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GREAT NAVAL BATTLE REPORTED TO BE NOW RAGING IN THE NORTH SEA

100,000 Canadians Have Voluntarily Offered Their Services To Great Britain;
Great Powers Are Rallying To The Aid Of Belgium Against German Forces
Germany Presses Italy To Take The Field Against The Triple Entente

Belgians Inflict Several Severe Defeats on Troops Of the German Army

Completely Repulsed the Invaders in Their Attempted Advance on the City of Liege—Destroy Two Regiments of the Famous Uhlan Cavalry of Germany—Platoon of Prussian Cavalry Almost Annihilated

BRITISH TROOPS ARE BEING SENT TO HELP OUT PLUCKY KINGDOM

Belgians Are Making So Hot and Effective a Resistance That the Germans Have Been Unable to Get an Army Across the River Meuse—Thousands of Men Killed and Wounded

Brussels, Aug. 5.—The newspaper La Peuple asserts that fighting has taken place between German and Belgians near Vise, and that a platoon of Prussian cavalry were almost annihilated by the incendiary fire of the Belgians from a building on the bank of the river.

The Prussians, the newspaper adds, fired on civilians at Flement. Near Argenteau, a Belgian force surprised a body of Prussians and killed seven out of ten officers and eighty men. The Belgian losses were two officers killed and ten wounded. French troops are reported to have entered the Province of Hainaut, the frontier Province of Belgium, and have joined the Belgian army.

The Belgian war office announced to-night that fierce fighting had occurred in the environs of Liege and that so far as the Belgians are concerned, the situation was excellent.

"The Germans," said the announcement, "were driven back by an heroic attack made by a Belgian mixed brigade which already had earned for itself honors." The German troops have lost heavily in to-day's fighting with the Belgian forces.

MORE GERMANS ENTER BELGIUM

And German Artillery Is Bombarding Forts in the Neighborhood

Brussels, Aug. 5.—The Belgian official Gazette says that the entire 7th and 10th German army corps have invaded the Belgian Province of Liege, and have reached the vicinity of Herve and Remouchamps.

German artillery bombarded some forts during their advance.

GERMAN TROOPS MEET A REPULSE FROM BELGIANS

Brussels, Aug. 5.—The Germans have been completely repulsed and have been unable to renew their attack on Liege.

We note by the Dartmouth Patriot that Mr. (Dr.) Lehr is visiting that city.

Brussels, Aug. 5.—The early landing of British troops in Belgium is expected.

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BELGIUM ASKS THE ALLIES FOR CO-OPERATION

In Her Fight For Existence Against the Forces of Germany

London, Aug. 6.—Premier Asquith in the House of Commons yesterday, after giving a summary of the war news already published said the Belgian Government had invited the co-operation of French troops with the Belgian. Provincial Governors will not regard the movements of French troops as a violation of the frontier.

GERMANS NOW INVADE SWISS TERRITORIES

Paris, Aug. 5.—The Foreign Office to-day confirmed the invasion of Switzerland by German troops. This is a violation of Swiss neutrality.

KITCHENER GETS APPOINTMENT OF SECT'y OF WAR

London, Aug. 5.—Lord Kitchener has been appointed Secretary of State for War.

Earl Beauchamp has been appointed to succeed Viscount Morley as President Council, and to-day Walter Runciman will take the place of John Burns as President of the local Government Board.

ALLIED FLEET GETS ANOTHER GERMAN SHIP

London, Aug. 5.—The French Embassy here has been officially notified that a German cruiser has been captured by the French fleet. This ship is believed to be in addition to the two German cruisers which were reported off the Algerian coast.

TOLD TO PREPARE TO HELP WOUNDED

Newcastle, Aug. 5.—It is reported that officials here and at South Shields have been instructed to prepare for the reception of wounded men.

CAPTURE 3 SHIPS

Blythe, England, Aug. 5.—Three German steamers, the Germania, Prussia and Hansato, have been seized by the authorities here.

SEIZED A BARQUE

Dover, Aug. 5.—A British warship seized the German barque Perkeo.

100,000 CANADIANS VOLUNTEER

Ottawa, Aug. 5.—Col. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, announces that Canada is raising a contingent of twenty thousand men for service abroad.

Already offers from over one hundred thousand men as volunteers have been received.

BATTLE RAGING IN NORTH SEA

London, Aug. 5.—A naval battle in the North Sea, about thirty miles east of Hull, is reported to have occurred last night. A despatch from Grimsby says the firing of heavy guns could be heard and the flash of searchlights were seen trailing the sky.

HEAVY FIRING IS HEARD OFF THE COAST OF MAINE; ENGLISH AND FRENCH LIKELY IN BATTLE WITH GERMANS

Portland, Aug. 5.—Firing of heavy guns off the Maine coast was heard early to-day, eight or ten shots within two minutes were heard shortly before seven o'clock by the keeper of the Portland Observatory.

This firing may have marked the first engagement between either the German and British or German and French ships.

Eight cruisers are known to be in North Atlantic waters, three German, the Dresden, Strassburg and Karlshue, three British, the Essex, Berwick and Lancaster, and two French, the Conde and Descartes.

ASSURED OF BRITISH AID; FRENCH HURL HUGE ARMY OF ONE MILLION SOLDIERS ON THE GERMAN FRONTIER

Paris, Aug. 5.—Assured of England's support and protection of the French coast from German attack, France to-day hurled more than 1,000,000 men toward the frontiers of Germany and Belgium.

Those advancing on Germany will not stop at the border, but those advancing on Belgium will be held there unless King Albert appeals for help.

General Joffre, the Commander-in-Chief, took control of the troops on the German border in person to-day, superseding General Lunier who will command the Northern division.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT BUY TWO TURKISH BATTLESHIPS FOR TWENTY-FIVE MILLIONS AND NAME ONE THE ERIN

London, Aug. 5.—The British Government will pay in the neighborhood of \$25,000,000 for two Turkish battleships now being constructed in English yards and which have been taken over.

One which has been renamed the Agincourt, is completed, the other the Osman, and which will be known in the British Navy as the Erin, is nearly completed.

They are first class battleships.

NEUTRAL SHIPS WILL CARRY MAIL OF THE U. S. A.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The Postmaster-General announced to-day that because of the entrance of Great Britain into a general European war, American mails were being transferred to ships of Sweden and other nations not involved.

GERMAN FLEET OF 19 SHIPS IS SIGHTED

London, Aug. 5.—A German fleet of nineteen ships were sighted yesterday in the Baltic, sailing from Memel in the direction of Libau.

RUSSIANS BEAT STRONG GERMAN FORCE AT SOLDAU

The Germans Were Forced To Retreat in Disorder With Heavy Loss

London, Aug. 5.—A Central News despatch from Amsterdam, states it was officially announced by the Russian war office at St. Petersburg that a strong German force yesterday was overwhelmed and routed by a Brigade of Russian Cavalry in the neighborhood of Soldau in North Eastern Prussia.

The German troops retreated in disorder.

Russian losses were heavy.

GERMANY VERY ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE ITALIANS JOIN FORCES WITH HER

Has Demanded that she Join With Germany and Austria Now that England Has Declared War—Britain Acquires Foreign Warships—German Troops Fire Belgian Cities—Great Britain Agitated by Many Rumors

London, Aug. 6.—First day war for Britain has been a day of suspense. There were rumors every half hour and fresh "extras" were shouted the streets with some startling news.

The sum total of the rumors was that cannonading had been heard off all the coasts of Europe.

The nation's mind and heart are with the fleet and also it is proud in its confidence.

Everyone awaits a bulletin of a great battle.

As first fruits of the war, several German vessels were brought into harbor by the British cruisers, and others were impounded in port. This was the day's only news so far as British naval and military operations were concerned.

A vote of \$500,000,000 for war purposes, and the appointment of Field Marshall, Earl Kitchener, as Secretary for War, were the two Government measures of greatest importance.

