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## LATEST From the Front.

Messages Received  
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### OFFICIAL.

**LONDON, Aug. 24.**  
The Governor, Newfoundland:  
The French Government report a German destroyer sunk off Ostend by two French torpedoes; also stating that man trenches captured in Vosges.  
The Russian reports confirm the German losses in the Gulf of Riga. The Russians are offering strong resistance in the region of Brest.  
The Italian Government reports strong enemy trenches captured at Carso.  
London, Aug. 25.—The French Government report violent fighting in the Vosges, with the enemy repulsed.  
The Russian Government report Osowiec evacuated.

### BONAR LAW.

### FORCING OF DARDANELLES—RUSSIAN STRAITS ALREADY FORCED.

**LONDON, Aug. 25.**  
Forcing of the Dardanelles and an attack on Constantinople may be looked for at any moment now, is the opinion of military authorities here. Rumors were rife to-day that the Straits had already been forced by the Allies, and that the British left wing had made progress against the Turks, occupying 800 yards of Turkish trenches in the northern zone of the fighting, and that a French aviator on August 20th was successful in sending to the bottom a large Turkish transport.

### FRENCH OFFICIAL.

**PARIS, Aug. 25.**  
In Artois last night throughout the entire sector to the north of Arras, artillery fighting was of a highly spirited nature. Furthermore there were engagements with hand grenades. In the vicinity of Souchez and Neuville, around Roye and in the neighborhood of Lassigny, artillery exchanges yesterday and last night, continued actively. From Champagne district and from the Argonne the only reports received refer to fighting in which several men were employed. In the Vosges there were, yesterday, engagements with hand grenades. On the Barrenkopf, a French aviator threw down bombs on the railroad station at Lorrach, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, 25 miles to the southwest of Freiburg.

### BERLIN OFFICIAL.

**BERLIN, Aug. 25.**  
A hostile aviator last night dropped bombs on the town of Offenbach. The material damage done was insignificant. Twelve civilians were injured, several seriously. Offenbach is a manufacturing town on the Kinzig River, 17 miles south of Karlsruhe.  
**THE EXCHANGE PROBLEM.**  
**LONDON, Aug. 25.**  
A meeting of bankers was held here yesterday to decide what steps should be taken to assist the Government in the effort to improve the exchange rate situation between Britain and the States. It was made clear at the meeting that unless bankers were prepared to support the Bank of England, in dealing with the problem it might become necessary to raise the bank rate.  
**SOLDIERS' ALLOWANCES.**  
**LONDON, Aug. 25.**  
In sentencing a soldier for fraud in connection with separation allowances, Magistrate Treloar to-day remarked that he understood the nation was now paying something like \$200,000,000 a year in these allowances to the families of soldiers absent at the front.

### HONOR BRITAIN'S DEAD.

**LONDON, Aug. 25.**  
A telegram from Copenhagen says that the Danish steamer Vidal sailed for Hull to-day with the bodies of 14 men who lost their lives as the result of an attack on the British submarine E-13 by a German warship, after the submarine grounded last week on the Danish Island of Saltholm. Before the departure of the Vidal, a funeral service was held at Copenhagen and attended by Lieut.-Commander Layton and other survivors of the E-13, members of the Danish cabinet, Danish naval officials, and representatives of the British Legation. Danish bluejackets bore the coffins between decks and placed them in an improvised chapel. The coffins were covered with hundreds of flags, with sermons, and the Danish and British colors. Vast throngs assembled at the waterfront. The people stood steamed out accompanied by Danish torpedo boats. The Vidal was saluted by guns and flags of the forts. All the flags in Copenhagen were half-mast.

### WASHINGTON AND COTTON CONTRABAND.

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.**  
From Ambassador Page London, the State department to-day received the text of the proclamation putting cotton and cotton products on the list of absolute contraband. The State Department will now proceed to prepare a note to the British Government, holding that because cotton has many other extensive uses than the manufacture of explosives, it

cannot lawfully be regarded as absolute contraband.

### GERMAN PLOT FOILED.

**VANCOUVER, Aug. 25.**  
Details of a plot, which was to culminate in the seizure of Vancouver and other cities on the Pacific coast, has just come to the attention of the authorities of this city. The details of the plan are said to have been worked out by Alvo von Alvensleben, a German broker of Vancouver, who was in Berlin when war was declared. The information obtained at Vancouver to-day is that while in Berlin, Alvensleben cabled to a "Tontonic" resident of Vancouver, asking him to call a meeting of trusted Germans, to start an agitation for inviting here Admiral von Spee's squadron, which was then on the China coast. Many committee meetings were held. If arrangements had succeeded, the Chinese and Scharnhorst would probably have been in local waters when war broke out, ready to attempt to take possession not only of Vancouver, Victoria and Prince Rupert, but of the coal mines of Vancouver Island, in which German capital is heavily invested. The Germans planned control from here of the Pacific cable and the route to Vladivostok.

