

## SHARP FIGHTING IS NOW IN PROGRESS ALONG THE FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONTIER

Germans Tenaciously Advancing Toward the Battleground at Waterloo and Events of Greatest Importance are in Progress, says Correspondent.

LONDON, August 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—A special to the Daily Mail from Brussels says that sharp fighting has been in progress along the Belgium-French frontier since Monday morning.

Another despatch to the London Express says that there is little doubt but what a great battle is now occurring in Belgium. A correspondent from Ghent says that the Germans are now advancing toward the Waterloo battlefield and that events of the greatest importance are in progress. Another special to the Exchange Telegraph says that the French and Russian ministers and the Belgian cabinet officers have left Brussels for Antwerp.

## Belgian Capital Has Been Moved to Antwerp

LONDON, August 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Brussels is being put into a position to withstand a possible attack and the seat of Belgian government has been moved north to Antwerp, which is regarded as beyond the lines of the German invasion.

A Reuter's despatch from Brussels says that German cavalry, in force, has been swung around the left wing of the Belgian defenses at Tirlemont and that a dash upon Brussels, some twenty-five miles distant from Tirlemont, is feared.

### ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Fighting has been in progress along the battle line, from Tirlemont to Dinant, all day, the Franco-Belgian troops holding their positions. The fiercest engagement in the south has been the reported battle at Dinant, almost on the French border. The Germans attacked in force on Sunday evening, the attack being supported by artillery. The French suffered greatly and for a time appeared to be about to break and fall back. At the critical moment, someone started to sing the Marseillaise, the song being taken up along the line. Then the French made a sortie from their entrenchments, charged the advancing Germans and drove them back, taking a number of prisoners.

### CAPTURED TROPHIES.

Reports from Brussels to the local press say that the standard of the Death Head Hussars, the regiment of which the Kaiser is honorary colonel, has been captured and now adorns the town hall at Liest. Other German standards have been sent to Paris, and one German eagle, captured in Lower Alsace, has been set up over the door of the minister of war.

### FRENCH SUCCESSES IN ALSACE-LORRAINE.

BELFORT, France, August 17.—The French forces are working their way into Upper Alsace, along the River Schirmeck and are approaching within striking distance of Strassburg. From Saales, a border town, from which the invaders drove the garrison, the French have followed the railroad to Schirmeck, on the river of the same name, where another engagement took place.

The French shelled the defenders from their entrenchments, the fire of the artillery being most effective. In the fighting at Schirmeck the French captured a thousand prisoners, twelve guns with their caissons and a number of machine guns.

## Tourists From Europe

NEW YORK, August 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The Holland-American steamer Neu Amsterdam arrived here last night carrying three thousand and thirty-nine American refugees. The steamer was stopped three times during its voyage across the Atlantic.

There was much rejoicing at the dock upon the arrival of the steamer, relatives and friends of the arriving tourists being present to greet the returning voyagers.

## Japan After Tsing Tau

TOKIO, Japan, August 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Following a meeting of the leaders of the Seiyukai party held last night to discuss the Japanese-German situation, one of those present quoted Premier Okuma as saying that Japan will not touch any German colony except Kiau Chau, the harbor of Tsingtau.

