

SEARCHING FOR SPIES IN BELGIUM



Since the discovery of German spies in sacks supposed to contain vegetables, the Belgian soldiers run their bayonets through all packages and bundles on wagons passing along the roads.

ANTWERP TAKEN AFTER SIEGE OF ELEVEN DAYS

King and Army Retreat to Ostend When the Germans Enter the City.

BRITISH AIDED THE DEFENSE

Three English Naval Brigades Helped Belgium-Kaiser's Fykes Expected to Advance on Ostend-Airships Drop Bombs on French Capital-Miner News of the War From Various Points.

London, Oct. 13.—The capture of Antwerp by the Germans, after being delayed by an attack on Ostend, according to information received here from The Hague.

Message which arrived in London said a large force of Germans was marching on the seashore resort to which the larger part of the Belgian army had retreated after they had been forced to give up the defense of the temporary capital of the nation on Friday.

King Albert of Belgium and practically all of the national officials are in Ostend. The Germans, it is said, hope to make them prisoners. The queen is in England, having taken a steamer from Antwerp when it was seen that the fall of the city was inevitable.

The reports that King Albert had been wounded persist. Persons who saw the king with his troops on Friday state that he had one arm in a sling.

Siege Lasted Only Eleven Days. Paris, Oct. 12.—The forts surrounding Antwerp and the city are now in complete possession of the Germans, but the greater part of the Belgian army has escaped.

It took the Germans just 11 days to capture one of the strongest fortresses in the world.

An official admission that the British participated in the defense of Antwerp is contained in the admiralty announcement that three naval brigades with heavy guns had been sent there during the last week of the German attack.

The announcement adds that in the retreat from Antwerp two of the British brigades reached Ostend safely. The other, however, was cut off to the north of Lokeren.

France which the Kaiser could not move. This force under General von Bessler, it is expected, will shortly arrive in the south westerly direction, seeking a junction with the army under General von Boehm, who is supporting von Kluck just over the border.

Signal for General Attack. The attempt of this Antwerp attacking army to reach the junction in its westward movement toward the coast will be the signal, military experts here believe, for a general attack along the whole German battle front.

The French general staff has anticipated this strategy and during the past week it has been concentrating sufficient troops at Ostend, including the newly arrived British forces, the Canadian regiments who are reported to have arrived there, and the Belgians, to have ready to meet the German front.

The French war office also reports progress in the engagement being fought on the plateau before Soissons, on the right bank of the Aisne, and the eastward operations in the Vosges. The Germans essayed numerous night attacks in the region of Baudouin, north of St. Die, with no success. The Germans were repulsed with great losses, according to the French official communication.

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Refugees Flock to London. Crowds of refugees arrived in London. Most of them left Antwerp Thursday night, and their accounts of the attack are confused. The Belgians themselves besides destroying the forts, blew up steamers at the docks and set fire to the petrol stores and everything that could be of use to the invaders. They also took away what the transports could carry.

Dispatch from The Hague says that according to trustworthy information from Belgium the Germans are advancing swiftly toward Ostend with the object of capturing the Belgian king, queen and government officials. It is said the queen has left for England. A dispatch from Rotterdam, Holland, says King Albert and his family reached Ostend safely in their retreat from Antwerp.

READY TO TAKE OFFENSIVE. Entire German Front Preparing for Move, the Kaiser Believes Will Be Decisive. London, Oct. 13.—The whole German front is preparing to take the offensive again along a battle line less than three hundred miles long.

Attack Renewed on Oise. Between Arras and the Oise the enemy has renewed his attacks with increasing fury; the plateau north of Soissons continues to be the scene of vigorous offensive movements by the Kaiser's forces, and Verdun, for eight days under almost incessant fire from the German guns, now is to be made the target of the monster howitzers that reduced Antwerp.

UHLANS MADE DARING RIDE. German Lieutenant and Twelve Men Penetrated into Sedan and Caused Panic. Berlin.—The second extended report issued by two officers describes a scouting expedition of First Lieutenant Count Wedel, who, at the head of his regiment of uhlans rode, August 25, from Bouillon toward Sedan, charged with discovering whether the latter place was occupied by the enemy.

The newly appointed commanders are General von Sittich, Sixth corps; General von Grottel, Seventh corps; General Scheuchemstel, Eighth corps; General Lubtow, Eleventh corps, and Gen. Kretsch, Seventeenth corps.

Belgium Capital is Moved into France and Invaders Sweep Across Country. London Experts Believe Kaiser Plans to Occupy Whole of Belgium as Base for Operations Against Great Britain.

ARMIES MASSING IN EAST FOR GREAT STRUGGLE. London—That Germany is holding the allied armies in France at bay, checking the advance of the Russians in the east and sweeping through Belgium for the purpose of striking the coast and aiming a blow at England is the sum of the war news as interpreted here recently.

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