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## FRENCH CONSIDER MOVING CAPITAL AWAY FROM PARIS

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compelled to fall back before the German advance in the neighborhood of La Fere, which is more than twenty miles nearer Paris than the Cambrai-Le-Cateau line, where the allies reorganized after the Germans crossed the French border.

Fighting is also reported in the vicinity of Amiens.

La Fere is only a little more than sixty miles from Paris as the crow flies. The Post says:

"A statement issued by the French embassy discloses a situation of much gravity. A German army was on Saturday attacking from the east the line from La Fere to Guise, and, though unsuccessful at Guise, was making progress at La Fere. These two German armies were therefore only forty miles apart.

"The German army attacking on the front at Guise and La Fere has clear country behind, and a sharp offensive turning movement on the southeast by this army will interpose it between the French and Paris."

Troops to Defend Paris.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—(12:08 p. m.)—All night long troop trains have been arriving at the capital and passing by rail around the city to the locations in the encircling fortifications to which they have been assigned.

There is great activity on the part of the municipal military administration in completing details of plans for the defense of Paris.

At 4:25 a. m.—The decision of the military authorities to clean the zone of forts around Paris does not affect the zone immediately surrounding the old fortifications of the city. It only applies to detached forts such as those at Mont Valerien, Issy and others.

Under this decision all the buildings and small structures of no great value surrounding the forts will be pulled down. Steps have been taken to provide shelter for all the homeless persons.

Many Leaving Paris.

No official information regarding the military situation on the frontiers has been made public up to noon today.

The unusual animation to be noticed on the streets of Paris today was caused chiefly by the thousands of persons who are preparing to leave the capital. Persons are departing and taking their families with them as a matter of prudence. It is felt here that the fewer the number of non-combatants in the city the better.

Tickets for trains leaving Paris today to the west and south were all sold out last night.

Germaans Not Confident.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—(6:55 a. m.)—The Times correspondent at Ostend records at second-hand a conversation with a German officer from Brussels, who said that frantic efforts were being made to inflict a crushing blow on the allies, especially on the English forces. Notwithstanding the success achieved by the German army the dispatch says there is a feeling among many German soldiers that they are fighting against too great odds.

Despite all efforts to conceal the news from Prussia, it is stated information of a disquieting character regarding events there is beginning to circulate among the German forces and this feeling of anxiety was intensified when two divisions, totalling 30,000 men, passed the Meuse by the bridge of Andenne at Sellen, between Namur and Liege, en route for German Holland.

The emperor has made it known to every soldier that his orders are to take Paris or die the dispatch concludes.

Railroad Tickets Limited.

A Havan agency dispatch from Ghent says that district is now clear of Germans and that railway and telegraphic communication have been resumed with Grammont. The military authorities have ordered the railroads to limit the issue of tickets to Antwerp to the strictest minimum.

The object is to prevent provisions being taken from Ghent to friends in the fortress and to prevent spies taking advantage of a crowd to obtain information regarding the Belgian forces at different points.

Germaans Give Out List.

BERLIN, Aug. 30.—(Via Copenhagen and London, Aug. 21, 12:35 p. m.)—The twelfth list of German losses was made public to-

day. It contains 1,006 names.

Total of German casualties made public up to the present time is as follows: 1,141 dead, 3,326 wounded and 1,761 missing.

No news from either of the German fronts had been given out up to midnight tonight.

As an evidence of the enthusiasm of the German people in the war it is announced here that 2,000,000 volunteers have presented themselves for service.

As the result of the patriotism shown by the socialists of Germany, the Anti-Socialist association has ceased its activities, at the same time expressing the hope that it will not have to resume after the war is over.

Baron Kurt von Lerener, second secretary of the German embassy at Washington, has reached Berlin by way of Gibraltar. He ran great risk at Gibraltar of being arrested by the British and detained during the war. Nothing has been heard here of Lieutenant Baron Horst von Lerener, a brother of Baron Kurt, and also attached to the German embassy at the American capital.

Mail from the United States, which during the first few days of the war accumulated on the frontiers, are now beginning to be distributed.

