

THREE GERMAN WARSHIPS CAUGHT

French and British Fleet in Mediterranean Score First Victory of the Conflict—Valuable Prizes of the War Are Now in Tow—Bombardment of Algier Was Short Lived in the Fight.

MAY BE FIGHT OFF CANADA

Firing Near Portland, Maine Today—It is Believed That Battle Will be Fought off Atlantic Coast Between German and British Cruisers Now Off the Shores of Newfoundland.

Very Latest Summary Of War Events Today

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
 LONDON, Aug. 5.—Although five of the great European powers—Austria, England, France, Germany and Russia—are at war and millions of men on land and sea are under arms and ready to strike, developments of prime importance were few to-day.

The cutting of the German telegraph and telephone connections and the severance of the German trans-Atlantic cable virtually cut Germany off from communication with other countries. Reports from France, Belgium, Holland and Russia, however, showed that Germany's armies were steadily moving forward east and west and that her advance posts were in contact with the opposing Russian and French armies.

In England preparations were rapidly completed for naval activities after the declaration of war last night, but the authorities would not permit any leakage of news as to military or naval movements.

Several German steamships in British waters, including the Belgian, with 73 German reservists and a quantity of foodstuffs on board were declared prizes of war. The *Marla Leonhardt*, in the Thames, suffered a similar fate.

The British Government to-day commandeered the horses belonging to express companies and big department stores, thus causing almost a suspension of business.

On the coast of the North Sea where it had been erroneously reported that a naval battle was in progress last night, the British Government has taken over all schools and public buildings for conversion into hospitals in readiness to receive the wounded men after the expected important naval encounter between the German and British fleets.

Volunteers were requested for the British army and this was taken as an indication that an expeditionary force was to be sent out, but no authentic information on this point was obtainable.

In France the Minister of War declared the mobilization to have progressed satisfactorily and everything to be in readiness with

General Joffre, commander-in-chief at the frontier.

As the Black Sea has been closed tightly by Turkey's shutting the Dardanelles and Bosphorus in order to maintain her neutrality, the Russian fleet will have no difficulty making capture many German and Austrian vessels.

Austria and Serbia appear to have stopped their activities or at least have put a strict censorship on the news of any important events as no despatches of importance reached the British capital from those two countries.

The French fleet in the Mediterranean is reported to have captured or destroyed three German cruisers, but the despatches are conflicting.

IN BRIEF

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
 Reports of a naval engagement off the Scottish coast were declared untrue by the British Government.

The German cable was cut to-day between Europe and the Azores.

Preparations of the British navy were completed to-day and it was announced the government would acquire foreign warships under construction in Great Britain.

King George called for volunteers for the army.

The British public showed some anxiety about food supplies, which brought reassuring statements from the government. A scheme of control is to be introduced to regulate prices.

The German ambassador had not yet left London to-day.

German troops are reported to have entered Dutch and Swiss territory.

Russian warships have captured a number of German merchant vessels in the Black Sea, which is now isolated owing to the closing of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus by Turkey.

Russian troops were to-day in contact with the German army along the whole Russo-German border, while French and Germans touched on the French frontier.

German Bombs Found Stored In London Eng.

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 LONDON, Aug. 5.—Detectives during a raid on houses occupied by Germans in London in one place discovered a large number of bombs and rifles. Several arrests were made.

BELGIAN TOWN CAPTURED.

LIEGE Belgium Aug 5.—The capture of the frontier Belgian town of Viz was effected by German troops after an engagement lasting several hours. It is stated that the victors set fire to the town killing those of the population who resist them.

The town of Argentae is also in flames. One hundred thousand Germans are reported to be marching on Liege.

GERMANS CONTINUE MARCH.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 5.—The Government states that the German troops continuing their march were to-day in the neighborhood of Floen, near Liege. They were out of range of the forts and evidently wishing to reach the French department of Meuse by following the course of the River Meuse.

RIOTING AT ANTWERP.

ANTWERP, Aug. 5.—Serious anti-German rioting occurred here to-day. An angry mob sacked the German cafes and restaurants and tore the escutcheon from the door of the German consulate. The police being unable to check the disorders, the Belgian military governor placed the city under martial law and ordered the expulsion of all German residents.

WILL EXPOSE GERMANY.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—The Times this morning says that the Foreign Secretary, Sir Edward Grey, is expected to make in Parliament to-day a statement even more grave than that made yesterday. It adds that it is probable that diplomatic papers will throw an unexpected light on Germany's motives, which, it is supposed, are aimed at acquiring French colonies, and that as the price of British neutrality, Germany was prepared to give a guarantee that she would not annex any portion of France in the event of a French defeat.

VIOLATING FREE COUNTRY.

PARIS, Aug. 5.—It is reported from Montbelliard, in the department of Doubs, that the Germans have violated the neutrality of Switzerland.

GERMAN FLEET SIGHTED.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 5.—A German fleet of nineteen ships was sighted yesterday near the east coast of the Baltic Sea between Memel and Libau. Russian warships in the Black Sea have captured many German merchantmen.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 5.—Russian troops have established contact with the enemy along the greater part of the Russo-German frontier in northeastern Prussia. The Germans are reported to have fallen back and to be burning villages over an enormous stretch of the country which they had invaded.

WERE ALL EXECUTED.

PARIS, Aug. 5.—An official announcement to-day says that 17 Alsations, while endeavoring to cross into France, were captured by the Germans and summarily shot.

TURKEY IS NEUTRAL.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 5.—The Dardanelles and the Bosphorus were closed to-day in order to preserve the neutrality of Turkey.

WILL RAISE \$500,000,000.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—Premier Asquith to-day announced that the British Government would ask for another credit of \$500,000,000 to-morrow. It was officially stated that Viscount Morley and John Burns had resigned from the cabinet.

