

FRENCH ADVANCE ARMY IS CHECKED

FRENCH AND GERMAN ARMIES IN CONTACT. EVACUATE MUELHAUSEN. FRENCH INVADERS TAKE UP POSITION OUTSIDE.

The village of Lagarde, in German territory, was taken by the French at the point of the bayonet. German forces appeared at Longwy and demanded the surrender of the town, which was refused.

Plans Raid on U. S. Gold Supply.
New York, Aug. 12.—The most interesting report in the financial district was the rumor that the Bank of England proposes establishing a branch at Ottawa, Canada. Bankers here see in such a move what they call an attempt on the part of the great British institution to pile up large amounts of credit with this country which we may have to pay in gold shipments to the Dominion.

Coast Defense Guns Are to Practice.
New York, Aug. 12.—Colonel S. E. Allen, coast defense commander at Fort Hancock, Sandy Hook, N. J., gave warning to shipping interests that there will be target practice next Tuesday night with the great coast defense guns and mortars at the fort.

Yankee Woman to Join Red Cross.
London, Aug. 12.—Mrs. George Law of New York left London by automobile, bound for Havre. It is her intention to join the French Red Cross.

Allied Troops Are Cheerful.
Brussels, Aug. 12.—An official statement issued by the Belgian war office states that the Germans have dispatched four forces in a westerly direction from the north of the River Meuse. The detachments, it is said, did not appear very strong and it was expected that the allied army would drive them back. Some outpost engagements were reported, in which the Germans were repulsed. The feeling among the allied troops is very cheerful and their equipment is excellent.

45,000 Japs Embark on Transports.
Shanghai, Aug. 12.—The captain of a Japanese vessel which arrived here reported that 45,000 Japanese soldiers had embarked on transports and were awaiting orders. He said he believed their destination was Tsingtau, the German possession in China.

American Assisted.
Copenhagen, Aug. 12.—It is announced from Berlin that 25,000 Americans, whose journeys were interrupted by the war, are within the German frontier. Many are without resources, but are being assisted so far as available means permit.

MRS. JONES HOME FROM PARIS

Mrs. Adelbert Jones, sister of Mrs. M. E. Jones, Lands in New York City on August 5th.

CONNER PARTY STILL IN LONDON
Considerable Anxiety Felt for Those of the Crawford County People Who Are Now in Europe.

Crawford county people who have relatives and friends in Europe are considerably worried over their welfare. Each day the newspapers report worse conditions abroad and at present the passenger steamship lines are about at a standstill.

In the War Zone.
Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hugg and Mr. Jacob Weiss, of this city, are now in the war zone. They are at Colmar, a city in Alsace-Lorraine, visiting relatives. Reports in yesterday's papers stated that a big battle between the French and German troops had taken place at Colmar and hundreds of soldiers slain. Colmar is a city of 50,000 inhabitants and is the capital of the province in which it is situated and therefore considered an important point by both the Germans and French. It is a great manufacturing city and large textile mills are located there.

Emily Hugg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hugg, has received no word from his parents since they left Paris and is considerably worried about them. He informs us that they have relatives residing in the mountains some distance from the city and undoubtedly his parents are there away from the trouble. The Weiss family received a letter from Mr. Weiss last week, written from Paris, in which he stated that he would leave for Colmar. Since then they have not received any word.

Mrs. Jones Arrives From Paris.
Mrs. Adelbert Jones, sister of Mrs. M. E. Jones, arrived in Denison this morning. Mrs. Jones had been in Paris studying art for the past three months and sailed on the Hamburg American liner President Lincoln before the war broke out. She informs us that the boat landed in New York on the 5th, two days overdue, and that the last three days of the voyage the lights on the ship were extinguished for fear that an English vessel might locate them and capture the ship. The regular course of the ship was changed which caused it to be late two days in reaching New York. In Paris she saw Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Conner and Mrs. S. F. Ashby and reported them to be in good health and enjoying the city immensely.

Mrs. E. C. Chamberlin Expected.
Mr. E. C. Chamberlin has every reason to believe that his wife and daughter are now on the ocean on their way to New York City. Last week he received a letter from Mrs. Chamberlin, stating that she had engaged passage on the Cunard liner Laconia for New York City, which would sail Saturday, August 8th, from Plymouth. It has not been reported, however, whether or not this vessel left England.

MINING OF NORTH SEA CLOSES PORTS

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Neutral Ports Mined.
One diplomatist pointed out that the ports of four neutral nations, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands as well as one of the belligerents—Belgium—were practically blockaded through the promise of planting of mines in the North sea.

