

# CHASING SHIPS THROUGH THE FOG

### Merchant Vessels Which Venture Away From Shore Do So at Their Peril

## WARSHIPS ON LOOKOUT

### German and English Battleships Are Searching the Sea for Any Prizes They Can Pick Up.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Fleeing before German cruisers, the great Cunard liner Lusitania is today either making top speed for England or has headed back for an American port to escape capture. At the offices of the steamship company the officials declare they have no word from the Lusitania. Wireless messages picked up at Portland, Maine are said to indicate that the Lusitania has put back and that two British cruisers are hurrying to protect her. These reports are unconfirmed, however. The Cunard offices here do not expect to hear from the Lusitania unless she has turned back and then not until she has arrived in port. Sending a wireless to New York would reveal her position to the hostile cruisers combing the sea for her and no chances are being taken.

Throughout last night ships and wireless stations could hear code messages being snapped through the air addressed to the German cruisers Dresden and Karlsruhe. All were dated August 4 and from Berlin. It was impossible, however, to learn the exact position of the two cruisers and the messages sent them could not be deciphered.

Having arrived here only yesterday after a thrilling trip from England, Captain Haddock is to sail his liner Olympic from New York Saturday on a dash for European waters.

Captain Haddock declared he would start even though the ocean might be full of German cruisers. The Olympic will carry many of the passengers who were stranded here by the cancellation of the sailing of the Adriatic. She will not follow her usual course to Southampton, but will head straight for Liverpool because of the danger in the English channel.

The North German Lloyd offices were today informed of the safe arrival in Philadelphia of the liner Brandenburg after a flight before a warship which lasted until the liner dashed into the Delaware river. During the night not a light showed on the Brandenburg and all of her 768 passengers were prohibited from appearing on deck. Lookouts were doubled and Tuesday night a warship was sighted. The Brandenburg turned and fled full speed back to sea although she was only about thirty miles from Delaware breakwater. The warship first sent a wireless demanding that the Brandenburg show her lights and reveal her identity. Finally came the order: "Stop or we'll fire." Captain Schmetz headed his ship into the fog, worked in a circle back toward shore and brought the Brandenburg safely to port.

### Uncle Sam on Guard.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Having hastily coiled upon receipt of orders from Washington, the dreadnought Florida sailed from Brooklyn navy yard today. Her instructions are said to have been to wait outside Sandy Hook for sealed orders from the navy department. The belief was expressed in shipping circles that the Florida had been ordered to stand guard outside the Hook to prevent the giant liner Vaterland from slipping out as did the Kron Prinz Wilhelm. Although the Hamburg-American line officials insist there is no intention of having the Vaterland sail, reports persist that she will endeavor to leave the harbor as an armored destroyer of commerce. The Wilhelm is reported to have held up a British freighter off Cape Henry.

### Orders Must be Obeyed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Secretary of Navy Daniels today ordered battleship destroyers and cruisers at Philadelphia, Lewes, Del., and Hampton Roads to see that the president's neutrality proclamation was obeyed. These ships will see that no foreign ships are loaded with contrabands, Daniels said. He refused flatly to say whether they would interfere with the sailing of the Hamburg-American liner Vaterland.

### Signals for Help.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Word that the liner Cedric had put in at Halifax was received at the White Star offices here today. It was declared she had made the port because of a shortage of coal. No other explanation could be given. It was stated and the officials said they had no idea when the Cedric might reach New York. She was due Friday or Saturday.

The oil tank steamer Tonawanda

arrived today from London and Antwerp brought confirmation of reports that the Lusitania had signalled for help yesterday. The operator of the tank ship said he heard the Lusitania calling and then heard her telling the Essex she was being followed by a cruiser. The Essex set out in search of the hostile vessel. Capt. Hart of the oil tank said German, French and English vessels had been heard during the past week, but none had been sighted.

