



# German Troops Getting Near French Capital

### Distance Between Germans and Paris About the Same Between Philadelphia and New York—Both Sides Claim Victories and Admit Terrible Loss of Life—Germans Capture French Towns.

## Russian Advance Is Now Menacing Germany

### Austria Declares War on Belgium So Austrian Troops Can Join Germans.

(By United Press.)

VIENNA, Aug. 28.—Austria has declared war on Belgium, clearing the way for Austrian troops to join German operations in Belgium.

PARIS, Aug. 28.—A strong French force destroyed many bridges crossing the Meuse today.

German armies of Saar and Lower Moselle are reported to have effected a junction. Long railways remain intact, making it possible to protect any portion of the line under heavy pressure.

Advices from Linerville, French Congo, say Germans attacked the frontier of Belgian Congo. It was stated that British and Belgians are cooperating in defense.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28.—The German embassy received reports that German troops are on the outskirts of Calais.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 28.—Germans have mounted a number of rapid fire guns along the northern entrance to the city, anticipating attempt of Belgian troops to take the city. A number of auto trucks with mounted guns patrol the suburbs of the city. The burgomaster has refused to leave the city hall.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—Premier Asquith announced that the British forces are holding their line about Cambrai, Department of Nord.

This was the first definite information about the British.

The British position was attacked first by two divisions of cavalry supported by five corps of German infantry. The British second corps repulsed them. The first corps attacked the German right.

BERLIN, Aug. 28.—Emperor William telegraphed his cabinet from the front directing immediate steps be taken for relief of Prussian refugees who are driven from their homes by Russian invaders.

The Kaiser directs that they be cared for inside the German lines of defense "until Russian invasion is checked and it is possible to return them to their homes."

It was stated that energetic steps will be taken to meet Russian invasion. Additional reinforcements from reserve divisions will be rushed to the front.

It is expected that the Germans will engage the Russians in a general battle as soon as the Czar's armies come in contact with the first line of forts.

It was declared that the allied lines have given way whenever German infantry has charged using bayonets. The superiority of the German infantry has been shown at several points.

The general staff admits the losses

have been very heavy but claims they were not out of proportion.

FOLKSTONE, ENG., Aug. 28.—British wounded are being brought here from Belgium five days after leaving for the front.

BERLIN, Aug. 28.—The war office announces that the British army holding Mauberge has been defeated. Also French and Belgian armies operating south of Namur have been routed. Losses were heavy. The date is not given.

PARIS, Aug. 28.—There is fighting all along the front. The government admits the Germans outnumber the allies. British troops are holding the center. The war office admits the French lines may not hold, believing the Germans are staking everything in the general assault.

Denial that Lille had been taken was cheering news.

French field hospitals are jammed and doctors are rushed with work.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28.—German troops have completely surrounded French and English armies in northern France between Sandre and Meuse rivers.

The French east army has been driven south which prevented communication between their east and north forces.

All German armies are in contact from Cambrai to Upper Alsace.

German cavalry has advanced to Ostend.

Louvain was destroyed because its citizens perfidiously attacked German troops.

Appearance of Zeppelins at Antwerp has caused a panic in London.

The above is the substance of a wireless message received at the German embassy today.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—A dispatch received here from Ostend says the Germans have occupied Lille, Roubaix and Arras.

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## First Month's War

(BY UNITED PRESS.)

One month ago today Austria declared war on Servia.

Since that time nine other nations have joined. Practically all Europe has engaged in a circle of declarations of war. It is not believed this will be completed until Turkey and Italy are drawn in.

Destruction at sea during the first month of present war was greater than the naval losses of the entire Spanish-American war, when the value of merchant-men is taken into consideration.

## STATE OF WAR NOW EXISTS BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND JAPAN

SEVERING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS EQUIVALENT TO WAR DECLARATION.

## ANOTHER PROCLAMATION OF NEUTRALITY IS ISSUED

Washington, Aug. 28.—President Wilson yesterday issued a proclamation of neutrality recognizing that "a state of war unhappily exists between Japan and Austria-Hungary."

The issuance of the President's proclamation of neutrality as between Japan and Austria followed an unusual sequence of events, during which, so far as officials here are aware, neither country actually declared war.

