# English Search United States Ships for Reserve

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THE WEATHER.

# 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

Councilor for State Department Asserts Privilege of All Belligerents.

CAN REMOBE 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 Tentons Clai mto Be Citizens of Switzerland Set Free, After Steamer China Halted by Man o' War.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 .- Removal of German and Austrian sublects by British warships from neutral vessels ound for the scene of war is a privilege of the belligerent Premier, in Speech in House of Compowers, according to an opinion expressed today by Robert Lansing, counsellor of the State department. Vessels flying the American flag with foreigners aboard, he said, might be stopped and such passengers re-

Board U. S. Vessel.

HONOLULU, Aug. 31. - The American liners Manchuria and by British warships off Hong Kong and forced to surrender to the British authorities sixty German and Austhey had been lying

This was the news brought by Captain Thompson and Purser Landers their object the violation of an enof the China, which arrived here today, bound for San Francisco.

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 gian government had waited until be molested, the Germans and Austrians took passage for San Francisco, via Hong Kong, Shanghai, Nagasaki and Honolulu. This roundabout route was necessary because they knew they could not reach home via the SueT canal, and neither the China nor the Manchuria were scheduled to call at Manila on the return

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 e Germans or Austrians and could not prove otherwise were taken in a navy tender to Stone Cutters island for de-(Continued on Page Two-Column Four.

#### The Weather

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



Comparative Local Record.

est yesterday ... \$4 101 97 of yesterday ... 72 70 68 temperature ... \$5 \$6 YO pitation ... 15 60 22 operature and precipitation depart Mean temperature... Precipitation Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State of Weather.

es Moines, cloudy bodge City, clear forth Platte, clear Omaha rain Rapid City, cloudy Sheridan, rain Sloux City, pt. cloudy Valentine, clear

OMAHA, TUESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 1, 1914-TEN PAGES.

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## 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.

mons, 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 GERMAN FORCES under date of August 29, to the Aus-China, of the Pacific Mail Steamship tro-Hungarian declaration of war, company's Oriental fleet, were halted and the representations made at this same time, declares:

"Belgium had always maintained Magazine Correspondent Tells of the friendly relations with all its neightrian reservists ound for the Euro- bors, and had fulfilled the duty impean war from the Philippines, where posed by neutrality. It it could not accept the proposals of the Germans, it is because they had for gagement which was a condition to the creation of the kingdom. Belgium does not think that any people,

however weak, could mistake their duty and sacrifice their honor by inclining before force," "After setting forth that the Bel-

territory had been invaded before colling on France and Great Britain, the statement declares "Belgium denies formally the asser-

tions of Austria-Hungary.'

Capture of Apia Confirmed. WASHINGTON, Aug 31.-The British roads do not suit the drivers. These capture of Apia in German Samoa was trucks are heavily armored and they are announced in an official message from able to resist anything except artillery London to the British embassy here to- fire. They enable the German forces to

In connection with the seizure of the these trucks seems unlimited. two Turkish warships in English ship- "It is estimated that 200,000 German yards, the foreign office sent the follow- troops have made their way through ing statement to the embassy: "In accordance with the recognized Brussels.

principle of the right and supreme duty through Brussels were later engaged with to insure national safety in time of war, the British forces. Only a small dehis majesty's government took over two tachment of Germans was left in the ships which were building in England for Belgian capital. (Continued on Page Two Column Three.)

#### Propose War Tax on Railroad, Base Ball and Theater Tickets

5 or 16 per cent war stamp tax on all rail- where and the men in the buildings from

from \$50,000,000 to \$80,000,000, originated in administration circles. Opinion among the democrats of the committee is divided. Some contend that a tax on beer and increased taxes on domestic wines and patent medicines with an increase of I per cent in the income tax and a perma- guessed. nent inheritance tax, would meet all the exigencies caused by the European war without being felt seriously by individ-

No formal action has been taken.

#### Bernstorff Asks of Armed British Ship at New York spared.

NEW YORK, Aug., 31.-Count Von ernstorff, 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 counted on her decks. The ambassador endered if the Adriatic would be compelled to sail within twenty-four hours inder the law which requires an armored vessel of a helligerent nation to remain in port not longer than that length of 78 per cent of a normal the Department

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

turned there from a visit to Liege and their chests riddled w tibhullets, COULD NOT MEET THE REQUEST describes the destruction wrought by the var as appalling.

> of the party. There was nothing to be earth freshly, dug-the sepulchers of the first Germans to fall.

> "And then comes Vise, hWat a painful sight for those who knew the proud city.

> > MOVING TO SOUTH

Marvels of the Solid German.

Advance Through Belgium.

AUTO TRUCKS REAL WONDERS

Says Belgian Boys and Old Men

Fire on German Troops in Brus-

sels from Buildings Which

Germans Then Destroy.

LONDON, Aug. 31 .- (1:58 p. m.) -- Arno

Dosch, a magazine correspondent, who

went into Belgium some days ago, ar-

rived in London today from Brussels,

which city he left last Thursday. He

Chicago, irvin Cobb of New York and

Mr. Hanson of Chicago, all correspond-

ents, were safe in Brussels when he left.