### A PRIVATE CABLE.

**MONTREAL, Aug. 25.**  
A private cable received in Montreal this afternoon by a person who has friends in the Dardanelles region, stated that the Allies were through the famous Straits.

### BOOMB CONSTANTINOPLE.

**LONDON, Aug. 25.**  
Bombardment of the outskirts of Constantinople by a Russian aeroplane-squadron, resulting in the death or injury of 41 persons, was announced in a despatch from Athens to the News, according to these advices, the attack was made on Monday on the Asiatic suburbs of Constantinople. A number of bombs were dropped, throwing the people into panic, thirty Turks, eight Greeks and three Armenians were killed or wounded.

### PROGRESS IN THE DARDANELLES.

**PARIS, Aug. 25.**  
A French official report on the fighting in the Dardanelles between Aug. 20th and the morning of August 25th, relates that the British left wing has made progress against the Turks, occupying 800 yards of Turkish trenches in the northern zone of the fighting, and that a French aviator on August 20th was successful in sending to the bottom a large Turkish transport.

### JAPAN AND THE ENTENTE.

**PARIS, Aug. 25.**  
"My first care will be to draw still closer the bonds uniting Japan and the Powers of the Triple Entente," said Baron Kikujie Ishii, the former Japanese Ambassador to France, who recently became Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Okuma Cabinet, to a representative of the Petite Journal. "Is not the fate of Japan," asked Baron Ishii, "entirely bound up with that of the Allies? Nay, I go further. After the war the relations of Japan and the Triple Entente must remain not a whit less close, not only in the interest of each, but still more in that of the world's peace." To an inquiry as to what aid he intended to give to Russia, the Baron said that since the beginning of the war, Japan has been sending arms and ammunition to Russia, in the presence of the grave difficulties through which Russia is now going, it is an imperative duty for us to consider what more can be done in order to give her the maximum of help."

### NO OFFICIAL NEWS.

**BERLIN, Aug. 25.**  
The American Ambassador called on Foreign Minister Jagow last evening and asked for information concerning the sinking of the steamer Arabic. Mr. Gerard learns that the Government had no official news whatever on this subject.

### SAIHS WITH SURVIVORS.

**LONDON, Aug. 25.**  
The steamer St. Paul, which sailed from Liverpool for New York to-day, had on board a number of the survivors of the steamer Arabic. Virtually all the berths on the St. Paul were occupied. A number of passengers, who had engaged accommodations, however, cancelled their passages at the last moment, owing to what were considered here as acute relations between the States and Germany, arising from the sinking of the Arabic.

### A SWEDISH PROTEST.

**STOCKHOLM, Aug. 25.**  
Another protest has been made to the German Government by Sweden. The complaint in this instance has to do with shelling the Swedish steamer Gothland, which subsequently was taken to Cuxhaven by the Germans. The Swedish Government states that the steamer carried no contraband.

### GERMANS CLAIM ADVANCE.

**BERLIN, Aug. 25.**  
Russian advanced positions to the southwest of the fortress of Brest Litovsk, were broken through yesterday by the Germans.

### NEUTRALITY AGAIN IGNORED.

**AMSTERDAM, Aug. 25.**  
The Telegraf learns from Vlieland that a Zeppelin dirigible passed over that island off the Netherlands to-day, travelling from an eastern to a northeastern direction. The Vlieland is off the entrance to the Zuider Zee.

### GERMANY'S SUBMARINES NUNBERED.

**COPENHAGEN, Aug. 25.**  
The German undersea fleet at present comprises 58 submarines, according to a neutral authority returned to Denmark from Germany. Germany's Battle fleet, according to the same authority, consists of 35 warships. Six thousand marines from Kiel have been sent to the eastern fighting front to reinforce the pioneer service army. It is stated.

### GERMANY APOLOGETIC.

**NEW YORK, Aug. 24.**  
Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, has received the following instructions from Berlin, which he has communicated to the Department of State: "So far no official information is available concerning the sinking of the Arabic. The German Government trusts that the American Government will not take any definite stand, hearing only reports of one side, which in the opinion of the Imperial Government are not to be quickly in attendance. We are glad to hear Mr. Brunles is somewhat improved since."  
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### PIANOS AND ORGANS.

The famous Kohler and Tonk Pianos, the Needham, Godrich and Mason & Hamlin Organs, CHESLEY WOODS, 282 Duckworth Street—aug 7, 14

### THE BULGARIAN MYSTERY.

**LONDON, Aug. 24.**  
A despatch from Berlin to Amsterdam states that the Bulgarian Government has informed the Foreign Minister at Berlin, that Bulgarian negotiations with Turkey have come to an end. The Vessische Zeitung infers from this that an agreement has actually been reached. Other papers state that if an agreement has been reached, it deals only with the rectification of the frontier, and contains no political clause, bearing on the war.

