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## ARMIES OF FRANCE AND GERMANY ARE NEARING CLASH IN BELGIUM

### CHINA HOPES TO AVERT HOSTILITIES IN WATERS OF THE ORIENT

#### WINSTON CHURCHILL SAYS GERMAN KOENIGAN LUISE AND BRITISH AMPHION ONLY LOSS

[Associated Press service by Federal Wireless.]

LONDON, England, August 7.—Winston Churchill, first lord of the British admiralty, today made official denial of the report that the German fleet in the North Sea had been routed yesterday with a loss of 19 ships after a big sea-battle between the Germans and the British fleet augmented by French vessels.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Churchill denied that any naval battles or any losses had occurred other than those already officially announced. He said:

"Apart from the loss of the Koenigan Luise, the German mine planter, and the small cruiser Amphion, there has been no fighting and no losses.

"Of the Koenigan's crew, probably 130, fifty were saved. "This indiscriminate scattering of mines about the seas not in connection with strategic harbors is something new. It deserves the attention of the civilized world. It might endanger neutral shipping."

Churchill also announced that hereafter the British government will organize a press bureau and issue all reliable news consistent with military and naval expediency.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 7.—The United States is taking steps to observe the strictest neutrality, in accord with the president's proclamation.

All radio inspectors have been ordered to cooperate with the Navy Department in censoring dispatches so as to carry out this policy of entire neutrality.

Foreign merchantmen carrying organized reservists from the United States or being converted for the purpose of war will not be permitted to clear from any United States port.

This order may detain the Red Star liner, Vaderland, running from New York to Antwerp by way of Dover and due to carry thousands of Belgian reservists. The great White Star liner Olympic, belonging to the British Naval Reserve, is also carrying reservists and is due to sail tomorrow, as is the Vaderland.

#### GERMANS ENTER LIEGE AFTER HARD FIGHT.

LONDON, England, August 7.—Official advices from France report that the German forces entered the city of Liege, Belgium, today after hours of furious street-fighting, although they were unable to reduce the defending forts, which put up a stout resistance.

The Belgians are reported to have captured 27 cannons.

Elsewhere there is complete silence as to French or German military movements.

#### RUSSIAN FLEET SAID TO BE BOTTLED.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, August 7.—A Finnish merchant marine vessel arriving at Stockholm says that a big Russian fleet is bottled up at Helsingfors, in the Gulf of Finland. Reports received of the burning of the Russian cities, Libau and Revel, on the Baltic Sea, are unconfirmed.

#### GREAT MAURETANIA TO BE CRUISER.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, August 7.—The 32,000-ton Cunard liner Mauretania, which took refuge in this port yesterday, will be converted into an auxiliary cruiser. Most of the crew are British reservists.

#### AUSTRIAN TAKES REFUGE IN BRINDISI.

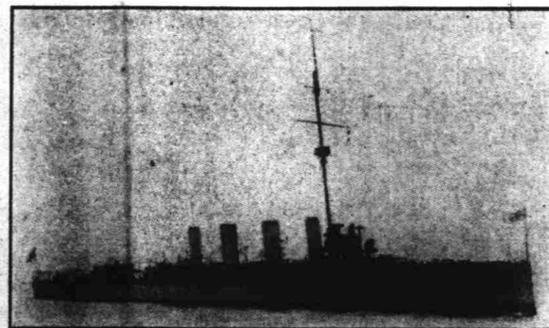
ROME, Italy, August 7.—The Austrian warship Taurus has fled leaking into Brindisi, on the Italian coast, with British torpedo boats hotly pursuing it.

#### GERMAN CRUISERS WERE NOT CAPTURED.

LONDON, England, August 7.—Reports from San Giuliano, Sicily, today state that the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau, rumored to have been captured on August 5 by a French naval squadron operating in the Mediterranean, have appeared at the Sicilian port. When the 24-hour time limit placed on the stay of vessels in the port had expired, the two cruisers put to sea under full steam and cleared for action. The commanders before putting to sea made their wills and gave their personal effects to the German consul at the port.

A British fleet is declared to be waiting outside the harbor.

### IN THE WAR NEWS OF TODAY



British scout cruiser Amphion, sunk by mine in North Sea; and Winston Churchill, lord of the admiralty for Great Britain, who denies report of engagement in North Sea.