Referring to the military situation in

"The German auto trucks are a marvel.

Equipped with scythes, they mow right

through hedges and wire fences, if the

make forty miles a day. The number of

Brussels and that 400,000 moved south of

Boys Fire on Soldiers.

"I have no personal knowledge of the

horrible German atrociles reported from

Belgium," Mr. Dosch went on, 'and I am

stories of Belgian atrocities, most of

which I believe. In some cases Belgian

boys and old man undoubtedly fired on

German soldiers from inside of buildings.

This was the case in Brussels anad else-

The troops which passed

to discredit most of these

The Germans also tell many

Belgium, Mr. Dosch said:

said today that John T. McCutcheon of

LONDON. Aug. 31 .- A dispatch to the so typical of Walloon galety and now hum of activity in factories, coal mines Fresh Forces Make Their Appearance Reuter Telegraph company from Ostend nothing but a mass of ruins, while many and workshops, we found plunged into says that a small party has just re- of the inhabitants lie all over the place.

put to work building roads for the in-"All along the road to Vise," said one vaders from Vise to Aix-La-Chapelle. "On the way to Argenteau we met a seen but walls blackened by smoke, the procession of able-bodies men, marching doors and windows were shattered and remains of burned factories, mounds of four abreast and commanded by a noncommissioned officer, all carrying imple-

ments for road building. These men have to aubmit to severe discipline. "Henestal, usually filled with the busy burned."

deathly silence.

"At last we etnered Liege. The inhabitants stood at the thresholds of their "It was told here that the natives were homes, silent and anxious, but afraid to speak. The streets in the middle of the town wore a deplorable aspect. Many their contents had been removed. body but soldiers were to be seen. The Place de l'Universite, the Rue des Pitteurs and the Quai des Picheurs had been

#### HUNDREDS LOST War Summary IN FIGHT AT SEA Terrific fighting continues on the Austro-Russian frontier. Both

British Claim Nearly Thousand Germans Lost in Naval Battle Off Helgoland.

ENGLISH DEAD ARE NOT MANY

Eight Wounded is Price Paid by British for Their

Triumph.

LONDON. Aug. 30.-Twenty-nine killed and thirty-eight wounded was the price in men paid by the British for the naval ville, L. I.)-It was officially anaction against the Germans in Heigoland nounced here today that about 30,-

An official statement issued tonight crews or the five German warships sunk | ing in East Prussia, particularly at off Helgoland only 330 were saved. The British losses are described as fol-

"The light cruiser Arethusa lost Lieutenant Eric Westmascots and nine men Lieutenant Robinson and eleven men wounded, but not seriously.

"The torpedo boat destroyer Liberty lost Lieuterant Commander Bartellot and six men killed; one man has since died and London, Aug. 31, 3:38 p. m.)-The folfrom wounds? one dangerously wounded, lowing account of Austrian operations five seriously wounded and five slightly wounded. The destroyer Laurel suffered ten men

riously wounded and two slightly

Shell Hits Liberty.

ers, which took part in the battle off front of Zamoso. Helgoland, was hit by a shell which shatbridge first of all and then smashed its southwest of Lemberg. After crossing searchlights and killed its commander, the Dniester they encountered great Lieutenant Commander Bartellot, and forces of the enemy William Butcher, his signal man.

fect in execution as well as in plan. Led at dawn by a fearless small detachment, stretches for a distance of 700 kilometres (Continued on Page Nine-Column Five.) (426 miles.)"

# Turkey May Declare War Any Moment

LONDON, Aug. 31 .- The Daily Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent, in an article printed today, says:

"Turkey may declare war at any modays-possibly a few hours. "All efforts of the powers in the triple

bassy admits the situation is grave. the Acgean Islands.

"German officers and men are being poured into Constantinople to help the CAPE COLONY OFFICIAL Turkish army and navy. Turkey apparently counts on the Balkan states quarreling among themselves while Turkey fights Greece, but it mems likely that Turkey's declaration of war against German ships.

# KAISER'S TROOPS

Near Russian Frontier and Germans Advance at Some Points.

PRISONERS ARE TAKEN

Follows Fugitives Into Some of the Outlying Defenses, but the Fortresses Are Holding Out.

LONDON, Aug. 31 .- (12:53 p. m.) -An official telegram received in London declares that fresh forces of Germans have made their appearance on the Prussian frontier and at some points they are taking the offensive against the Russians.

Recent reports from Belgium have told of the movement of German it left Paris. troop trains east, indicating that the German general staff was withdrawseveral days.

BERLIN, Aug. 31 .- (By Wireless to the Associated Press, Via Say-000 Russians had been taken prisonrays that of 1,200 men, composing the ers by the Germans during the fight-Ortelsburg, Hobenstein and Tannenburg. They include many officers of

killed, four men seriously wounded, and points was across swamps and lakes.

