

NAVAL BATTLE IN N. SEA BRITISH PUBLIC AWAITS NEWS OF VICTORY

Wilson Offers to Act

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—The United States government has proffered mediation to the warring European powers.

As an official of one of the powers signatory to The Hague convention, President Wilson cabled today to London, Berlin, Paris, St. Petersburg and Vienna declaring he would welcome the opportunity to act in the interest of peace in Europe.

Wilson's cable read:

"I feel it is my privilege and duty, under article three, to say to you in a spirit of earnest friendship that I will welcome an opportunity to act in the interest of peace in Europe now or at any other time that might be thought suitable. The occasion to serve you and all concerned in this way will afford me cause for gratitude and happiness."

Official notification that Great Britain and Germany are at war was conveyed to Secretary Bryan by the British Charge d'Affaires Barclay. He asked the United States ambassador at Berlin to represent England during the interruption of diplomatic relations.

BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMANS MAY BE IN SEA FIGHT

PORTLAND, Maine, Aug. 5.—What is believed to be cannon firing is being heard today in the direction of Seguin Island.

It has been the impression here the last few days that several British, French and German cruisers have been hovering off the New England coast. Many citizens heard the firing today. The keeper at the Portland observatory said he is positive it is not thunder.

The German warships Karlsruhe and Dresden communicated with Portland by wireless on Tuesday night but refused to give their positions.

The French cruisers Comde and Descartes are thought to be the ships most likely to have met them.

BELGIANS TAKE 2 GERMAN REGIMENTS

BRUSSELS, Aug. 5.—A sweeping Belgian victory over the Germans near Spa is reported tonight. It is said two German regiments were defeated. The Belgians fired a mine under the railroad track as an armored train passed, then opened with artillery fire. The Germans, surprised, resisted but finally were routed and fled. The Belgians pursued, slaughtering them relentlessly until the German commander surrendered.

Embassies Destroyed. WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—State department dispatches declaring mobs destroyed the Russian embassy at Berlin and the German embassy at St. Petersburg and many persons are reported injured.

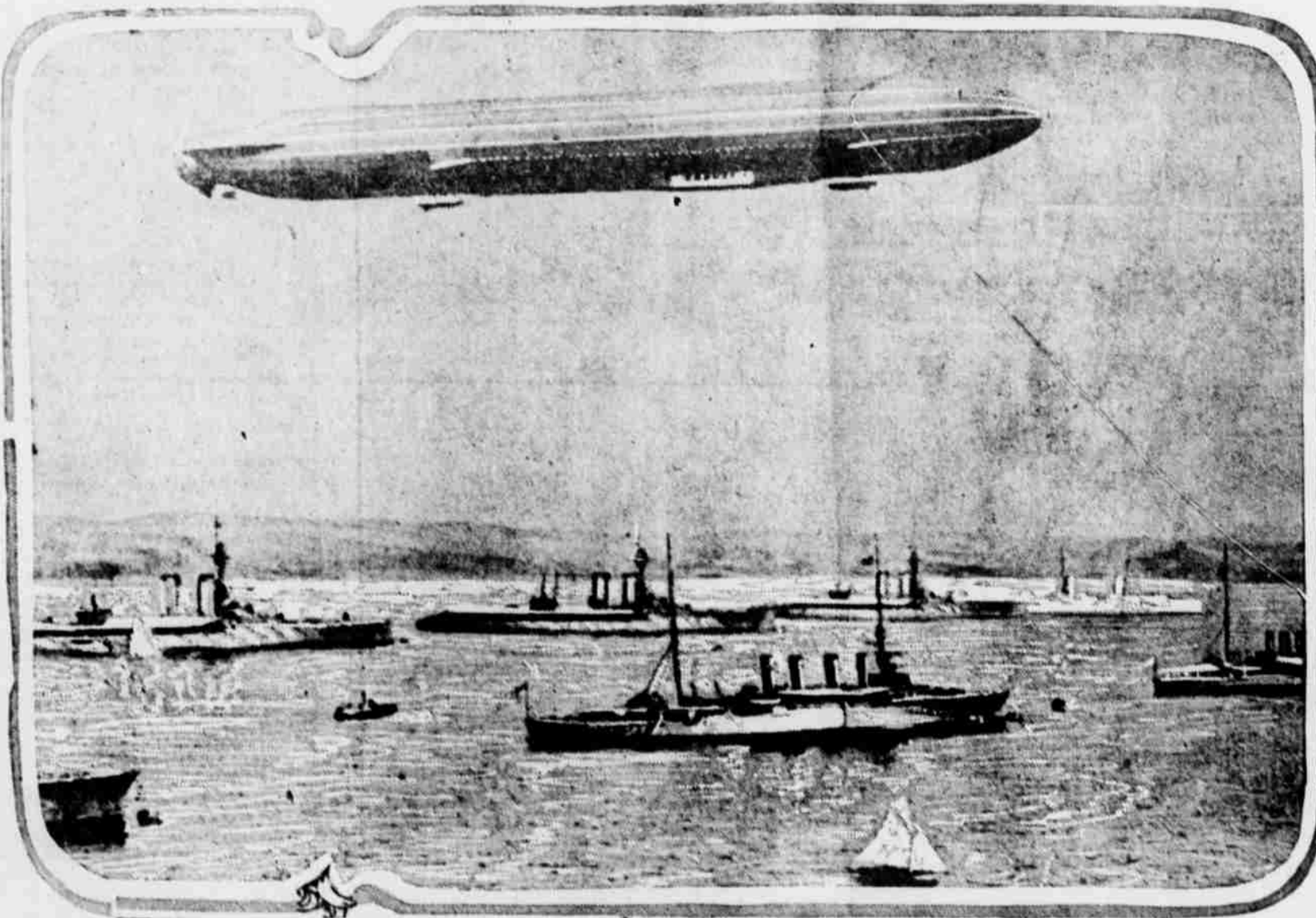
Mob Attacks Consulate. VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 5.—The double eagle above the German consulate was torn down by a crowd which invaded the building and thrown into the street and trampled upon. For a time the consulate was threatened with destruction. The glass doors were broken.

