

AUGUST LINEN SALE



TABLE CLOTHS
 \$4.50 Bleached Table Cloths, \$2.89 each.
 \$6.75 Bleached Table Cloths, \$4.50 each.
 \$7.50 Bleached Table Cloths, \$5.00 each.
 \$10.00 Bleached Table Cloths, \$6.89 each.

GUEST TOWELS
 All our 35c H. S. Huck Guest Towels, 25c each.
 All our 50c H. S. Huck Guest Towels, 35c each.
 All our 65c H. S. Huck Guest Towels, 50c each.

ROLLER TOWELS
 Ready Made
 50c Roller Towels, ready made, 35c each.
 65c Roller Towels, ready made, 50c each.

EXCEPTIONAL SALE OF MEN'S SHIRTS SATURDAY
 See Sixteenth Street Window Display.

REAL HAND EMBROIDERED MADEIRA LUNCH CLOTHS
 \$25.00 54-in. Round Lunch Cloths, \$19.89 each.
 \$22.50 45-in. Round Lunch Cloths, \$15.89 each.
 \$15.00 45-in. Round Lunch Cloths, \$9.75 each.

REAL HAND EMBROIDERED MADEIRA SETS
 \$8.75 Real Madeira Lunch Set, \$6.00 each.
 \$13.50 Real Madeira Lunch Set, \$10.00 each.
 \$7.50 Real Madeira Lunch Set, \$5.00 each.

THE McCALL FALL QUARTERLY
 With new September designs now ready at the Pattern Department. Only 5c per copy if you purchase a 15c pattern.

Our Tailoring and Dressmaking Department
 Now open for Fall orders. The new Autumn goods specially purchased for this Department are in and ready for your approval. Mr. H. Ackerman, our expert designer, in charge again this season. Those who appreciate good workmanship, style and fit, should see the new styles and place an early order to avoid delay in delivery.
 See display of new Autumn goods in our Sixteenth Street window.

Thompson Belden & Co.
 HOWARD AND SIXTEENTH STREETS

PRESIDENT OFFERS SERVICES

Sends Message to Foreign Monarchs in Interest of Peace.

WOULD ACT AS MEDIATOR

As United States is One of the Signers of The Hague Treaty, President Wilson Proffers His Good Offices.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—President Wilson has offered his good offices to all the European powers involved in the war. The president has sent the following message to Emperor William, Emperor Nicholas, Emperor Francis Joseph, President Poincaré and King George:

"An official head of one of the powers signatory to The Hague convention, I feel it to be my privilege and my duty under Article III of that convention to say to you in a spirit of most earnest friendship that I should welcome an opportunity to act in the interest of European peace, either now or any other time that might be thought more suitable, as an occasion to serve you and all concerned in a way that would afford me lasting cause for gratitude and happiness.

(Signed) "WOODROW WILSON." Forwarded Through Embassies. The proffer of good offices was forwarded by Secretary Bryan to the American embassies in the nations involved and through them transmitted to the governments.

It was said at the White House that no intimations had been received, that such an offer would be favorably received. President Wilson took the position that the European war was so stupendous and that its effect on the entire world was liable to be so lasting that the United States as one of the few large neutral powers, could not do otherwise than at least offer to be the means for bringing about peace.

The proffer of good offices was not sent to the governments of Serbia and Montenegro because those countries are not parties to the Hague convention. Secretary Bryan has called a conference of representatives of all the European powers for late today, when it is believed messages will be delivered supplementary to those of President Wilson, urging an acceptance of the tender of good offices.

Most of the diplomats are away at summer embassies, but all are expected back soon. Some are in Washington and others are expected to return in response to the call.

Japan Hopes for Mediation. TOKYO, Japan, Aug. 5.—The Japanese premier, Count Okuma in an interview today expressed his regret that the United States had not been able to mediate in the European conflict, which, if it continues he said, means the destruction of western civilization. Japan, he continued, would have been happy to join the United States in mediation but its possible participation in the war as an ally of Great Britain made it an interested party.

The premier said the Japan, if it were compelled reluctantly to intervene, would protect the British colonies, but under no circumstances would it send a fleet or an army to Europe.

GERMAN FORCES ARE COMPLETELY ROUTED AT LIEGE

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The Belgian troops checked the advance of the Germans.