### Two Made Escape.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 6.—Two fast trans-Atlantic English liners put in here today to escape German cruisers encountered off the coast. The Cedric of the White Star line was the first to arrive and was soon followed by the Cunard liner Mauretania. The latter vessel was conveyed to port by the British cruiser Essex.

The Cedric is carrying 800 passengers, 210 being in the first cabin and 355 in the second. The liner left Liverpool July 30, and Queenstown July 31, for New York. Her officers do not know when they may leave Halifax. The Cedric sighted the German cruisers which have been menacing English shipping and slipped through their guard in the darkness last night with all lights extinguished.

The Mauretania was conveyed by the Essex until near Halifax. She wireless yesterday that a cruiser was following her and the Essex immediately steamed to her assistance. After seeing the Mauretania safely in port, the Essex again put to sea and headed full speed toward the position given by the Mauretania's sister ship the Lusitania, enroute to Europe. The Lusitania is said to have reported a German ship pursuing her.

### Oil Steamer Arrives.

Key West, Fla., Aug. 6.—Standard Oil steamer S'oux putting in here today reported a British warship patrolling the gulf. The S'oux flew the German flag and came to Key West to escape capture.

### Patrol the Coast.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The Mayflower was ordered stationed at Hampton Roads and the entire New England coast is being patrolled by torpedo boat destroyers. The navy today ordered the patrol to extend to all ports along the Atlantic coast. Captain Bristol said the orders took in also the three mile limit but he said it would not be necessary to patrol it—only the harbors.

Capt. Bristol said the battleship Florida would interfere with the sailing of any foreign vessels "fitted out or armed for warlike purposes."

The navy patrol will not interfere with any ship having a proper manifest. Orders to the ships there are not to interfere with the peaceful commerce of the world. The government simply desires that the United States shall not be used by foreign powers for un-neutral purposes.

### Only Three Here.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—So far as known there are only three German vessels in Atlantic waters now, the cruisers Dresden, Strassburg and Karlsruhe and they are believed to be off New York harbor.

## TODAY'S SITUATION

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Belgian troops and why there were no German regiments to cut off their retreat. Does this mean another German miscalculation or is it because we have not the German side of the story?

There will be few greater surprises during the clashes of European arms than has come to Gemany through Belgium's heroic resistance against the invaders of her neutrality.

Germans have always regarded Belgium as no more than an incidental bite on the way to the great war banquet before Paris. The surprise of the general staff of Berlin must have been commensurate with the astonishment of the British officers at the military powers of the American colonists when the revolutionary war began. Belgium military engineers have been constructing defenses along the Meur river, centering at Liege, for ten years but Germany thought they would not be of great value because the men behind the defenses wouldn't fight. This mistake lost Germany the first advantage in the war. If Germany's plans go far astray, the war won't last long.

### New Ambassador.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—William G. Sharp, new ambassador to France, arrived here today from his home in Ohio, and will try to leave for France on the armored cruiser Tennessee.

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# MRS. WILSON'S DAYS NUMBERED

### Wife of the President in State of Coma This Morning and Hopes Are Slight.

## OXYGEN WAS USED

### Her Life Hanging on a Slender Thread Today With Doctors Making Heroic Battle.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Mrs. Wilson's life hangs on a slender thread. The first bulletin regarding her condition issued at 7 a. m., stated that she had experienced a slight rally early this morning after a fairly restful night, but that little hope for her recovery was entertained.

At 8:45 it was said her condition showed "slight improvement." Mrs. Wilson was continually lapsing from consciousness into a state of coma all night and this morning. Physicians are adopting heroic measures in an effort to keep her conscious. Oxygen was used to stimulate her heart action.

The president today cancelled all engagements, to remain beside his wife every moment. He spent an all night vigil at her bedside. It was reported that he snatched a few hours of broken rest on a couch in an adjacent room. He did not remove his clothing all night.

Dr. Cary Grayson, the president's aide and physician, also spent the entire night in the sick room, assisted by Dr. R. M. Kennedy of the navy.

