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BRITISH RAID U. S. SHIPS FOR FOE, NO EAGLE'S SCREAM

English War Vessels Boarding Two American Liners for German and Austrian Subjects.

LANSING SAYS IT IS ALL RIGHT

Councillor for State Department Asserts Privilege of All Belligerents.

CAN REMOVE SUCH PASSENGERS

Craft Flying Stars and Stripes May Be Stopped by Those of Warring Nations.

SIXTY PERSONS TAKEN OFF

Reservists Taken from Manchuria and China of Pacific Mail.

ACTION IS OFF HONG KONG

Two Tensions Claim to Be Citizens of Switzerland Set Free After Steamer China Halted by Man o' War.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Removal of German and Austrian subjects by British warships from neutral vessels found for the scene of war is a privilege of the belligerent powers, according to an opinion expressed today by Robert Lansing, counsellor of the State department.

Board U. S. Vessel. HONOLULU, Aug. 31.—The American liners Manchuria and China, of the Pacific Mail Steamship company's Oriental fleet, were halted by British warships off Hong Kong and forced to surrender to the British authorities.

Told They Were Safe. After first inquiring of Washington if they were safe in an American registered vessel, according to officers of the China, and having received assurances that they could not be molested, the Germans and Austrians took passage for San Francisco, via Hong Kong, Shanghai, Nagasaki and Honolulu.

On arriving at Hong Kong the vessels were halted by ships of the British fleet, the passengers were summoned for inspection and required to give their nationalities at the call of the purser's roll.

Held for Detention. Those who appeared to be Germans or Austrians and could not prove otherwise were taken in a navy tender to Stone Cutters island for detention.

Propose War Tax on Railroad, Base Ball and Theater Tickets

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday. For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity. Unsettled; probably showers. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Comparative Local Records. Highest yesterday, 94. Lowest yesterday, 72. Mean temperature, 82. Precipitation, .15.

WITH THE GERMANS IN BELGIUM—A photograph of a German regiment in Belgium taking a brief rest before going onto the firing line. These men had just completed a hard march and were given a slight breathing spell before going into action.



DENY CHARGES BY THE GERMANS

Formal Answer to Austria Says the Kaiser Invaded Belgium Before it Appealed to France.

COULD NOT MEET THE REQUEST

Premier, in Speech in House of Commons, Condemns Publication of Dispatch Regarding Alleged Battle at Amiens.

ANTWERP, Aug. 31.—(Via Paris, 12:12 p. m.)—The following official statement was made public here today:

"The Belgian government, replying under date of August 29, to the Austro-Hungarian declaration of war, and the representations made at this same time, declares:

"Belgium had always maintained friendly relations with all its neighbors, and had fulfilled the duty imposed by neutrality. It could not accept the proposals of the Germans, it is because they had for their object the violation of an engagement which was a condition to the creation of the kingdom.

Capture of Asia Confirmed. WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The British capture of Asia in German Samoa was announced in an official message from London to the British embassy here today.

In connection with the seizure of the two Turkish warships in English ships, the foreign office sent the following statement to the embassy:

"In accordance with the recognized principle of the right and supreme duty to insure national safety in time of war, his majesty's government took over two ships which were building in England for (Continued on Page Two Column Three.)

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Plans for a 5 or 10 per cent warstamp tax on all railroad passenger tickets, theater tickets, base ball tickets and the like, is under consideration by members of the ways and means committee.

Bernstorff Asks of Armed British Ship at New York

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Count Von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States called attention today to the presence in this port of the White Star liner Adriatic, which arrived from Liverpool on Saturday with four guns mounted on her decks.

Nothing but Blackened Walls and Ruined Factories With Earth Freshly Dug Between Liege and Vise

LONDON, Aug. 31.—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegraph company from Ostend says that a small party has just returned there from a visit to Liege and describes the destruction wrought by the war as appalling.

