

British Cruiser Suffolk, Defeated German Warship Near U. S. Coast

Terrific Encounter Ten Miles Off Portsmouth, New Hampshire—British Boat Tells of Victory by Wireless. Summer Residents on Isle of Shoals See the Conflict—State of War Exists Between Austria and England—German Forces Have Renewed Attack.

France Breaks Diplomatic Relations With Austria

FIRST PART WAR

BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 12.—A wireless dispatch picked up at the radio stations along the New England coast late this afternoon stated that the British cruiser Suffolk had defeated a German warship in a terrific encounter ten miles off Portsmouth, New Hampshire harbor today. The Suffolk, which wireless the flash through the other, claimed to have won the victory over the German ship. The latter craft was said to be in a sinking condition. Summer residents at the Isle of Shoals, of the New Hampshire coast, over the long distance telephone declared that they had plainly heard and seen the two battleships in action and had seen the smoke from their guns and heard their roar.

AUSTRIA AND ENGLAND

NOW IN STATE OF WAR.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The Foreign Office announced tonight that a state of war existed between Austria and England as from midnight and official arrangements have been made for the Austrian-Hungarian ambassador and staff to leave London tomorrow.

RUSSIA'S AUG. 12.—THE WAR

Office announced tonight that the general attack on the French-Belgian coast had been repulsed along the entire front. The fighting at the point where the fighting still continues. The announcement was accompanied by a statement that the fighting had been severe and the fighting lines were now in a state of war.

TWO GERMAN REGIMENTS

WERE ANNIHILATED.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—An Arme dispatch says that a message from Basle, Switzerland, states that two German infantry regiments were totally wiped out today during a battle with the French at Muehlhausen, they were Eighth Baden Infantry and Fourth Prince William Infantry. The commander of the twenty-fourth division was killed in the same dispatch.

ENGAGEMENT TAKING PLACE

AT TIERMONT—BELGIUM

PARIS, Aug. 12.—The official announced that a general engagement is progressing at Tiermont, Belgium.

The Germans assaulted the Belgian position there at dawn today and the attack continues. This is believed to be the opening of the attack on Brussels, the Belgian capital, which is only twenty five miles west. The war office announces that this engagement was quite "serious", and that the Belgians are energetically resisting the attack which is in force with infantry supported by artillery. The allied army is rushing forward reinforcements for the Belgians at Tiermont. The German army of Messel is striking at Caapin, the French fortification north of Verdun. The German attack at Longwy has been checked at several other points on the frontier.

PRINCE GEORGE OF SERBIA WAS WOUNDED.

A dispatch from Nish states that Prince George of Serbia was wounded while watching the bombardment of Belgrade by the Austrians today. A fragment of an exploding shell struck him on the head, rendering him unconscious. The wound is not considered serious.

FRANCE AND AUSTRIA

BREAK THEIR RELATIONS.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The Foreign Office states that diplomatic relations between France and Austria have been broken off. The French government has requested Great Britain to communicate to the Austrian ambassador in London following the declaration that France had declared war on Austria and thus taking the initiative in the hostilities in Europe, Austria the Hungarian government in a state of war, and has intervened in this conflict by declaring war on Russia, who is also today fighting the side of France. In face of these facts, France finds herself obliged to declare to the Austrian government that it will take all measures permitted to reply to these acts of menace.

SECOND PART OF WAR

RUMORS AS TO LOSS OF

LIEGE FORTS ARE FALSE.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The military positions at Liege, Belgium, along the Franco-German frontier, where the opposing outposts are in touch and in Alsace where severe engagements between a French invading force and the German defenders recently were fought, are thus explained in a dispatch from the French foreign minister received here this morning.

"Rumors regarding the loss of the forts of Liege by the Belgian troops are entirely false. Only small groups of German soldiers entered the town itself under cover of the darkness. All the encircling forts, twelve in number, are intact.

"Small unimportant engagements have occurred along the whole line where the French and German armies are facing each other from Belfort opposite the southernmost part of Alsace to Liege in Belgium. In these encounters the French cavalry has maintained its superiority over the German mounted troops while our artillery has been splendidly served.

"Our troops have kept the crests and passes of the Vosges mountains and they dominate the heights of Alsace.

"A line between Thenn (22 miles southwest of Kelm, Alsace) and Altkirch (the first position occupied by the French army after the invasion of Alsace) held by our army. This has been

slightly to the rear of Muehlhausen.