The Hague convention, which regulates the use of contact mines, stipulates that the belligerents shall undertake to their utmost to render these mines harmless within a limited time, and should they cease to be under surveillance to notify the danger zones, as soon as military exigencies permit. Naval observers here believe, however, that in view of the titanic struggle this article in the convention will be of little moment.

INDISCRIMINATE PLANTING OF MINES MAKES NAVIGATION VERY UNSAFE, AND TREASURE SHIPS ARE IN GREAT DANGER.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT AMERICANS IN NORTHERN PORTS WILL REMAIN THERE FOR THE PRESENT OR MAKE THEIR WAY SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST TO SUCH PORTS AS MARSEILLES OR LISBON TO OBTAIN PASSAGE FOR THE UNITED STATES. AN ITINERARY FOR THE CRUISERS TENNESSEE AND NORTH CAROLINA BEARING MILLIONS IN GOLD FOR THE RELIEF OF AMERICANS HAS NEVER BEEN ANNOUNCED, BUT AS BOTH GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY HAVE GIVEN WARNING OF THE DANGERS IN THE NORTH SEA, IT IS BEING TAKEN FOR GRANTED HERE THAT NONE OF THE AMERICAN WARSHIPS WILL VENTURE INTO THOSE WATERS. AFTER TOUCHING AT FALMOUTH, ENGLAND, THE TREASURE SHIPS PROBABLY WILL LAND AT SOME PORT IN FRANCE, AND THEN HEAD FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN, ENDEAVORING, IT IS THOUGHT, TO REACH AMERICANS IN BOTH GERMANY AND AUSTRIA FROM POINTS IN THE ADRIATIC.

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WAR NEWS SUMMARIZED

GERMAN FORCES ARE MAKING CAREFUL RECONNAISSANCES IN THE DISTRICT OF HESBAYE, WHICH IS BELIEVED TO MEAN THAT GERMANY WILL TAKE THE OFFENSIVE NORTH OF LIEGE.

THE GERMAN CRUISERS GOEDEN AND BRESLAU, FOR WHICH BRITISH AND FRENCH WARSHIPS WERE WAITING, HAVE TAKEN REFUGE IN THE DARDANELLES.

CLASHES BETWEEN AUSTRINIANS AND RUSSIANS SO FAR HAVE BEEN OF MINOR IMPORTANCE.

A COPENHAGEN DISPATCH ANNOUNCES THAT RUSSIAN MOBILIZATION WILL BE COMPLETE BY AUGUST 21ST.

SEVERAL AUSTRALIAN WARSHIPS HAVE JOINED THE BRITISH SQUADRON IN EAST ASIATIC WATERS.

RECRUITING GOES ON IN LONDON FOR OVER-SEAS SERVICE.

THE CUNARD LINER LUSITANIA, IN ITS DASH ACROSS THE ATLANTIC, HAS REACHED THE MERSEY IN SAFETY.

London, Aug. 12.—Two salient points emerge from the latest news of the great war. The first and most striking is what is described here as "the silent victory."

This applies to the fact that the North sea, over which absolute silence has brooded so long, is now open to shipping without serious danger. The steamship services from Denmark to London and from Newcastle to Norway are being resumed, while the steamship services between the Hook of Holland and Harwich have suffered no interruption.

These facts, in the opinion of the authorities here, imply that the German fleet for the time being is safely held in check.

The second point is that the French have been obliged to evacuate Muelhausen and occupy new positions outside the town.

According to German reports this was the first important battle of the campaign and the French, who had 55,000 men, suffered a serious check.

In Belgium the position shows little change.

The Germans have occupied Tongres and are reported to have captured a railway station twenty-four miles from Liege. Outpost affairs of no great importance are reported at different points of the many nations engaged in the war.

Fighting All Along Line.

Paris, Aug. 12.—The French troops along the entire front are in contact with the Germans. At Mangelennes, northeast of Verdun, the Germans attacked the French. The French, reinforced by reserves, then took the offensive and repulsed the Germans with considerable losses. One German battery was destroyed by the French artillery fire, and another was captured, with three Gatling guns and ammunition.

A regiment of German cavalry suffered seriously. Near Moncel, a German battalion, with artillery, was repulsed. The German losses are said to be heavy.

AUGUST SALE ON BED BLANKETS

We are very fortunate in securing for this sale blankets from some of the largest mills in the south and north. The lines that we are offering for this week are shown both in wool and cotton. Every blanket is perfect; no seconds; no drop patterns are being offered. This is merchandise that we will absolutely guarantee as to its quality.

One hundred near wool blankets, size 60x76. This blanket is shown in both brown and the gray stripe and is a good blanket that is sold by the average retailer for \$1.50 each. This is an exceptionally good blanket and is offered during our August sale at **98c**

Wool blankets of a better class are offered much below regular during our August blanket sale. About 75 blankets are offered at this time at an absolute saving on each purchase. Our entire stock is divided into four lots.