EMBASSIES MOBBED.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—The German embassy building in St. Petersburg and the Russian embassy building in Berlin have been destroyed by mobs, according to advices to the state department.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]
 ALGIERS, VIA LONDON, AUG. 5.—AUTHENTIC CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORT OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GERMAN CRUISER PANTHER AND OF THE CAPTURE OF THE GERMAN CRUISERS GOEBEN AND BRESLAU REACHED HERE TO-DAY.

PARIS, AUG. 5.—IT IS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED TO-DAY THAT THE GERMAN CRUISER BRESLAU BOMBARDED BONA, A FORTIFIED SEAPORT TOWN IN ALGERIA. THE CRUISER FIRED SIXTY SHOTS, TO WHICH THE PORT BATTERIES REPLIED. DETAILS OF THE FIGHT ARE LACKING. LATER THE BRESLAU SAILED IN THE DIRECTION OF GIBRALTAR AND IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH FLEET WHICH IS GUARDING THE STRAITS.

IT IS REPORTED FROM CALAIS THAT FRENCH DESTROYERS CAPTURED TWO LARGE GERMAN SAILING SHIPS.

Confirmed at London

LONDON, AUG. 5.—A DESPATCH TO THE CHRONICLE FROM PARIS SAYS THAT AFTER BOMBARDING THE ALGERIAN TOWN OF BONA THE GERMAN CRUISERS GOEBEN, BRESLAU AND PANTHER WERE CAUGHT BY BRITISH AND FRENCH SQUADRONS WHICH HAD BEEN AWAITING THEM. THE FRENCH WARSHIPS CAPTURED THE GOEBEN AND BRESLAU AND SUNK THE PANTHER.

Germans Lose Torpedo Boat

COPENHAGEN, AUG. 5.—A GERMAN TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYER WAS SUNK TO-DAY NEAR CEDSER LIGHTSHIP OFF SOUTH CEDSER BY THE EXPLOSION OF ONE OF HER BOILERS. THIRTY MEN WERE DROWNED. A FEW OF THE CREW WERE SAVED AND TAKEN ABOARD THE LIGHTSHIP.

Troops Are Repulsed

LONDON, AUG. 5.—THE GERMANS HAVE VIOLATED DUTCH TERRITORY AT TILBURG. IT IS REPORTED THAT GERMAN TROOPS MET WITH RESISTANCE AFTER CROSSING THE RIVER MEUSE AT EYSDEN, BELGIUM.

Firing Was Heard

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 5.—The firing of heavy guns off the Maine coast was heard early to-day. Eight or ten shots within two minutes were heard shortly before 7 o'clock by the keeper of Portland observatory. The sound seemed to come from a point 25 or 30 miles south-southeast of Portland, and probably in the vicinity of Seguin Island.

The shots also were heard at the harbor forts and at the points between here and Bath. Seguin is a small island off the mouth of the Kennebec river, a few miles below Bath.

BATTLE A POSSIBILITY.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—Eight cruisers—three German, three British and two French—are hovering somewhere off this coast. For days incoming steamships have reported news of fragmentary, wireless indicating that these vessels were in American waters, but no skipper was able to fix their position.

The firing heard off the coast of Maine to-day may have marked the first engagement between either the German and British or the German and French ships. The British cruisers known to be in these waters are the *Berwick*, *Essex* and *Lancaster*.

The German cruisers are the *Dresden*, *Strassburg* and *Karlsruhe*. The French cruisers are the *Conde* and *Descartes*.

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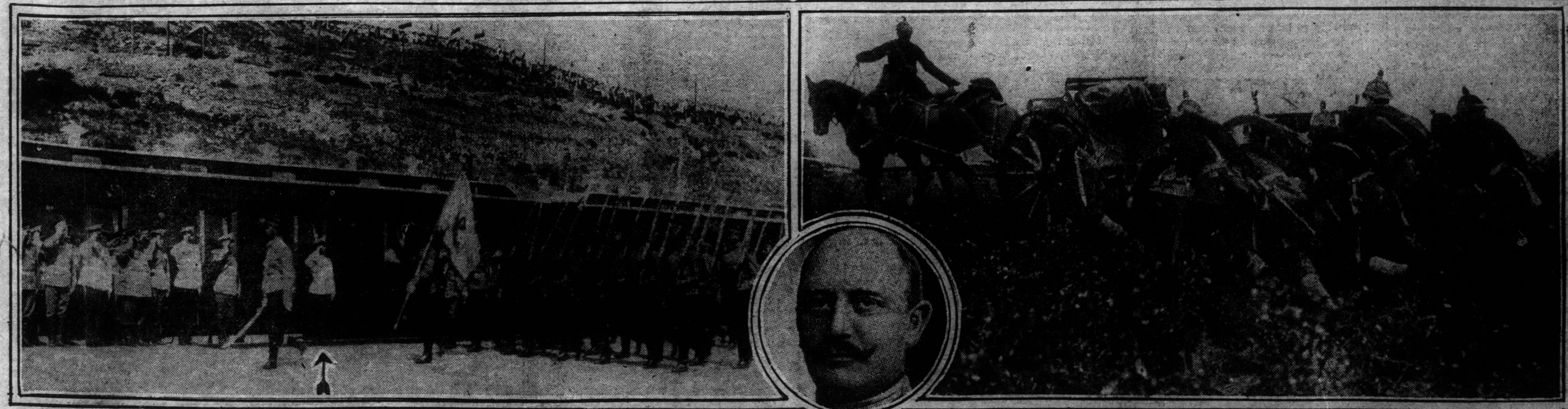
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