#### Reservists of Several Nations Travel in Korea

(Special Cable to the Nippon Jiji).

TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 7.—The Pacific Mail liner Korea sailed from Chinese and Japanese ports yesterday en route to San Francisco via Honolulu. She has on board British, French and German reservists, all residents of Japan, who are hastening to join the colors of their respective countries.

#### GERMAN MUNITIONS CAPTURED

TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 7.—A large number of cannon and a quantity of ammunition, being conveyed by German troops from Peking to Tsingtau, a German naval base on the Chinese coast, has been captured by a detachment of French troops stationed near the capital city. The harbor of Tsingtau has been thoroughly mined by the Germans in defense against attacks by Japanese or English vessels.

#### Admiral Moore Takes Charge of All Local Wireless Station

Rear-admiral C. B. T. Moore, naval commandant in Hawaii, has received instructions from the navy department to control the use of all wireless stations in the islands, so that the strict spirit of United States neutrality may be maintained.

No messages are to be sent or received in code, and only those in plain English, and of such character as not to violate neutrality, will be transmitted. Admiral Moore is charged with the enforcement of these conditions.

"The object is evidently to prevent the transmission of military information that would be of value to belligerents," said the naval commandant this morning. "All radio stations must live up to the letter and the spirit of the regulation."

#### Change of Route of T. K. K. Strikes Hard at Honolulu

Anticipating that the Toyo Kisen Kaisha line may shortly become the means of transportation for hundreds of reservists of the several warring European nations now located along the China and Japan coast, the Tenyo Maru has been ordered to proceed to the Pacific coast of the mainland by way of the great circle. This will eliminate this vessel's call at Honolulu, where she was scheduled to arrive about September 15.

It is believed that other vessels in the service of this company will be instructed to make a similar detour, owing to the recent neutrality ruling promulgated from Washington to the effect that merchantmen carrying organized reservists or to be used for purposes of war will not be permitted to clear an American port.

The Tenyo Maru left Honolulu the latter part of July with a small amount of cargo for Japan and China. The altering of the route has caused considerable concern among local Japanese and other business houses having dealings with the Orient, who depend upon the regular arrival of lines from the coast of Asia for their supplies.

#### Complications May Arise in The Port of Honolulu

Honolulu, in the opinion of high army officers and federal representatives, is in a most interesting position in regard to maintaining neutrality toward the warring European powers, and it is the general opinion that delicate situations are more likely to occur here than in any mainland port. The question of jurisdiction, and the enforcement of these laws, is interesting officials. Apparently it is up to the United States district court and the collector of customs to decide many questions, and then up to the army and navy to enforce the decision. In the event of any serious question it is likely that there would be an immediate conference between all three.

The neutrality laws regarding shipping, and the supplying and repair of ships of belligerent powers, are likely to be put to the test at any time here.

If, for instance, the British liner Niagara put into Honolulu and the German cruiser Nuremburg followed her in, the latter would have to remain here for 24 hours after the Niagara put to sea again, should the liner elect to leave first. It would be up to the United States troops and naval forces here to insist on this observance and, should the German cruiser make an effort to get away, the big guns of the coast defense would have to take up the argument. Then again, if a British cruiser put in here for repairs, it would be up to the army to put sufficient troops on guard to see that these repairs were not made.

If Japan has notified England that she has sent troops to her aid, this is construed as an active alliance, and the T. K. K. boats come under the ruling and bring up further complications.

#### KAISER ISSUES HURRY-UP CALL

BERLIN, Germany, August 7.—Emperor William issued a call to all Germans capable of bearing arms to respond at once to fight for the Fatherland.

#### PUBLIC BUSINESS NOT INTERRUPTED BY BEREAVEMENT

Flags at Half Mast Sole Official Sign Grief Has Visited White House

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 7.—President Wilson has notified Congress that he wishes public business to continue uninterrupted by the death of Mrs. Wilson. The flying of flags at half-mast is to be the only official sign of his wife's death. The funeral will be strictly private.

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To the Representatives of Nations and the Public:

No official notice has been received of the death of the beloved wife of the president of the United States, hence no official requests can be made, but the governor desires and hopes every mark of sympathy may be shown. He has directed that all flags under his control be placed at half mast and would appreciate corresponding respect being shown where official rules permit and private sympathy prevails.