GERMAN FORCES MOVING TO SOUTH

Magazine Correspondent Tells of the Marvels of the Solid German Advance Through Belgium.

AUTO TRUCKS REAL WONDERS Says Belgian Boys and Old Men Fire on German Troops in Brussels from Buildings Which Germans Then Destroy.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—(3:38 p. m.)—Arno Doehs, a magazine correspondent, who went into Belgium some days ago, arrived in London today from Brussels, which city he left Thursday.

Boys Fire on Soldiers. "I have no personal knowledge of the horrible German atrocities reported from Belgium," Mr. Doehs went on, "and I am inclined to discredit most of these stories. The Germans also tell many stories of Belgian atrocities, most of which I believe. In some cases Belgian boys and old men undoubtedly fired on German soldiers from inside of buildings.

Louvain Pitiful Ruin. Louvain is a pitiful ruin. I came through that city on my way out from Belgium and saw the smoking ruins. Only the big cathedral was visible above the smoke, and that may have gone later.

Figures Indicate Bumper Cotton Crop

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The condition of the cotton crop on August 25 was 78 per cent of a normal the Department of Agriculture announced today.

so typical of Walloon gaiety and now nothing but a mass of ruins, while many of the inhabitants lie all over the place, their chests riddled with bullets.

"All along the road to Vise," said one of the party, "there was nothing to be seen but walls blackened by smoke, the remains of burned factories, mounds of earth freshly dug—the sepulchers of the first Germans to fall.

War Summary

Terrific fighting continues on the Austro-Russian frontier. Both the combined Austrian and German forces and the Russian armies claim an advantage.

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German Crown Prince Said to Have Taken Refuge at the Hague

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The National Capital

Monday, August 31, 1914. The Senate. Met at 11 a. m. Agreed to house amendments on the war risk bill.

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FRENCH CONSIDER MOVING CAPITAL AWAY FROM PARIS

Advisability of Transferring Seat of Government to Bordeaux is Considered.

LAST WAR GIVES A PRECEDENT

Most of Diplomatic Missions Will Go Along, Though Herrick Probably Will Remain.

TROOPS ARE RUSHED TO PARIS

Citizens Hastening from the Capital as Fast as Trains May Accommodate Them.

GERMANS NOT TOO CONFIDENT

Feel that They Are Fighting Against Too Heavy Odds.

MANY GERMANS VOLUNTEERING

More Than 2,000,000 Present Themselves for Service—Twelfth List of German Casualties Made Public in Berlin.

BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—France is considering the advisability of moving the seat of its government from Paris to Bordeaux as a precautionary measure, according to official advices received here today.

While French embassy officials declined to discuss the possible movement of seat of government from Paris, they pointed out that a precedent for the same situation occurred during the Franco-Prussian war of 1870, when the capital was established at Bordeaux.

The French foreign office has discussed the idea of moving the capital with foreign diplomats, so that they could make proper arrangements. It is considered probable that Ambassador Herrick will remain in Paris in order to better care for Americans should Paris be invested by the German army.

General Engagement is On.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—(5 p. m.)—An official statement issued this evening summarizes the situation to date as follows:

"On our right, after partial checks, we have taken the offensive and the enemy is retiring before us.

"In the center we have had alternative checks and successes, but a general action is now being fought.

"On our left, by a series of circumstances which turned in favor of the Germans and despite lucky counter attacks, the Anglo-French forces were obliged to give way. Our armies, notwithstanding a few incontestable checks, remain intact.

"The morale of our troops is excellent in spite of considerable losses, which also are being rapidly filled from regimental depots."

Forced to Retire. LONDON, Aug. 31.—(3 p. m.)—The Post today editorially calls attention to a statement issued by the French embassy as indicating that the allied forces have again been (Continued on Page Two Column One.)

Something great coming Sunday, Sept. 6th

in The Bee's Want Ad Section of interest to every Bee reader watch for it!