

FRENCH MASSED ON FRONTIER IN FINE FETTER FOR FIGHTING

Graphic Picture of Conditions on Belgian Border Given by Correspondent at Arlon—German Occupation of Luxembourg Draws Impenetrable Screen Around It.

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LONDON, Aug. 4.—A telegraph despatch from a correspondent at Arlon, Belgium, Monday, at 7 p.m., says: "Up to the moment of sending this despatch there has been no breach of the frontier by either Belgium or France. I have satisfied myself on this point by visiting miles of frontier from Mainz on the south to almost the northern extremity of the Luxembourg border. Everywhere the conditions are those of war. Civilians in all directions are taking refuge in towns and roads are blocked by wagons and cows. On the Luxembourg frontier I saw many German patrol posts. Germans have occupied the Luxembourg provinces, with the object of facilitating concentration of their army. This evening I returned from Longwy, a great natural fortress, which is the advance guard of France covering the troops. Owing to military obstacles it was necessary to go some part of the way on foot, as the roads are barred by sentries and posts at all points. Officers of the garrison asked me to assure the English that the morale of the army is superb. Certainly I never saw French soldiers so calm, cool and confident.

Nerve-Racking Tension.
"There is no succession of positive assertions and as positive denials. Nerves are strained to the uttermost. Everyone is hourly expecting a declaration of war which will let loose the forces massed at this corner of the frontier. The tension is such that it cannot long be maintained. An impenetrable screen is drawn around Luxembourg, but several people have managed to escape into Belgium, and they declare that troops continue to arrive from Germany in great numbers."

Late last night a report was circulated at South Shields to the effect that a naval engagement was in progress in the North Sea, off Flamboro Head.

It was ascertained that Claude Palmer, deputy commissioner for the northern division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, had received a message to the effect that heavy firing had been heard off Flamboro. Palmer proceeded to make arrangements with all local ambulance men for everything to be in readiness in case of emergency.

WAR BULLETINS

RUSSIAN WARSHIP AGROUND.

COOPENHAGEN.—A Russian warship is aground at Aland Islands. It is said to be the Admiral Gann, a battleship of 17,400 tons, laid down in 1912.

A despatch from Stockholm yesterday said that the Russians had been defeated in a naval engagement off the Aland Islands. The Russian vessels later taking as refuge in the Gulf of Finland.

VISCOUNT MORLEY RESIGNS.

LONDON.—Viscount Morley of Blackburn did not attend today's meeting of the British Cabinet Council, and this was taken as an indication that he had resigned office as lord president of the council.

LEFT AT MIDNIGHT.

NEW YORK.—It became known this afternoon, thru notices issued to passengers, that the Lusitania would sail at midnight Tuesday. Secrecy has been maintained in order to prevent any hostile warships that may be in the ship lane hearing of the departure.

WAR REALLY ON.

PARIS.—Diplomatic relations of France and Germany were formally broken off Tuesday.

GERMANY'S SECOND ULTIMATUM.

LONDON.—A second ultimatum, sent to Germany by the British cabinet, and which was prepared to carry thru by force of arms, if necessary, any measures essential to the ultimatum was delivered by the German Minister in Brussels Monday night, as the ultimatum was refused by Germany's first ultimatum.

GEN. JOFFRE TO FRONT.

PARIS.—General Joseph Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French army, left Paris for the front.

SKIRMISHES ON BORDER.

PARIS.—German troops continue to harry the French outposts along the frontier by making numerous raids into French territory. The French, however, refused to be drawn beyond the limits of the frontiers.

JAPAN MAY JOIN.

TOKIO.—The Japanese foreign office issued a statement that if the war extended a statement that if the war extended

AMERICANS HELD IN GERMANY.

WASHINGTON.—No Americans can leave the present. Thru the German embassy at Newport, the state department has been informed that during the progress of mobilization no foreigners will be permitted to depart.

GOLD ON ARMORED CRUISERS.

WASHINGTON.—The armored cruisers Tennessee and North Carolina will be used in sending gold to Europe in accordance with the plan announced today at the White House. The nations involved by the war will be informed of the purpose for which the gold is being sent to Europe, in order that no complications may follow.

UNITED STATES IS NEUTRAL.

WASHINGTON.—President Wilson today issued a proclamation of neutrality.

QUEEN OF BELGIUM LEAVES.

BRUSSELS.—Queen Elizabeth and Princess Marie left Brussels today for Antwerp.

KING GEORGE'S PROCLAMATION.

LONDON.—A proclamation by King George commanding the mobilization of the British army was read from the steps

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VADERLAND REACHES PORT.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—The Belgian steamer Vaderland of the Red Star Line arrived today from Antwerp and Dover. The steamer called before the war broke out, so that the passengers knew only what they heard by wireless from this side.

MORATORIUM IN BRAZIL.

RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, Aug. 4.—A decree was issued today declaring a bank holiday in Brazil until Aug. 15, after a conference had been held by the cabinet ministers and the finance committee of the Brazilian chambers. It was decided also to ask parliament to vote a moratorium.

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