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# GERMAN ARMY

LONDON, Aug. 17, 1:20 a. m .- N great battle has yet been fought on land or sea in the war of seven nations, unless the German assaults upon the fortresses at Liege eventually assume the proportion of a battle la

The situation is a unique one. their retreat, inflicting a loss of 8000

Apart from Liege the fighting of the first week, when resolved to the proper perspective, eventually, doubtless, will be considered insignificant

German Formstion Weak One of the most important developments in the eves of experts, is the general testimony that the German infantry formation is obsolete and in effective against weapons of today, and means an enormous slaughter if

France and Austria finally official ly are at war, the ambassadors having left the respective capitals. The French government broke off diplomatic relations with Austria on the

Austria appears to have abandoned tempting to crush France before Russia can mobilize.

Financial conditions in England there is a great dislocation in many trades. The prices of foodstuffs have baron of medieval times? risen only slightly.

#### Austria and France Break

Diplomatic relations between France and Austria have been broken and the ambassadors have left the

The French are advancing in Alposition is not known.

Liege, while the Belgians hold the forts. Strong forces guarded all the

The Austrians before Servia are rtill bombarding Belgrade, while part ambition? of the Servian army is taking the offensive in Bosnia.

The North sea is again closed to the fishing fleets, which is regarded as significant in view of the fact that there are large British and German fleets in that water.

which arrived at San Juan. Porto lamentations of huge battlefields. Rico, reported an engagement Friday and French cruisers.

The French government forbids the man of affairs. publication of the French casualties list, so that Germans may not know the movement of the French troops.

All Germans and Austrians in Belgium must declare themselves within twenty-four hours, or they will be arrested as spies.

#### CANCEL SAILING DATES OF BRITISH LINERS

MONTREAL, Que., Aug. 11.-The British admiralty has cancelled al traus-Atlantic sailings of the Allan steamers Alsatian, Victorian and Corsiean and will use the vessels to transport supplies and troops, presumably from Canada to Europe, according to announcement made by

#### WAR DUE TO FEUDALISM

THE absolute monarchy, the flub-dubbery of royalty, the huge standing armies, gigantic navies and fortified strongholds are all survivals of feudalism.

Feudalism was an outgrowth of the invasion of the civilized Roman world by the barbarian hordes of the north and east. Medieval society needed protection-protection from the raids of robber barons, of invading tribes of The Daily Telegraph's correspondent which will stand much bombardment, discontented peasantry, from bands of pillaging outlaws. who winessed much the German artil-The great landowner formed his estate into a territory he lery was excellent, but expresses sur- along the south side of the Meuse could defend. His smaller neighbors came to him for pro- prise at the infantry in fighting in leaving Liege. tection, and swore fealty to him in return, becoming in close order. Battallon after battallon some form or other dependents. The baron, in return for services rendered the king, secured immunity and power! over his district and performed in it the functions of the

Changes in conditions and the centralization of gov- and their helmets were covered with ernment enabled society to free itself to a large extent from the dependence upon the baron. The general gov- correspondent, showed the greatest ernment resumed the functions he had performed during courage under bombardment and in the middle ages, but as feudalism disappeared its customs the face of slarms brought in by the crystallized into forms that exist even today. Feudal laws still hamper the growth of civilization, and feudal aris- in the angle between the river toeracies lead useless parasitical existence, while the petty ourthe and Meuse. The factories and tyranny practiced by the baron is now practiced on a coal mines were in operation throughlarger scale by the monarch.

The baron, in exchange for protection, demanded tribute, fealty and service when necessary. Royalty does the could not take the forts without enorsame and abuses the power, as in Europe today, by enforcing needless sacrifice of life and property to gratify personal ambition. The citizen of twentieth century Europe is no safer than the citizen of the dark ages. Life, liberty and pursuit of happiness are all subject to forfeiture upon the whim of a titled freak.