A "state of war" was recognized by the United States as existing, however, because Ambassador Dumba, of Austria, notified the State Department that the Emperor of Austria-Hungary had instructed the cruiser Kaiserin Elizabeth to join the German fleet defending Tsing Tau. Last Monday orders were transmitted from Vienna through Washington to the officers of the Austrian vessel to dismantle her. Press dispatches from Tsing Tau last night said the orders had been carried out and the crew had left.

Ambassador Dumba's telegram to the American government made no mention of any declaration of war, but said diplomatic relations between the two countries had been severed.

Tokio dispatches describe the situation as a rupture of diplomatic relations, but the order to the Kaiserin Elizabeth was regarded by State Department officials as of itself an act of war.

The Japanese embassy here issued a statement yesterday denying reports that Japan would send a fleet to the Adriatic.

Viscount Chinda, the Japanese ambassador, yesterday issued this statement:

"Nothing is more absurd than the purport of a London telegram appearing in some of the papers yesterday morning which intimates that Japan's answer to Austrian declaration of war will be the dispatch of a squadron to the Adriatic.

"The terms of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, solely under which Japan is acting, contain nothing which will obligate Japan to go that far, nor is there any interest or inducement whatever for Japan to embroil herself in this European war in Europe itself. If she succeeds in fulfilling her obligation under and in achieving the object of the Anglo-Japanese alliance treaty, there she will stop.

"Moreover it would be ridiculous to imagine even for a moment in the present circumstances that Great Britain is compelled to call upon her far-off ally to come all the way out to the assistance of her Mediterranean fleet. The idea is on all fours with another preposterous report given out in some papers that the Japanese army will be sent to Europe over the Siberian railroad.

"I take this occasion to categorically deny that I have ever stated or even hinted that Japan might be extending her activity outside the zone of German hostilities in the China sea as some of the papers have erroneously reported."

## FILES CHARGES AGAINST MILITIA

Mother Charges Medical Corps of the District National Guard Responsible for Son's Death.

Washington, Aug. 28.—A suit, charging the responsible officers of the medical corps of the District National Guard were guilty of criminal neglect in the treatment of William Sincox, private, First regiment, is threatened by the mother of the boy, Mrs. William A. Sincox, 323 I street, southwest. Young Sincox died early yesterday morning at the Walter Reed hospital, to which he was admitted a week after his return from the recent annual encampment of the National Guard at Virginia Beach.

Sincox succumbed to cerebral tuberculosis, according to statements made by the hospital authorities to Mrs. Sincox. His illness first manifested itself shortly after the District brigade reached Virginia Beach. Basing her charges upon the story told by the boy upon his return, Mrs. Sincox declares that the treatment afforded him during his illness in camp hastened his death, if it did not insure it.

## CLYDE KENNEDY TO BE TRIED NEXT TERM OF CRIMINAL COURT

CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF E. W. SARLANDT—TWO ALLEGED ACCOMPLICES.

## EX-JUDGE D. L. WARD IS RETAINED BY KENNEDY

Clyde Kennedy, the white man in jail charged with the murder of E. W. Sarlandt the night of August 8, is expected to be tried by Judge Peebles at the next term of court convening Monday, September 7.

Kennedy has retained ex-Judge D. L. Ward to defend him, while the two brothers of the dead man will be represented by Attorney D. E. Henderson, who immediately after the occurrence on behalf of the estate offered a reward for Kennedy's capture in conjunction with the city and county. This reward was later doubled by the State, making \$200 in all, which amount went to the Wilmington special officer who made the arrest.

Two other white men, Sid Gautier and Alex Curtis, are held in jail as accessories. The two negroes arrested as witnesses are out on bond.

Sheriff Lane and his deputies have done strenuous work in summoning a large array of witnesses, and it is rumored that at the trial the testimony may take a surprising turn.

The town and surrounding territory has been wrought up over the occurrence ever since the body of Sarlandt was discovered one Sunday morning near the street car barn with the skull crushed.

## GERMANS TAKEN FROM STEAMER

Forty German Reservists En Route to Scene of War Captured by British Seamen.

(By United Press.)

NAPLES, Aug. 28.—The steamer Caserta arrived from New York today.

