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PARIS NEWSPAPER SAYS JAPAN HAS DECLARED WAR ON GERMANY

German Chancellor Declares Conflict Is "Life and Death Strug-gle Between Germans and Russians"—Russia Tries to Enlist Poles Now.

CLAIM SERVIANS REPULSED AUSTRIAN ARMY OF 400,000 WITH HEAVY LOSSES

Field Marshal French of English Army Reaches Paris-Belgians Optimistic and Germany Starts Great Forward Movement-No Big Battles Were Fought Today.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) Le Petite Journal of Paris says it learns on unimpeachable authority that Japan has resolved to declare war on Germany.

"life and death struggle between the Germans and the Rus-

Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia, commander-in-chief of the army, calls on the Poles to be loyal to Russia, and promises them autonomy.

The Exchange Telegraph Company says that 400,000 Austrian troops made a concentrated dash on Servia, but were repulsed with heavy casualties.

The Belgian staff reports the position of the army excellent. No important encounters are reported.

The Germans seem to be preparing for a great forward

Field Marshal French, commander-in-chief of the English army, arrived in Paris.

BRITISH SLOOP SAFE IN CANADIAN HARBOR.

By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 15.—The British sloop-of-war Algerine, which had an exciting trip up the coast from Califomia, is now safe in Esquimalt harbor.

FRUM GERMAN LINE

nounces Sale of Its Best doned to America. Vessels for \$20,000,000 to But with the disappearance from United States Syndicate.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 .- The Hamder consideration offers to purchase erland, the largest in the world. If sold, the yeasels would fly the Amercan flag and would be the first big equisition to the proposed merchant

When the European war appeared on July 25, more than 80 per cent of American foreign commerce was being carried in foreign ships.

Today, 80 per cent of those foreign

Hamburg-American Line An- pede of the nations to arms, the

U. S. ports of four-fifths of the foreign ships that carried American products to foreign markets, a great problem is suddenly thrust upon the burg-American line issued a state- United States. It is the great probment this afternoon saying it had un- lem of how to deliver to starving Europe, and to South America and to some of its ships in American wat- the Orient manufactured products ers, valued at twenty millions. The and the vast volume of farm products fleet embraces the great steamer Vat- now being gathered in an abounding inrvest.

Scores of ships owned by Americans are sailing under foreign regis-try because a foreign ship can be operated for \$8000 to \$13,000 a year less than under the American flag. There are 900,000 tons of cargo capacity in the foreign trade under the American flag, and 2,000,000 tons owned by Americans operating under

Treatment Accorded Them -Ship For Them.

GERMANY WILL AID, by Associated Press to Cook Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—Germany will permit the cruiser Tennessee, bearing gold for Americans, to enter Bremen and will provide trains to bring Americans from the southern resorts, the government was advised today.

(By Amo-lated Press to cook Bay Times,) AMSTERDAM, Aug. 15,-700 Americans from Berlin arrived here durng the night. Some hundreds were sheltered at the hotels while others proceeded to The Hague and Rotterdam, where arrangements are being made for ships to take them home. Many of the Americans warmly praised the treatment which they received n Berlin. When leaving the capital, the American consulate, railway sta-tion and the carriages which carried them to the railway were decorated with flowers with flowers.

AUSTRIAN LINER TAKEN.

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Aug. 15.— The big new Austrian liner Marienbad was captured today by a British warship near here white on a voyage from Bombay to Trieste. She was brought into port,

GERMAN'S AID Americans From Berlin Praise Over 1600 Americans Return

on Celtic From Europe-Trip Without Incident.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Another baggageless lot of Americans who fled from Europe to avoid the war reached New York today on the Celwithout incident.

MANY SAIL TODAY.

and Scotch Ports for Home.
[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

pool today was followed by that of another 1000 from Glasgow. The American citizens committee says it fails to see the necessity for the dispatch of transports to stranded Americans back to the United States in view of the new sailings which have been announced, the ac-commodations on the regular trans-Atlantic liners being more than sufficient for all.

BATTLESHIP AT NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—The bat-tleship Minnesota arrived here today after her long stay in Mexican waters.