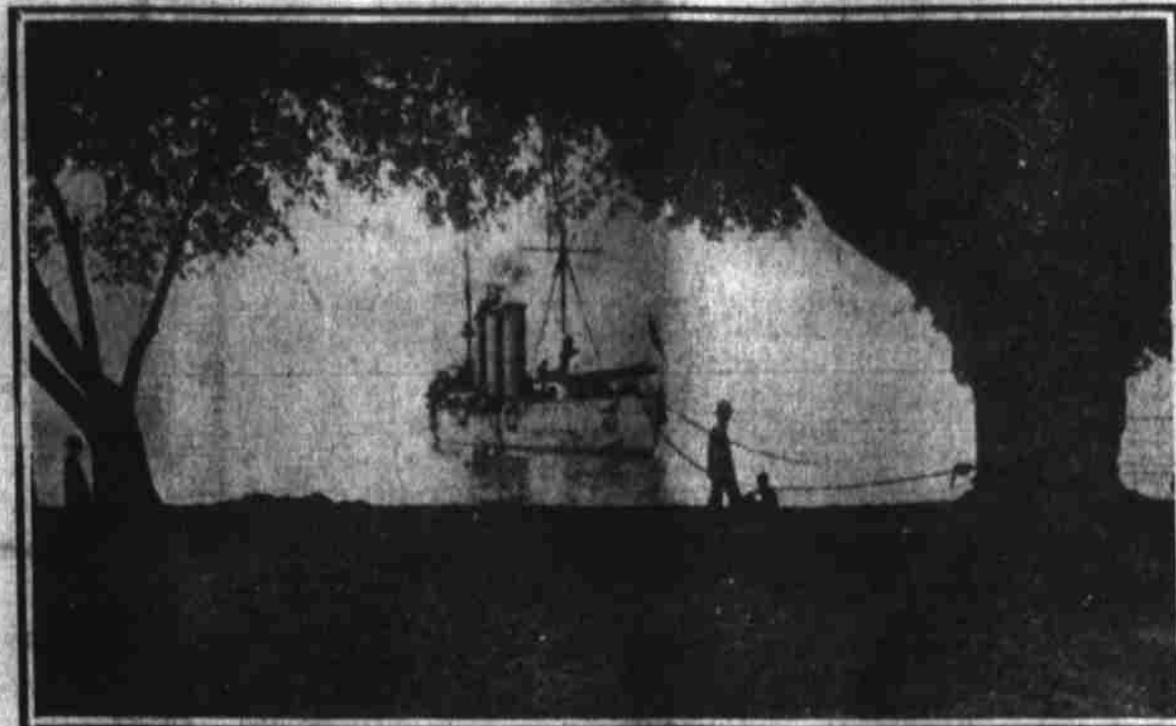
## Kaiser at Battlefront to Cheer His Troops

LONDON, August 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Paris states that Kaiser Wilhelm, Crown Prince Frederick, Prince William Eitel and Prince Adalbert have arrived at Mains, now the Headquarters from which the general staff is directing both the invasion of Belgium and the defense of Alsace-Lorraine.

It is predicted in Paris that the Kaiser will go forward to some point nearer one or the other battlefront, to encourage his men by his presence.

## Cruisers May Clash in Pacific

German Cruiser Leipzig (upper) and Japanese Cruiser Idzumo (lower) Rival Cruisers Which May Meet in Battle Off San Francisco.



## Leipzig and Idzumo Getting Together For a Fight Captains Huan and Moriyama Issue Statements

SAN FRANCISCO, August 18.—(Associated Press by Commercial Pacific Cable)—"I shall engage the enemy whenever and wherever we meet, regardless of the size of his ship or the number of his guns," said Captain Huan, of the German cruiser Leipzig, before leaving this port.

Before the Leipzig sailed the cruiser took on meat, provisions, water, lubricating oil and coal. Captain Huan this afternoon visited Mayor Rolph and presented to him for the Golden Gate Park zoo the ship's mascots, the two Japanese bears which have been with the cruiser for some months.

### IDZUMO WILL STAY WITH LEIPZIG.

Captain Moriyama, of the Japanese cruiser Idzumo, which left San Diego this evening, said just before sailing that he would make for San Francisco and that, "if the Leipzig is found outside the Golden Gate, we will remain there, too. We will follow her wherever she goes."

The Idzumo was preceded out of the San Diego harbor by the United States destroyer Hull, which slackened speed off Point Loma and allowed the Japanese cruiser to pass her. It is believed that the Hull is under orders to watch the Idzumo to see that the neutrality of American waters are protected.

## Russia Will Grant Full Liberty and Equality to All Jews in the Empire

LONDON, August 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—An announcement, as momentous in its expected effect as was the one made last week regarding the restoration of Poland, was made today at St. Petersburg, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch which came by way of Paris.

According to the despatch, the Czar has pledged his word that he will give to the Jews within the Russian Empire equal civil and political rights with his other subjects, this ukase to be put into effect in the near future.

As the announcement regarding the restoration of Poland is expected to wean away from Germany and Austria the sympathies of many millions of their subjects, the announcement regarding the Jews is expected to bring to Russia support from that people all over the world and to bring Russia into favor should the time come when it is necessary for her to float any great war loan.

