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## IS FIGHT IMMINENT OR ACTUALLY IN PROGRESS IN THE NORTH SEA?

### RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND AUSTRIANS HAVE BEEN BROKEN OFF

#### Initiative Taken By France Because Austrian Troops Aid Germans --- Belgrade Still Under Siege---All Approaches to Brussels Strongly Guarded---Liege Still Held by Belgians

Diplomatic relations between France and Austria have been broken and the ambassadors have left the capitals. The French foreign office in a statement says the initiative was taken by France because Austrian troops were aiding the Germans.

The French are advancing in Alsace, but against what opposition is not known.

The Germans occupy the city of Liege, while the Belgian troops hold the forts. The Belgian official view is that the situation is quite satisfactory. Strong forces guard all the approaches to Brussels.

The Austrians before Serbia are still bombarding Belgrade, while part of the Serbian army is taking the offensive in Bosnia.

The North Sea is again closed to the fishing fleets, which is regarded as significant, in view of the fact that there are large British and German fleets in that water.

The German cruiser Karteruhs, which arrived at San Juan, Porto Rico, reported an engagement Friday night off the Bahamas with four British destroyers.

The French government forbids the publication of the French casualties list, so that Germans may not know the movements of the French troops.

All Germans and Austrians in Belgium must declare themselves within twenty-four hours, or they will be arrested as spies.

London, Aug. 11.—No great battle has yet been fought on land or sea in the war of seven nations, unless the German assault on the forts at Liege eventually assumes the proportions of a battle in history. Both combatants claim the victory there, with the Belgians still holding the forts and the Germans occupying the city.

The situation is a unique one. There is no confirmation of the Daily Mail's report that the French have engaged the Germans, and cut off their retreat, inflicting a loss of 8,000 men.

The Belgians claim that they have taken 8,000 prisoners on Belgian soil, but military men regard all the estimates of the belligerents as great exaggerations.

Apart from Liege the fighting of the first week, when resolved to the proper perspective, eventually, will doubtless be considered insignificant.

GERMAN INFANTRY FORMATION OBSOLETE

One of the most important developments in the events of experts is the general testimony that the German infantry formation is obsolete and ineffective against the weapons of today, and means an enormous slaughter, if persisted in.

France and Austria finally are at war, the ambassadors having left the respective capitals. The French government broke off diplomatic relations with Austria on the grounds that Austrian troops were reinforcing the Germans.

Austria appears to have abandoned the advance on Serbia for a time, and is apparently co-operating with Germany in the supposed strategy of attempting to crush France before Russia can mobilize.

Financial conditions in England are returning to normal. Although there is a great dislocation in many trades, the prices of foodstuffs have risen only slightly.

Brussels, Aug. 10. (via Paris), 2:35 p. m.—Belgium has been covered with a network of German spies. Six hundred already have been arrested, and one hundred more are shot today.

Some of the Germans captured were wearing uniforms of police, guards, soldiers and officers of the Belgian army. Many of the spies captured were armed with bombs and revolvers, and were riding in automobiles bearing false numbers. They also had in their possession telegrams and letters with the counterfeit signature of the Belgian minister of war.

Just before and after the fighting began private signs were discovered on bridges, military works and aneducts, indicating that these structures should be blown up.

### PROMINENT CANADIANS SUCCEEDED IN SECURING PASSAGE HOME

London, Aug. 10. (Gazette Cable)—What was said to be the largest ocean train load ever despatched from Paddington Station left today for the C. N. R. liner Royal George at Bristol. The crowd was estimated at 700 on the train, while many more had gone on in advance, or joining from other centres. There were many Americans aboard, as well as Canadians.