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The one great news-gathering agency of the world is The Associated Press. It is a mutual organization composed of the leading newspapers of the United States and Canada. Its perfect organization and its efficiency are already clearly shown in its ability to cover the European war.

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A wireless from Berlin says that in an interview, Imperial PANAMA CANAL OPENED UP TODAY Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg represented the war as a WITH PASSAGE OF BIG SHIP

Goethals on Bridge, Navigates Great Waterway-Opened to Ships up to 10,-000 Tons.

(fly Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15 .-With the passage through the Panama Canal today of the War Depart- boat to be put through, signalizing ment liner Ancon, the great water- the opening of the canal to all saips way becomes "free and open to the up to 10,000 tons. The Ancon was vessels of commerce and war of all drawn from her berth at Cristobal nations on terms of entire equality shortly before 7 o'clock. Two hours in accordance with the provisions of later she passed through the Gatun th Hay-Pauncefore treaty." Vessels locks without a hitch in 70 minutes. drawing not more than 30 feet may now make the passage. It would be possible to put the big Anterican dreadnaughts through at any time. Any of the foreign warsalps in the Atlantic or Pacific could also make the trip. Twenty-four hours is the limit of time a belligerent vessel can remain in the canal.

PANAMA, Aug. 15.—The canal water clone today celebrated the opening of evening

Steamship Ancon, Owned by the Panama Canal. The festivities, however, were but local and suggested little of the international signifi-cance of the event. With the official

Panama celebration set spring, even the United States was not officially represented today-except by men who have long been in the zone. The steamship Ancon, owned by the United States War De-partment and leased to the Panama Railroad, was chosen as the first big

Col. Goethals was on the bridge beside Captain Sukeforth of the steamtogether with Captain Rodman. S. N. Superintendent of Transportation. The other distinguished guests included President Porras of Use Republic of Panama and his staff, Bands played and whistles shricked as the ship started on her journey. Dermarwiz, The Ancon is due to reach the deep water channel in the Pacific at 6 this

AMERICANS FINANCING BIG WAR

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—President Wilson today formally disapproved the plans of the American bankers for floating loans in the United States for the benefit of belligerent countries of Europe, but expressed no objections to loans to neutral nations.

Secretary Bryan announced that Switzerland had made a formal inquiry as to the attitude of the United States toward floating a loan for her in this country and the President's statement was intended to cover Switzerland's inquiry.

SAYS LOGGERS ILL-TREATED

Serious Charges Made Against Washington Concerns at Seattle Today.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. Stories of the alleged exploitation of tic. She carried nearly 1600 passen- Relations Commission. At noon the gers who were jammed over every hearing was adjourned and the Com-quarter of the boat. The Celtic took mission went to a nearby camp to a northerly course and steamed with-make a personal inspection. Rev. out lights at night, but the trip was Oscar H. McGill, of Seattle, who visits the camps frequently, declared that with a few exceptions the men were forced to live under miserable Over 5500 Americans Leave English and Scotch Ports for Home. conditions and every effort made to pay them as little as possible. Rudolph Distler, of Cosmopolis, Wash., LONDON, Aug. 15.—The depart-ure of 4500 Americans from Liver-pool today was followed by the company paid off men in accordance. books to insure their trading at the company's stores.

AUSTRALIAN WINS THE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP (By Associated Press to Cong bey Times)

FOREST HILLS, Aug. 15. The Davis cup, symbolic of the world's tennis championship, was won from America by Australia today when Brookes, the Australian, defeated Williams, the American, in the singles. This gave Australia three out of the five matches.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) MEXICO CITY, Aug. 15 .- When General Velasco leaves the city today with his staff, the evacuation of the Federals will be complete. The program of occupation calls for the aslumber camp employees featured to-day's session of the Federal Industrial eral Carranza immediately when he enters the city.

THREE DIE IN

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) HEPPNER JUNCTION, Or., Aug. 15.-Three people were burned to death and another was injured in a fire at Morgan, Or., which destroyed the home of Herbert Phillips, a store building and warehouse. The store building and warehouse. dead are:

Arthur Phillips, age 21. Edna Phillips, age 24. Winnic Phillips, age 17. Mrs. Herbert Phillips, their mother, leaped from the second story window and was seriously injured. The loss is \$12,000.