"The French government indignantly denies that there was any violation of German territory by the French army before the declaration of war."

THE GERMAN PLAN

TO ATTACK THE FORTS.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company at Rome says that a dispatch from Berlin gives an official statement by General Von Stein regarding the siege of Liege. The German commander denies the loss of 20,000 men, but does not give figures of the big losses. He says only a small number of Germans were engaged in order to mask the movements of the bulk of the army. The enemy's advance attacking force, he says, was completely annihilated and while admitting that the forts remain intact, explains this by saying:

"The emperor did not wish to sacrifice life unnecessarily, but so soon as the heavy artillery arrives the forts will be taken without the loss of a man."

Gen. Von Stein admits that the capture of the forts is a difficult problem because of the unfavorable ground about them and further because the population of the town, including the women, shot at the German troops from behind, firing indiscriminately hitting the surgeons and wounded. The German commander concludes with the remark that "it must not be forgotten that the Belgian force is numerically superior to ours."

MANY RUSSIAN SUFFER

UNTOLD HARDSHIPS.

ST PETERSBURG, via London, Aug. 12.—It is announced from government sources that 36 prominent Russians who spent the summer at health resorts in the south of Germany, including the countess Vorontzow-Dachnow, wife of the viceroy of the Caucasus, her two daughters, M. Schebeko, a member of the council of the empire and other titled personages suffered great hardships at the hands of German officials.

According to this report some of these were temporarily imprisoned during their journey to the frontier, which owing to frequent hindrances occupied seven days. It is asserted that the aristocratic ladies were roughly handled by police and members of the military.

RUSSIAN COMMANDER

TELLS FINNS TO LEAVE.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The Russian commander of the fortress of Sveaborg, Finland, has ordered all the inhabitants of that place and Helsingfors to leave as a battle or a bombardment is believed to be imminent, according to the Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail, who also says:

"It is ascertained that the German torpedo boat destroyer which was reported to have been sunk by the explosion of one of her boilers off South Ceder on August 5, really was destroyed by a mine laid by a German warship.

"The Danish and Swedish steamers reported, ceased running as a result of information that the Germans had laid contact mines in the North

FEATHERED GOAT AND DID THE TANGO

ANIMAL SAID TO CACKLE LIKE A HEN—IS VERY FOND OF MUSIC.

ROXBURY, VA., Aug. 12.—After a pleasant visit on the Eastern Shore I am happy to be home again with my kind people and to enjoy the fine melons, peaches, fried chicken and other good things that this country produces.

Yes, my subscribers and thousands of readers of the Journal, you shall hear from me weekly as you request, but I fear this cruel war news will crowd me out.

Well, I found in the neighborhood waiting for me two sweet young ladies from Varina, Henrico county. They brought with them a curiosity—a billy goat with a covering of feathers instead of hair. It is as proud of its dress as a young girl with her new spring hat. The goat cackles like a hen, or tries to.

The goat tangoes beautifully by the music played by its mistress.

BELGIAN BRAVERY AT LIEGE

COMMENDED BY KING OF ENGLAND

BRUSSELS, Aug. 12.—King

Albert of Belgium to-day received the following message from King George of England.

"I heartily congratulate you upon the splendid way in which your army is defending its country, and especially for the gallantry displayed against the repeated attacks upon Liege. You must, indeed, be proud of your brave troops."

King Albert sent the following reply:

"I am deeply touched by your warm congratulations. I thank you with all my heart and express to you the sincere gratitude of the Belgian army and nation."

SAYS WOMAN SUFFRAGE DEPENDS UPON WOMEN.

"It may be Good, It May Be Bad," declares Paper on Suffrage.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 12.—An address by the Miss Rev. John Bonzano, pastor of the United States Methodist church, was the principal feature of today's session of the Central Verein.

Discussing woman suffrage he said:

"It may be good; it may be bad. It all depends upon the women themselves."

After expressing disapproval of the "colored" news reports which it is asserted "are being sent by the Anglo-American press," delegates of the 1,500 Catholic societies affiliated with the organization voted to raise a fund for widows and orphans of the European war now raging.

PRAYER SERVICE

Will Be Held This Evening At Centenary Church

This evening at 8 o'clock in Centenary Methodist church the regular mid-week prayer service will be conducted by the junior pastor.

