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### The Situation in Belgium.

Brussels, Aug. 14.—An official statement issued from the war office at noon says: The situation throughout Belgium continues satisfactory. There have been no important developments today. The German columns are contenting themselves with masked movements designed to ascertain the strength of the Belgian defenses, and there has been no serious fighting. There have been no important movements today. The Liege forts still hold out, and the German bombardment of them has proved ineffective. Germans are still in Liege, but the civil government of the city has not been interfered with.

London, Aug. 14.—The German flag now flies over the town hall at Liege, according to a despatch to the Daily News from its correspondent in Rotterdam. The Liege police are sharing the duties of the German soldiers in preserving order, and the city is quiet. A German military band plays each afternoon in the public square, the music being accompanied by the sounds of cannonading from the forts, which are still intact.

The German army today was apparently still feeling out the situation.

of the allied forces. The main battle has not yet developed. Though the Belgian and allied armies have been victorious at several different points, as a result of engagements Wednesday, the fighting was apparently a part of the German reconnaissance in force.

The Germans are now making desperate attempts to prevent the Belgians from cutting off their communication in the rear. The defeated troops are in danger of being driven back across the Dutch frontier, where disarmament would be necessary, Holland being neutral.

Brussels, Aug. 14.—Unconfirmed rumors were circulated in Brussels today that General Von Emmich, commander of the German Tenth Army Corps, is dead.

Rotterdam, Aug. 14.—The efficient Dutch Red Cross organization has been rendered practically useless owing to the order of the German commander that neither German nor Belgian wounded may be removed to Dutch hospitals, it was declared here today. The German officers will not permit the wounded from their own army being taken into Holland, because they would not be permitted to rejoin their commands upon recovery, owing to the neutrality of the Dutch. The removal of Belgian wounded has also been refused. This action was taken, it was declared here, because the Germans do not want to disclose their own losses, which are enormous.

London, Aug. 14.—A despatch from Brussels to Reuters Agency says that a battle near Eghezee, north of Namur, which occurred yesterday at Nouville-Taviers, on the Namur-Tirelmont rail road line, was very keenly contested. The Germans, according to the despatch were mostly cavalrymen. They were surprised by the Belgians and sustained very severe casualties.

## Germans Lose First Big Battle of the Campaign in Belgium--Liege Forts Remain Intact After the German Bombardment--British Fleet In the Mediterranean to Strike the Austrians.

Heavy Fighting All Day Yesterday and To-Day Near Brussels Between the German and Allied Army--The German Dead Thickly Strewed All Over the War Zone--The Advantage as Yet, Rests with the Allied Army.

Brussels, Aug. 13.—"Liege still holds out," was the word issued by the war ministry today. "The Belgians still maintain the offensive and have recaptured London. All bridges have been destroyed and all railroad communications cut to the rear of the Germans."

The strictest censorship today drew a veil over the enormous armies of the Germans and the Allies, and it is believed that one of the greatest battles in modern history is about to begin, or is already in progress. The battle line extends from Liege, on the north, to Metz, on the south, covering an area of 100 miles. The great siege guns are hammering away at the forts about Liege, while cavalry, infantry and artillery is operating in the south.

Reports declare that the Belgians repulsed an attack upon their left wing.

The Germans besieging the Liege forts are reported to be cut off from supplies, as the Belgians have blown up bridges and destroyed the railroad behind them.

Hasselt, in the Province of Limburg, was twice taken by German troops and then recaptured by Belgians, according to official advices today. The fighting began early yesterday morning. The Belgians were said to have completely repulsed the German attacking movement at one of the encounters. Cavalry were engaged on both sides. The German force comprised the second cavalry division. The Belgians now hold Hasselt.

The Brussels correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company reports that the Germans have been completely routed in Belgium and are being pursued by cavalry and infantry.