## Will Treat Prisoners as Friends

PARIS, August 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Believing that many of the Poles and Alsations in the German ranks have been forced into the service and have taken up arms unwillingly against both Russia and France, the governments of the last two Powers have issued orders to the commanders in the field to treat with special consideration any Poles and Alsations among the prisoners they may make.

## GREEKS PREPARE TO WAR AGAINST TURKEY

LONDON, England, August 17.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Greece has formally notified Turkey that if the Ottoman troops continue to cross Bulgaria toward Greece, the latter country will take retaliatory measures. The Greek forces are being mobilized ready to take the field.

## ALL SHIPS ARE NOW GRANTED REGISTRY

WASHINGTON, August 17.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The senate today rejected the report of the conference committee which agreed upon the character of the bill to admit American-owned but foreign-built ships of foreign registry to American registry in the war crisis. The vote against the conference report was forty to twenty and shortly afterward, by the same vote, the senate instead adopted the original house measure. The measure now extends American registry to all foreign-built ships. It is believed the President will sign it.

## PACIFIC MAIL THREATENS TO SUSPEND ITS STEAMER SERVICE TO THE ORIENT

New Restrictions on Coastwise Shipping May Cause Pioneer Company to Withdraw Its Vessels From Asiatic Run.

WASHINGTON, August 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—President Schwerin of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company last night told Commissioner Hall that unless the Pacific Mail Steamship Company is allowed to continue its Mexican service, the Pacific Mail will be compelled to suspend its oriental line, operating steamers between San Francisco, Honolulu and the Orient.

He pointed out that the Southern and West coast trade is unprofitable without the company being allowed the privilege of stopping at Mazatlan, which the company petitions it be allowed to do despite the fact that the Southern Pacific Railroad company has connections there.

President Schwerin stated that the continuance of the service by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company is largely a matter of sentiment, for the company is not paying any dividends.

Importers and exporters testified in behalf of the company, stating that the Southern and West coast service are needed in order to permit San Francisco to compete with the East, as well as European and Central America ports.

The case has been taken under advisement by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

With the opening of the Panama Canal certain restrictions have been placed on the Pacific Mail Company because of the fact that it is a subsidiary of the Southern Pacific Company.

## Terms Are Offered to Belgians by Germany

BERLIN, Germany, August 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Germany has sent a note to Belgium in which it intimates that because of the brilliant conduct of the Belgian army in the present campaign, that after the capture of Brussels by the German forces, Germany will be willing to conclude any arrangement with Belgium compatible with the Franco-German conflict, wherein Germany would evacuate Belgium whenever war conditions permitted. The offer was refused by Belgium.

## President Reticent as to Japanese Situation

WASHINGTON, August 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—President Wilson and Secretary Bryan are studiously reticent regarding the official receipt of news from Tokio that Japan is to engage actively in the War of Europe.

The President today instructed his private secretary, Joseph Tumulty, to officially contradict the recent published announcement that he had expressed satisfaction with the course taken by Japan.

## Japanese May Seize All Pacific German Lands

WASHINGTON, August 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Japan's entry into the European situation has commanded wide attention here from diplomats and officials and various views are being privately expressed. President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan are studiously reticent and refuse to discuss the matter in any way.

### NO REASON TO QUESTION.

In reply to direct questions put by the representatives of the press, the President said that he saw no reason to question the good faith of Japan, but Secretary Tumulty, at the direction of the President, has issued a statement denying the published report that the President had expressed satisfaction at Japan's course.

"The President," said Mr. Tumulty, "feels it incumbent upon himself as the head of a neutral nation to express no opinions whatever."

### MAY SEIZE GERMAN SAMOA.

No diplomatic information as to Japan's probable actions is to be had, nor is anything known as to the probable course Japan may take against Germany in the Pacific.

Army strategists, amongst themselves have discussed the possible seizure by Japan of German Samoa and the Caroline Islands, and the probable effect such action might have upon the American interests in the Pacific.

### WILL HASTEN DEFENSES.

The Japanese here believe that Germany, before she unequivocally refuses to meet the terms of the Japanese ultimatum, will take advantage of the week's grace to strengthen her defenses in the Orient.

## Four Battleships and a Cruiser Lost to Austria

ROME, August 18.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Official confirmation was received yesterday of the report sent Sunday from Nish, Serbia, that the French fleet in the Adriatic had de-

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