

PRESIDENT MUST NOT TAKE SIDES

Statement Urges Restraint in Discussions of War and Points Out Dangers.

ACTIONS MUST BE CURBED

Nation Should Exhibit Poise of Undisturbed Judgment and Efficiency of Dispassionate Action, Says Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—President Wilson today issued a statement warning citizens of the United States against taking sides in the European war in public discussions in the United States.

The President is understood to be deeply concerned because naturalized Americans who came from countries now at war have taken sides.

Effects Held Within Choice. The President's statement follows: "My fellow countrymen, I suppose that every thoughtful man in America has asked himself during the last troubled week of this summer the question of the effect of the war upon the United States, and I take the liberty of addressing a few words to you in order to point out that it is entirely within our own choice what its effects on us will be and to urge very earnestly upon you the sort of speech and conduct which will best safeguard the Nation against a disastrous war.

The effect of the war on the United States will depend on what American citizens say and do. Every man who really loves America will act and speak in the true spirit of neutrality, which is the spirit of impartiality and fairness and friendliness to all concerned.

War Field Bloody. Old Belgium Prolific of Battle-grounds. It will be easy to excite passion and difficult to allay it. Those responsible for it will assume a heavy responsibility.

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The German army, invading Belgium and the adjoining Dutch province of Limburg, is "traveling in the print of older wars"; it is wading through wheat fields that grow deep with many waters of blood.

Restraint is Urged. "Shall we not resolve to put ourselves back to back, and bring to our people the happiness and the great and lasting influence for peace we covet for them?"

Man's Warning Against Hysteria. In the House, Republican Leader Mann voiced sentiments similar to those expressed by the President.

German Society Appeals. Deutsche Bund Asks Chamberlain to Oppose Japan's Entering War.

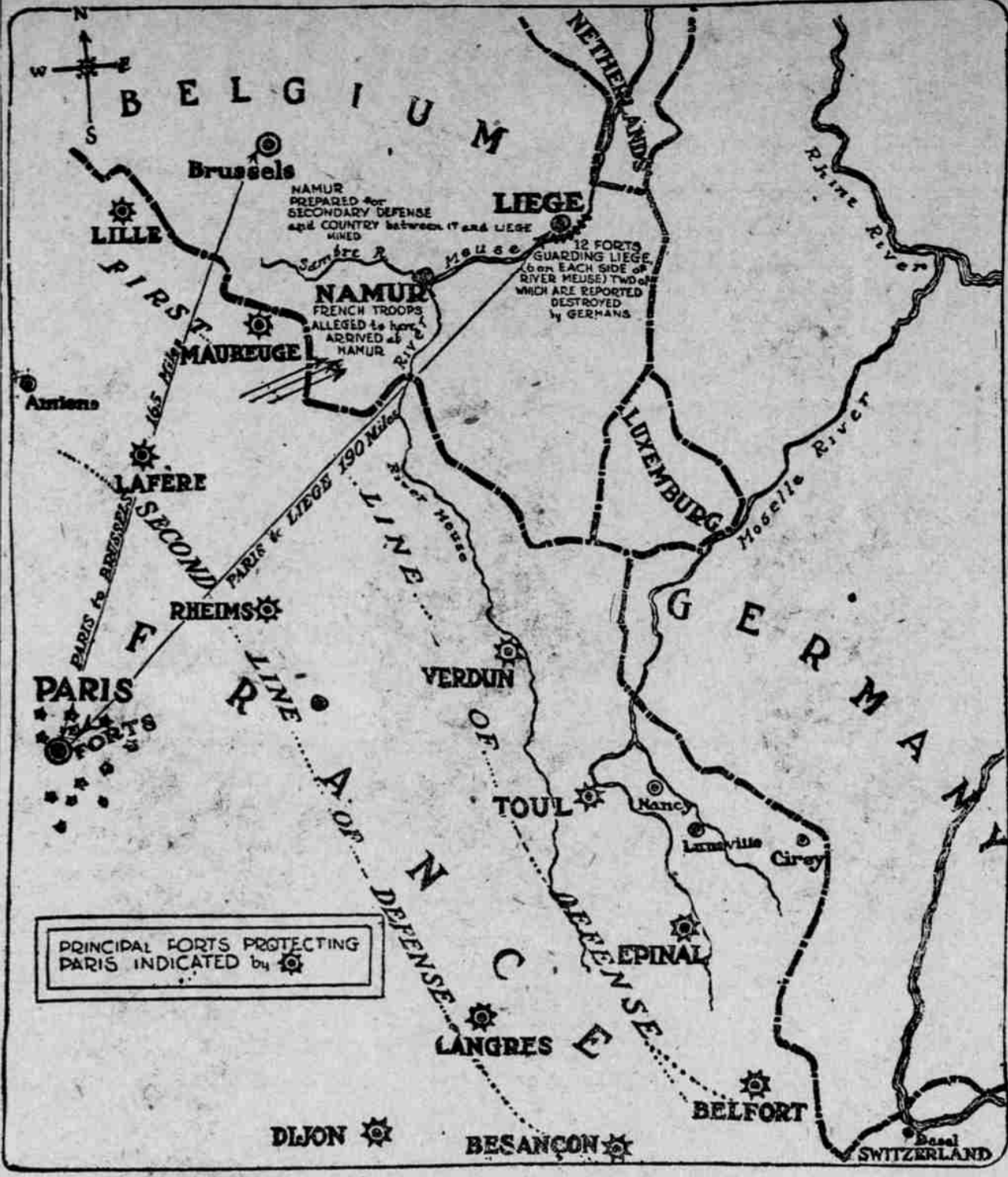
Senate Chamberlain was addressed yesterday by Der Deutsche Bund, one of the leading German societies, asking that he exert all his influence in Washington in protest against the participation of Japan in the present general European war.

German Charge Comments Wilson. Haniel von Haimhausen, charge of the German embassy here, commenting tonight on the President's appeal to his fellow countrymen for absolute neutrality toward the European conflict, said:

"I suppose one of the President's reasons for this appeal is a feeling which has been shown in some of the papers. I think it is a good expression and a right one."

The Japanese Ambassador and Charge Barclay, of the British embassy, declined to make any comment. No officials are at the Austrian, Russian or French embassies now.

MAP SHOWING PROBLEMS GERMANY MUST SOLVE.



DEFENSES ABOVE LIEGE AND BETWEEN THERE AND PARIS, WITH DISTANCES AND PRINCIPAL FORTIFIED TOWNS INDICATED.

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