The captain reported that British seamen boarded his ship at Gibraltar and took off forty German reservists en route to the scene of the war.

## JAPS TO STAY IN EASTERN WATERS

Deny Story That Fleet Will Operate In Asiatic Sea With The Allies.

Tokio, Aug. 28.—Official denial was made yesterday of reports that a Japanese fleet would be sent to the Adriatic Sea to permit the British and French vessels there to join the allies' naval forces in an attack on the German fleet in the North Sea.

"Japan will take no part in the war outside of the Far East," said an official statement. "We are aiding Great Britain here, and will destroy whatever threatens our ally, but the war was not sought by us."

In reply to messages from America Premier Okuma has reiterated his declaration that Japan has no intention of taking Chinese territory. No news of the operations at Kiao Chau has been made public.

One little peek-a-boo makes the whole world peek. Some people could write all they know on a postcard.

## SAYS RATES ARE DISCRIMINATING

New Orleans Cotton Exchange Complains to Interstate Commerce Commission.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28.—The New Orleans cotton exchange today complained to the interstate commerce commission that New Orleans was a victim of rates discriminating in favor of Wilmington, Mobile, New York, and other ports.

## THE BODY FOUND IN CREEK MAY BE THAT OF G. E. MCKENZIE

HAS BEEN MISSING FROM HAMLET, N. C., SINCE JULY THIRD.

## WIFE GOES TO WINSTON-SALEM TO VIEW THE BODY

Winston-Salem, Aug. 28.—Declaring that the description of the unknown man found in Muddy Creek, near this city, Tuesday afternoon, tallies exactly with her husband who disappeared from Hamlet, N. C., on July 3, Mrs. G. E. McKenzie arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and following a consultation with Sheriff G. W. Flant and Chief of Police J. A. Thomas at the sheriff's office, it was decided to go to the grave of the unknown man this morning at 9 o'clock, to view the body and show Mrs. McKenzie to view the remains. She says that she would like to tell whether or not they are those of her husband.

Mrs. McKenzie stated that her husband left home on July 3rd for Whitney to bid on some concrete work, and had not been heard from since.

She said that he was about 37 years old and that the description given of the man found fitted him exactly. It is not thought though, that the remains will be in such a condition as to admit of identification when exhumed this morning.

Dr. E. F. Strickland was present at the conference yesterday afternoon and told Mrs. McKenzie all he knew about the case he having examined the body closely when it was disinterred Wednesday afternoon. He told her of the gold crowned tooth and Mrs. McKenzie affirmed that her husband had such a tooth and that in addition to that had a plate in his mouth. The plate was not found when examination was made, but it is probable that it was "missing" with the front teeth that were gone.

Mrs. McKenzie does not assign any reason for the perpetration of such a crime upon her husband. She only wants to see the remains, declaring that she will be able to identify him. She asked whether there was any concrete work being done in this section, thinking that probably he failed to get the work in Whitney and came here to make bids. However, there is little work of that nature being done here at present.

Mrs. McKenzie stated that she had notified the police of nearly all the surrounding townships as she thought that it was hardly probable that her husband should have come up here. She firmly believes that the unknown man is her husband and all descriptions of him but make stronger her belief and intensify her desire to look at the corpse.

## ARREST IN ATLANTA MURDER MYSTERY

Woman is Charged With Killing William T. Brown, Found Dead on Atlanta Street.

Atlanta, Aug. 28.—Mrs. Martha Fry, aged 30, of 129 West Pine street, was arrested Tuesday night by Detectives Tuggle and Davis and held at police station without bond under the charge of suspicion, in connection with the murder of William T. Brown of 58 Tullin street, who was found dead early Monday morning at the corner of Cherry and Fifth streets.

The detectives state that they believe Mrs. Fry knows something of the murder, and are holding her in order to force her to give a statement. They state that she spent Sunday morning in company with Brown, and that together they visited several places.

## JIM CAMERON DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Negro Convicted of Killing Archie Blue in Moore County—Made Confession.

(By United Press.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 28.—Jim Cameron, a negro, was electrocuted at the penitentiary this morning for the murder of Archie Blue, in Moore county. Blue was a clerk at a railroad commissary. Cameron confessed.