Lot No. 1 is a wool finished blanket size 66x80, finished in a bound edge, shown in the brown and gray body with a colored stripe. This is a blanket that is sold by the average dealer at about \$4.50, for this sale, each **\$2.98**

Lot No. 2 is wool blankets, size 66x80. It is an extra heavy weight and bound with a colored binding. The blanket is shown in a white body and a blue stripe. It is a blanket that is made to retail at \$5.00, priced at August sale at **\$3.98**

Lot No. 3 is blankets that we had marked to retail as high as \$5.50. These are shown in both the 66x80 and 70x80 size, both in the white and gray bodies with a colored stripe. There are 25 blankets in this lot and we advise early purchasing as the lot will not last long and we cannot guarantee to get these blankets again at this price; price at August sale **\$3.98**

Lot No. 4 is made up of about 25 blankets. They are blankets that we have marked to retail

for \$6.00. These were all shown in the gray and tan body with colored stripes and a complete showing of both light and dark plaids. They are all 70x80 in size and are blankets for which the average retailer will charge at least 25 per cent more than what we ask for them. Priced during our August sale at **\$4.98**

About 50 spreads of a better sort are left for this week. Bed spreads were made to retail as high as \$4.50. Price **\$1.98**

New Fall Dress Goods

New fall dress goods that just arrived on our floors are offered for the first time during our August blanket sale.

Four hundred yards of serge both in the black and blue shown in the 36 inch width. This serge we absolutely guarantee to be strictly all wool. We were very fortunate in securing this goods from one of the largest mills in the north. It is a serge that we can retail at 65c offered this week at, yard **39c**

Two hundred and fifty yards of granite cloth shown in the Russian green, black, tan, brown and in the blue. These are all 36 inches wide and were made to retail at 85c. Priced for this week while they last at, per yard **49c**

Hundreds of yards of new wool goods for fall wear are being offered during the last week of our Claffin sale. This showing is divided into two lots.

Lot No. 1 is made up of about 600 yards of all wool dress goods 44 inches wide. They are dress goods that were made to retail at \$1.25 per yard. Every desirable shade is offered in this lot priced at **69c**

Lot No. 2. \$1.75 dress goods, all new goods, priced at 98c. These are all 53 and 54 inches wide. This showing is made up of Bedford cords, serges, granite cloths and novelty cloths. The number of customers making purchases in these goods last week has proved to us that these goods are marked much below their real value. Priced while they last at **98c**

Twenty-five Ladies' Skirts

About twenty-five ladies' skirts are offered this week in all the new styles. Some are shown in the long tunic and the matched underlay while others are shown in the accordion pleat. Cloths used in the skirts are gabardines, Rampac chudda cloths and serges. These skirts are divided into two lots priced at \$6.50 and \$7.95.

Your attention is again called to the beautiful showing of ribbons suitable for sashes and girdles. Ribbons that are being offered much below their actual value. One big lot of 41 pieces of ribbons that are made to retail as high as 65c and 75c a yard are seen in this lot. Not a ribbon in this showing is worth less than 60c per yard. Priced at 39c.

Dress trimmings for fall wear, shown in Roman stripe silk plush, messaline Roman stripes, figured panne velvets and most all new novelty trimmings are being shown. These are price from \$2.00 a yard and up. Your inspection is invited.

MENAGH'S

New Arrivals in Fall Millinery

One hundred new fall shapes have arrived on our floor since our last offering. These are all smart shapes and have been bought direct from the most noted designers and manufacturers of the east. Our entire stock is divided into three lots.

Lot No. 1 is hats that are made to retail at \$4 to \$5 priced at \$2.98. We have about 100 of these.

Lot No. 2 is trimmed hats that were made to retail at \$5 to \$6 priced at \$3.98. There are about 100 hats in this lot.

Lot No. 3 is shapes that the average dealer will retail at \$7.00 to \$8.00. They are all smart styles and very chic. Priced at \$4.98.

Advanced Showing of Ladies' Suits in the Redingote Model

The styles of these garments are authentic and have been passed upon by the most noted style critics and designers of this country. This lot of suits is divided into two showings.

Showing No. 1 at \$19.50, has a 45 inch jacket, stand up collar at the back, trimmed with velvet to match the cloth. The skirts are made with a yoke top and the side pleats. These are garments that will appeal to the prospective buyer.

Showing No. 2 at \$29.50. These suits are made in two different lengths of jackets. Some of the skirts are plain while others are made with the pleated side and front. Shown at \$29.50.