FRANCE AND BELGIUM CLAIM MORE LAND VICTORIES OVER GERMANS

French Issue Official Statement Claiming to Have Repulsed Germans With Heavy Losses in Two Engagements on Frontier—Say Only 500 Saved Out of 5000.

BELGIANS SAY SITUATION IS **FAVORABLE TO THEIR FORCES**

Announce That No More Announcements Will Be Made For Strategic Reasons-Germans Claim Victory Over French Forces in Alsace.

FRENCH CLAIM GERMANS REPULSED.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Aug. 15.—An official statement says: "The German troops, who were beaten yesterday at Diest and who retreated on Hasselt, lost heavily. They tried to resume the attack on the Belgians' southern flank and a German cavalry division charged. This operation was repulsed. In the exening a column of German infantry moved in the direction of Vise and Tongres, but no new engagement occurred. The towns near Saale Pass are now entirely occupied by French troops.

> BELGIANS STOP ISSUING BULLETINS. (By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

BRUSSELS, Aug. 15.-The Belgian general staff states that up to 5 o'clock this evening there has been no engagement near Diest. The number of Germans in Limburg Province is declared to have been exaggerated and the general military situation is declared to be excellent, but for strategic reasons the general staff says it will issue no more bulletins.

BELGIANS STILL HOLD LIEGE FORTS. (By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times) PARIS, Aug. 15.—An official announcement today says

the Belgian major in command of the forts surrounding Liege contradicts the rumors that they have surrendered. The battle is declared to be still going on. LIEGE GERMAN LEADER KILLED.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) ONDON, Aug. 15,-A dispatch from Brussels says that the death of General VonEmmich, the German commander at

Liege, is confirmed. He is to be succeeded by General Von-BELGIANS REPORT HEAVY GERMAN LOSSES. (By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) BRUSSELS, Aug. 15.—According to the latest advices,

barely 500 German soldiers escaped unhurt out of the 5000 engaged in the Battle of Haelen. Many field guns of the Germans were lost in the swamps. The soldiers who remained in the German attacking column retired to Tongres. A special train was sent from Brussels to collect the wounded on the battlefield. Among them are reported to be two German

FRANCE CLAIMS VICTORIES OVER GERMANS. (By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Aug. 15.—An official statement says: "The French are advancing into the high Alsatian valleys of the Vosges Mountains. Since their occupation of the Saales region in German territory, which was announced yesterday, the French have entered the town of Saales itself, driving out the German troops. In the Woevre district, in the Department of Meuse, the French troops today fired at and brought down a hostile aeroplane flying at a height of over 1000 feet. Two German officers occupying the aeroplane were taken prisoners. In the officers occupying the aeroplane were taken prisoners. In the same district a battation of French light infantry put to flight a battation of the German landwehr, taking forty prisoners."

GERMANS' LOSS IS 15,000 SO FAR.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The Central News correspondent at Brussels, who has returned from the front, estimated the German landwehr and the German landwehr at the German landwehr at the German landwehr at landwehr

Brussels, who has returned from the front, estimated the German losses in killed throughout the fighting against the Bel-gians so far amounts to 15,000.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Dispatches from Berlin from an official source received by wireless at Sayville, L. I., say: "Seven French army corps and an army division from Belfort, which invaded Upper Alsace, were defeated yesterday by the German troops near Mulhausen. The entrenchments were taken at the points of bayonets."

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Aug. 15.-There are indications of the intention of the German troops to envelope the extreme left of the allied forces, according to a statement of the official press bureau

AUTO BANDITS

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 15 .- F. H. Soller paymaster of the St. Louis refrigerating and Cold Storage Co., was shot and killed by robbers today. The robbers were in an automobile. They took the payroll money and escaped. to the end of September.

AEROPLANE DROPS BOMBS IN BELGIAN CITY AT NIGHT

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] NAMUR, Belgium, Aug. 15 .-German aeroplane flew over this city last night and dropped several bombs. Five men were wounded, one of them being horribly mangled by the explosion.

LONG HOLIDAY IN GERMANY.

(By Associated Press to Coos Ray Times.] BERLIN, Aug. 15 .- The government has extended the moratorium