ENGLAND'S KING AND THE MAN WHO HEADS THE BRITISH FLEET.



King George V, (left) and Admiral Callaghan photographed on the deck of the latter's flagship on the occasion of the king's recent visit to the fleet at Spithead. Admiral Sir George Astley Callaghan, K. C. B., an Irishman, is the commander in chief of England's fleet, the largest in the world. The fleet is under orders to seek the German flotilla in the North Sea. A battle is expected momentarily.

GERMAN AIR FIGHTER FLYING OVER BRITISH FLEET.



The above photograph, taken during the recent visit of the British fleet to German waters, shows a German army dirigible hovering over the English battleships. This is the type of aircraft the Germans are using in the present European conflict.

HEAVY FIRING IS REPORTED OFF HULL AT DAWN GERMAN TORPEDO BOAT IS SUNK SAYS DISPATCH 100,000 GERMANS HOLDING FRONTIER POSITION

EXTRA

Battle in Progress. LONDON, Aug. 5.—A naval battle in the North sea is reported in an extra edition of the Standard but it is stated it is "not of decisive importance."

The French embassy announced the capture by a French war fleet of another German cruiser.

GERMAN CRUISERS BADLY DEFEATED BY FRENCH FLEET

TOULON, Aug. 5.—It was learned today that Germany's naval defeat by the French off the Algerian coast Tuesday was crushing.

After bombarding Bona and Algiers, the German cruisers Breslau, Goeben and Panther steamed westward where they encountered the French naval forces. The Panther was sunk and most of the crew perished. The Goeben and Breslau were damaged, overtaken and captured.

A \$10,000 creamery will be erected at Alvalore on Fern Ridge.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—A German torpedo boat has been dynamited and sunk in the Baltic Sea near Gedser according to a dispatch from Copenhagen. Thirty of the crew were drowned.

Sea firing was heard at dawn at Hull and it is believed that British and German scout ships are engaged.

Rumors that two German battleships have been sunk in the North Sea were published by the Central News agency.

England seemed almost relieved today in the knowledge that the British and the Germans are actually at war, following the exchange of declarations of hostilities between London and Berlin.

The public is eagerly awaiting the news of a British naval victory.

German Ambassador Lichnowsky received his passports and was transferred to the embassy of United States Ambassador Page and later left for Berlin.

AVIATOR IS KILLED.

VIENNA, Aug. 5.—Austrian sharpshooters winged a Russian aviator today who was scouting over Lenberg. He fell 500 feet and was instantly killed.

GERMAN AIR-SCOUT KILLED.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 5.—Belgian sharpshooters shot a German aviator literally to pieces today. The body fell within the Belgian lines. German aviators have withdrawn from the vicinity.

GERMANS EXECUTE SEVENTEEN.

PARIS, Aug. 5.—Seventeen Alsations who were endeavoring to enter France near Mulhausen to join the French army were captured by German troops today and shot.

Fourteen hundred and fifty Apaches have been arrested for looting. It was announced that the future course will be to shoot all looters.

GERMANY CALLS ON ITALY.

ROME, Aug. 5.—A formal notification from Berlin that Great Britain and France are attacking Germany has been received. Italy is called on to lend aid to Germany. The call was a demand. The cabinet is considering the matter. It is believed the decision will be that Italy will remain neutral.

GERMANS GAIN FOOHOLD.

PARIS, Aug. 5.—After 12 hours of frontier fighting, 100,000 Germans have secured a foothold on French soil between Toul and Epinal. They have entrenched their position.

An artillery duel is in progress at Petit Croix on the Franco-German frontier. Both Germans and French lost heavily when the French beat off the invaders.

Cannon is now being used at long range.

Germanians remaining in France without special permission will be arrested as spies, it was announced today. Forty-six men and 11 women already are being held.

KITCHENER MAY GO TO BELGIUM.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—With Admiral Sir John Jellicoe in command of the home fleet, which is expected to bear the brunt of the home fighting, Field Marshal Sir John French has been appointed inspector general of the British land forces. The country is demanding that Lord Kitchener be made war minister. He is now assisting at the war office without official title.

It is understood the government is thinking of sending Kitchener to Belgium to command the troops that Britain intends to dispatch to aid the Belgians in resisting the German invasion.

The admiralty has issued orders for a strict search of all shipping for contraband of war.

The country has prepared for hostilities with remarkable celerity.

A Manchester dispatch stated that the German steamship Dryad has captured by the British naval authorities. The crew of 17 was arrested.

WAR BULLETINS

Russian Fleet Bottled Up. CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 5.—The Bosporus will be closed to war vessels. The Russian fleet in the Black sea is bottled up.

Priest is Killed. PARIS, Aug. 5.—A German detachment entered the village of Moineville in the department of Meurthe et Moselle. A parish priest was killed.

German Cruisers Captured. ALGIERS, Aug. 5.—According to an unofficial report, a French fleet has captured two German cruisers, the Goeben and Breslau.

Dutch Fighting Germans. AMSTERDAM, Aug. 5.—German troops are crossing Holland enroute to France.

Fierce fighting is reported to have taken place in the department of Moselle. (Continued on page eight.)