

WAR DISPATCHES OF WEEK

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BIG BATTLE NOW IN PROGRESS.

LONDON, August 15.—Reports from Brussels to-day declare that the battle is now in progress from Liege through Luxemburg. The Liege forts are still intact. Attempts of the German forces to storm Fort Pontisse were repulsed with heavy losses. The Germans charged under cover of darkness. They carried hand grenades and heavy wire cutters. Supporting forces carried hand bags and entrenching tools so that the attacking forces might entrench themselves if the first defence was carried. Belgian machine guns however swept the approach with terrible effect and the Germans withdrew in disorder.

ITALY STANDS FIRM.

PARIS, August 15.—Italy is standing firm on her declaration of neutrality. Despatches from Rome stating that Austria had requested that four army corps be permitted to cross the Italian frontier in a movement upon France, but that Italy indignantly refused. If denial of the request is ignored and the Austrians violate Italy's neutrality a declaration of war upon Austria may be expected.

PREPARED TO SACRIFICE 100,000 MEN.

BRUSSELS, August 15.—Kaiser Wilhelm is prepared to sacrifice 100,000 men to smash the defence of the Allies. The indications are that a big battle is certainly imminent and is reported to have already started. This was the report which reached here to-day. The war office has decided not to announce any further movement of troops which indicates that battle lines are now being drawn that secrecy is imperative.

HEAVY FIGHTING ALONG SERBIAN BORDER.

LONDON, August 15.—A despatch to the Reuter Telegraph Company from Nish, Serbia, says, the Austrians have succeeded in forcing an entry into Sabac on the Save 37 miles west of Belgrade and into Losnitza on the river Drina. The Austrians renewed their attempt to cross the Danube at Belgrade and at other places, but were repulsed.

The correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co. at Nish describing the same fighting says, 400,000 Austrians made a concerted attack along the entire Serbian frontier but were repulsed, with heavy casualties.

SERBIANS GIVING A GOOD ACCOUNT

LONDON, August 15.—A despatch from Nish, dated August 3, says, the Serbian war office account of recent fighting on the frontier states that Austrians attacked the Serbians Wednesday night, and after a fierce battle were repulsed with heavy losses towards Teklamon on the Roumanian frontier, and also from Belgrade where they have attempted to cross the Danube, but finally, through superior numbers they succeeded in crossing the Save. The Serbians are now concentrating for a big engagement.

JAPANESE CALL TO ARMS.

VANCOUVER, August 15.—Private advices received here to-day by Japanese indicate that they may be called to arms within twenty-four hours. The editor of the local Japanese newspaper was in receipt of intelligence to this effect.

TWO REGIMENTS OF AUSTRIANS ANNIHILATED
LONDON, August 15.—The French Minister of Foreign Affairs in telegraphing to the French ambassador here to-day a summary of the various conflicts about which reports have already been published gives the confirmation of a Russian victory over the Austrians on the river Dniest. He says the fourth infantry regiment and the first cavalry regiment of the Austrian army were annihilated by the Russians.

The French minister adds that the positions in upper Alsace and at Liege, Belgium, are unchanged and concludes "in consequence of the universal outcry the German government has decided to remit the former French ambassador at Berlin the \$900 he had been compelled to pay for his journey back to France."

FRENCH ADVANCING INTO GERMANY.

LONDON, August 15.—The British Official press bureau announces that the German offensive is for the moment arrested in upper Alsace, and that there are indications that the French have made progress on that side. Since their occupation of the Saales region, in German territory, on the frontier, announced yesterday, they have entered the town of Saales itself driving out the German troops. The bureau adds that the Belgian cavalry continues successful in the neighborhood of Hasselt.

MANY STEAMSHIPS SET SAIL.

LIVERPOOL, August 15.—The sailing from this port to-day of the St. Louis, the Campania and the

YE MARINERS OF ENGLAND.

A Naval Ode composed by Thomas Campbell in the year 1800 when there was a prospect of war with Russia and France.

O ye mariners of England!
That guard our native seas;
Whose flag has braved a thousand years,
The battle and the breeze!
Your glorious standard launch again
To match another foe;
And sweep through the deep,
While the stormy winds do blow;
While the battle rages loud and long,
And the stormy winds do blow.

The spirits of your fathers
Shall start from every wave!
For the deck it was their field of fame,
And Ocean was their grave.
Where Blake and mighty Nelson fell,
Your manly hearts shall glow.
As ye sweep through the deep,
While the stormy winds do blow;
While the battle rages loud and long,
And the stormy winds do blow.

Minnewaska for New York and the Megantic for Montreal reduced the number of Americans and Canadians who had been stranded in England by 4,500. The steamer St. Paul from New York arrived here yesterday.

BIG AUSTRIAN LINER CAPTURED.

ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, August 15.—The big new Austrian Lloyd liner Marienbad, was captured to-day by a British war-ship near here, en route from Bombay to Trieste and brought into port.

GERMAN FORCES ABOUT TO STRIKE HARD.