London, Aug. 5.—All the five great powers are at war, and a send troops across the North Sea to Belgium's assistance.

Orders have been issued by the Belgian War Minister to permit the passage of English troops through Belgium.

Reports Untrue

Reports of a naval engagement off the Scottish coast are declared to be untrue by the British Government.

The preparations of the British Navy were completed to-day, and it is announced that the Government will acquire all foreign warships under construction in Great Britain.

The German Ambassador has not yet left London.

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

German troops have crossed the River Meuse into Dutch territory and the towns of Viscount and Argentan situated in the northern part of the Belgian province of Liege are in flames.

KAISER WILHELM OPENS PRISONS

Berlin, Aug. 5.—The Kaiser today pardoned all prisoners in German jails except those held for felony, and ordered their immediate release to feed the women and children whose husbands and fathers have enlisted in the army.

The Federal Council to-day appropriated \$150,000,000 for war purposes.

BELGIANS WIPE OUT 2 REGIMENTS OF THE GERMANS

London, Aug. 5.—Premier Asquith to-day announced that the British Government would ask for another credit of \$500,000,000 tomorrow.

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Tuesday Night at 8 o'clock His Excellency the Governor was notified by the authorities of Great Britain that a state of war existed between that country and the German Empire.

His Excellency immediately got in touch with the Premier and notified him of this fact and a few minutes later The Mail and Advocate was apprised of the state of affairs.

"England expects every man this day to do his duty."

The clarion of that grand old Viking, Nelson, the hero of Trafalgar, reaches down through the ages, and bursts on the ear of the British world to-day, with deeper meaning than when first uttered.

Greater Britain hears it and Greater Britain will respond with all the vigor and life of the world's greatest nation.

The clarion cry of Greater Britain has gone forth calling her sons to war against the foreigner and the enemy.

And this oldest colony of Newfoundland will take up the grand chorus, and show that we are alive to the needs of the Flag that we are all so proud of.

Britain has given the world an object lesson. Only a week ago the Motherland had every appearance of "a house divided." Differences existed, and her sons and her daughters, too, were pained thereby. Foreign Powers, jealous of her prestige, made the most of her troubles. It paid them to do so.

Who will say that Germany's attitude in the Austria-Servia trouble was not actuated by the fact that she believed England unprepared. Was it not an opportune time for the 'War Lord' of Europe to strike a blow at England's greatness.

"With Civil war almost in her midst, the Lion is shorn of its strength. The domestic affairs of England have never been in such a bad state since the time of the American war; with thousands of her sons strongly armed to battle one against the other, her darkest hour is upon her. Now is the time to strike," so soliloquized the proud autocrat of Germany, but Englishmen unite, when they're called to fight, and here we have the object lesson which will stand as one of the great beacons to generations yet unborn.

Yes, England had fightings within, but hands have been joined and now we see Nationalist and Unionist stand shoulder to shoulder. Religious differences have been forgotten, domestic troubles have been brushed aside, and instead of the divided house we see one united family, banded together by ties of blood and brotherhood, ready to fight for the common cause.

Newfoundlanders had taken sides in the issue which so worried the Motherland, but we have taken pattern from our friends and relatives on the other side of the Atlantic.

Small as we are in numbers, weak though we may be in giving force to the blow which must be struck, "England expects us to do our duty," and we will do it gladly and cheerfully, for we believe England to be the noblest of Empires.

Her Constitution and Laws stand pre-eminently above all others. No other people can boast of such freedom, and none have such a goodly heritage. No other nation has such liberties, and we in Newfoundland enjoy all the privileges the Union Jack affords.

We will gaze on that old flag to-day with pride. Not in a boastful spirit, but because it is emblematical of all that is good; because we can see Justice and Fair Play emblazoned across it; because it is our Flag—it belongs to us and we belong to it.

During last night excitement was intense, and at an early hour groups of citizens could be seen discussing the situation. Not a discordant note could be heard. The Empire is more united to-day than ever before. We will hope and pray, yes, and work if needed that the Flag which means so much to us all may come through unsullied.

**STATE OF WAR EXISTS BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN
AND GERMANY IS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM LONDON**

London, Aug. 4.—Reuter's cablegram announces that a state of war exists between Great Britain and Germany.

King George has been kept continually in touch with the situation as much so indeed as if he had been present at the meetings.

After an all-night session the Cabinet Ministers went to their homes for a few hours sleep. They were again summoned into session shortly before noon by Asquith.

While the Cabinet was sitting the Press Association announced that the Government had been officially notified of Germany's invasion of Belgium.

AUSTRIA -- HUNGARY EVACUATES SERVIA

Austro-Hungary for the moment has retired from the campaign against Servia for the purpose of holding back Russia.

Servia has mobilized with the reported intention of invading Bosnia.

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SENECA GOES TO HER ASSISTANCE

And Tows Her Into Halifax Harbor—Nobody Hurt By Accident

Hallifax, Aug. 1.—The new steamer Sable I., built on the Clyde for J. A. Farquhar and co., of this city, arrived here yesterday in tow of the United States patrol ship Seneca, Captain Johnston. The Sable I. was totally disabled when 10 miles off Cape Race by the bursting of a high pressure cylinder and her "S.O.S." call was acknowledged within ten minutes by the wireless operator of the Seneca, which ship was then on her way to Halifax from St. John's, Newfoundland.

The Seneca immediately hastened to the scene. The Sable I. was drifting slowly towards Cape Race before a gentle westerly breeze, but would have been able to find an anchorage had not the Seneca put in an appearance. The Seneca put out a boat and line, taking the disabled steamer in tow and then proceeded towards Halifax, making an average speed of seven and a half miles per hour.

Gave Out

At 2.10 p.m. when ten miles west of Cape Race without any warning the crank pin bearing bolt of the high pressure cylinder broke and the piston came up smashing off the cylinder cover. Some considerable damage was done, so much so, that the ship was unable to proceed and Capt. Farquhar at once sent out a wireless call for assistance, and in less than ten minutes was in communication with the Seneca, which was some 25 miles to the Northeast on her way to Halifax. On reaching the Sable I. Captain Johnston at once sent his boat with two officers aboard the Sable and offered any assistance. It did not take long to decide the best and safest thing to do was to take the Sable I. in tow, and in a very short time a ten inch hawser was passed from the patrol boat to the Sable I. and the two boats were soon under way. The wind came up from the east and continued favorable to this port.

At the time of the accident two men

were in the engine room, and most fortunately no one was hurt. The repairs will take a few days to complete.

The Sable I. is probably one of the finest vessels of her type on the North Atlantic seaboard. She was built at Paisley by Bow, McLaughlin and Co. Her length is 183 feet, beam 28 feet 6 inches, draft 20 feet 6 inches. She has a triple compound engine, the two boilers carrying 200 pounds pressure. Her pumps are of the most modern type as also is her wireless apparatus.

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With a view, however, to minimize inconvenience to the public, His Britannic Majesty's Government will, until further notice, and as an act of grace, permit the transmission of such telegrams and radio-telegrams in plain language as foreign Governments or the public choose to send, provided that such telegrams and radio-telegrams are written in English or French, and on the understanding that they are accepted at the sender's risk and subject to censorship by the British authorities; that is, that they may be stopped, delayed or otherwise dealt with in all respects at the discretion of those authorities and without notice to the senders; and that no claims in respect of them, whether for the reimbursement of the sums paid for transmission or otherwise, will be considered by His Majesty's Government in any circumstances whatever. It is, moreover, essential that such telegrams with radio-telegrams should bear the sender's name at the end of the next, otherwise they are liable to be stopped until the name is notified by paid telegram. Registered abbreviated addresses will not be accepted, either as addresses or as the names of senders.

