

*ward Strassburg continues. The Germans are outnumbered by the French and consequently have failed to make any determined stand against our forces."*

*London.—Combined German armies moving steadily on toward Brussels. Namur reported in great danger.*

London.—The mystery surrounding the whereabouts of the British expeditionary forces was further increased when the war office press bureau issued an official statement denying that the British forces were engaged along the Belgian-French position now being attacked by the Germans.

Washington.—Secretary of War Garrison announced today that the relief ship Tennessee was proceeding to Rotterdam and that she would remain at Holland ports until further orders.

Paris.—The Belgian and French army is battling desperately in Belgium. The Germans have gained the initial advantage. They have taken the Belgian advanced position at Louvain.

The Belgian general staff explains that the city itself was evacuated to save it from destruction. Whether Brussels also has fallen is not known here.

Rumors that are persistently circulated here and at the Hague say the Germans now hold the Belgian capital. The war office claims to have no information.

But it significantly insists that the abandonment of Brussels cannot be regarded as a defeat by the Belgian-French forces, as the city has no defenses and it was never seriously planned to try and hold it.

Washington.—The British foreign office today cabled the British embassy here the exact naval and military situation between England and Germany. It was stated that England to date has lost only one light

cruiser, while a German submarine and a German mine layer has been destroyed.

London.—Antwerp today reports that the German cavalry have advanced directly up to the very defenses of the city. A scouting force of Uhlans which had penetrated to the advanced line of forts was attacked by Belgians and retreated after a sharp clash. Antwerp is reported quiet.

Paris.—According to the war office the French army of Alsace-Lorraine has reoccupied Mulhausen after a fight that had been in progress since Monday. The Germans occupying positions to the west of the town were compelled to evacuate after the French artillery had been placed in position and began shelling them.

The war office today made public the fact that the Germans have been operating in the department of Muerthe et Moselle, having crossed the frontier at Cirey and maintained positions threatening Nancy until dislodged on Tuesday.

The German columns consisted of cavalry and mounted machine gun detachments and they burned and almost entirely obliterated many villages.

At Badonviller a column of French cavalry attempted a stand, but they were shelled by the Germans and driven out, the village being almost completely demolished.

Washington.—Offers to sell ships to the government, under its national corporation plan, reached the White House today. What lines made the offer was not announced, but it was believed that the North German Lloyd or the Hamburg-American were included.