The average German citizen has to spend a large part of his life in military training. Every German is liable to service, and no substituton allowed. Liability begins at seventeen and actual service at twenty. The men serve Both combatants claim victory there in the active army and army reserve for seven years, of with the Belgians still holding the which two years (three in the case of cavalry and horse forts, and the Germans occupying the artillery) are spent with the colors. During his four or five years in the reserve, the soldier is called out for train-There is no confirmation of the Daily ing twice for a maximum of eight weeks. After leaving Mail's report that the French have the reserve, the soldier is drafted into the first ban of the engaged the Germans and cut off Landwehr for five years more, for two trainings of from men. The Belgians claim that they 8 to 14 days a year. Thence he passes into the second ban have taken 8000 prisoners on Belgian and remains in it until 40 years old, that is from 6 to 7 soll, but military met regard all the years more, the complete period of his service being 19 estimates of the belligerents as great years. Finally all soldiers are passed into the Landstrum. in the first ban of which they remain until 45. The second ban consists of untrained men between 39 and 45. Young men who reach a certain standard of education are only obliged to serve one year in the active army, but must defray their own expenses and are chief source of supply for reserves.

It is a fearful price to pay for citizenship.

Under the German Constitution, the emperor is really supreme in foreign relations. He is given power to declare war, but only in case of invasion or for defense. Hence Wilhelm's repeated assertions that he is acting only on the defensive in plunging Europe into a conflagrationan assertion belied by his every movement.

There is every indication that the entire German nation grounds that Austrian troops were has been made an army camp, the navy created, and the German army increased in 1912, and the huge military the advance on Servia for a time and burdens forced upon Europe to gratify the ambitions of apparently is co-operating with Ger- Wilhelm who hopes to shine in history as another Fredermany in the supposed strategy of at- ick the Great and to make Germany supreme among nations. As Frederick began the seven year war by the sudden and unjustifiable seizure of Silesia, so Wilhelm planare returning to normal although ned the rape of Belgium to give Germany a seaboard.

How does the German Emperor differ from the robber

Wilhelm's throne is threatened, as is every throne in Europe, by the onward march of democracy. As education enlightens the multitude, thrones built upon superstition capital. The French foreign office in and the past, crumble. The rise of Socialism threatens a statement says the initiative was ancient institutions. The Socialists have it in their power taken by France because Austrian to stop the present war, if they desire it-and as there is no real cause for a war, more than likely it will be so sace-Lorraine, but against what op- stopped before it has progressed far.

Why should the German factory hand shoot down his The Germans occupy the city of brother workman who happens to work in Paris? Or why the Russian peasant slay the Austrian farmer, simply because some crowned head is egotistical enough to order the slaughter of thousands to satisfy a personal

> The world is ready for the new political savior, predicted by Tolstoi before his death ten years ago, in the following remarkable prophecy:

The great conflagration (war) will start about 1912, set by the first torch in the countries of southeastern Europe. It will develop into destruc-The German cruiser Karlsruhe, tive calamity in 1913. I see Europe in flames and bleeding, and hear the

"About the year 1915 a strange figure enters the stage of the blood; night off Bahamas with four British drama. He is a man of little military training, but he will hold most of Europe in his grasp until 1925. He is already walking the earth, a

"There is a new political era for the old world; noempires and king doms, but the whole world will form a federation of the United States of Nations.

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Most of the captured Germans were rom 18 to 24 years old. Their gray tries. uniforms were stripped of all insigns

gray cloth frightened refugees. The German shells did a little damage to the city out the fighting.

The correspondent, writing on Sun day, predicted that the Germans could not take the forts without epor-



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#### mous sacrifices, which would cripple their right wing. He expressed the opinion that the German plan of sweeping down the Meuse to Sedan must be abandoned because it has already been so long delayed. He says tracted by Mattle Cummings after the French have massed five army this date,

corps in the Germans' path. The Germans will bring their heavy artiflery against the forts, who witnessed much of the Liege in the opinion of the correspondent,

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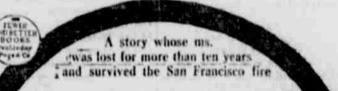
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