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## WESTWARD MOVEMENT CONTINUES ON BANK OF MEUSE

(Continued from page one.)

London, Aug. 21—With the complete suspension of telegraphic communication with Brussels and nearly all ports in northern Belgium except Antwerp comparatively few facts came through about the actual occupation of the Belgian capital by the Germans and nothing about subsequent movements of the invading forces.

A telegram from Ostend to the Daily Mail said that the main body of the German army around Brussels camped Thursday night just outside the city, which has already been occupied by a small advance guard. The rest of the troops were to enter the Belgian capital today. The French official despatches state that it is the Germans' intention to pass their main army into France by the Brussels road. The Germans are silent, but there is no reason to doubt they are well aware of the difficulties of this route as are their opponents.

### CUTTING COMMUNICATION

Antwerp, Aug. 21—An official statement says that the situation is unchanged. German cavalry patrols are circulating around Brussels, severing communication between the capital and Antwerp and between the cities and the central part of the country.

### IN FRIGHTFUL CONDITION

London, Aug. 21—All the German newspapers received here tonight are interesting reading, although evidently under iron censorship. They indicate for one thing that economic disturbance in the Fatherland is already having disastrous effect. The pinch of food scarcity is being felt in Berlin and other large towns, and the police have had to intervene in some places between provisioners and customers. Not only is Germany practically cut off by postal communication with the rest of the world, but various parts of the empire are suffering from the entire dislocation of railways. Even between the most important centres only one mail is possible in forty-eight hours. No goods can be forwarded from Berlin to Stettin for any western centre without a special permit, and in the Rhenish provinces various lines of business have been closed down owing to the lack of supplies.

In Berlin the labor bureaus are unable to find employment for the crowds of women who besiege them. The newspapers are ridiculing the Czar's historic proclamation regarding Poland, and Prof. Ernst Haeckel, the well known Darwinian, who not long ago celebrated his eightieth birthday, has written an angry fulmination against "England's Blood Guiltiness."

### A WOMAN'S VIEW OF FLIGHT

(By Marie Harrison)  
Ghent, Aug. 21—I left Brussels in a train crowded with refugees. The scene at the Gare du Nord was most extraordinary. Hundreds of grief-stricken men and women from Louvain arrived at the very moment the well-to-do residents were departing for Ghent and Ostend. A white-haired woman verging on eighty was led gently through the densely packed streets by a boy scout. All her worldly possessions were carried in a small bundle. She was seeking shelter in Brussels. There passed by her in a voiture expensive-dressed women whose many boxes were labelled "Londres."

It was tragic in the extreme to hear the refugees asking in trembling tones if Brussels was safe. Dare they remain in the capital, or would it be wiser to journey still further afield? Most of them were told that Brussels probably would be safe for a day or two, but after who could tell? And so the weary travellers with tears in their eyes and their hearts very heavy, tramped about the station asking if Alost and Ghent and Bruges were at peace.

I have had an interesting chat with Abbe Francois Dierckx, who came to Ghent yesterday by the last train to leave Louvain. The Abbe, who is Vicar of St. Joseph's in the abandoned town, said:

"Early yesterday morning I was awakened by the roar of a cannon. I dressed hurriedly knowing that any moment that the whole population might be ordered to evacuate the town. It was obvious that the Germans were close at hand. Tiermon was in flames, Louvain might share a similar fate."

"I saw the most awful scenes possible to witness. The people realized that they were defenseless, and that there was no alternative but to fight. The civil guards were ordered to lay down their arms and to dress as ordinary men. Everyone was told to clear out as quickly as possible."

"There was no confusion or panic but the sorrow of those poor people driven out of their homes is in-

describable. Many of the townsfolk had never travelled further than to Brussels. Some had never been out of their immediate district, and at a few moments' notice, they were ordered to leave their beloved homes and hurry away. There was no time to even pick out their treasured possessions. The little bundles they carried contained for the most part food and drink."

### GERMANY AND JAPAN

Washington Aug. 21—Owing to the belief in official circles that the German government will itself of the last minute of grace before replying to the Japanese ultimatum, commanding the evacuation of Kiao Chaw and withdrawal of the German fleet from the Orient, the exact moment when this ultimatum expires has become a matter of speculation.

Under the terms of the Japanese note the Germans government was given until noon August 23 to return its answer. But noon in Tokio and noon in Berlin of Aug. 23 are separated by many hours.

It is believed here that the determining factor will be the place of delivery of the German reply and the channel of communication between two governments. If the answer is made through the German embassy at Tokio, when the Berlin government must address itself directly to Count Rex, the German ambassador to Japan. By the devious method of cable communication passing through the hands of its enemies, the British, and must start the message from Berlin sometime tomorrow if it is to reach Tokio by noon Sunday.

On the other hand, if the government takes the ground that the terms of the ultimatum may be met by a response delivered to the Japanese embassy in Berlin, the reply may be delayed until a few moments before noon Sunday, Berlin time.

### "CHEEK BY JOWL."

Hartland Observer—When Mr. F. B. Carvell went to Calais to try to induce W. H. Berry to return to the province and give evidence in the lumber charges, the St. John Standard printed in large black letters that Carvell "was cheek by jowl with Berry." A few days ago Messrs. Fleming and George F. Burt were also visitors of Berry, the voluntary exile, but the Standard sees nothing in the visit of news value. The conversation between the three was of course private—very private, but a curious public would like to know what took place among them when Fleming was "cheek by jowl" with Berry. The Standard would be eagerly sought for if it would give the story. A portrait of the purty premier might also accompany the article, for it's "a long time no see 'em."

### MILL BURNED.

Hartland Observer—At an early hour this morning B. F. Smith's mill at Florenceville was entirely destroyed by fire with heavy loss. About fifteen men are thrown out of employment and Mr. Smith has quite a lot of loss still to saw. It is not given out if he will rebuild.

## GOVERNMENT TO MAKE INVESTIGATION

Ottawa, Aug. 21—The government will investigate the circumstances connected with the withdrawals from bond of liquors and tobaccos. As to those withdrawals which were in the ordinary course of business, the government will take such action as may be just and equitable, so that no injustice may be done. In cases where it appears that goods have been taken out of bond to evade the new duties of customs and excise for financial advantage, the new duties will be enforced. If it were not done speculators would make a very large sum at a period when citizens are making heavy sacrifices for the state, and the government would be deprived of the greater part of the revenue it has in expectation from these sources.

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And this may hit the movies, too.

Some time ago the Smiths attended a reception where they met a man named Brown. On the way home, while exchanging opinions of the guests Brown was mentioned.

"Speaking of that man Brown," vigorously remarked Smith, "he certainly has an effeminate way of talking."

"Why, John," was the wondering rejoinder of Mrs. Smith. "How can you say that? He certainly has a very loud and masculine voice!"