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JAPANESE FLEET BEGINS, ATTACK ON GERMAN-HELD CHINESE TOWN

Fruit Company Will Register Vessels Under the New Rule.

U. S. WILL NOT DROP PLAN TO BUY SHIPS

President Insists That He Has Every Intention of Pushing Plan to Successful Completion.

Washington Aug. 24.—The United States Steel corporation, the Standard Oil company and the United Fruit company have notified the government of their intention to put their fleets under the American flag under the new rule extending home registry to foreign built craft.

New York, Aug. 24.—The Oceana, wned by the Delaware-Hudson steamship company, being made ready to sail Saturday for Genoa, will probably be the first foreign steamship to the American flag. She will be placed under American registry, possibly today, according to her owners. The Oceana for a time plied between Bermuda and this port.

Washington, Aug. 24.—President Wilson today denied reports which he said were issued in interested quarters, that he was going to drop the plan to have the government buy ships to carry on the foreign trade of the United States. He said he had every intention of pushing the plan Washington, Aug. 24.—President

and showed no inclination to has been achieved. The

his duty to compete with private tatt. capital, but that in such a crisis it was necessary for the government to London, Aug. 24.—The Ostend corstep in. He expects the administration respondent of the Daily Mail says two three weeks and thinks it can be ward toward Valencennes on the ons, managed in such a way as to encour- Scheldt, 31 miles southeast of Lille, age private capital. As an induce- one proceeding by way of Ninove and ment, he said, the government line might be used to develop lines of trade at present not open.

He did not fear complications with Fresher noving with great speed.

not carry comrabrand goods.

Noordam from Rotterdam. Count von one. Bernsdorff, ambassador to the United States was among the Noordam's pas sengers and Dr. Nicholas Murray

Two hundred thousand dollars was paid the Lloyd Sabuado company at enoa for the use of the Princippe di Undine, Each passenger paid \$250 gold as a minimum for first cabin ac commodations, leaving a deficit of about \$49,000 which will be met by Station at Tuckertown, New committee which arranged the

In a statement issued at New York today, the committee says the money was well spent.

It was suggested in a statement is sued by passengers suggesting that a special committee should confer with representatives of the state department to submit "trustworthy inpartment to submit "truskworth" in the critical financial formation on the critical financial and sanitary conditions of fellow-americans in southern Europe. This latter was signed among others by Henry Burnette, Louisville, Ky.; The odore W. Noyes, Washington; the Rev. Rondthaler, North Carolina, and Rev. Rondthaler, North Carolina, and Landan Thomas Augusta, Ga.

Rev. Rondthaler. North Caroline, and Landon Thomas. Augusta. Ga.

The Undine saw no warships until the only direct means of communication between the United States and Germany.

The wireless station at Sayville. L. The wireless station at Sayville. L. Is licensed and now under centiner over and accertaining that she flow the neutral Italian flag. The would license the Tuckerton station, now that war has broken out, raises a difficult question.

The voyage of the Undine and the roughtances which preceded it are without parallel. It was a see of buying a ship, as it were, to do not of Europe. Greatest difficulty as experienced in arranging the first out of Europe. Greatest difficulty as experienced in arranging the first were millions reasonable.

Steel Corporation and United Right Flank South of Antwerp; Second Force Southeast of Lille; Third Attacks

> ABOUT 750,000 TROOPS IN THREE COLUMNS

Namur Forts.

Troop Movements in Western Germany Subsiding as Mobilization Has Been Achieved.

Rotterdam, Aug. 24 .- (Via London 12 noon.) -According to best inform ation here the disposition of the Ger man forces in Belgium is broadly as follows:

The right flank immediately south of Antwerp, is moving southwest in the direction of Lille; a second force is moving on Maubeuge, fifty miles southeast of Lille in the direction of destruction of the Namur forts which consist of fine defenses of steel and concrete surrounding the city. It is estimated that these three columns together comprise nearly a quarter of a million men. The main northern army of about 200,000 men, is advancing slowly with its front extend

every intention of pushing the plan to a successful completion.