BRUSSELS, August 17.—The German advance was reported halted to-day. The German troops are said to be waiting the arrival of further reinforcements.

A daring dash of German cavalry to Woever, but thirteen miles from Brussels, on Sunday, was announced by the war office to-day. The Germans were checked after a skirmish of no great importance and withdrew. The war office declared the capital was in no way endangered. The admission that the German line pushed forward and fought at Dinant 15 miles south of Namur yesterday is accepted as indicating that the German forces are about to strike hard in an effort to clear the way for an advance into France at Lille, at Maubeuge, and at Mezeres. The offensive movement may come at any moment. Until noon to-day the war office insisted there had been no general attack and the air scouts reported the enemy maintained its advanced position.

Reports reaching here from Amsterdam to-day declared the Kaiser had started for the front and that he was en route to Mains accompanied by the entire general staff. Mains is about at the centre of the line of forces along the Belgian and French frontier.

COUNT VON BUELOW IN COMMAND.

LONDON, August 17.—The Chronicle to-day publishes a despatch from Amsterdam which says it is reported that the Austrian troops in Belgium are under the command of Count Von Buelow, commander of the German second army corps.

SEVERE REPRISALS.

LONDON, August 17.—The daily newspaper at Rotterdam declares the town of Vise, Belgium, was burned by the Germans Saturday night after the inhabitants had fled from the invaders. Six Germans were killed and six wounded when the inhabitants fled on the troops.

All Belgians were immediately driven from their homes, women and children were placed aboard a train and sent to Maastricht. The men were made prisoners of war and the town fired.

REPORT NOT CONFIRMED.

LONDON, August 17.—Official circles in London have not received any confirmation of the reported French naval success over the Austrian warships in the Adriatic.

AMERICAN INTERESTS TO BE SAFEGUARDED.
TOKIO, August 17.—Simultaneously with the announcement of the despatch of an ultimatum by Japan to Germany which is expected here to be followed by war, Takaaki Kato, Minister for Foreign Affairs, conferred with George W. Guthrie, the American ambassador and made a broad statement calculated to assure the United States that the American interest in the Orient would be safe-guarded and the integrity of China upheld.

BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCES LANDED.
LONDON, August 18.—The official war information bureau announces that the British expeditionary forces have landed safely on the French shores. Not a single casualty occurred during the embarkation, transportation and debarkation of the men and stores of the British expeditionary force and everything was carried through with the greatest precision.

The strength of the expedition, the names of the regiments composing the contingents and the ports where they landed are not made public, but it is known that a large portion of the best troops of the British regular army are now on Continental soil. The reception of the British soldiers everywhere in France was most enthusiastic. The officers and men of the two armies fraternized warmly.

TOOK 500 PRISONERS.

PARIS, August 17.—An official announcement by the French war office says the French troops took over 500 German prisoners on Friday when they occupied several mountains around Donon, also known as Rougemont, on the borders of Lorraine.

BOMBARDING AUSTRIAN NAVAL BASE.

ROME, August 17.—The British Mediterranean fleet is off the Austrian naval base of Pola in the Adriatic and a bombardment of the defences there is expected.

The British fleet of battle cruisers chased the Austrian cruisers, Zigaretar and Saida, from Anivari to Pola but were unable to capture them.

JUST A FRIENDLY VISIT.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 17.—The German cruisers, Leipzig, which, stripped for action, has been patrolling the coast off this harbor for the last week entered San Francisco Bay early to-day and anchored just inside the Golden Gate. The vessel sent word ashore that it desired to communicate with the German Consul.

PRISONERS BECOMING A BURDEN.

LONDON, August 17.—A troublesome problem of the war is likely to be the housing and guarding of prisoners. More than 5,000 Germans have been captured already. The Belgians are sending a large proportion of these prisoners into France.

POPE IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

LONDON, August 18.—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Milan, Italy, says, the Pope is in a state of high fever and that his condition occasions serious alarm.

GERMANS ON THE DEFENSIVE.

LONDON, August 18.—A despatch from Brussels says that all the German troops recently fronting the Belgians have taken up strictly defensive entrenchment positions according to an official announcement by the Belgian war office.

CROWN PRINCE WOUNDED.

PARIS, August 18.—An official announcement here says the rumor is persistent at the Hague that the German Crown Prince has been seriously wounded and is lying at Aix La Chapelle and that the Emperor William has hastened to his side.

SERBIANS WIN GREAT VICTORY.

NISH, SERBIA, August 18.—The Austrians have been completely defeated near Sabac 27 miles from Belgrade according to government advices. They fled to Ward Lesniza and Losnitza, pursued by the Serbians who cut up three regiments and captured fourteen guns.

AUSTRIANS FLEE IN DISORDER.

LONDON, August 18.—The Serbian legation has received the following telegram from the Serbian Premier, N. P. Pachirch, "The Austrians were completely routed on the mountains near Sabac and fifteen thousand annihilated. Fourteen guns were captured. The Austrians are fleeing in great disorder to re-cross the rivers Save and Drina hotly pursued by our troops."