Brussels, Aug. 13.—Yesterday at Tirlemont the Belgian Lancers lost twenty five killed, including Captain Knappen and Lieut. Count Vander-Burch, while fighting against 2,000 German Uhlans. The latter lost 250 killed. The Lancers were checked by machine guns, but the Belgian infantry stopped the Germans.

The Belgian and French troops have effected a junction south of Brussels. The German advance on the Belgian

provinces of Limburg and Brabant have been checked.

Paris, Aug. 13.—An official communication issued at Brussels contradicts the reports that the Germans are strongly re-entrenching their position in the vicinity of Liege. It adds that the cavalry is falling back, and that only a part of the city of Liege is being fortified by the Germans.

The bombardment of the forts was resumed yesterday, but they still hold out.

Paris, Aug. 13.—An official communication published here today says:—

"A division of Belgian cavalry, supported by a brigade of infantry and by artillery, engaged and defeated near the fortress of Diest, 18 miles north-east of Louvain, a division of German cavalry, also supported by infantry and by artillery."

Brussels, Aug. 13.—The fighting yesterday between the Belgian and German armies in the vicinity of Diest lasted the entire day and constituted the first considerable battle of the war. It will be known as the battle of Haelen. Shells were still falling at half past seven in the evening on the roads around Diest.

The battle centred around Haelen, in the Belgian province of Limburg, extending to Diest, in the north of the province of Brabant, after passing round Zeelham.

At 7 o'clock last evening all the country between the three towns mentioned had been cleared of German troops except the dead and wounded, who were thickly strewn about the fire zone.

Upwards of 200 dead German soldiers were counted in a space of fifty yards space.

A church, a brewery and some houses in Haelen were set afire and two bridges over the Dewer were destroyed by Belgian engineers. Great quantities of booty were collected on the battlefield and this has been stacked in front of the town hall of Diest. Many horses also were captured.

The strength of the German column was about five thousand men.



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The despatch adds that three German aeroplanes, flying over Diest, were brought down by the Belgian artillery. Two of the aviators were killed, by being dashed to earth, and the third was terribly injured.

Brussels, Aug. 14.—No movements of importance have taken place since Wednesday's serious engagement between the German and Belgian troops, according to official announcement here today. The communication adds: "The situation of the Belgian forces remains favorable."

The Belgian war office announced today that a column of 400 German soldiers had been routed by Belgian troops in an engagement at Geetz Betz, in the Belgian province of Brabant, and forced to retreat. This column is directly east of Louvain, headquarters of the Belgian army.

Athens, Greece, Aug.—14, (via London)—Considerable anxiety is felt here in connection with the reported purchase by Turkey of the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau, as it is feared the acquisition of these two vessels may make Turkey uncompromising on the subject of the disposition of the Aegean Islands. A rumor that Turkey had named one of these warships Mitylene is taken as a justification for this belief.

Berlin, Aug. 14 (via Rome and London)—No important news as to the war was made here today. A special train conveying 300 Americans and five auto mobiles started for Holland this evening.

London, Aug. 14.—A despatch from Paris to the Exchange Telegraph Company today announces that the French ministry of war has received news from Berne, Switzerland, that numbers of German patrols have taken refuge in Switzerland. It is said that no French troops have crossed the Swiss frontier.

London, Aug. 14.—Belgian accounts of yesterday's cavalry encounter, known as the battle of Haelen, give the total of German casualties as high as 4,000 killed and wounded. No German report of the engagement has come to hand.

The Belgian staff believes the German movement at Haelen was an attempt to reach Brussels, which today is stated to be "no longer in danger." French official reports say the Belgians captured 2,000 German prisoners at Liege and the French have taken 1,500 along the frontier. The Belgian government has requested France to provide places of internment owing to lack of room in Belgium.

Aviators are taking a very prominent part in scouting for the armies in the field and are suffering severely according to reports. French reports recount the narrow escape of a French aerial scout from German flying machines which hunted him.



### HOMEWARD BOUND.

By John Kendrick Bangs.