Mr. Wilson said he hoped private capital would go in and buy ships but siderably and that the mobilization teed securities. He said he would not transportation of munitions of war. avor such a plan.

The president declared it was not Dusseldorf, Coblentz, Mainz and Ras-

> Moving Fast. London, Aug. 24 .- The Ostend cor-

Further northwest parties have ap-peared and done damage successively at Thielt and Lictervelde. It is un New York, Aug. 24.—Many Ameriderstood that this means a dash on
cans arrived in New York today on
the Italian steamer Undine which
reached quarantine late last night;
case the movement toward Valencenfollowed by the Holland line steamer nes probably would be an encircling

butler among those aboard the Un- HOLDS WIRELESS STATION IN VIOLATION OF LAW

York, Not Licensed, Sec. Redfield Finds.

Washington, Aug. 24,-After a conference with Secretary Daniels today Secretary Redfield notified the Ger-

DIES IN WILMINGTON

TO PUT FLEETS DISPOSITION OF THE GREAT BATTLE UNDER U.S. FLAG GERMANTROOPS STILL BEING WAGED BOUND TO

British and French Hold Bulk of Germans in Belgium While Russia Gains On the North Fronter

BRITISH ENGAGED IN ALL DAY FIGHT

Germans Claim to Have Defeated in an all day engagement yes terday in the neighborhood of French and That Enemy's Army Is Fleeing

Tokio, August 24.—The Yamato in an extra edition today says that the bombardment of Tsing Tau by the Japanese Nord; the third is occupied with the fleet has commenced. This message was passed by the censor of the navy department.

> London, August 24.—(1:25 p. m.)—The official bureau of information today gave out the following announcement: British forces were engaged all day Sunday and until after dark with the enemy in the neighborhood of Mons, Belgium. They held their grounds."

Undine, Italy, August 24.—(Via. Paris) August 24.— 12:45 p. m.—Reports received from Vienna are to the effect that the Austrians are about to abandon their operations against the Servians on the Drina river in order to concentrate their forces against the Russian advance. The difficulact unless the government suaran- now principally occupied with the ties of the campaign against Servia have been redoubled by the troops in Bosnia.

Bassil, (via. Paris) August 24.—In Upper Alsace the German troops are making another offensive movement plan to be in operation within two or German columns are marching south-

> Paris, August 24.—(10:25 a. m.)—A rumor is in circulation in Paris this morning that the Germans have occupied the unfortified town of Nancy. This report, however, lacks confirmation.

> Washington, August 24.—Danger of war between Japan and Austria was removed today through the agreement of Austria to dismantle her cruiser, the Kaiserin Elizabeth, now " 無限 是 吃得 曾 是

London, August 24.—(6.55 a. m. —An Exchange telegram from Nish referring to the Servian victory on the Drina says the Servian artillery sank a number of the enemy's boats, including eight transports carrying troops. The dispatch says the Austrians are massing on the banks of the Drina and preparing for a desperate attempt to regain lost ground.

New York, N. Y., August 24.—Count Johan von Bernsdorf, ambassador from Germany to the United States, announced on his arrival here from Rotterdam that his government had been informed that Russian civilians and military had withdrawn from Poland and that the Poles had set up an independent government with Warsaw as the capital.

Berlin, August 24.—(By wireless to Associated Press from Nauen, Germany, via. Sayville, L. I.)—Official announcement was made here today that the German army commanded by Grand Duke Albrecht of Wuertemberg, has defeated a French army at Nufcheau. It captured many guns, flags and officers, including several generals.

German armies under Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm and Grand Duke Albrecht are vigorously pursuing the French. The army under Rupprecht captured 150 guns at Luneville, Blamont and Circy (in the French department of Meurthe and Moselle).

The army commanded by the Crown Prince pursued the French beyond Longwy. The Germans are west of the river Meuse and advancing against Maubeuge. They have defeated an English brigade of cavalry.

Paris, August 24 .- (10:15 a. m.) - The following official announcement was made here today: "The great battle between the greater part of the forces

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WAR NEWS SUMMARY.

