their word and their pledge and will be as honorably kept as Japan always keeps promises."

"16ERS" FIRST TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED

And more than 200 of them were in the group. The reunion is the first to be held since 1862, when a session was held at Lancaster. From all parts of Pennsylvania they gathered to-day in Chestnut Street Auditorium and they will remain for three days. More than 200 are attending the reunion.

The Sixteeners began to arrive yesterday. Those who were early on the ground spent the time in sightseeing. On Friday the convention opened this morning William Elmer Philbrick, president. A long debate ensued upon whether to have the convention annually or once every two years. The discussion was closed by a vote, after an hour's time it was decided that the next meeting should be held for three days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, of the last week in August, 1916, and an even date thereafter, and that it shall meet in 1916 in Harrisburg.

The following officers were elected this morning: President, W. C. Reem, Altoona; first vice-president, Dr. Geo. S. Morrow, Dayton, Ohio; second vice-president, G. Givler, Tyrone; recording secretary, Mrs. Laura Keifer, Millersburg; corresponding secretary, C. Day Rudy, Harrisburg; financial secretary, Jacob A. Gramm, Harrisburg; and the secretary, David W. Cotterel, Harrisburg.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock a reunion of McAllisterville school graduates took place. Among the schools represented were Mount Joy, McAllisterville, Chester Springs, Dayton, Pa., Philadelphia, Scotland, Mercer and others. Only one of the schools, that at Scotland near Chambersburg, is in existence to-day.

During the session this morning a plea for encouragement to the students at the Scotland school was made. Among activities scheduled for the next two days are photographing of Sixteeners on Harrisburg's "Front Steps," at 4 o'clock this afternoon. To-night at 8 o'clock the graduates will sit down to a banquet in the auditorium and at that time a flashlight picture will be taken. To-morrow a trip to Gettysburg battlefield is planned. The visitors will leave here at 7:30 and return over the Cumberland Valley at 6:10.

Judges to Speak At the banquet to-night addresses will be made by Judge J. J. Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, who also was called on to make a brief address this morning, and by Thomas J. Ford, Judge in Allegheny county; and the Rev. B. Hart pastor of the Fifth Street Methodist Church.

A vote of thanks to C. Day Rudy, president of the local committee; Jacob A. Gramm, secretary; and D. W. Cotterel, treasurer, and to the membership of fifty, who, in the face of considerable difficulty, have made the convention a success and apparently a permanent institution, was rendered at this morning's business session.

P. O. S. of A. Would Stop Making Liquor

York, Pa., Aug. 27.—Resolutions urging Congress to stop the manufacture of intoxicating liquors as a beverage were adopted by the state camp, Patriotic Order Sons of America. Furthermore, the immigration bill vetoed by President Taft and now before the United States Senate was the aim of another resolution.

WAR BULLETINS

London, Aug. 27.—4:30 A. M.—Information from Southern Dalmatia, says the Post's Paris correspondent, is to the effect that in several towns the Slav troops have revolted against their officers.

London, Aug. 27.—3:15 A. M.—The Dayton Mail's Bosniac correspondent says the events of the past few days have again disorganized the Paris transport of Paris that everything would give way to the necessities for the transportation of troops, the removal of wounded and the clearing of the civilian population from the firing lines.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 27.—Official reports from Antwerp to the state department say the city is quiet, but that communication has been cut off from all points except Ghent and Bruges and certain points on the coast.

London, Aug. 27.—4:14 A. M.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegrams Company from Paris, states that Prince Louis Auguste of Orleans and Braganza, who resigned his commission in the Austro-Hungarian army at the outbreak of the war, has been authorized by King Louis XVIII to rejoin the army. He has left for the front to join the staff.

London, Aug. 27.—4:15 A. M.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegrams Company from Berlin, states that the Socialists are publishing extremely patriotic and anti-war propaganda. They have joined the army as volunteers. Among other German volunteers is a prominent member of the local command in Paris, he is 63 years old and has been made a colonel.

London, Aug. 27.—4:15 A. M.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegrams Company from London, states that the correspondents of the Lokal Anzeiger and the Tagelblatt, at Austrian headquarters, estimate the strength of the Russian forces been at Krasnik, a town of Russian Poland, at four or five army corps or possibly 200,000 men. The Russian corps, which formed the advance guard, were on August 23, ejected from the heights near Krasnik, France.

London, Aug. 27.—11:50 A. M.—Refugees from the scene of the fighting around Metz, report that a German prominent part in directing the German artillery, says the Times correspondent in Antwerp, that German planes hovered over the British position and their pilots signalled the German batteries to fire a disc warning at the end of a line.

Montreal, Aug. 27.—The Cunard steamer Andania arrived here this morning from London with 1,105 Canadian and American refugees from the European war zone.

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State Agricultural Dep't Man Becomes Beaufort Farms Head

J. A. Smith, for nearly four years connected with the State Department of Agriculture, has resigned to become general manager of the Beaufort farms of the Mitchell estate.

These farms are among the finest in Central Pennsylvania.

R. J. Collier, Publisher, Asleep Since Sunday

New York, Aug. 27.—Robert J. Collier, the publisher, was still sleeping to-day the sleep that may be his last. The special train that brought him from his summer home at Racquette Lake, rolled into the Grand Central Station this morning after a fast run from Utica and was met by an ambulance and physicians and nurses who took him to his home. They were unable to awake him. He has been asleep since Sunday afternoon, a victim of uraemic poisoning. A very slight improvement in his condition was noted, it was thought.