Belgian reconnoitering parties located three German army corps, the Tenth army corps at Eysden, the Seventh army corps, 40,000 strong at Verriers, and the Sixth army corps in another locality not named. The Tenth German army corps is operating along the northern line, and finding unexpected resistance, moved further northward, invading Dutch territory at Tilburg and crossing the Meuse at Eysden. An army of 100,000 Germans was marching today on Liege, where a general attack is expected tomorrow.

A German officer taken prisoner by the Belgians said he was amazed at the resistance offered to the German advance. The Germans had been given to understand at Berlin that they would not be opposed in Belgium. A German military aviator was killed today.

BULLETIN. BRUSSELS, Via London, Aug. 5.—The Belgian minister of war in an official statement today, said: "The Belgians are successfully combating the German invasion. The Belgian losses are trifling compared with those of the Germans."

BULLETIN. LIEGE, Belgium, Aug. 5.—The capture of the Belgian frontier town of Vise was effected by German troops after an engagement lasting several hours. It is stated that the victors set fire to the town, killing those of the population who remained there. The town of Argenteau is also in flames. One hundred thousand Germans are reported to be marching on Liege.

BULLETIN. BRUSSELS, Aug. 5.—The government states that the German troops continuing their march were today in the neighborhood of Fléron, near Liege. They were out of range of the forts and evidently wishing to reach the French department of Meuse, by following the course of the river Meuse.

BULLETIN. BRUSSELS, Aug. 5.—The Belgian Official Gazette announces today that the entire Seventh and Tenth German army corps have invaded the Belgian province of Liege and have reached the vicinity of Herve, Pepinster and Remouchamps. The German artillery bombarded some small forts in their advance.

BULLETIN. PARIS, Aug. 5.—It is reported from Montbelliard, in the department of Doubs, that the Germans have violated the neutrality of Switzerland.

BULLETIN. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 5.—Russian troops have established contact with the enemy along the greater part of the Russo-German frontier in northeastern Prussia. The Germans are reported to have fallen back and to be burning villages over an enormous stretch of the country which they had invaded.

BULLETIN. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 5.—A German fleet of nineteen ships was sighted yesterday near the east coast of the Baltic sea, between Memel and Libau. Russian warships in the Black sea have captured many German merchantmen.

BULLETIN. LONDON, Aug. 5.—The Germans have violated Dutch territory at Tilburg. It is reported that German troops met with resistance after crossing the river Meuse, at Eysden, Belgium.

Millions of Men on March. LONDON, Aug. 5.—Although five of the great European powers—Austria, England, France, Germany and Russia—are at war and millions of men on land and sea are under arms and ready to strike, developments of prime importance were few today.

The cutting of the German telegraph and telephone connections and the severance of the German transatlantic cable virtually cut off Germany from communication with other countries. Reports from France, Belgium, Holland and Russia showed that Germany's armies were steadily moving forward east and west and that its advanced posts were in contact with the opposing Russian and French armies.

In England preparations were rapidly completed for naval activities after the declaration of war last night, but the authorities would not permit any leakage of news as to military or naval movements.

Several German steamships in British waters, including the Belgica, with seventy-three German reservists and a quantity of foodstuffs on board, were declared prizes of war. The Maria Leonhardt in the Thames suffered a similar fate. The British government today commandeered the horses belonging to express companies and big department stores, thus causing almost a suspension of business.

On the coast of the North sea, where

A Bigger Store for Benson & Thorne Co. A Better Store for Their Patrons...

Growing. Growing, always growing.
 Present Store too small.
 Eighteen months of dickering.
 Efforts finally successful.
 50% more space this fall.
 150% more space next spring.
 Women's Depts. to have more space.
 Men's Dept. growing like sixty.
 Double Capacity this Fall.
 Read the following—

We've been dickering for additional space to accommodate our rapidly growing business for eighteen months. Successful at last. We've leased all of second floor above our present store and that above Townsend Gun Co. A number of the leases do not expire until next spring. Enough space available this fall to give us a splendid and enlarged Woman's Suit and Millinery Section on second floor. Also to double the size of our rapidly growing Men's Wear Section. Work started, contracts being let, new fixtures being built. Fine store in sight for Benson & Thorne patrons. Need room just now to accommodate workmen—

Hence, on Saturday, August 8th, we will begin a GREAT EXPANSION SALE

A sale with a logical reason back of it. Price cutting with a vengeance on clothes with a pedigree.
 Friday night's ad tells of Once-in-a-Lifetime Bargains for all the family