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ICE CONDITIONS WERE VERY BAD

Worst State of Affairs on the Labrador Coast in Twenty Five Years, Says the Captain of the Seneca—Ship Was Forced to Retreat South

Halifax, Aug. 1.—"The ice conditions along the Labrador coast are the worst in twenty-five years, according to information I have received," said Captain Johnston of the U. S. revenue cutter Seneca, which arrived in port yesterday from a cruise towards Greenland for observation purposes.

Continuing, Captain Johnston said that the fishing industry along the Labrador coast was completely paralyzed and that the condition of the fishermen was serious. Navigation into the various ports and bays along the coast is practically impossible. The steamers of the Reid Newfoundland Co. are unable to make their trips and the recent accident to the Invermore was due to the ice conditions. The steamer Kyle had been unable to complete her journey to Labrador.

Couldn't Go North

The Seneca was unable to continue on her voyage towards Greenland as the conditions were such that it was impossible for a ship of her type to proceed.

On the morning of the 13th of July when the fog lifted when the Seneca was some miles southeast of Indian Harbor, Labrador, the officers on her bridge saw that the ship was surrounded by thick field ice which extended as far as the eye could see. Eighteen icebergs were visible to the naked eye and with marine glasses, bergs in far greater numbers could be seen.

Figuring on the number of bergs I saw as far as see actually went, I calculated that there were at least two thousand icebergs between Indian Harbor, Labrador and Flemish Cape," said the Seneca's skipper.

Her Plans

The Seneca sailed from Halifax on July 5th for St. John's with the expectation of a cruise towards Greenland, with the object of cutting three times across the Labrador current on the way in order to secure data on the temperature of the water, its salinity and the strength of the current.

The Seneca called at St. John's for coal and sailed from that port on July 9th for the North. She sailed up in the fog, dodging icebergs and floes, stopping at night time and when the fog was very thick. In latitude 53 and longitude about 58, southeast of Indian Harbor, the ice was so thick that it was impossible for the Seneca to proceed.

Unusual Conditions

Captain Johnson says that ordinarily navigation is possible in those waters in late July or early August at the very latest, but that ice conditions there this year are almost phenomenal. The Straits of Belle Isle are full of ice when easterly winds are prevalent and off the Straits the conditions are terrible.

He accounts for the conditions on the Labrador coast by the fact that there have been southerly winds since the middle of May preventing the ice from passing south, so that the Labrador current is full of ice and it is banked all along the shore and in the bays and coves.

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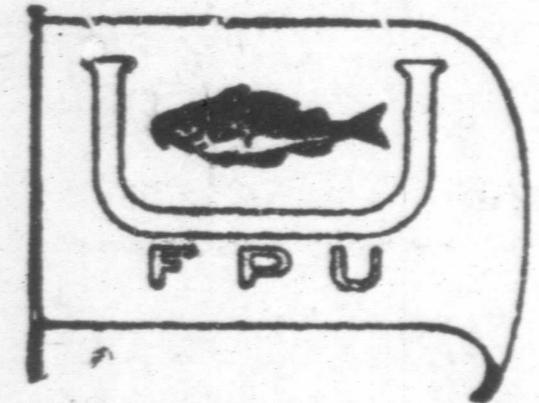
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OUR POINT OF VIEW**STAKES AT ISSUE**

(From yesterday's war extras)
There need not be the smallest doubt that now a general European War has come the existence of the British Empire is one of the stakes on the table!

Any casual opinion from British sources to the effect that Britain could stand aside, is either a dying gasp of that *insular ignorance* which imagines that Britain has no need to concern herself with the quarrels of the Continent, or a calculated attempt to give Russia pause in her steady movement toward war.

But any such opinion has no effect on the action of Britain in this—nor does it reflect any serious and informed judgment in the United Kingdom.

Inevitable

The developments are relentless—inevitable Russia fights and Germany must fight; and so France and Britain must go to help Russia. As the London Times puts it—"We can no more afford to see France crushed by Germany, or the balance of power upset against France, than Germany can afford to see Austria-Hungary crushed by Russia."

A Necessity

This challenge drove Britain into the arms of her old rivals, France and Russia. How necessary the "entente" with France became, was illustrated when we practically withdrew our battleships from the sea-lane of the Mediterranean—our vital link with India and Egypt—leaving its defence to the Navy of France. This "entente" was no mere matter of choice with us, but a stern necessity. By it we lived. With France and Britain, it became a choice between hanging together or hanging separately.

The value of the French "entente" is not to be measured by simple subtraction. We cannot subtract French naval power from the present total of our combined fleets, and look upon the result, i.e., the British navy confronting alone the Germanic navies—as the whole story. We must remember that France, too, desires to live; and that, if she cannot live in our camp, finding protection there against her possible foes, she will come to terms with those foes and live in the German camp. Germany, indeed would be very willing to pay a very handsome price for a French alliance; for it would make her master of the world.

Must Reckon It

We must reckon the French navy in the "sum," on one side or the other. It will be either for us or against us. It dare not be neutral. We must remember that a German victory means that French power will be added to the strength of the Triple Alliance—and the French fleet will be compelled to join with those of Germany, Austria and Italy against us. For, in that case, Italy, too, would have no choice, but must go with the unchallenged masters of her fate!

And that combination would seal the fate of the British Empire. With France taking orders from Berlin, and Russia offered India in lieu of the Dardanelles—both of them realizing that they had no future, save as the friends of Germany—the British Empire would become a tempting and helpless "grab-bag" into which every hungry nation would dip a greedy hand. Britain would sink to the status of another Holland, existing by the sufferance of its neighbors. India would fall to Russia, and Egypt to Germany. Above Gibraltar, Malta, Aden, and Hong-Kong, would fly the flags of foreign nations. South Africa would be inherited by the Imperial author of the famous telegram of sympathy to Kruger.

What Is At Stake?

All this will be at stake if war comes. We are as much concerned as Russia—possibly more so, for no one would think of dismembering Russia—and what we are fighting for is not Slav prestige or the Balkans nor even the integrity of the frontiers of France, but the life of the British Empire.

There need be no searching of the recent relations of the Danubian countries for the cause of this war. None save historians will find that "cause" in the assassination of the Austrian Hier or the refusal of Serbia to permit Austrian officers to conduct police investigations on Servian territory. These are not the pretexts for war. The causes lie deeper. They are found—for the three Eastern Empires—in the long rivalry between the German and the Slav, now at a crisis as the future of the strategically decisive Balkan Peninsula is being fixed. For France and Britain, they are found in the still more ancient law of self-preservation.

Fight For Life

In two words, France and Britain are fighting for their lives!

A glance at recent history makes this unmistakable. After the Franco-Prussian war, France lay helpless. In the seventies, when the British fleet was still beyond challenge, Britain was able to prevent the further dismemberment of that unhappy country by Bismarck; but even that was a precarious adventure which might not be susceptible of repetition.

The first time that France was able to get to her feet again, and look—however dubiously—her enemy in the face, was when Russia reached across Europe and gave her the support of the dual alliance. That was the day of the re-birth of French self-respect. And it is necessary yet overall...siammsH it is necessary to realize, how much the Russian Alliance means to France to appreciate how impossible it is today for France to permit Russia power to be destroyed—and be destroyed by Germany.

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LONDON, Aug. 4.—The Admiralty has issued a request, with which nearly all the responsible newspapers are complying, for the utmost reticence regarding the movements of warships, the condition of naval and military stores, and other information, the leakage of which would be of use to England's possible Continental enemies.

Moreover, a most impressive Admiralty warning has just been circulated throughout the fleet and in naval station, reminding all in the service of the King that great mischief may result from apparently unimportant items of information becoming public.

Officers and men are especially cautioned against communicating anything to the press. Any infringements will be visited with prosecution under the Official Secrets Act or dismissal from the service.

Seeing, however, that the Admiralty itself issued last night a list of the ships composing the First Fleet, which left Portsmouth under sealed orders, presumably there is no harm in publishing the same.

