

nation now dominated by German troops.

London.—The Daily Mail, in discussing the almost certain capture of Ostend, today says: "The British fleet could bottle up Ostend as effectively as they already have bottled up the great German ports and they insist the only advantage Germany will get from holding Ostend will be a base for an aerial raid."

Paris.—The slaughter at the front is described by the war office as enormous. The Germans constantly charge the allied lines in the face of a terrific shell fire from the artillery mounted behind the trenches and a withering rifle fire from the trenches themselves. While details are withheld it is stated that at points where the French have followed up the repulse of the Germans by a forward movement they have found their way blocked by heaps of bodies piled breast high.

The valor of the Germans is admitted everywhere. They have charged the entrenched positions of the allies time and time again in close formation. As fast as a gap was torn in the ranks the survivors have closed it up and pressed on toward the goal. The percentage of German officers killed is stated to continue large as they lead their men in the assaults.

Pekin.—The Japanese forces landed on Shantung Peninsula to begin their investment of the forts of Kiao-Chau and the German concession, according to information reaching the Chinese foreign office. The Japanese landed under a covering fire from the light draft British cruisers which were able to approach closer to the position than the heavy draught Japanese battleships and battle cruisers blockading the ports. The forts are reported to have had the range of the British and to have killed ten men and slightly damaged the British war craft.

It is reported here that not only have the Germans completely mined their harbor, but they have strewn

a line of mines outside which endanger the blockading fleet. In addition the Germans have removed some of their guns in the coast forts to new positions, thus making valueless the maps of the defenses possessed by the Japanese.

#### BELIEVED OSTEND WILL BE FORCED TO SURRENDER

London, Aug. 26.—Reports from Ostend today say that the German attack on the city has been renewed. Scouts report heavy bodies of German reinforcements coming up and it is believed the city will be forced to surrender.

The London newspapers say the capture of Ostend by the Germans will be a direct menace to England inasmuch as it is only 66 miles off the British coast. They profess to believe it is the intention of the German general staff to take the city and then mount heavy guns to protect it from raids by sea. The danger of Zeppelin raids is also discussed at length. There is no disguising the fear England has toward these "vultures of the air," as they are described in today's reports from Vienna.

The bitterness of the feeling against England, and the fact that up to the present the British fleet is intact, may lead the Germans to undertake an aerial raid which might have serious results.

#### BAY IS MINED

Tokio, Aug. 25.—That the entrance to Kiao Chau bay is heavily mined was learned here today. This prevents Japanese or other blockading warships from entering those waters, but the allied forces have made the blockade of Tsing Chau, the principal port, very effective.

The Mikado's government hopes to starve the German garrison of Kiao Chau into surrender without bloodshed. The authorities here have issued very strict orders that all German residents in Japan must be protected.