The great battle in Belgium between the allied forces and & Germany continued totay with & no word as to whether a decisive of result had been reached. Information given out in London was that the British held their ground

The French embassy at Lon-R don received information that R up to the present no advantage keep had been gained anywhere by either side.

Reports were circulated in have occupied the unfortified town of Nancy, France.

Berlin reported German tories at the French towns of Neufchateau and elsewhere. According to this report the French & had been completely routed and & were being pursued toward the

The back Tau, Charles Tau, Charles Tau, Charles Tau, Charles Tamato, The bombardment of Tsing R Tau, China, by the Japanese fleet has begun according to the Yamato, in Tokio.

to reports from Upper Alsace, to reports from Upper Alsace, to reports from Upper Alsace, to remain another offensive to against the French to the remainst the remain movement against the French army occupying Muelhausen.
The Russians, according The Russians, according to M.

Paris reports, now occupy terms tory fifty miles wide on the Gerse man frontier. A Vienna report says the Aus-

trians are about to abandon their operations against the Sercentrate their forces against the Russian advance.

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their fleets will be put under the R of acquiring the supremacy. American flag.

VILLA REASSURING

Says He Is Simply Striving to linguish the demand. Have Military Rule Su-

perceded.

Chihuahua, Mexico, Aug. 24.—Gen- the fortress in Metz. eral Francisco Vila today issued this statement in regard to his relations with Carranza:

should not again be under military government, The armies, by our constitution, are secondary to the con-stituted government, and it is now time that the country should be governed by the people, for the people and not as heretofore, governed by a military clique whose only object is personal welfare and not the

welfare of the masses.
"I desire the support of the American people in this political fight I am waging. I consider I am the leader LIKELY PRINCE WILLIAM to gain personal rights for my downtrodden countrymen, at the same time showing them their obligations toward law and order. There need be

German Ambassador to U. S. Dispatch Tells of Complete Gives Interview on Germany's Attitude Toward the War,

FIGGHTING FOR JUST CAUSE, HE DECLARES

Japan Will Attain to Supremacy of Pacific by Entering War.

New York, Aug. 24.-Count von Bernsdorft, German ambassador to the the Daily Mail today from St. Peters-United States, returned to America burg says the great battle in the east today on the steamship Noordam and gave out one of the most authentic interviews yet received here on the German attitude toward war. Germany is bound to win in the end he six days of fighting. says, as she is fighting because her cause is just. Italy, he believed, will not take sides against Germany.
"My wife is with the Red Cross at

Munich," said the ambassador and my a town on the Russian border west-son is with the emperor's guard. All ward. The fighting began Thursday, and I regret that I was not able to man first division which had denvsee active service myself.

"From the emperor to the lowest unskilled workman in Germany the against the attack of jealous powers: finish and will be victorious in the attack here was conducted with end? At the outbreak of the war." news from coming here and with the

idea of deceiving the people ow the United States, but I believe the Ameri-English and French sources.

dismantle their cruiser, the san European quarte, shows out this communication kaiser-in-Elizabeth at Tsing Tau above all else. It is that England does cut off from communication not feel very safe. The Japanese will other parts of Prussia.

The between Japan and Austria according doubtless take Kiaochow, sheer weight "In the fighting from Monda." cording to diplomatic information of numbers assures that but before the Friday eight German regiments of the tion in Washington. n Washington. end of the war Japan will have su-field army and six Landwehr regi-Standard Oll company, premacy of the Pacific a thing she has ments totalling about 70,000 men United States Steel corporation striven for for many years. Japan with 200 guns took part. Later the and United Fruit company, have took advantage of the situation to number was reinforced to more than notified the United States that strike this blow for the sole purpose 100,000 men. The German forces.

REPRESENTED A REPRESENT A far different opinion than that gain- ing 210,0000 men with 540 field ed from the colored accounts of Bel- guns and 180 howitzers, besides a gium, French and English sources. As considerable number of siege guns. this strongly fortified position, numbered only between 5,000 and 6,000 and howitzers and siege guns.