L. E. PINKHAM, Governor of Hawaii.

Honolulu joins with the nation today in mourning the death of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, who passed away at the White House yesterday. Out of respect to her memory, flags from public and private buildings are at half mast, and will remain so for three days. It was stated at the capitol this morning.

At noon Governor Pinkham issued the above proclamation to representatives of nations and to the general public here. Practically all the offices in the capitol were closed today. The federal and territorial courts were closed and will not be reopened until Monday morning.

The following cable dispatch, signed by the assistant secretary of the treasury, was received from Washington, D. C., this morning by Malcolm A. Franklin, collector of customs for this port: "Half-mast the flag on your building, including the day of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson's funeral."

"NEWTON."

Struck by an automobile which did not stop after hitting it, a deer was killed on Broadway, New York.

#### MONUMENTS

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#### BELGIAN SECOND LINE OF DEFENSE AT NAMUR; CROWDS FLOCKING TO THE COLORS

[Associated Press service by Federal Wireless.]

LONDON, England, August 7.—The Exchange Telegraph Company says that the Germans acknowledge a loss of 25,000 men in the battling to take Liege.

With German troops pouring into Belgium from one side and French troops from the other, the province of Liege and nearby territory is expected shortly to become an immense battlefield.

The French army is rapidly entering Belgium to support the Belgians in their opposition to the German advance. The second point in the line of Belgian defense will be in Namur province, centering around the town of Namur.

Other and contradictory dispatches say that the Germans have asked a 24-hours' armistice, that street-fighting continues. Huge crowds of all ages and ranks are reported to be besieging the recruiting stations.

#### PEKIN ASKS JOINT ACTION OF UNITED STATES AND JAPAN TO PREVENT ORIENTAL FLEET BATTLES

PEKIN, China, August 7.—China has requested of Washington and Tokio that the United States and Japanese ambassadors here join her in an endeavor to prevent hostilities in Chinese waters.

PEKIN, China, August 7.—Japanese warships have appeared off Tsingtau, the German naval base in China.

#### BRITISH CRUISER IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 7.—The British cruiser Rainbow arrived in port this morning. She was permitted to take only sufficient coal to make the next port and may remain, under the neutrality rules, not more than 24 hours.

Had the Rainbow delayed her arrival in this port a few hours she might have captured as a prize-of-war the Kosmos liner Alexander. The Alexander entered San Francisco Bay three hours later than the British cruiser.

NEW YORK, N. Y., August 7.—The Cunard liner Lusitania has wirelessed to New York "all well." An unconfirmed report says that the Lusitania was pursued by two German cruisers, which were overhauled and sunk by two British warships.

BELGRADE, Serbia, August 7.—Six Austrian regiments opened fire at noon today on the Serbian forces lying east of Belgrade. The Serbian artillery quickly silenced the infantry fire. Two damaged field-guns were captured by the Serbians.

PLYMOUTH, England, August 7.—The British cruiser Vindictive has captured the German steamer Schlesin.

ROME, Italy, August 7.—The Tribuna, a local newspaper, says that Serbian forces have annihilated an Austrian regiment east of Belgrade.

TOKIO, Japan, August 7.—The Japanese government authorities have advised French, Russian and British merchant vessels in these waters to remain in Japan ports.

The navy department is ignorant of the engagement of the Russian cruiser Askold and the German cruiser Emden, which was reported yesterday. The rumor that they fought until both of them sunk is discredited at the navy office.

BRUSSELS, Belgium, August 7.—It is officially announced that the Germans have requested a 24-hour armistice to bury their dead and gather up their wounded. They admit their loss is 25,000 men.

OTTAWA, Canada, August 7.—All German consuls have been ordered to leave the Dominion of Canada.

LONDON, England, August 7.—A British cruiser captured the steamer Tubantia, carrying \$2,500,000 of South American gold for the Deutsche Bank of London.

French and British naval vessels have taken many prizes-of-war.

#### BRITISH STEAMERS STRIKE MINES, SINK

LONDON, England, August 7.—The British oil-tank steamer San Wilfredo struck a mine off Cuxhaven and sank.

The British steamer Craigforth has been beached near Constantinople. She struck a mine.

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