This fleet, under the supreme command of Admiral Sir George Callaghan, Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleets, is the most powerful in the world. It was by a most fortunate coincidence brought to the height of its efficiency for the recent inspection by His Majesty.

Details of the Squadrons

It consists of the Commander-in-Chief's flagship Iron Duke, with attached ships Oak and Sappho, and the following four battle squadrons, namely: First Battle Squadron: Marlborough, Flagship, Vice-Admiral Sir Lewis Bayly, commanding the squadron; St. Vincent, second Flagship, Rear-Admiral Hugh Evan Thomas; other ships being the Collingwood, Colossus, Hercules, Neptune, Vanguard, and Superb and also attached the light cruiser Bellona, and the repatriation Cyclope.

Second Battle Squadron: King George V, Flagship, Vice-Admiral Sir George Warrender, commanding the squadron; Second Flagship Orion, Rear-Admiral Sir R. Arbuthnot; the other ships being the Adax, Udaicus, Centurion, Conqueror, Monarch, and Thunderer, with the light cruiser Boadicea.

Third Battle Squadron: King Edward VII, Flagship, Vice-Admiral E. C. Bradford, commanding the squadron Hibernia, Second Flagship, Rear-Admiral M. Browning, other ships being the Africa Britannia, Commonwealth, Dominion, Hindustan and Zealandia, with the light cruiser Blanch.

Fourth Battle Squadron: Dreadnought, Flagship, Vice-Admiral Sir D. Gamble, commanding the squadron, other ships being the Agamemnon and the Temeraire, with the light cruiser Blonde.

Four Cruiser Squadrons, namely:

First Battle Cruiser Squadron: Lion, Flagship, Rear-Admiral Sir Beatty, the other ships being the Queen Mary, Princess Royal and New Zealand.

the excited audience rose in their seats as officers and bluejackets left the theatre and cheered heartily, the orchestra playing "Rule Britannia."

Similar scenes were witnessed at other places of amusement. Thousands of people congregated about the pier, where Jack tar arrived arm-in-arm with their sweethearts. Some tearful farewells might almost have suggested that the whole Fleet was going into action straight away. Ladies in evening dress were driven to the pier in taxis to wish husbands and sweethearts good-bye. Some scenes were most affecting.

But apart from these feminine displays of emotion, there was the wild enthusiasm and excitement amongst the crowd, which cheered itself hoarse for the British Navy.

Fleets Are Ready For Action

All the ships of the Second Fleet are fully riddled, the crews having been kept aboard since the Klag's inspection last week. The ships are all coaled and otherwise prepared for sea.

Most of the ships of the Third Fleet are having their bunkers filled with coal. They have only reduced nucleus crews aboard, as the men of two divisions of the fleet reserve were demobilized and paid off at the end of last week. Those of the intermediate class Fleet Reserve are not yet, however, demobilized. They are still aboard the Third Fleet.

All the destroyers of the sixth Portsmouth flotilla are fully complete and ready for sea.

The Naval correspondent of the Daily Telegraph gives the Naval strength of the two European groups, namely, Germany, Italy and Austria, 59 battleships, 71 cruisers, 130,500 personnel; and Britain, France and Russia, 97 battleships, 154 cruisers, 264,000 personnel. The correspondent says:

"This suggests that the time is hardly favorable for Austria and her

friends. They are engaged in great schemes of naval expansion which will not reach the point of culmination for five or six years, owing to increased number of conscripts and volunteers now under training, a larger proportion than ever before the efficiency of their fleets for action certainly has not been increased during the past five or six years, judged by any available means of computation."

"The British Navy, which is at least as strong in torpedo craft as it is in battleships and cruisers, may be regarded as one of the great influences for peace."

It is important at this moment of crisis to recall what Mr. Churchill remarked on a famous occasion:

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"Come, Courtney, lend me your ears for half an hour, for I am in a pickle," exclaimed Fred Sawyer to his friend. "Come up to my quarters. I have something to show you, and—no joking—I need your advice."

"If you take it, it will be for the first time," laughed good-natured Courtney. "Lead on, and don't lose any time in relieving this suspense. I'm not fond of riddles, you know."

"Why, yesterday, I dropped into the saleroom at a London station. You know, they sell off the uncalled for luggage at intervals, and a sale was just going on. A number of the bales were there, and we each commenced to bid for a trunk. I selected rather a small one, and—here we are! Come right in and view the burden of my woes."

He led the way into a pleasant apartment and pointed to a small leather trunk which stood in the middle of the room.

"Open it, if you want to," he said. "I've had enough of the confounded thing. It's full of women's stuff, and what do you suppose I can do with it? I haven't an aunt or a cousin in the wide world."

"Keep it till you're married, Fred. These seem to be good clothes," said Courtney, peering into the box and lifting dainty garments with a half-reverent touch, in spite of his laughing face.

"Humph! The idea of such advice from you! Why, old boy, I shall not marry for ten years—five anyway—and I'm not going to risk keeping these things here and being taken for a lady burglar. Mrs. Gaffney would find them in spite of everything—smell murder in the air and hunt around for the skull bones. No, I'll dump the trunk in the river, that's what I will do."

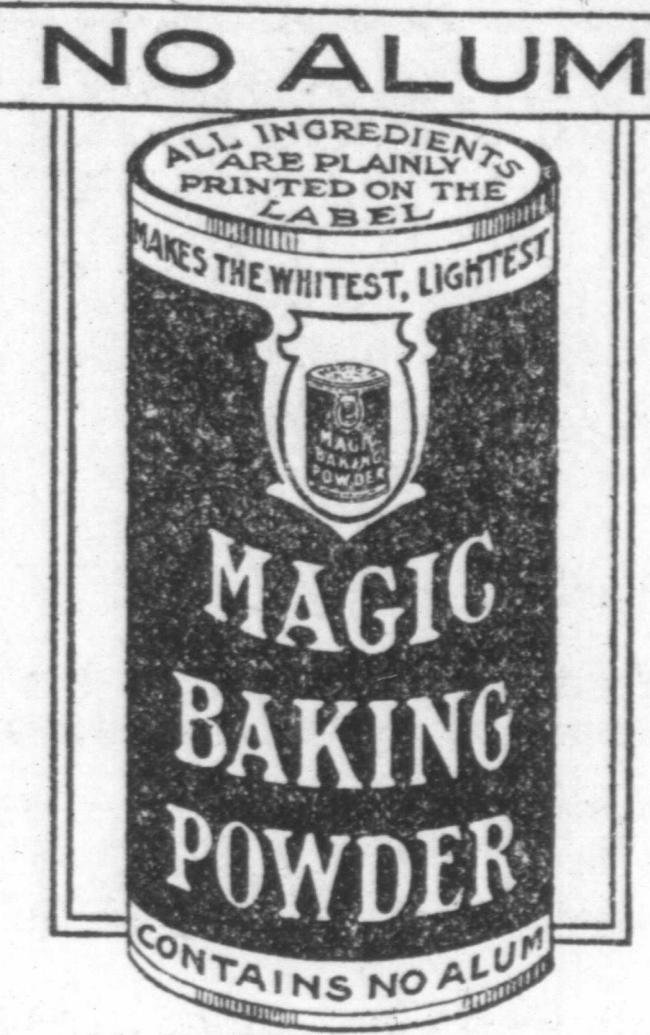
"Pshaw! You're too sensible for that. These things cost money, lots of it, I imagine, and you paid something for them in the bargain. You might sell them to the second-hand—no, I've a better scheme than that. Why not go through the trunk systematically, find out the owner's name and address—there are surely letters or something—and write to her, offering her the whole thing for a reasonable sum?"

"Do an act of charity and yet turn an honest penny. Anyone would know you are Scotch. But I must go back to the store, and—Here! You have all the time there; suppose you go through it for me. All I ask is that you will keep Mrs. Gaffney out. Farewell!" And off he went.