The latter had charge of administering the artificial stimulants. A consultation of the entire staff of attending physicians, six in all, were ordered at an early hour today. They consisted of Drs. Grayson, Kennedy and Dr. Edward Park Davis and F. R. Deroum, of Philadelphia and Dr. Thomas Brown and Dr. Barker, celebrated specialists, of the Johns Hopkins hospitals, Baltimore.

Dr. Grayson expressed hope early this morning that the crisis reached during the night and continuing early today, might be safely passed for a few days. It was stated that Mrs. Wilson, through the aid of stimulants, might linger several days. Her emaciated and generally weakened condition, however, militated against such hope. She is but a shadow of her former robust self.

After the effects of a fall Mrs. Wilson sustained on a slippery floor in the white house last March, compelling a slight operation upon her spine, which caused a complication of nervous diseases, stomach trouble and Bright's disease were said to be the ailments of the "first lady of the land."

Until two weeks ago her condition did not become alarming. Since then she failed rapidly. The president has spent every spare moment at her bedside, even drafting the United States neutrality proclamation and mediation offer in the European war there.

Three weeks ago she made her first trip outside the mansion, leaning on the arm of a nurse while personally overseeing changes in the white house rear gardens. Last week she had a serious relapse. Last Tuesday her pulse was totally silent a few moments, oxygen injections resuscitating her.

Miss Margaret Wilson has been almost constantly with her mother. Mrs. William G. McAdoo, formerly Miss Eleanor Wilson, has been a daily visitor. Today the secretary of the treasury and Mrs. McAdoo took up their residence in the white house.

Other relatives of the family, summoned hastily, began to arrive. Messages of sympathy poured in upon the president and his daughter. A stream of carriages passed through the great portico of the white house with friends calling to inquire. Secretary Bryan was one of the first.

Dr. Grayson's statement was as follows:

"The chief cause of Mrs. Wilson's present critical condition is a chronic kidney trouble. This has developed as one of the results of a nervous breakdown brought on by overwork. In her ambition to perform her full duty in Washington, Mrs. Wilson added to her social obligations a very great activity in philanthropic work connected with the redemption of the slums of Washington City and in various other enterprises connected with the betterment of conditions of life here. At the same time she was very active in attempting to bring about constructive action in the matter of education in the southern mountain district.

"The first suggestion that she was doing too much appeared last February and since then she has suffered a great deal, culminating in the chronic kidney trouble. While her condition is alarming it shows today a slight improvement over yesterday and the first part of last evening. She is very weak but conscious, brave and cheerful."

Dr. Grayson said that he had been in consultation with various specialists from time to time recently and that he would hold conferences during the day with other physicians and the white house staff since Mrs. Wilson became critically ill.

Mrs. Wilson's three daughters are now at the white house and but few relatives. The president is almost constantly at Mrs. Wilson's bedside. Former President Roosevelt telegraphed a message of sympathy to President Wilson today. Vice President Marshall was one of the first to call at the white house today. That the president's wife realized the seriousness of her condition was evident from her request for action on the slum improvement bill.

## USE OF AIRSHIPS PROVES DISASTROUS

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acrobats trying the same method, also was destroyed.

Belgian airmen have proved wonderful in a crisis. They maintain their position in the air along the front of the forts and every attempted movement of the Germans is signalled and the range of their attacking troops so accurately located that few of the Belgian shells are being wasted.

The Germans are attacking along the entire line of forts fronting Liege. Having established that it would be impossible to carry them by assault, artillery has been placed in position and the Belgian posts are being shelled at long range. For this purpose, new Krupp guns of heavy calibre, are being used, and an enormous number of them are already in action. The advice received by the war office fail to estimate the German dead and wounded but it is known to be in the neighborhood of 10,000.