FIRING OF HEAVY GUNS HEARD OFF COAST OF MAINE

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A short distance off the coast are the Dresden, Karlsruhe and Strasbourg. Two French cruisers, said to be the Comde and the Des Carles, are also reported to be in the vicinity of the eastbound transatlantic lane. While hoping to escape capture by the German cruisers by its speed, it was said the Lusitania's captain had the assurance of British naval authorities that he would be met off Fire Island by the British cruisers Essex and Lancaster and conveyed by them as far as Newfoundland, where, it is reported, other British naval vessels would accompany the liner to the Irish coast. Captain Dow before sailing said that his vessel was in the trim and that he expected to make twenty-five knots an hour, all the way across.

The Lusitania slipped out to sea with only its mainmast and side lights showing. It is 30 passengers having been notified that lights in state rooms must be blanketed when the vessel passed Ambrose channel. In the passage way all lamps replaced the usual electric lights. Passengers were permitted on deck, but warned that no lights could be shown.

The British freight steamer Etoulan, which left New York yesterday for Antwerp, put back today when about sixty miles east of Sandy Hook. It received word last night of the declaration of war between England and Germany and returned to port rather than risk capture. The captain reported that about 9:30 o'clock last night he sighted what he supposed was a war vessel. He could not make out the vessel's identity in the darkness.

The French liner La Lorraine, bearing more than 700 French reservists, left its pier for France shortly before noon today.

Miss Pansy Higgins of this city has had passage engaged on the Lusitania for this trip for the last month. She goes to Denmark, where she has won a scholarship in the National School of Dancing. While the reports say that the Lusitania carried 30 passengers, it has not been learned whether Miss Higgins was among that number.

Two German Liners Arrive. NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—The Hamburg-American liner, President Lincoln, from Hamburg, Bouchette and Southampton, arrived early today. When it discharged its passengers and cargo it probably will join the big fleet of steamers interned in port here.

Another German liner, whose whereabouts has been veiled, the Kaiser Wilhelm II, of the North German Lloyd line, arrived safely in port at 4:30 this morning.

The usual wireless signals announcing its approach to port, given at Cape Race or St. John's, were lacking about the time they should have come, and, as the Kaiser Wilhelm was due in port yesterday, some apprehension was felt regarding the steamer.

With its arrival it was learned that the wireless was purposely omitted because of the war situation and that the steamer made its way to port as secretly as possible.

The Kaiser Wilhelm II is from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg, with about twenty-five cabin passengers, mails and a valuable cargo. It left Cherbourg Wednesday night, July 23.

Olympic Brings Securities. NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—The steamship Olympic, which reached its dock today, brought millions of dollars worth of American securities from London, which

Stranded Americans Buy Steamship to Bring Them Home

LONDON, Aug. 5.—A syndicate of stranded Americans headed by Grant Hugh Brown of New York, combining business with philanthropy, have purchased the British steamer Viking for the repatriation of their countrymen at the price of \$500 to reach here.

German Passenger Boat Laying Mines is Sunk by British Ship

LONDON, Aug. 5.—It was announced officially tonight the British cruiser Amphion has sunk the Hamburg-American liner steamer Koenigin Luise, which had been fitted out for mine laying.

A message received here this afternoon from Guernsey, Channel Islands, says that a French gunboat, towing a large German steamer, anchored in the roadstead under the guns of the castle.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—The Koenigin Luise, according to Hamburg-American line officials here, was a small passenger ship of 1,800 tons register, which for several years has been in service from Hamburg to the summer resorts on the German coast. It carried a crew of about thirty. When last heard from it was in Hamburg.

ALGIERS (Via London), Aug. 5.—Authentic confirmation of the report of the destruction of the German cruiser Panther and of the capture of the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau reached here today.

Martial Law is Declared in Holland

THE HAGUE, Aug. 5.—Martial law has been declared in all parts of Holland. It is officially announced that up to the present time the Germans have not violated the Dutch frontier.

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German Troops on Their Way to the Front



German troops, made up of the best-trained fighting men in the world, experts say, were met at the French border when they attempted to cross it with such fierce fire that they retreated in disorder. This is the type of men that took part in the fighting.