Courtney laughingly locked the door, but the smiles soon left his face as he proceeded with his task. He wondered if the little battered trunk had been lost in some of the dreadful catastrophes he had read of. He imagined the owner killed and her body as well as luggage unidentified in the horrible excitement.

They were girlish things—dainty veils and ribbons, gingham, silks and snowy linens. He lingered over a small, worn slipper and felt a thrill akin to that awakened in Cinderella's prince.

"No clue yet," he murmured. "Perhaps there are letters in this box."



Its catch was bent, but he wrenched it open and out flew—his own photograph!

He sat down plump in a box of laces and stared. On the other side were his initials and a date he had been trying for three years to forget, "June 2, 1890."

"Well, Burr's trunk!" he exclaimed.

"Oh, my dear little girl, what has

happened to you? Maybe someone—

No, here are your initials on this belt buckle, and your gloves were No. 6

and this slipper would just fit your little foot."

The young man grew excited and rapturous over each article. Presently he lifted a package of letters from one corner.

"My own—and they express the greatest happiness life ever brought me. They are like the leaves that flutter down in the November rain."

I wonder why she kept them? How many there are!"

Unfastening the cord, he turned the letters over and found many of his envelopes scribbled upon by a familiar hand. There were items jotted down to be remembered in answering, and scraps of poetry which had not long since reached his eye and been ever since cherished in his memory. Upon the last one—

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some such accident, and—maybe she is an old woman."

Fred laughed immoderately.

"Just as if that would make an act of charity less meritorious. Old women don't usually wear white lace hats, though. You must have found

something precious in there—jewelry or something—which makes you anxious to martyrize yourself. It's nine, however, and I am not as anxious to part with it as I was—not till I've looked it through anyway."

As he turned the key, Al remembered that his own photograph was lying in a conspicuous box, and exclaimed:

"Wait until after dinner, then. I'm half starved!"

"Perhaps it would be better," was the answer and the passed out together.

When fairly downstairs, Al said he had forgotten his handkerchief and flew back three steps at a time to get it. Securing the picture and placing it in an inside pocket, he said to himself:

"Surely there is nothing else to give me away. But I must wheedle him out of the trunk."

After dinner, Fred "went through

the contents of the trunk, making boyish remarks concerning each article as he threw it aside. Al inwardly winced at these remarks and could scarcely restrain himself from knocking him over on the spot.

"What makes you so crusty?" queried Fred suddenly as one of his choicer jokes was met by a gruff "H'm!" "There's no fun in you, and why you want this stuff beats me.

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for they were all numbered — was written in ink this girlish confession, "Al Courtney, I love you, but will never marry anyone so incisive."

Resting his head on the empty tray in silence, he exclaimed:

"I was a fool—a consummate fool—and now perhaps she is dead."

A noise aroused him, and in a bewildered way he surveyed the garments strewn on every side and gazed mournfully at the beautiful hat, through which he had run one foot, and the box of laces he had unconsciously used as a cushion. Fred would be coming in a few minutes. He began repacking the things with ruthless haste, and, stowing the letters in his own pockets, was lying lazily on the couch reading the paper when his chum entered.

"Well," he cried, "what mystery did you unearth?"

"No mystery at all," was the deliberate answer, "but the 'stuff,' as you call it, is worth something and would be a regular gold mine to a girl. I've a notion to buy it from you and present it to my sisters. What will you take?"

"Oh, come! You're just doing that to help me out. I know your benevolent old heart. No, I'll follow your first advice and hunt up the owner. It would be quite romantic, and, besides, you hinted that I might make a shilling or two by it."

"Well, Burr's trunk!" he exclaimed. "Oh, my dear little girl, what has happened to you? Maybe someone—No, here are your initials on this belt buckle, and your gloves were No. 6 and this slipper would just fit your little foot."

"Yes," Al reluctantly answered. "I found her name and an address, but it is hardly likely you could find her after so many years. You know they keep luggage a long time before it is sold."

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Your sisters would turn up their noses at second-hand clothing, if it is pretty. But it isn't worth fussing over, so take it along. No doubt it would prove a white elephant on my hands sooner or later."

Not until the trunk was safely in its room could Al breathe freely. Even then it was no easy matter to keep it out of his sisters' sights. They made both a pet and a confidant of their one brother and had a fashion of dropping into his room at all hours to tell him of their schemes and woes. He had pushed the trunk under a mahogany table in the corner, the old-fashioned cover of which reached almost to the floor.

When he told them he was going away for a little business "trip," they beset him with questions and petitions to be taken with him, finally declaring they would clean house while he was gone and "sort out his trash."

"So behold him, in the dead of night, carrying the "white elephant" up the narrow attic stairs, bumping his head on every rafter and getting cobwebs in his moustache. He covered it with old clothing, pushed a big box in front of it, and then crept down stairs, feeling as guilty as if he had been concealing some crime. At breakfast the girls both talked at once about the burglar who tried to get in and how they pounded on Al's door and could not even get an answer.

At noon he was off, and as the rain whirled onward he became possessed with fears. She might not be at Hastings; she might not care for him after these three years; she might even be married or dead.

Arriving at his destination at last he only stopped to leave his bag at a hotel and walked rapidly to a familiar house in the suburbs. Ringing the bell, he inquired for Miss Burr in a matter of fact way, as if he had seen her the day before. He watched the girl's face as she spoke and saw no trace of surprise. She simply said:

"Miss Burr may not be able to see you, but come in and I will ask."

Presently he was shown into a small, sunny room, where, on a couch, lay the one girl he had ever loved. He meant to explain at once the cause of his foolish going and eager coming, all of which he had framed into frank, beautiful sentences, but somehow they forsook him, and he fell back on the commonplace. She received him with quiet words of welcome, and then said:

"Pardon my position, but I am an invalid that it is a trial to sit up."

"An invalid!" he echoed faintly.

"Yes," she answered. "Did you not hear of my accident several months ago? On coming home from a visit, I stopped for a day or so in a London hotel. The building caught fire a few hours after I entered it. The horror of the scene is stamped—branded would be a more appropriate word—on my memory that I cannot bear to talk of it. I lost everything except the ulster which was wrapped around me, and would have lost my life but for the brave firemen who broke my fall. Oh, no, I am not seriously injured," she continued, in

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answer to his half spoken question, "though I have been ill ever since. It was such a shock, you know."

By deft questioning he succeeded in making her say:

"Yes, I lost my trunk. It was left at the station (I expected to go on in a day or two), and the deposit ticket was destroyed with my pocketbook. Railway people are necessarily particular about identifying luggage, and for weeks I was too ill to even remember it. Besides, I had only gone for a short outing, and it held nothing of much value, except some keepsakes that were dear to me."

A deep flush stole over her face at these words. He watched it for one delicious moment, and then gathered her up in his arms, exclaiming:

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Reported to the Admiralty.

Probably the most weighty and remarkable of all these stories is that which Capt. M'Quhae, of H. M. S. Daedalus, embodied in a report to the Admiralty in 1848.

The Daedalus was off the coast of Africa, in the South Atlantic, when, on a dull day, and in a long ocean swell, the ship's company saw the creature at close quarters. Captain M'Quhae reported that the "serpent" carried its feet steadily four feet above the water, and showed above a length of at least sixty feet, no portion of which appeared to be used in propelling it through the water—the inference being that a considerable length was submerged.

The view was no distant one, for the captain graphically relates that the animal passed so close under his lee quarter that "had it been a man of my acquaintance I should have easily recognized his features with the naked eye."

"The diameter of the serpent," he says, "was about 15 or 16 inches behind the head, which was without any doubt that of a snake, and it was never during the twenty minutes that it continued in sight of our glasses, once below the surface of the water; its color, a dark brown, with yellowish white about the throat. He had no fins, but something like the mane of a horse, or rather a bunch of sea-weed, washed about its back."