## ITALY DEFIES KAISER'S DEMAND

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JAPAN COMING IN. SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Aug. 6.—That Japan will be involved in the general European war before many days are past, is deemed certain. Japanese expressed this belief after the receipt of cablegrams from Tokio.

## NAVAL BATTLE NOT REORTED

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ed no real fighting has taken place, excepting that already reported in which each belligerent lost a mine laying ship. German wounded are in the hospital at Harwich, having been rescued from the water by the Amphion after the mine ship, the Koening Luis was sunk. All coast points report firing at sea, but the experts of the admiralty say it is undoubtedly running fights between destroyers and scouting craft. The Amphion was hit by a shell from the German steamer when she sunk the Luis and her batteries slightly damaged. The third torpedo flotilla is the only one so far known to have been engaged.

## FLEET WELL PROTECTED.

[By Ed L. Keen, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

LONDON, Aug. 6.—While Belgian soldiers are holding in check an army of more than 100,000 Germans, commanded by the crown prince, and driving them back with heavy slaughter, British and French warships are sweeping the seas clear of German merchantmen. Already the monetary loss to German shipping interests is in the millions. Seventy-five prizes of war are in British ports. A score are in French.

## GERMAN DEFEATS ARE FREQUENT

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ordered. It was successful, as the Belgians realizing they could not maintain their position, had orders to fall back toward Liege. So incensed were the Germans over the stubborn defense that they burned the city of Visé and are alleged to have killed a number of non-combatants. An eighteen year old Belgian girl, who shot at a German officer, was killed by a firing squad.

The German losses in the fighting in front of Visé number 3,500 killed and wounded and the Belgians took three hundred prisoners. The German advance was slow. The Belgian defenders moved slowly along both banks of the Meuse and along the railway and the military road. At a number of points in the retreat toward Liege where the first real Belgian stand was to be made, the Belgians immediately halted. When the Germans gave battle, the Belgians mowed great swaths in their columns with the machine guns. While this was proceeding, two regiments of Germans with an armored train had been trapped by Belgians and practically annihilated with mines under the culverts in the vicinity of Spa. The Belgian army gave way until Duhan, seven miles north of Liege, was reached. Here a real stand was made. The Belgian field artillery and machine guns were massed and as the Germans advanced the entire front was shelled. For the first time the aeroplane became a satisfactory instrument of war. Belgian aviators ascended and with officers in their machines, reconnoitered the German position.

The exact location of the German columns was signalled from the aeroplanes with the result that the accuracy of the cannon fire dazed the invaders. Explosive shells fell in their midst, killing and wounding hundreds. The aviators paid particular attention to the German staff officers, with the result that the casualties among them were very great. The Germans sent up their air men, but they were driven off by the Belgians.

According to one report a Belgian aeroplane attacked a German airman. They fired revolvers at each other without effect and in their attempt to get close enough so that pistol shots would prove effective, their machines collided and fell, both men being killed.

The German advance tonight was south of Dohain with their columns extending to Francorchamps and Stavelot, 25 miles away. It is understood here that an additional army corps with supporting brigades of engineers and artillery, has been rushed from Cologne and that Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm has started from Berlin to assume command. The accuracy of this latter statement cannot be vouched for.

Estimates of the total losses vary, but the dead and wounded of the German army are numbered in the thousands and the Belgians have taken many prisoners. King Albert, in re-

## ATTACKING RUSSIA.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 6.—Germany is carrying her war against Russia to the sea. The German fleet which chased the Russian warships into the gulf of Finland is today attacking the Gulf at Sueaborg, at the entrance of the gulf of Finland. It is supposed that they are clearing the way for an attack on the Russian fleet which is now bottled up in the gulf and possibly for a dash against Revel.

## BOTH WERE SUNK.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—The Daily Mail correspondent cables that the German cruiser Emden and the Russian cruiser Askold fought off Wie Hal Wei, China, this afternoon. Both cruisers are reported by the correspondent to have sunk.

# LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS

United Press Association Telegraph Market Report Over Gate City Leased Wire.

## Grain Review.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—Liverpool traders professed to see an early revival of grain movements to Europe today and when this opinion was cabled here, wheat bulged one cent from September and 2 1/2 for December. The advance in September was less marked because eastern exporters were offering to sell September wheat back to the Chicago trade at about three cents under the present market figures.

Corn futures weakened at the start and then advanced continued. September gained 2 1/2 and December 1 1/2 during the forenoon.

Oats were weak at the start but moved upward on the bulge in wheat and corn.

Provisions made sharp gains on an advance of 25 to 35 cents in hog prices. Pork jumped \$1.60 and other provisions futures from 15 to 30 cents.

## Daily Range of Prices.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 6.—			
	Open.	High.	Low.
<b>WHEAT—</b>			
Des. ....	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2
Sep. ....	90 3/4	91 3/4	89 1/2
<b>CORN—</b>			
Dec. ....	65 1/2	66 1/2	65 1/2
Sep. ....	71 1/4	72 1/4	71 1/4
<b>OATS—</b>			
Dec. ....	40 1/2	41 1/2	40 1/2
Sep. ....	37 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2
<b>PORK—</b>			
Sep. ....	20.35	22.20	20.35
<b>LARD—</b>			
Sep. ....	9.20	9.52	9.10
Oct. ....	9.30	9.70	9.25
<b>RIBS—</b>			
Sep. ....	12.10	12.52	12.05
Oct. ....	11.72	12.47	11.72

## Chicago Cash Grain.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 87 1/2@91 1/2; No. 3 red, 86 1/2@89 1/2; No. 2 hard, 87 1/2@91 1/2; No. 3 hard, 86 1/2@89 1/2; No. 3 spring, 94@99c.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 80@82 1/2; No. 4 yellow, 80 1/2@81c; No. 2 mixed, 79 1/2; No. 3 mixed, 77@80c; No. 4 mixed, 76 1/2@79 1/2.

Oats—No. 3 white, 36 1/2@37 1/2; No. 4 white, 36 1/2@37c; standard, 36 1/2@38c.

## Peoria Grain.

PEORIA, Ill., Aug. 6.—Corn—Market 1 1/2c higher. No. 3 yellow, No. 4 yellow, No. 1 mixed, 80c; sample, 76@77c.

Oats—Market 1/2c higher. No. 2 white, 36 1/2@37c; standard, 36 1/2c.

## Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—Hog receipts 600, market strong, 10@15c lower. Mixed and butchers, 77@80.00; good heavy, 77.85@83.00; rough heavy 77.70@78.50; light, 83.50@89.00; pigs, 77.00@85.00.

Cattle receipts 1,500; market strong, shade higher. Beves, 77.10@9.95; cows and heifers, 73.00@9.10; stockers and feeders, 75.50@7.90; Texans, 66.40@7.75; calves, 77.50@11.00.

Sheep receipts 6,000; market steady, 10c higher. Native, 55.25@6.00; western, 54.40@6.00; lambs, 66.25@8.25; western, 66.60@8.20.

## St. Louis Live Stock.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Aug. 6.—Cattle receipts 2,100; market 15@25c higher. Texas receipts 300; native beef steers, 75.00@9.75; cows and heifers, 65.00@9.25; stockers and feeders, 65.00@7.50; calves, 66.00@10.50; Texas steers, 66.00@8.25; cows and heifers, 64.50@6.50.

## Hog receipts 3,500; market 15@25c

higher. Mixed and butchers, 83.40@8.90; good to heavy, 83.50@8.90; rough 77.25@7.75; light, 83.65@8.90; bulk, 83.50@8.90; pigs, 86.50@8.60. Sheep receipts 1,900; market steady. Sheep and mutton, 44.00@43.50, lambs, 47.00@8.25.

## Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 6.—Cattle receipts 1,000; market strong. Steers, 85.50@9.85; cows and heifers, 84.25@9.25; stockers and feeders, 85.00@8.00; calves, 86.50@10.00.

Hog receipts 1,000; market 10@15c higher. Bulk, 77.90@8.25; heavy, 84.25@8.25; medium, 83.00@8.40; light, 77.90@8.25.

Sheep receipts 3,000; market strong. Lambs, 47.75@8.15; ewes, 44.50@8.00; wethers, 43.50@7.00.

## Omaha Live Stock.

OMAHA, Aug. 6.—Cattle receipts 1,400; market strong, 10c higher. Steers, 89.00@9.75; cows and heifers, 86.00@8.75; stockers and feeders, 87.50@8.00; calves, 87.00@10.50; bulls and stags, 84.75@7.25.

Hog receipts 1,700; market 10@20c higher. Bulk, 77.80@8.15. Sheep receipts 8,500; market steady, 10@15c higher. Yearlings, 86.75@6.15; wethers, 85.40@5.90; lambs, 83.00@8.25; ewes, 84.75@5.00.

## Chicago Produce.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—Butter—Extras, 23 1/2c; firsts, 24@26 1/2c; dairy extras, 22 1/2@25c; dairy firsts, 21@22 1/2c. Eggs—Frisht, 20@20 1/2c; ordinary firsts, 19@19 1/2c.

Cheese—Twins, 13 1/2@13 1/2c; Young Americas, 14 1/2@15c. Potatoes—New receipts 75 cars; Virginia, 22.40@2.50; Jersey cobblers, 88@92c; home grown Minnesota Ohio, 75@80c.

Live poultry—Fowls, 15@16c; ducks 12@14c; geese, 8@10c; spring chickens, 15c; turkeys, 16c.

## New York Produce.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Flour market dull, neglected. Pork market steady. Mess, 24.00@24.50. Lard market firm. Middle west spot, 9.25@9.35.

Sugar market stronger. Centrifugal test, 32.52 1/2; Muscovado 89 test, 22.87 1/2. Sugar, refined, market strong. Cut loaf, 56.30@5.40; crushed, 55.20@5.50; powdered, 44.60@1.20; granulated, 44.50@5.06.

Coffee Rio No. 7 on spot, 9 1/2c. Tallow market steady. City, 6 1/2c; country, 5 1/2@6 1/2c; special, 6 1/2c. Hay market firm. Prims, 1.00@1.10; No. 8, 95@1.00; clover, 95@1.12 1/2.

Dressed poultry market easy. Turkeys, 15@26c; chickens, 14@22c; fowls, 11@19 1/2c; ducks, 12@16c. Live poultry market easy. Geese, 13@14c; ducks, 15@18c; fowls, 16@17 1/2c; turkeys, 15c; roosters, 12c; chickens, 17@20c.

Cheese market firm. State milk common to special, 10@16 1/2c; full skims, 1 1/2@4c; skims common to special, 5@12c.

Butter market quiet, easy. Receipts 8,202. Creamery extras, 24 1/2@30c; dairy tubs, 21@29c; imitation creamery firsts, 21 1/2@23c.

Egg market quiet. Receipts 12, 131. Nearby white fancy, 32@33c; nearby mixed fancy, 28@29c; fresh, 23@28c.

## St. Louis Hay.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 5.—Market steady; receipts at St. Louis, 60 cars; at East St. Louis, 14 cars. Choice timothy, 19.00; No. 1 timothy, 18.00@18.50; No. 2 timothy, 14.00@15.50; No. 3 timothy, 13.00@14.00.

## Request from Carranza.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—General Carranza, constitutional leader has requested the United States in a friendly way to "withdraw the American fleet from Mexican waters," state department officials stated today. Orders are in contemplation for the withdrawal of some of the battleships now in Mexican waters, but they have no relation to the European situation, Assistant Secretary of Navy Roosevelt stated today.

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