Dispatches from London and Paris at the commencement of the war predicted the rapid disintegration of the military power of Germany have been received in Berlin and are commented with great ridicule by the general staff.

## KAISER'S TROOPS TAKE OFFENSIVE

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events subsequent to the defeat of the Russians at Kranitz, says the Austrian army advanced in the direction of Lubin with the object of making it impossible for the reunion of the Russian army of the Vistula with its right wing. This is the principal Russian army opposing the Austrians.

Germaans Short of Men.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—(5:50 a. m.)—The Post St. Petersburg's correspondent says: It is significant that in the recent fighting not only the German field forces, but the fortress garrisons from Thorn and Graudenz (in east Prussia, east of the Vistula) took part with a strong force of heavy artillery. This proves that the Germans are finding a serious shortage as regards men with whom to oppose the invaders.

The Russian forces are still advancing and for the last three days there has been fierce fighting around Konigsberg. The Russian pursuit was pressed so hotly that some of its cavalry actually entered along with fugitives into the outlying defenses of Konigsberg, which they secured. This, of course, is very far removed from the capture of the fortress.

"On the Austrian front obstinate fighting continues. The Russians have taken 5,000 prisoners east of Lemberg and 1,000 near Tomaszoff, while east of that center the Fifteenth Hungarian division was surrounded and whole regiments are surrendering.

"The main objective of the Austrians appears to be Lublin, where desperate fighting is in progress."

Austrians Take Great Risk.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—(7:15 a. m.)—Commenting on the temerity of the Austrians in crossing the Vistula, apparently with the intention of joining hands with the army engaged in the province of Lublin, the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says:

"By placing the Vistula between themselves and their base at Craeow, the Austrians are running a terrible risk. We must conclude that their aid is urgently needed in Lublin, where, according to the headquarters staff, desperate fighting has been in progress for nearly a week.

"Colonel Shumsky, military critic of the Bourse Gazette, commenting on the operations, concludes that instead of their attending their design of outflanking the road of the Russian advance upon Berlin, the Austrians themselves are compelled to retire to defend Galicia."

## WILLIAM ROUSE DIES FROM STROKE OF APOPLEXY

William J. Rouse, aged 46 years, proprietor of the Carlton hotel and formerly manager of the Drexel, died yesterday afternoon from a stroke of apoplexy. Deceased was well known in Omaha and throughout the state and came here from Frankfort, Ind., in 1898.

Surviving besides the wife is one son, Paul. Funeral arrangements are pending the arrival of relatives.

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## MILLIONS BATTLE ON THREE FIELDS

European Nations Waging Death Struggle on Austro-Russ Line in Prussia and in France.

### CONTRADICTION NEWS OF EAST

Impossible to Tell by Reports from Zone Which Side is Winning—Germaans Are Advancing in the West.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—From all the far-spread battle lines only bulletins of Napoleonic brevity have come in the last twenty-four hours. History is being made on three great fields of action—along 200 miles of French frontier, on 200 miles of the Austro-Hungarian border and through a wide area of eastern Prussia.

Silence has covered Austria's war with Serbia for several days, but that has become a minor detail of the death struggle of the European powers with millions of men engaged.

The Russian front is the scene of events of the greatest magnitude, but between the claims and counter-claims of the belligerents there is such a vital difference that it is impossible to form an estimate of which way the balance swings.

### News Delayed.

From northern France the news appears to follow events by three or four days. The French embassy announces that there has been hard fighting on the right wing of its northern army near Metziers since Friday, and also that the German forces are making progress in the La Fere district, which apparently means that the French left wing has retired somewhat further, but it is not revealed how near the Germans have approached to the LeFere fortress.

The British official reports, issued Sunday, show that the British army no longer constitutes the left wing of the allied forces, but that the French have re-inforced them on the west. It further says that the French have been fighting both east and west of them and have brought the German steamroller to a standstill for a time.