A drawing of this creature was afterwards prepared from a sketch made by Capt. M'Quhae, and was engraved in the Illustrated London News of October 28th, 1848. Unfortunately for the effect of this narrative, another description, differing somewhat materially, was given by Lieut. Drummond, of the Daedalus, who described a fin about 20 feet behind the head.

Sea-Serpent vs. Whale.

Another arresting account of the sea-serpent was furnished to the Admiralty in 1877 by the captain and officers of H.M.S. yacht Osborne, who reported that on June 2nd of that year they encountered off the coast of Sicily a monster of a length estimated at 150 feet, moving slowly on a smooth sea. It had large fins along its back. About the same time a startling story of a sea-serpent attacking a whale was sent home by Captain Dewar of the Pauline, a London cargo vessel in the neighborhood of Zanzibar. The crew were watching a couple of sperm whales off Cape St. Roque, when suddenly a huge sea-serpent rose out of the sea, wound itself in a double coil round one of the whales, whose ribs were heard cracking like small canon shot.

Sea-Serpent Pummels a Ship.

Many of the theories which seek to dispose of such accounts postulate by the Portia.

the existence in the sea of monsters which, if they are not sea-serpents, are as terrible as if they could be so named. A squid forty feet long, capable of killing a whale, is enough for the imagination. The captain of a Dutch barque, the Hendrik Ido Ambacht, reported in 1858 that his ship was pursued and attacked for nine days by a monster 90 feet long and 25 to 30 feet broad, which pummeled her stern with such violence that the ship vibrated under its blows. At last, when a hundred musket balls and a harpoon had been lodged in its body, the creature fell behind, staining the sea with its blood.

The Tallest Story.

Perhaps the "tallest" story of a sea-serpent is one which a correspondent was narrated to him by Col. Thos. H. P.—at Boston, Massachusetts.

"Whilst on the sea-shore with our party," he said to us, in a tone of earnestness, which could not admit a moment's doubt as to his sincerity and conviction:

"On this very spot, walking one day with a niece of mine, we saw what we took to be the broken mast of some ill-fated vessel; dark, rugged, covered with green sea-weeds and shells, dried up by the sun and bracing sea breeze. We sat down on it to rest, and were chatting quietly when, of a sudden, we felt a very unpleasant convulsive motion beneath us which made us both start up in double-quick time; and, to our horror and dismay, we saw unmistakably this monstrous body—for it was no less a personage than the sea-serpent—directing its course towards the sea, and disappearing in the deep! My young companions frame shook like the aspen-leaf; I must own my pulse beat high; I have never felt so on the field of battle—it was awful! I never could have believed it had I not seen and felt it myself."

The last sentiment will probably be shared by the reader. But the Sea-Serpent is still a query which awaits a satisfactory answer.

Const. A. Green has been transferred to Fortune and left for there.

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:: GREAT BRITAIN HAS DECLARED WAR ON GERMANY ::

BRITISH FLEET HAS SAILED FOR THE NORTH SEA
BIG NAVAL ENGAGEMENT IS EXPECTED AT ANY TIME

FROM THE WAR EXTRAS OF YESTERDAY

GERMANY LIKE A THUNDERBOLT HURLED HER TROOPS INTO RUSSIA OCCUPIES MANY STRATEGIC POINTS

London, Aug. 4.—Striking like a thunderbolt Germany has gained an early advantage in the European warfare, hurling her troops into Russia and invading the neutrality of the Duchy of Luxembourg. She has occupied points of strategic value.

With her customary deliberation England has waited until the last moment but is now ready to strike and strike hard. Whether her entrance into the conflict at this time will be able to offset the advantage gained by a quick blow by the Germans, is a matter upon which the military experts differ.

GERMAN FORCES ENTER FRANCE AT TWO POINTS AND OCCUPY NEUTRAL DUCHY OF LUXEMBURG

Paris, Aug. 4.—The Germans have penetrated French territory at two points. They first entered Laville in the Department of Meur'et-Moselle, a part of Old Lorraine, near Longwy, and later invaded Cireysur-Vezeneze in the same Department.

The German entry into the Duchy of Luxembourg was headed by thirty-five automobiles filled with officers, they being followed by Cavalry in force.

Several violations of French territory by German troops were reported. Detachments visited outlying farms at Zepuid, near Gelfett, and requisitioned cattle.

GERMAN ARMY IS ADVANCING TO THE INVASION OF FRANCE GERMAN CRUISER IN ACTION

Brussels, Aug. 4.—The German army is advancing in three columns from Luxembourg, the first towards Longury, the second toward Villerup, while the third is marching on Thionville.

A telegram from Civent this morning states that both the Germans and the French armies are blowing up all fortifications on the frontier.

The German cruiser Breslau bombarded the French naval station of Bona Algeria at 4 o'clock this morning, afterward steaming full speed in a westerly direction, according to a despatch received at the French Embassy here.

AUSTRIAN TROOPS DEFEATED IN BATTLE BY THE SERVIANS WITH TREMENDOUS LOSSES

Paris, Aug. 4.—A despatch from Nish, Servia, to The Matin says that Austrian troops were defeated with heavy loss in a battle against the Serians on Sunday, near Semendria.

The regiments of Austrian Infantry, comprising nearly 10,000 men, supported by heavy artillery, advanced against the Serians but were repulsed, leaving many of their dead and wounded on the field.

A large force of Austrian troops aided by a flotilla of monitors, composed of 20 vessels, has been trying for the last six days to cross the River Save into Servian territory, but have not succeeded in landing.

British Bottles German Fleet In North Sea

London, Aug. 5.—England officially declared war on Germany to-night at 7:30.

London, Aug. 5.—German warships attacked scattered British fleet units in North Sea before war was declared. The wounded have been landed in Scotland.

London, Aug. 5.—A wireless to the Admiralty says the British fleet has bottled up the German fleet off Denmark.

London, Aug. 5.—King George to-day addressed a message to all British Colonies expressing his appreciation of the spontaneous assurances that they will give their fullest support to the Motherland. They recall to me, His Majesty says, a generous self-sacrifice, and with the help given by them and passed to the Mother Country, I shall be strengthened in the discharge of the great responsibilities which rest upon me, by the confident belief that this time of trial my Empire will be united, I resolute trusting God.

British and French Warships Capture German Men-o'-war

London, Aug. 5.—Official confirmation of reported capture of one German cruiser and the sinking of two others of Kaiser's fleet during the fierce engagements in the North Sea has been received here.

London, Aug. 5.—A despatch to The Chronicle from Paris says that after bombarding the Algerian town of Bona, the German cruisers Goben, Breslau and Panther were caught by the British and French squadrons which had been awaiting them.

The French warships captured the Goben and sunk the Panther.

King's Confidence In the British Fleet

London, Aug. 5.—Immediately after midnight King George sent a personal message to the British battlefleet now sailing against the German armada, cleared for action:

"I have every confidence that the British fleet will revive the old glories of the Navy, I am sure that the navy will again shield Britain in this hour of trial and that it will prove the bulwark of the Empire."

This was the first message sent to the fleet since it cleared from Plymouth Harbor and sailed to a secret rendezvous in the North Sea.

Ever since the wireless has been silent and no word will be permitted to go forth until to-night when the signal for the most tremendous naval battle ever fought will be sputtered out through the darkness from the great Naval Wireless Station.

Germany Violated Law of Nations By Firing on English Warships Before War Had Been Declared Are Denounced for Villainy

London, Aug. 5.—Germany has violated the law of nations once again. Before war was declared between Germany and England, the German North Sea Fleet assumed the offensive and attacked scattered units of the British fleet. When the news of this became known in London the indignation of the populace knew no bounds. Thousands of Metropolitan Police, including the whole of the mounted force, struggled for over an hour and a half against overwhelming odds.

The building was partially wrecked, but nobody was seriously hurt among its occupants.