WARSHIPS WILL TAKE GOLD

Tennessee and North Carolina Will Carry Coin to Tourists

APPROPRIATION BY CONGRESS
 Secretary Garrison Locates Thirty-Nine Ocean-Going Ships that Are Available to Bring Americans Home.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—It was announced at the navy department today that the sailing of the armored cruiser Tennessee for Europe with gold for the relief of Americans had been postponed until tomorrow morning in order to complete all of the necessary arrangements.

The armored cruiser North Carolina, probably will accompany the Tennessee. It will carry additional gold, probably to Mediterranean ports, leaving the Tennessee free to supply needs in the north.

A bill appropriating \$1,500,000 for which President Wilson asked in a special message, was passed by the house under suspension of rules and adjournment of all other business. It contained authority for use of army and navy facilities and chartering of ships. Secretaries Bryan and McAdoo told the appropriation committee this was the plan to first utilize neutral lines, then charter ships and use army and navy transports as a last resort.

The senate passed the bill and it was sent to the president.

Thirty-Nine Vessels Secured. Secretary Garrison announced after a conference with the president that his present plan for getting Americans out of the war zone was to have the nations involved to designate a port from which they can be removed or to get permission to have them taken to Italy, Spain or some other neutral country, where the United States would call for them. Mr. Garrison said that he had no doubt foreign governments would make such arrangements.

Mr. Garrison has located thirty-nine available ocean-going vessels sailing under the American flag. He is arranging to send food to American colonies in the war zone.

Rioters Attack the German Consulate in Canadian City
 VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 5.—The big black eagle above the door of the German consulate was torn from its supports today by a crowd of men which invaded the block and made for the consulate with threats of destruction.

Having thrown down the insignia of Germany and trampled on it, the party left peacefully after breaking a little glass and defacing the signs on the consulate doors.

Immigration and military officers here are preparing to stop all German and Austrian subjects who may endeavor to flee to the United States.

British Expected to Land in Belgium
 BRUSSELS, Aug. 5.—Via London—The newspaper Le Peuple, says that an early landing of British troops in Belgium is expected.

Williams Resigns From the Senate Foreign Committee
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—Senator John Sharp Williams resigned today as a member of the foreign relations committee, because, he declared, the committee had hesitated to support the administration's policy as to mediation and because of its "equally disgusting attitude" regarding the purchase of ships to carry cotton and other goods abroad.

Vice-President Marshall ruled Senator Williams' resignation out of order and an appeal was voted down. Senator Williams dramatically left the chamber alone. For years he has been an ardent advocate of peace.

FIVE HEAD OF CATTLE KILLED BY LIGHTNING
 SUMMIT, R. D., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Five head of cattle belonging to W. C. Schultz of Lora township were struck and killed by lightning in a storm here. It had been the custom at the farm to milk the cows at 8 o'clock in the morning, when they were turned out to pasture and not seen again until evening. When a boy went to get them, he found two cows, a steer and two heifers dead. The storm had passed earlier in the day. Schultz carried no insurance, recovering nothing beyond the value of the hides of the animals.

Bank of England Reduces Discount Rate to Six Per Cent

LONDON, Aug. 5.—Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George announced in the House of Commons today that the bank of England rate was to be reduced to six per cent either tomorrow or Friday. The government, he said, had not yet decided to suspend specie payments.

Chancellor Lloyd George contended that anyone hoarding gold was assisting the enemy of his country.

At the same time with the view of economizing gold and maintaining the integrity of the gold standard it was proposed to issue notes of £1 (\$6) and 10s (\$1.25) convertible to gold at the bank of England. These would be available on Friday to the extent of \$5,000,000 and after that would be issued at the rate of \$25,000,000 daily. Postal orders are also to be made legal tender on the same terms as notes. He made an appeal to patriotic people not to withdraw gold.

Newlands Measure Passes the Senate

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—The Newlands bill to create a federal trade commission, first of the three administration anti-trust measures, passed the senate late today by a vote of 53 to 16.

GERMANY ASKED TO RELEASE ALL AMERICANS DETAINED
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—Representations have been made to the German government for the immediate release of Americans interned there during the mobilization.

Key to the Situation—See Want Ads.

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A STRONG STOMACH-LIVER ACTIVITY BOWEL REGULARITY
 It is impossible for you to be strong and robust—to be able "to win" if you do not possess these three essentials; but there is a splendid opportunity, with the assistance of—

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 to restore these organs to a normal condition and thus promote health and strength—Start today.

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