Long Line of Battle.

has been obtained in Berlin from an official Austrian source

"In the Austro-Russian theater of war killed, one has since died of his wounds, decisive battles have been in progress two men dangerously wounded, seven se- for several days. Our forces, which were victorious near Krasnik, pursued the Russians in the direction of Lubin. The Austrians advanced also into the enemy's territory between the rivers Bug and The Liberty, one of the British destroy- Wieprz and we have taken positions in

"Other contingents of the Austrian

"Emphasis is placed on the word 'de "Accounts of the battle say it was per- cisive' in this official report. "The Austro-Russian battle front

A correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt

at the Austrian headquarters, telegraph ing under date of August 28 regarding the (Continued on Page Two-Column Two-

# Against the Allies Senate May Publish

The military party, now dominant to stor Oliver declared that these document Constantinople, has reached the conclu- furnished "the best available explanation sion that the present is the best time to of the European war." His request was Want Ad Section secure the restoration of Macedonia and referred to the foreign relations committee.

# ARRESTED AT NUREMBURG

LONDON, Aug. 31 .- (12:45 p. m.) - Sir James Sivewright, who has been promithe cure, and is now held a prisoner of

## 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 considering the advisability of moving the seat of its government from Paris to Bordeaux as a precautionary measure, according to offi-

cial 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. Most of the diplomatic missions, it is understood, would accompany the government if

The French foreign office has discussed the idea of moving the capital ing certain forces from their western with foreign diplomats, so that they front to reinforce the German and could make proper arrangements. It Austrian armies in East Prussia and is considered probable that Ambassa-Galacia. Berlin and St. Petersburg dor Herrick will remain in Paris in reports agree that there has been order to better care for Americans terrific fighting in those districts for 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

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

native checks and successes, but a The German attack at these three general action is now being fought. "On our left, by a series of cir-

cumstances which turned in favor of the Germans and despite lucky coun-BERLIN, Aug. 28.-tvia Copenhagen ter 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 ex-

cellent 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 tered its must and tore away part of its army hold their positions northeast and French embassy as indicating that the allied forces have again been (Continued on Page Two Column One.)

Something

coming Sunday, Sept. 6th The Bee's

of interest to every Bee reader

watch for it!

War Explanations WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.-Publication as a senate document of the British ment. It is now only a matter of a few "white paper" and the German correspondence relative to the declaration of war on Russia was proposed today by entente have failed and the London em- Senator Oliver, who has returned from the sone of the European conflict. Sen

Greece will be regarded as a hoatile act nent in the administration of the Cape by the triple entents, which will send a Colony, has been arrested by the Gerfleet to dispose of all the Turkish and mans at Nuremberg, where he was taking "The British government has warned war. The high communicationer of the Turkey plainly that in starting any cam- Union of South Africa in London has appaign at this time she signs her own death pealed to the American ambassador in Berlin to obtain Sir James' release,

#### road passenger tickets, theater tickets, which shots were fired were in some base ball tickets and the like, is under cases executed. I know of no women or consideration by members of the ways children being killed because of their and means committee having been found in buildings from The plan, calculated to raise annually which shots had been fired. "From what I have heard I believe the Germans have wedged into the allies and that they are not keeping a straight front to the enemy. The line of fighting from Namur south has been a zig-zag and

nothing like what many strategists have 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. was unable to go to that section of maintained by American bishops, are located, but I heard that they had dis- quarter.

> "I had no opportunity to learn of the events which preceded the destruction of Louvain. The loss of this city is universally mourned in Belgium."

Figures Indicate Bumper Cotton Crop

Met at 11 a. m.

Agreed to house amendments on the war
risk bill.

Agreed to limit debate on the Clayton
trust bill to fifteen-minute speeches after

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 .- The condi-

tion of the cotton crop on August 25 was

of Agriculture announced today.

#### armies claim an advantage. Berlin reports the capture of 30,000 Russians.

the combined Austrian and Ger-

man forces and the Russian

From Austrian sources it is stated that the Russians are being pursued in the direction of Lublin, in Russian Poland, Earlier advices from St. Petersburg stated that the Austrians were active chiefly in the vicinity of Lublin.

A News dispatch from St Petersburg says the Russian advance in East Prussia is proceeding, and repeats an earlier Russian claim of successes in Galicia. Fresh forces of Germans have appeared on the Prussian front, according to a British official report. This bears out recent statements from Belgium that the Germans were withdrawing troops

from their western front to reinforce the Austro-German lines in the east. Up to noon today no official announcement had been made in London or Paris. News dispatches indicate that the Germans are pressing toward Paris and that

one army is within sixty miles of the French capital. Paris is preparing for a siege. Outgoing trains are filled with noncombatants, while troops from the south and west are arriving to reinforce the garrisons already in the ring of the city's fortifica-

Dover reports that firing, seemingly from vessels along the French coast, was heard there

#### German Crown Prince Said to Have Taken Refuge at the Hague

LONDON, Aug. 31 .- (3 p. m.) -A corespondent of the London Daily News. who has been traveling through Dutch Limberg, has sent a dispatch to his paper declaring the belief prevails in that section that the family of the German crown prince, Frederick William, has Louvain where the American colleges, taken refuge at The Hague. This story has not been reported from any other played the American flag and had been

# The National Capital

Monday, August S1, 1914. The Senate.

The House.

ellancous bills were considered un-e unanimous consent rule,