FIRING OFF CALIFORNIA COAST.

MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA, August 18.—Reports of heavy firing at sea were received here last night from several sources. Captain McDonald of the steamer, Frank H. Buck, which arrived here last night said he heard cannons while off Pigeon Point, north of Santa Cruz.

GERMAN OVERTURES TO BELGIUM.

LONDON, August 18.—According to the Times, after the heavy casualties which the Germans incurred before Liege forts the Emperor approached King Albert of Belgium, through the Queen of Holland, and promised in recognition of Belgian valor most considerate treatment of Belgian population and full respect for Belgian territory if Belgium would abandon her resistance and allow the German troops right of way through Belgium. These overtures the Times says, were formally rejected by Belgium.

TWO GERMAN CRUISERS BADLY BENT.

SHANGHAI, August 18.—Two German cruisers have been disabled and brought into Hong Kong. The deck works, the turrets and the barbettes of the two cruisers were demolished and their masts and funnels shot away. Their sides were stained with blood which had run through the scuppers. Owing to the strict censorship established by the British authorities at Hong Kong it is impossible yet to obtain the names of the two German cruisers. Many German merchant vessels are lying in the harbor at Hong Kong.

ANTWERP IS THREATENED.

LONDON, August 18.—German cavalry patrols have been signalled to the northwest of Antwerp according to Reuter's Antwerp correspondent. The military governor, the correspondent continues has ordered the entire civil guard of Antwerp to be mobilized on a war footing and to take their positions in the forts around Antwerp.

The official announcement giving this position of German cavalrymen assures the citizens of Antwerp that they have no need to be frightened. Similar bands of German Uhlans and Hussars have traversed other parts of the country without doing much damage.

FAVORABLE SITUATION CONTINUES.

BRUSSELS, August 14.—No movements of importance have taken place since Wednesday's serious engagement between the German and Belgian troops, according to official announcements here to-day. "The situation of the Belgian forces remains favorable," it is added.

SOME MORE SUNKEN SHIPS.

LONDON, August 14.—The Chronicle correspondent at West Hartlepool wires that the captain of the Danish steamer, "Hulda Maerek," told him he passed seven sunken ships off Spurn Head at the north-east entrance to the Humber. The official press bureau says it has no knowledge of any German ships sunk in that vicinity.

FRENCH LINES STILL UNBROKEN.

LONDON, August 14.—A French embassy in an official communication from the ministry of foreign affairs at Paris says, that at no point, notwithstanding repeated efforts, have the Germans been able to break the French line of defence.

ENTIRE DIVISION SURRENDERED.

PARIS, August 14.—An official statement issued by the minister of war says, regarding the fighting on the Vosges Mountains, which lie between Alsace and the French frontier, "The French troops held their position on the mountains for five days despite vigorous attacks of the Germans who were superior in numbers. At one point the Germans brought beside their weak troops some formations of reserves but the latter were unable to repel the French attack and were obliged to lay down their arms. The entire division surrendered. The French troops hold the valley of the Bruche."

FIRE A GERMAN SHIP.

LONDON, August 14.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily News reports that despatches from Antwerp says an anti-German mob set afire a German ship in the harbor at Antwerp and after it was destroyed, pillaged another German vessel.

TWO WARSHIPS BADLY DAMAGED.

SHANGHAI, August 14.—Two warships each having four funnels badly damaged and carrying many wounded entered the harbor at Hong Kong yesterday. Their identity has not been learned here but the vessels are believed to be either the British armored cruisers Minotaur and Hampshire, or the French armored cruisers Duplex and Moncalm. They are reported to have had an engagement with German cruisers.

ANOTHER AGAINST GERMANY.

LONDON, August 14.—Montenegro Government angered by the blockade of her coast by Austrian warships has declared war against Germany.

CHASING THE RAINBOW.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 14.—The German cruisers, Leipzig and Nuremberg were headed north, steaming at full speed, when last seen yesterday north of San Francisco Bay according to statements from the captain of the steamer Queen, which arrived here to-day from the north.

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She quells the floods below.
As they roar on the shore,
When the stormy winds do blow;
When the battle rages loud and long,
And the stormy winds do blow.
The meteor flag of England
Shall yet terrific burn;
Till danger's troubled night depart,
And the star of peace return.
Then, then, ye ocean-warriors!
Our song and feast shall flow
To the fame of your name,
When the storm has ceased to blow;
When the fiery fight is heard no more,
And the storm has ceased to blow.

O GOD! OUR HELP IN AGES PAST.

Special despatches tell us that Sunday was in England a day of prayer. Fifty thousand people assembled around Buckingham Palace and sang with wonderful solemnity Isaac Watts' majestic hymn and prayer, "O God! our Help in

Ages Past," before King George and Queen Mary appeared.

O God! our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;
Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.
Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
With all their cares and fears,
Are carried downward by the flood
And lost in following years.
Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.