The Russians are now advancing through a land of lakes, canals and

he added, the Crown Prince had never been wounded before Liege for the simple reason that h was not at Liege, but was in command of the troops at

"The last great German victory 1 heard of before leaving Berlin," said the ambassador, "was that at Metz by the army under the crown prince

"I have no personal feeling in this "Of the reported invasion of East matter against Carranza. This country Prussla by the Russians, very few are true. The frontier is not heavily fortified, but the Russians will never cross the 'Vistula. Fifteen corps of the Austrian army, each comprising 40,-000 men, are now on the Russian frontier of Austria."

In Germany, besides the last line of reservists, 1,200,000 men upon whom the government had no claim for military service had volunteered and en rolled in the army for home defense.

HAS LEFT ALBANIA

Rome, Aug. 24.—Reports are no alarm whatever over my standing flicting as to whether Prince William in this matter, le desire the American has ahandoned Albania. It was stated people to understand and once and today his leaving would cause no surall I shall now take the part of prise, as his situation, alrewly diffislient moral pressure on any govern-ment that may emanate; this pres-must have become quite impossible sure is not menacing by any means. when, owing to the necessities of the I desire morality, the strictest moral-international situation. Austria and ty in any government."

Disordiess Rattie.

Nogales, Aug. 24.—Cananea was maintain him at Durrano. The natives ing round here today of the an are reported as jealous and divided in opinion. They are said to be agreed only on two points, namely not to present champion entered the total pay taxes and to oppose concertpiton.

Success Over Germans in Six Days' Battle in East Prussia.

FRONT OF BATTLE EXTENDED 30 MILES

Bitter Against England-Says Russians Capture Several German Towns-About 100,-000 Germans Took Part in the Fighting.

> London, Aug. 24 .- A dispatch to Prussian theater of operations has been fought and won by the Russians who gained a complete victory after

"The battle front," ent continues, "extended nearly 30 miles on both sides of the main railway line running from Eydtkuhnen, my secretaries hve come to the front when the Russians attacked the Gerered several unsuccessful assaults on Eydtkhunen. The forces on each side were increased. Fierce fighting took defend herself place at Gumbinnen on Thursday, The German people will fight to a the Russian right flank. Though the most vigor the attempt was met with he continued, "the English cut the much stubbornness on the part of cable to this neutral country for the Russians. The Germans later ask sole purpose of preventing authentic ed time to remove their dead and wounded, which was refused.

"Yesterday the fight was decided The Russians captured Airas and cans will b fair enough to weigh care- Goldap. Reports that the Russians fully all the news that comes from have occupied Insterburg seem to be "The calling of the Japanese into on the left bank of the Nieman, 60 an European quarrel, shows one thing miles north of Konigsburg has been

"In the fighting from Monday available in East Prussia besides the "When the true story of the assault independent cavalry division are five on Liege is told Americans will have army corps of the field army, totalla matter of fact the troops under von A German force in the east not Emmich, which went to the assault of counting the andstrum include half a

feats in modern times. What was marshes, and these natural advanexpected to take weeks, was accom-plished in days by two brigades. Von mented by fortifications, including Emmich was slightly wounded in the the fortress of Konigsburg, Allestein, leg during the attack but did not re- Dansic and Thorn. But besides these the whole country is strewn by forti-The Emperor denied reports that fications and prominent field works the crown prince had been wounded of every description largely armed by an assassin in Berlin. Moreover, with heavy guns. All these military measures show the immense strategic importance of east Pruseia.

MISS SMITH'S BODY FOUND IN THE SAND; HAD BEEN MURDERED

San Francitco, Aug. 24,-Buried in the sand a mile from her former home at Carmel-by-the-Sea, the body of Helena Wood Smith, a young artist, who disappeared two weeks ago. found yesterday. Death had been caused by strangulation. George Kodoni, a Japanese artist-photographer, is under arrest. He says Miss Smith fell over a cliff bordering Carmel beach after they had quarreled and her body disappeared in the sea.

BAPTIST MINISTER KILLED IN RUNAWAY

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 24.-The Res M. Erwin, a Baptist minister Hickory, was killed and George Bridges and the latter's son injured in a runaway accident at Bostic, Ruth-erford county yesterday.

Women's Golf Match

Chicago, Aug. 24.-More than 18