### BALKAN LEAGUE RUMORS.

**LONDON, Aug. 24.**  
A despatch from Rome to the Daily Telegraph says that the Balkan League is to be reconstructed, with provision for putting a combined army of 1,000,000 men in the field.

### ROMANIA'S SIGNIFICANT MOVE.

**COLOGNE, Aug. 24.**  
According to the Cologne Gazette, the railways in Roumania, have received orders to place all rolling stock at the disposal of the Minister of War by September 14th.

### RUSSIAN AUXILIARY TORPEDOED.

**BERLIN, Aug. 25.**  
The German Admiralty to-day announced that a German submarine had torpedoed and sunk a Russian auxiliary ship, at the entrance of the Gulf of Finland.

### THE GERMAN STRENGTH.

**LONDON, Aug. 24.**  
A statement from an authoritative "British source" on Germany's strength in men, and her losses, was made public here to-day. The statement asserts that about July 31st the Germans had 1,800,000 men on the western battle front, and 1,400,000 on the eastern front, a total of 3,200,000 men on the actual fighting line, while there also were 1,120,000 Austrians opposed to the Russians. There were, in addition, convalescents, invalids and others. "It is impossible to say," the statement declares, "how far the reserve troops have been armed and equipped, but the fact that the total number of men on the two fronts is only 3,200,000 seem to show that this is about the largest number the Germans will be able to put, fully equipped, into the fighting line."

### AEROPLANE COMMITTEE.

The full Aeroplane Committee will meet to-night in the Board of Trade Rooms at 8 o'clock.  
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### Hr. Grace Notes.

Mrs. George Snow and her little boy are in town on a visit to Mr. Snow's brother, Mr. George T. Gordon.  
The schr. Studlands sailed to-day for Labrador, where she will do some fish collecting for her owner, Mr. E. Simmons.  
Miss M. Butt, teacher at the Presbyterian School, and a number of her pupils left on this morning train for Bay Roberts, en route to the camping grounds at Shearstown, where the balance of the week will be spent with the birds and flowers. May they have a pleasant time.  
Dr. Goodwin, dentist, returned from Brigus by Saturday night's train, where he spent a busy week.  
Mrs. Ballam, of Boston, nee Miss Lizzie Kennedy, formerly of this town, is here on a visit to friends.  
Mr. W. A. Munn was in town for a few days this week. He was accompanied by his little 7 year old son, Henley, the lad who captured the big salmon at Salmonier a few weeks ago.  
Hon. R. A. Squires, Minister of Justice, returned to St. John's by this morning's train.  
Mr. Alex. Noel, of the General Post Office, St. John's, is spending a few days with friends on the South Side.  
Mr. Ian M. Thompson, who had been on a visit to friends at Pogo, returned to town on Saturday last.  
Master Henry Crocker met with an accident this forenoon while at work in the Shoe Factory, and broke his arm in two places through being caught in the machine beltting.  
Mr. John Brunles was taken suddenly ill on Wednesday night last and died, when he was quite near home, quickly in attendance. We are glad to hear Mr. Brunles is somewhat improved since.  
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### THE HARVESTERS.

The harvest is ended, the harvest of wheat, and toilers who wended around in the heat, at stacking a r d shocking a n d loading the racks, a r e cityward walking, w i t h aches in their backs; they're cheerfully going where troubles are burned, intent upon blowing the money they earned. They labored like thunder their money to get; you'd think from that plunder they'd part with regret; you'd think they would save it, and, when it must go, with teardrops they'd lave it, the teardrops of woe. But that sort of action would give them a pain; there's no satisfaction in anything save. Their thoughts they are giving to painting the earth, to nights of high living and wassail and mirth. And that is the reason why hoboes abound; in harvesting season ten million are found. The children of sorrow, who never can win, all thoughts of the morrow connected with gin. When farmers are calling for help, for their wheat, you see the bums falling all over their feet; you see them come drilling from alley and mews, to sweat for a shilling and blow it for booze.

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The strike or dispute that was on at Sydney, as previously alluded to in the Telegram, has been settled, an agreement having been come to between employers and employees. The dispute arose over the employment of aliens while Cape Bretonites were left idle.

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### CAPE RACE, To-day.

Wind South, light, dense fog; the three masted schr. Nellie M. passed in at 11 a.m., an unknown three masted schr. in at 11 p.m., and the S.S. Fortia west at 8 p.m. yesterday, an unknown steamer passed east at 8 a.m. to-day. Bar. 29.55; ther. 58.

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