

- Aug. 20. French capture 24 German guns in Alsace. Battle of Gumbinnen begun. Lasted three days. Russians defeat Germans. German cavalry enters Brussels.
- Aug. 21. Fine of \$40,000,000 levied on Brussels and \$10,000,000 on Liège.
- Aug. 22. French defeated in Alsace with heavy loss. Namur bombarded by Germans.
- Aug. 23. Namur falls. Belgian loss 14,000. Japan declares war on Germany and begins the siege of Tsing-tau.
- Aug. 24. Anglo-French army begins to retreat from Mons and Charleroi. Allies withdraw from line of the Sambre.
- Aug. 25. British army occupy the line Cambrai-Landrecies-Le Cateau. Louvain destroyed by Germans. Battle of Lemberg begun.
- Aug. 27. Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse sunk by H. M. S. Highflyer off West African coast. German cruiser Magdeburg destroyed by Russians in Gulf of Finland.
- Aug. 28. Three German cruisers and two destroyers sunk in Battle of Heligoland Bight. Malines bombarded by Germans. Russians disastrously defeated after the three-day battle of Masurian Lakes (Tannenberg).
- Aug. 29. Samoa captured by a New Zealand force.

## SEPTEMBER.

- Sept. 1. British capture 10 German guns at Compiègne. Austrians defeated by Russians at Lemberg.
- Sept. 2. Germans almost reach Paris.
- Sept. 3. French Government transferred to Bordeaux. Lemberg captured by Russians.
- Sept. 5. British, French and Russian Governments mutually engage not to conclude peace separately during the war. H. M. S. Pathfinder sunk by a submarine off east coast of Scotland.
- Sept. 6. Battle of Marne begins. Germans retreat.
- Sept. 7. Maubeuge surrenders. Dinant shelled and burned by the Germans.
- Sept. 8. British drive Germans back from Petit Morin River.
- Sept. 9. Oceanic wrecked off the N. coast of Scotland.
- Sept. 10. Battle of Marne ends. Germans hold positions on the Soissons-Rheims line.
- Sept. 12. First day of the Battle of the Aisne.
- Sept. 13. Allies' attempts to force the passages of the Aisne begin. Russian victory over Austrians in Galicia; 30,000 prisoners and many guns taken. British submarine E.9 sinks German cruiser Hela. Germans invade British East Africa.