The scores of people in the crowd were trampled by the police who repeatedly charged the mob.

News that a naval engagement has occurred in the North Sea has been confirmed. The wounded from the battle were landed at Cromarty, Scotland, and are now being cared for by a special corps of doctors and nurses who rushed from Aberdeen in a troop train on an emergency call.

No word can express the anger of the British public. News received from London and provincial cities and towns report violent demonstration in all quarters.

GERMAN EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON NOTIFIES THE U.S. THAT WAR ON BETWEEN GERMANY AND FRANCE

Washington, Aug. 4.—German Embassy served notice on the U.S. to-day that a state of war exists between France and Germany. It is tantamount to a declaration of war but is technically different.

Paris, Aug. 4.—Diplomatic relations between France and Germany were formally broken off to-day.

GERMANY'S INSOLENT REPLY TO GREAT BRITAIN'S DEMAND RE NEUTRALITY OF BELGIUM

London, Aug. 4.—Germany's reply to Sir Edward Grey's speech indicating Great Britain's attitude in regard to Germany's invasion of Belgium was a second ultimatum to Belgium saying that Germany was prepared to carry through her plans by force of arms if necessary.

The British Government was officially informed by Belgium to-day that German troops had invaded Belgium and that the violation of that country's neutrality which the British Foreign Secretary yesterday said must be followed by action on the part of the British had become an accomplished fact.

Definite announcement of Great Britain's intentions under the grave affront was expected in the House of Commons this afternoon.

A desperate battle between German and French fleet in North Sea is reported in a despatch from Newcastle-on-Tyne. It says English ships arriving in the Tyne early to-day reported that a conflict was raging off Flamborough Head.

The pilot of one said that the ship's master had informed him that he saw German and French ships in combat.

ACTUAL GERMAN INVASION OF BELGIUM TAKES PLACE

Brussels, Aug. 4.—Rumors were in circulation here that Germany had actually declared war on Belgium.

German troops crossed the frontier at Cemmenie, near the junction of Dutch Belgium and the German frontiers.

Aug. 4.—Japanese Foreign Office to-day issued a statement that if the war extends to the Far East and England is involved in it, Japan may find it necessary to participate in fulfillment of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

MOBILISING THE BRITISH ARMY

London, Aug. 4.—The order mobilizing the British army is now being read in the streets of London.

The Hague denied that Germany has sent an ultimatum to Holland.

While the Cabinet was discussing the crisis the order providing for the mobilization of the British army was issued in London and other cities of the country.

It was announced that a mobilization of the Naval Reserves had also been ordered.

While the decision as to war or peace hung in the balance to-day eager crowds surrounded the newspaper offices waiting for an announcement to be made.

It is declared that Germany is respecting Holland's neutrality according to a despatch from Amsterdam.

BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS VOTES SUM OF \$525,000,000 FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES

London, Aug. 4.—The House of Commons to-day voted \$525,000,000 for emergency purposes and passed several bills in five minutes without a dissenting voice.

TRIUMPH FOR FRENCH FLEET CAPTURE 2 GERMAN CRUISERS

Brussels, Aug. 4.—News reached here that the Germans are shelling Liege and Nanun Algiers.

It is unofficially reported that the French fleet captured the two German cruisers Goben and Breslau.

BELGIUM GETS AN ULTIMATUM

Brussels, Aug. 4.—Germany's second ultimatum was delivered by the German Minister in Brussels late last night, as the reply of Germany to the refusal of Belgium to accede to Germany's first ultimatum.

London, Aug. 4.—Great Britain sent practically an ultimatum to Germany to-day demanding a satisfactory reply by midnight on the subject of Belgium neutrality.

GREAT BRITISH AIR FLEET WILL PLAY A GREAT PART

London, Aug. 4.—Great Britain is delighted with her air squadrons. What stimulated most deeply the imagination of onlookers in the recent inspection by the King was the bold activity of the seaplanes.

They came and went with easy grace and an impression of strength and security as though the days of doubt were gone and the air was their very own.

With a strong wind behind them two of the planes flew from one end of the assembled fleets to the other, in a matter of a few minutes, and then disappeared into the haze of the open, empty sea beyond.

Not the quickest destroyer, lying

motionless, but menacingly, in the water beneath them, could, with full steam up, have followed them in treble the time. Fully 80 miles an hour these seaplanes were travelling. They are the new eyes of the fleets, and their sight is the very embodiment of speed.

Even the veriest landlubber realises that the power of the seaplane, not only for the purposes of attack by bomb, but in the detection of submarines, which from a seaplane can be detected at any depth, has set a problem that probably only war itself can solve. Fitted with wireless telegraphic apparatus, they are the supreme scouting power of the navy.

CANADA CAN SUPPLY AT LEAST 150,000 MEN TO HELP BRITISH ARMY

Wave of Popular Enthusiasm Now Sweeps the Country and Men in Many Thousands Are Offering Their Services

**GREAT MAJORITY
ARE WELL TRAINED**

Peace Footing of the Canadian Militia is 50,000 Men—More Eager to Fight Than at Time of South African War

Ottawa, Aug. 3.—Advices of an official character which have been received in Ottawa from Great Britain indicate the situation of extreme gravity in regard to the war outlook, and the Militia Council here is preparing for the worst. It is keeping in closest touch with developments.

Should Great Britain be drawn into the terrific conflict by reason of Russia and Germany attacking each other, the participation of Canadian troops, cavalry, artillery, infantry, and the rest would be certain. The same wave of popular sentiment which swept over the country in 1909 and forced an unwilling administration to send contingents to South Africa would, with an intensified insistence, demand similar action now when the peril is graver and its consequences more far-reaching in their character.

Advised To Be Ready

In the event of war, and in the absence of a specific appropriation for the expenditure of millions which Canadian participation would entail, the strictly constitutional procedure would be the summoning of Parliament to vote the necessary moneys. Such, however, would hardly be necessary. The strong force of popular opinion would be the Government's authority for all outlays might be necessary. These could be raised by recourse to the process of Governor-General's warrants, subsequently ratified by Parliament in the regular session.

It would be a re-affirmation of the principle, that when Great Britain is at war, Canada is at war. The Government here, it may confidently be predicted, would show no hesitation in the performance of its Imperial obligations. The experience gained in South Africa, and the lesson learned in mobilization and transport at that time will, together with the more efficient and active Militia training meanwhile, make Canada's part in the threatened conflict easier to prepare for. The equipment since acquired would add greatly to the fighting efficiency of troops in the field. The peace footing of the Canadian Militia is around 50,000. The war strength could easily be raised to 150,000 in case of defence of the country.

CANADIAN Contingents

Roughly speaking, Canadian contingents comprising cavalry and artillery brigades, divisions of infantry and subsidiary corps to the number of thirty thousand men, can be sent to the front. The regulars in the permanent depots would likely be drafted first, and then volunteers called for and recruiting established at all principal points, as was done in 1899. There is every reason to all over the Dominion.

A child named John Downie, aged one year and some months, son of a Falkirk laborer, was drowned under pathetic circumstances. The child and a brother, aged five, had been amusing themselves in a backyard near their home, and had gone into a washing house. The elder child left the washing house and on returning found his brother lying dead in a tub of water.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

HOW EUROPE IS LINED UP

MILITARY

Triple Entente		Triple Alliance	
Britain	275,000 men	Germany	2,250,000 men
Russia	1,965,000 men	Austria	810,000 men
France	1,250,000 men	Italy (neutral)	750,000 men
	3,430,000 men		3,810,000 men

NAVAL

Triple Entente		Triple Alliance	
Battleships	85	Battleships	59
Battle cruisers	7	Battle cruisers	3
Armored cruisers	60	Armored cruisers	15
Submarines	166	Submarines	35
Torpedo boat destroyers	360	Torpedo boat destroyers	147
Torpedo boats	300	Torpedo boats	200

ANOTHER ESTIMATE

This is how an Italian officer summed up the strength of the Triple Alliance and Triple Entente three years ago:

Triple Alliance (Germany, Austria and Italy)		Triple Entente (Britain, France and Russia)	
Soldiers	4,550,000	Soldiers	4,085,000
Field guns	9,514	Field guns	8,972
Warships	411	Warships	1,005
Displacement of ships in tons	1,217,757	Displacement of ships in tons	2,888,322
Naval big guns	4,202	Naval big guns	8,635

WAR CAST CLOUD OVER THE REGATTA

And This Annual Event was Not as Successful as Formerly

ABSENCE OF CREWS TOLD AGAINST IT

List of Winners in the Various Events—War News On the Course

The Regatta is over. Old Quidi Vidi which has been the scene of many exciting contests, proved as attractive yesterday as ever.