Boston Knights Templar to Make Sojourn Here

Coeur de Leon Commandery Knights Templar of Boston will be the guests of the Harrisburg Knights Templar on September 5, when they will make a fine and interesting sojourn here, as part of an itinerary which includes points as far south as Baltimore.

E. Marcellus Lichter, eminent commander of Pilgrim Commandery with a committee from the local commandery will escort the visitors and their ladies through the Capitol.

OHIO REPUBLICAN PLEDGES

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 27.—Members of the Republican State convention adjourned following the adoption of a platform. The liquor plank pledges continued restriction of the liquor traffic, while other planks call for a "tariff law that will protect American industries," a merchant marine and liberal appropriations for agriculture. Suffrage for women is not mentioned.

H. W. Gough Elected Elks State Treasurer

Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 27.—The business session of the State reunion of the Elks came to a close to-day with the selection of Erie as the place for next year's meeting over Reading by a vote of 90 to 27. Reading has been promised the 1916 convention.

The following officers were elected: President, Charles H. Kline, of York; secretary, C. C. Debenbaum, of Jersey; treasurer, H. W. Gough, of Harrisburg; and the executive committee, W. D. Gulick, of Danville. The annual parade, with several thousand Elks from all over Eastern Pennsylvania in line and twenty-four bands furnishing music, took place this afternoon. The largest delegations came from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

DANIELS WANTS EXPLANATION

Washington, Aug. 27.—Secretary Daniels to-day called upon the captain of the New York navy yard for a full report of the circumstances under which the battleship Florida halted the British liner Francisco in New York harbor. Officials are at a loss to understand why the Florida held the British steamer up as she was about to have had proper clearance papers.

NO ADJOURNMENT IN SIGHT

Washington, D. C., Aug. 27.—Administration leaders now believe that Congress will not adjourn before November 1 at the earliest, and some of them are frank in stating that there will be no recess between the present Congress and the regular session opening in December.

NO WAR NEWS POSTED

Paris, Aug. 27, 11:15 a. m.—No official communication concerning the progress of the war had been issued this morning up to a quarter past eleven. The lack of news was generally attributed to the supposed inaction of the Germans.

BOX PARTY FOR WINNERS

In addition to prizes already announced for Red Cross day baseball game at Island Park, C. Floyd Hopkins will give the winning team to-morrow's game a box party at the Orpheum.

HUERTA LANDS IN SPAIN

Santander, Spain, Aug. 27.—General Victoriano Huerta, until recently president of Mexico, landed from a steamer here to-day.

TWO FULL DAYS OF ROUSING BARGAINS

You don't have to put off buying here from Friday noon until Saturday. By giving each one of our clerks a half day during the week, we have arranged to keep the store open all day Friday for your convenience.

To make buying additionally attractive we offer as special some extraordinary values in seasonable merchandise at attention-compelling prices.

Morning sales Special Friday 8 to 1 P. M. Clark's Best O. N. T. Spool Cotton.	21c	Women's extra size all-wool Suits for \$2.98 Skirts for stout women; worth \$5.00. Friday and Saturday...	\$2.98
Friday and Saturday Ladies' Long White Gloves	49c	Women's Wool Dress Skirts, Friday Special; \$1.00 value	24c
Two days— Friday and Saturday Ladies' Natural Linen Balmaine Coats; worth \$3.50, each	98c	50c Long Hip Corsets, perfect fit	36c
Special Extra— All-wool Balmaine Coats; correct kind for early Fall wear; \$5.89 value. Friday and Saturday	\$2.89	New school pants for boys; all size boys' Knicker Pants; worth \$1.00, pair	49c
Friday only, Men's 25c Balmaine Under- shirts and drawers, Special	12c	3/4-yard wide Swiss embroidered flouncing; worth 39c. Friday only	12c
Friday and Saturday Special, \$2.00 and \$2.50 Russian tunic dress skirts; regular and extra size. Each.	98c	1 1/2 yards wide 20c Table Oilcloth. Special Friday and Saturday.	10c
Friday only Ladies' 10c and 25c Collars, each	21c	Friday and Saturday Children's \$1.00 Lace Hats.	25c
Amazing values, Women's Linen Dress Skirts; formerly \$2.00. Each	69c	Friday and Saturday Ladies' \$5, \$4, \$3 Trimmed Hats. Your pick of entire lot	\$1.00
Friday Special, Ladies' \$2.00 fine Swiss em- broided combi- nation suits.	\$1.23	Women's and Misses' \$2 Ratine Skirts with folds and Russian tunic.	98c
Friday and Saturday, Women's 50c White Muslin Gowns, each	39c	Friday and Saturday Special—House Dresses	59c
Extra Special Ladies' Fancy and white \$1.50 shirt waists, each	98c	Infants' New White Dresses, lace and em- broided trim- mings; worth \$1.00, each	49c
Cut Prices— Ladies' fine \$10 Crepe Voile dresses; large sizes, Friday and Saturday, your pick	\$2.98	Men's dark worsted pants; new fall colors, finely tailored with 5 pockets, belt straps, side buckles, fancy lined; worth \$1.50 and \$2. Extra special.	98c
Sacrificing Women's and Misses' tailored suits; fine French Serge \$22.50 Suits, Friday Special, your pick	\$7.89		

SMITH'S, 412 Market Street

PRINCE LUITPOLD DEAD

Amsterdam, Aug. 27, via London, Aug. 27, 3:45 P. M.—The Telegraph to-day says Prince Luitpold, eldest son of King Ludwig III, of Bavaria, is dead of inflammation of the throat. Prince Luitpold was born in 1871.