

and Strassburg has been driven out of Lorraine. The Germans seem to have followed it up and to have crossed the French frontier and be threatening Nancy. Further south, however, in Upper Alsace, the French have swept the Germany soldiery over the Rhine. The Serbians have given the Austrians a good drubbing on their northwestern frontier, killing or wounding 25,000 and capturing 10,000. The Russian army is pressing forward along the Austrian and German frontier.

Aug. 24—With East Prussia falling into the hands of the Russians, with Japan at war with Germany and attacking Tsing Tao, and with the allied armies still in their chosen positions and intact, there is no reason to lose confidence. The ultimate result of the war will not be changed, even if the Germans win some early victories.

Aug. 25—Although the fighting in connection with the first great battle of the war has not come to an end, it definitely can be termed a German victory. The outstanding fact is that the allies left their entrenched positions in the expectation of inflicting an overwhelming defeat by a masterly offensive and that they have failed—failed so completely that they are likely to lose hundreds of guns and have many thousands of their men taken prisoners. The Germans claim they have already captured several generals and they are pressing hard on the heels of the retreating French army in the centre of the allies' line. We can hardly expect the rapid shuffling about of armies now in progress to turn the reverse into a general success; the most we can hope for is that the allies will be able to prevent whole armies falling into the hands of the Germans, as happened at Sedan and Metz forty-four years ago. The world is beginning to realize that the German fighting machine is a marvel, and that it will require all the strength of the allies to subdue it. And whatever the cost, the task must be accomplished. Were Germany successful on land, she would make German naval bases at Antwerp and Ostend, and with the five or ten billion dollar indemnity she would exact from her victims, she would proceed to build warships at a rate that even the united British Empire could not equal. The existence of the Empire is at stake in this world struggle.