The day was not as successful as some of the past, but the Committee or the public were not to blame.

There were several reasons. First and foremost the war, the absence of the brigades, press and football crews the uncertainty of the weather, necessitating a meeting of the Committee at 8 a.m. to decide if the Regatta would be held, the unfortunate accident to the new racer Cadet in the first race, the delay of nearly two hours while she was being repaired, the fog on the lake which almost necessitated the cancelling of the races at midday, the collision of the boats in the Society race, all helped to lessen the day's enjoyment.

No serious accidents happened, and if there were one or two little disputes they were soon forgotten, and the principals are to-day as friendly as ever.

Our space is so limited to-day that we are unable to devote as much space to the races as we would wish but we must congratulate the Committee on its work. Never, in our history, were the races carried out under such difficult circumstances and but for the unbounded enthusiasm of those in charge, and especially President Hiscock, Vice-Pres. Higgins, Treasurer Ellis and Secretary Nixon, the Regatta would not have been the success it was.

H. E. the Governor and party received an enthusiastic. His Excellency was received by the President and Committee, and was greeted with loud and long cheers. The National Anthem was enthusiastically sung, followed by Rule Britannia, and an outburst of patriotic enthusiasm. His Excellency replied briefly and his address was punctuated with hearty cheering.

Another popular incident was the reading of the latest war news by Mr. Randell Jeans, who was in charge of the megaphone.

The accident to the Cadet was regretted but Builder Sexton soon had

repaired her.

Thos. Doherty, a small farmer, of Kennalagh, near Carndonagh, who lived alone, was found dead suspended by a rope attached to a rafter in his barn. It was noticed that he was depressed of late.

MR. COAKER ASKS FOR IMMEDIATE OPENING OF THE LEGISLATURE

In view of the serious financial condition facing the Colony and the almost total failure of the Cod and Lobster fisheries in Conception, Trinity, Bonavista, Notre Dame, and White Bays, which will in itself entail tremendous destitution the coming winter, I respectfully suggest to the Premier the advisability of immediately convening the Legislature in order to deal with the situation.

If the war continues long codfish and lobsters will be of small value, while provisions will be sold at a considerable advance over present prices.

Legislation should be passed at once to prevent any provision dealers from selling provisions at exorbitant prices. Nickels and pleasure seeking should also be prohibited as it may be that every cent available might have to be utilized by thousands during the coming winter to keep body and soul together.

To behold St. John's yesterday in the zenith of pleasure and to visit the nickels and find them cinched with pleasure seekers one would never think that one half of the fishermen of the country have not earned the value of \$20 each the past summer or one could never imagine that our Empire was fighting the greatest war in its history or that 20,000,000 armed men in Europe were longing to get at each others throats.

Every precaution against possible eventualities should be taken at once. Now is the time, not in February.

Newfoundland will, I feel sure, do their duty to aid the Mother Country in her life and death struggle for freedom and in bringing the crazy despot ruling Germany to a proper sense of his power and importance. If my wish would prevail the British sword will not be sheathed until the Emperor of Germany is humbled to such an extent as to make him a harmless lunatic the remainder of his life.

Instead of the insane exhibitions of pleasure and sport manifested yesterday in this city, every true lover of the Empire ought to have attended their churches and offered up their heartfelt prayers to Almighty God for protection against our enemies, for the success of the Allied Navies and Armies, and for courage and wisdom to deal honorably and effectively with matters now confronting our Island Home.

I again repeat, that the Legislature should be at once convened and every emergency provided against.

W. F. COAKER.

her in good order again and she proved herself a daisy.

The following is the list of winners:

Amateur

Nellie R.—T. Whitten, cox: H. Peddigrew, stroke; R. Young, H. Brown, R. Harper, R. Kent, A. White. Guard—T. Hallett, cox: R. Stick, stroke; E. Barnes, H. Barnes, C. J. Hackett, R. Fowlow. Time 9.53 2-5.

Juvenile

Nellie R.—B. Allan, cox: E. Butler, stroke; W. Tobin, S. Crotty, J. Olsen, W. Piercy, D. Bailey.

Mary—F. Lacey, cox: J. Devereaux, stroke; S. Kavanagh, M. Dyer, J. Dunphy, J. Morrissey, C. McKay. Time 10.36.

Tradesmen

Cadet—P. Brown, cox: J. Kavanagh stroke; S. Goudie, E. Brophy, S. Madden, J. Thistle, R. Marshall.

Nellie R.—J. Boone, cox: G. Chislett, G. Taylor, H. Pitcher, J. Barrett, E. Piercy, S. Boone.

Time 10.18 1-5.

Merchandise

Cadet (Royal Stores)—P. Brown, cox: S. Cooper, stroke; V. Hillier, A. Thompson, I. Knight, J. Williams, M. Shawe.

Time 11.06.

Society

Nellie R. (L.O.A.)—J. Boone, cox: G. Chislett, stroke; G. Taylor, F. Pitcher, H. Taylor, S. Boone, J. Brinton.

Time 11.06.

Swimming

W. Thistle—Time 6.11. Presentation

The presentation of prizes followed President Hiscock in a brief speech referred to the difficulties of the day and expressed the hope that all would enjoy themselves. Vice-Pres. Higgins then announced the winners. Lady Davidson then very pleasantly donated the trophies.

Fishermen

Cadet (Logy Bay)—P. Brown, cox: T. Carrigan, stroke; M. Carrigan, J. Carrigan, J. Burke, J. Devereaux, T. Carrigan, Jr.

Time 10.02 1-5.

Laborers

Nellie R.—F. Coady, cox: J. Caul, stroke; E. Whelan, E. McCarthy, P. Whelan, F. Curry, L. Morrissey.

Factory

Nellie R.—J. Day, cox: B. Forsey, stroke; S. Maddon, J. Crumney, E. Noel, S. Taylor, J. Thistle.

Time 10.05 2-5.

Naval Reserve

Guard (West End Firemen)—J. Cooper, cox: P. Power, stroke; R. Clancey, R. Coady, L. Power, H. Walsh, W. O'Toole.

Time 10.

Championship

Cadet (Logy Bay Fishermen)—Time 9.46.

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Sensational Offering!

LADIES' COATS

Owing to a backward season in the Old Country, many manufacturers and wholesalers have been caught with heavy stocks, which they are forced to clear out at a sacrifice.

Our representative being on the spot early, has had his pick of several exceptionally good values, some of which have just arrived.

As a sample we are now offering a small lot of

LADIES' TAILOR-MADE SUMMER COATS
at Less Than a Third of the original Values.

There are only 50 in the lot, so if you wish to get an early choice, come in to-day.

6 only Navy & Black Serge & Tweed Values up to \$10.00 for

9 only Navy & Black Fine Serge Values up to \$12.00 for

12 only Navy & Black Serge & a few Colored Values up to \$14.00 for

17 only Navy & Black Serge & Col'd. Broadcloth Values up to \$16.00 for

6 only Black Broadcloth Values up to \$18.00 for

\$3.00

3.50

4.00

4.50

5.00

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