Getting older? No, not I! Letting the day go, running by As they will—there'll never be Whine nor whimper out of me. For old age I have no mind. I'm not of the aging kind—Just a traveler, and I roam Drawing daily nearer home.

What some men require is a rubber hat that will fit the morning after the night before.

### TIMBER ROYALTIES

Profit Sharing Between the Government and the Licensee

The Timber Royalty Act of British Columbia is chiefly significant in that it makes provision for the basing of all timber royalties, subsequent to January 1, 1920, on the sale value of the timber cut, over and above an arbitrarily fixed price of \$18 per thousand feet board measure. The percentage taken by the Government of this value-increase will be at first 25 per cent., gradually rising to 40 per cent. in the succeeding 25 years.

This is no new principle, for as early as 1889 the Dominion Government required from holders of timber limits in western Canada a royalty of 5 per cent. of the total sale value of the lumber cut, which value was to be based on the average price obtaining during the three months preceding the sale. But at that time the price of lumber was not sufficiently high to bring in any very large revenue on this percentage basis, so in 1898 the stumpage dues were changed to the fixed rate of 50 cents per thousand feet, board measure, which is the rate at present. Although the retention of the percentage royalty would have secured larger returns from this source with the steadily rising lumber prices, yet the principle of selling the timber at a widely advertised public auction ensures the obtaining, through the additional bonus offered, practically the same price for the timber without the former inconvenience of constantly adjusting the stumpage dues.

As the competitive sale of timber by means of the bonus system is common throughout Canada, there is little likelihood that the Government does not secure a fair share of the present value of the timber sold, and by reserving the right to alter the stumpage dues as the price of lumber increases, a share in its future value is also ensured.

### Hides Broken Life



J. BRUCE ISMAY

Ashamed to face the world after the criticism levelled at him for his escape from the Titanic when that great vessel sank with her load of humanity, J. Bruce Ismay, part owner of the vessel is now said to live in a secluded house near Galway Bay, Ireland, receiving no one and refusing to mingle with his fellow creatures.

### Slot Machine Provides Chair

An inventor in San Diego has developed a novel seat for use in parks and pleasure resorts. Normally it is so tipped that it cannot be used, but upon placing a coin in the slot the seat may be tipped back into the usual position, making a comfortable and restful bench. When the occupant rises from the seat it automatically swings forward and locks in a non-usable position, from which it can only be moved by the insertion of another coin.

### Italians Like Garters

The wearing of garters by men in Italy is becoming general. Dealers estimate that 60 per cent. of the male population wear them. The colors most in demand are a uniform soft grey; next, soft grey-blues, soft pale greens, brown or mauve, of the lighter shades. Bright or fancy colors do not sell as readily as undefined colors. Garters are sometimes offered with suspenders, neckties, and handkerchiefs, all matched in colors, packed in one box for purchase for presents.



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### A NERVOY ACTRESS

Allowed Herself to be Dragged by Hair Before "Movie" Film

Alice Rhodes is "the movie girl with the wonderful hair." Her golden red hair falls to her knees when it is loose. But—take note, it is not always all joy to be blessed with "a crown of glory." That is if you happen to be a "movie" star.

A short while ago Miss Rhodes was playing in a spectacular picture which Edwin August was putting on out west. "We are going to tie you by the hair," said realistic August, "to this tree limb. And you are going to be dragged over the ground."

"By the hair?" whispered Miss Rhodes in an almost inaudible voice. "By the hair," answered Edwin A.

There is nothing to do but do in the "movies" if you want to make good, so Miss Rhodes gritted her



ALICE RHODES

teeth and loosened her hair.

To make it possible to carry out the realistic picture and still not injure Miss Rhodes, strands of rope, the same color as her hair were bound around her head and woven into the locks. This was so that the force of the dragging should be, not on the roots of the hair, upon the rope around her head.

The plan, admittedly worked out, proved successful. So old the picture