The Montreal Gazette correspondent reported that the passengers, those of foreign nationality being required to show their passports. Among these were several Japanese. To find individuals was as difficult as the proverbial search for a needle in a haystack, but the Montreal Gazette correspondent encountered among the crowd John Stanfield, chief Conservative whip in the Canadian House of Commons, and his wife; also James Robb, member for Huntington, Que., with his daughter, and among others, Sir William MacKenzie, E. J. Howard, Hugh Sutherland, Winnipeg; Messrs. Frupp Crump, Dr. Gerrell and family of Ottawa; the Ludwick family and the Douglas family of Toronto, as well as Mrs. Fisk of Montreal.

Many travellers, only recently arrived, intending to proceed to the continent at once, curtailed their visit. Sir Lomer Gouin left London on Friday, intending to board the Royal George. A special meeting of the Canadian colony has been set for Westminster Palace Hotel, Friday next, by Hon. Geo. H. Perley, to consider taking some concerted action in the present crisis.

### CANADIAN CONTINGENT ORDERED TO FRONT

Special Cable to The Standard through Central News Agency.

Montreal, Aug. 10.—Sealed orders were received today at military headquarters. It is believed they are for the first Canadian contingent to proceed to the front at once.

### FISHING FLEETS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO KEEP CLEAR OF THE NORTH SEA

#### Official Warning Sent Out By Admiralty--Report to Belgian Consul at New York Says Britain in Control of Sea as Far as Antwerp--Liege Forts Still in Hands of Belgians, Official Despatch from Brussels Says--Battle on Historic Waterloo If Belgians Have to Abandon Namur.

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#### TWO MORE PRIZES CAPTURED.

Antwerp, Aug. 10.—Austrian steamers Zora and Pratzatus seized in port by Belgian authorities this afternoon.

#### BELGIANS WITHDRAW FROM LIEGE.

Amsterdam, Aug. 10.—Liege has fallen and is now in the hands of the Germans, according to late advices received here. General Leman, Belgian Commander, withdrawing his troops in orderly retreat from the ring of forts.

Folkstone, Eng., Aug. 10.—Sixty Germans were arrested here this afternoon as they were waiting for a boat to carry them to Hamburg. Many were accompanied by their wives. One had over \$5,000.

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### THOUSANDS OF RECRUITS EVERY DAY IN LONDON ALONE

London, Aug. 10, 10:40 p. m.—Recruiting for the army is proceeding at the rate of several thousand men a day. The business men are organizing their employees into a fifth line of defence. A majority of the able bodied men of the country are drilling in their home organizations.

Queen Alexandra, who started the soldiers and sailors relief fund, has consented to fuse her fund with the Prince of Wales' fund. Queen Alexandra and former Queen Maria Amelie of Portugal today visited the headquarters of the Prince of Wales fund, where they were informed that it had reached \$2,500,000.

The Duke of Portland has placed the famous Welbeck Abbey at the disposal of the Red Cross. The Duke of Westminister has offered the society, both his town and country seats, and Louis Harcourt, secretary for the colonies, has given his country residence, Nuneham Park, Oxford, for convalescents.

### SUBMARINES PURCHASED BEFORE NEUTRALITY LAW COULD BE INVOKED

Ottawa, Aug. 10.—All the troops in British Columbia were ordered tonight to mobilize at their respective regimental headquarters. Several thousand men are affected by the order. They will be kept under arms and in training pending the developments of the war. This was one of the important announcements made by the Minister of Militia, Col. Hughes, to the press correspondents tonight. As a further evidence of what British Columbia is doing in the way of defence of the Pacific coast, Col. Hughes stated that the two submarines purchased in Seattle from the Chilean government were bought by Sir Richard McTear.

Bride, acting for the provincial government. The Premier of British Columbia knew that the federal government was in communication with the Imperial authorities in regard to the matter, but in view of the fact that these negotiations could not be concluded before war was actually declared Sir Richard precipitated matters by making the purchase through his government. By this prompt action the submarines were secured to or three days before the actual outbreak of hostilities. Had there been any delay the United States would probably have allowed them to be taken from an American port, in breach of neutrality law.

### BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS IS ADJOURNED

#### Resumes in Two Weeks—Asquith Hopes to Have Satisfactory Arrangement of Home Rule by That Time.

London, Aug. 10.—Premier Asquith this afternoon announced two weeks' adjournment of House of Commons. On moving the adjournment of the house, Premier Asquith this evening intimated he was hopeful that in the interval he might be able to make proposals regarding Irish home rule, which would meet with something like a general acquiescence in the solution of the question.

### WFLD'S OFFER OF CONTINGENT IS ACCEPTED

#### Will Send 500 Men for Land Service Abroad and Increase Colonial Reserve to a Thousand.

St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 10.—The Imperial government has accepted the offer of Newfoundland to raise a contingent of 500 men for land service abroad, and to increase the colonial naval reserve, the present maximum of which is six hundred, to one thousand by October 31st, paying all expenses connected with the creation of both contingents. Secretary Harcourt, in accepting the offer, intimates that the Imperial government would shortly announce a decision regarding the employment of the naval reserve. Reports here say it is likely the men will be assigned to duty on the Canadian warship Niobe.

#### OVER MILLION BUSHELS OF WHEAT TO ENGLAND IN THE PAST FEW DAYS.

Montreal, Aug. 10.—Canada during the past few days has sent large quantities of food-stuffs to England. During the past three days, over a million bushels of wheat, as well as other foodstuffs, have been shipped. The seven liners which sailed Saturday and Sunday from this port carried about 700,000 bushels of wheat, while a tramp steamer, the Milpool, left on Sunday with 216,000 bushels.

### JAPAN SENDS ULTIMATUM TO GERMANY; FLEET SAILS UNDER SEALED ORDERS

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### TRANSPORT LINER CHASED BY A CRUISER OFF AMERICAN COAST

New York, Aug. 10.—While incoming ocean liners today brought confirmation that foreign warships are cruising off the American Atlantic coast strict censorship over the cables leading out of Bermuda, perhaps kept hidden from public knowledge the fate of the North German Lloyd vessel Kronprinz Wilhelm, which took 6,000 tons of coal out of this port under cover of darkness last week before the battleship Florida began its enforcement of the neutrality laws.

The British cruiser Essex has the German liner under capture and is taking her, a prize of war, into Hamilton, Bermuda, according to wireless message declared to have been overheard at sea. The Associated Press correspondent at Bermuda indicated in a cipher despatch that he had information which he had not been allowed to communicate by cable. This message came in response to one informing the correspondent of the reported capture of the Kronprinz Wilhelm.

Stronger enforcement of the neutrality laws was taken by the port authorities today almost simultaneously with the arrival of the Atlantic transport liner Minnetonka, with the story that a warship, nationality not learned, had pursued her during the closing hours of her voyage to American waters. An embargo was placed on the wireless apparatus of every foreign ship in the harbor. The step was taken after the authorities began to suspect that foreign cruisers at sea might be communicating with ships of their nationality in port. The chase of the Minnetonka ended early today only after the ship steamed into the three mile neutrality zone in the vicinity of Nantucket. Three days out from Liverpool, the Minnetonka flying a British flag was informed by wireless from the White Star liner Oceanic, on her way to England, that a state of war existed. Last night the Minnetonka refused to disclose by wireless her identity to a warship which asked it. With her port holes covered and electric wires to every stateroom cut, the Minnetonka sped through the fog and a few hours later lost sight of her pursuer's searchlights.

While sixty miles off Sandy Hook late yesterday the British tank steamer Wapello, which arrived here today, sighted the Olympic of the White Star Line, which left New York yesterday without passengers and apparently headed for England. From the course the Olympic was following, the captain of the Wapello reported she seems to be steaming along a course which would take her toward Halifax, where several of the White Star fleet have put in recently. Officers of the line denied the Olympic was going to Halifax.

There is now in this harbor one of the largest oil tank fleets ever assembled here. The tankers stretch from Tompkinsville out to Quarantine, apparently afraid to put out to sea while foreign warships lurk in the Atlantic. They are British and German ships, for the most part, each carrying thousands of tons of oil.