### Rich Region in Grasp.

The Germans are believed to be forging another steam hammer for a heavy blow and Great Britain anxiously awaits word of a great battle in which its army may be a focal point. How far the Uhlans have spread into French territory, it is impossible to learn from the many wild reports fugitives have brought into England, but a rich country with important manufacturing cities is evidently in their grasp.

From Holland and Belgium come circumstantial reports that the Germans are moving part of their army by trains back from Belgium. Apparently these troops are destined to meet the Russians, and, if the reports are true, it may mean that the Germans feel strong enough on the French frontiers to spare part of their force or that they consider the repulse of the Russian invasion more important than throwing a great army into France.

### Sea Victory Cheers.

The British people find cheer in the exploit of their navy which sank three German cruisers and two destroyers in a daring dash under cover of a fog into the zone of fire of the Helgoland forts, and inflicted a loss of nearly 900 men on the German fleet at a cost of twenty-nine lives and a total of thirty-eight wounded, and damage to three British warships which will be repaired within ten days.

Another raid by German aircraft resulted in the dropping of several bombs into the city of Paris, to which American women tourists persist in going from London in the face of official remonstrances.

Among the Germans prisoners of the naval action is the son of Admiral Von Tirpitz, the German minister of marine, to whom the first lord of the admiralty, Mr. Churchill, has sent a message of his son's safety, while Count Von Schwerin, nephew of the German emperor, is a prisoner in the hands of the French.

### DENY CHARGES BY THE GERMAANS

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The Turkish government had not yet been delivered to it. His majesty's government has not only offered to pay in full and return the ships in good condition after the war or supply equivalent new ones, but also additional and generous compensation for the use of the pre-empted ships during the war.

At the British embassy it was said today no serious attention was being given to reports emanating from official German sources of attempts to arouse disaffection among Mohammedan subjects of Great Britain in India, Egypt and elsewhere. Embassy officials said Germany had long been seeking to enlist the friendship of Musselman communities but this had not produced any notable evidence of disaffection.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—(4:06 p. m.)—Premier Asquith publicly reprimanded the London Times in the House of Commons this afternoon for having published the

HEIRS TO THRONES IN THE WAR—Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm of Germany (on the left) is in command of an army corps in the attack on France. The Prince of Wales (on the right) has joined the English army as a lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards, one of the regiments sent to the assistance of France by the British.



## HUNDREDS LOST IN FIGHT AT SEA

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The destroyers crept within the German lines between Helgoland and the German coast.

"An aeroplane sighted them and gave the news to the Germans, whose destroyers then came out. The British destroyers lured the Germans to the open sea, where other destroyers were waiting, spread out in fan shape.

German Cruisers Come Out.

"A small engagement followed, and then German cruisers came out. The British light cruiser Arctura, after a sighting shot, got its range splendidly and hit the foremost gun of one of the German cruisers, demolishing it. The Arctura then fired a few broadsides at the enemy. Its practice was excellent. It hit a German cruiser, which at once burst into smoke and flames, but soon afterward a German shot did some damage to the engine room of the Arctura.

"The destroyers Liberty and Laertes fought a grand fight. A shell brought down the mast of the Liberty. The Laertes was hit amidships, a hole was shot through its funnel, its forward guns were damaged and it received also a shell in the dynamo room, and a shot

which wrecked its cabin.

"It was hot work, but at that moment the British light cruisers and battle cruisers appeared. It was the moment for which they had been waiting and their execution was deadly. The first shot from one of the British battle cruisers sank a German cruiser which had been battering a destroyer. The German fleet then turned and fled, but was pursued by British destroyers, which did terrible execution with their four-inch guns.

"Many of the Germans landed after the battle from the British ships were wounded by revolver bullets. It is declared the revolvers were used by German officers to prevent their men surrendering to the British boats which had put out to save their drowning opponents. Some of the boats lowered to the rescue of the Germans, it is said, were fired upon by German cruisers.

## Carranza Closes Port of Vera Cruz

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Brigadier General Funston has reported to the War department that Provisional President Carranza has declared the port of Vera Cruz closed. Funston states this will have a serious effect on the city's food supply.

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