These services have increased in interest and attendance for the last few weeks. They are intensely spiritual and helpful. Amid the toll and worry of the week every one needs to worship God and receive spiritual food. The members of the church are especially urged to be present. The public is cordially invited. Let the men people take an hour from their work for the worship of God.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Skinner have as their guest Mr. L. W. Howell, of Suffolk, Va.

THRILLING FIGHT BY AVIATORS IN MIDAIR

FRENCH AIRMAN SCOUT FIRED ON AND CHASED BY GERMAN AEROPLANES.

PARIS, August 12.—A thrilling episode of the aerial warfare going on between Germany and France was related in an official report received from Belfort at the war ministry today.

The hero was a young French officer who had begged to be among the first sent out to scout over the German frontier. His wish was granted and he was sent in the direction of Metz to ascertain the positions of the German army.

After securing his information he was on his way back when he was sighted by three German aerial scouts. They gave chase and fired upon him. The French scout responded in kind, but the number against him was too great and when he was wounded he had to dash for Belfort at full speed. He arrived there with his aeroplane riddled by German bullets.

Though seriously wounded he is expected to recover.

Thousands Join British Army

QUEEN MOTHER ALEXANDRA ADDS RECEIPTS TO PRINCE OF WALES'S \$2,500,000.

LONDON, August 12.—Recruiting for the army is proceeding at the rate of several thousand men a day. The business men are organizing their employees into a fifth line of defense. A majority of the able-bodied men of the country are thriving in their home organizations.

Queen Mother Alexandra, who started the soldiers' and sailors' relief fund, has consented to unite her receipts with the Prince of Wales's fund.

Queen Alexandra and former Queen Marie Amelie of Portugal to-day visited the headquarters of the Prince of Wales's fund, where they were informed that it had reached \$2,500,000. The manager of this fund is C. Arthur Pearson.

The Duke of Portland has placed the famous Welbeck Abbey, in Worksop, at the disposal of the Red Cross, the Duke of Westminster has offered the society both his town and country seats, and Louis Hamilton, Secretary for the Colonies, has given his country residence, Stanham Park, Oxford, for convalescents.

German have been forbidden to engage in banking business, except with the permission of the Home Secretary. The order includes bank directors. In the directorates of English banks are many prominent Germans.

The White Star line steamer Olympic's sailings for August and September have been cancelled.

The directors of the Cotton Association at Liverpool decided to-day that, as the financial position has improved cotton may be sold with the usual ten days allowed for payment, but if any buyer in overdue with an earlier payment, he must provide a bank guarantee for new business.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED SEE PICTURE

"QUO VADIS" SHOWN YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT AT THE ATHENS THEATRE

"Quo Vadis," probably the most spectacular motion picture ever made, was exhibited at the Athens theatre yesterday afternoon and last night and fifteen hundred New Bernians and probably more witnessed the spectacular production.

This picture is par excellence in the motion picture world today and realizing this the theatre goers of New Bern did not lose the opportunity of viewing it.

AGAIN WE HAVE WITH US THE NELMS CASE

THIS TIME A "HOUSE OF MYSTERY" FIGURES IN STORY.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 12.—The police and Mrs. John W. Nelms, mother of the strangely missing girls, Eloise Nelms Dennis and Beatrice Nelms, were stirred today by reports from San Antonio, Tex., of startling disclosures in the hunt being made there by Marshall Nelms and secret service men, which further involves Victor E. Innes, the Portland lawyer, and which it is believed may have a bearing in bringing local government investigators into the case in an effort to find the present whereabouts of Innes so his movements can be watched.

According to reports, R. P. Green, a special agent of the Southern Pacific Railroad, saw Beatrice Nelms in company with Victor Innes in San Antonio on June 14, the morning after the reported arrival of the two sisters in that city. Green's story is that he saw Innes and Beatrice, whom he identified by her picture, emerge together from a house at No. 120 Wilkins avenue, and proceed to a car line in South Preso street, half a block distant. He never saw neither of the two again. The Wilkins street house is the one found to have been occupied by Innes and his wife and which they are said to have rented on June 1 for the month.

Traces of Acid on Floor.

This has led to the theory that the two girls, on their arrival in San Antonio, went direct to the Innes home.

An examination of the house is reported to have revealed traces of acid on the floor, as though it had been used for cleaning purposes. Horace Kelton, head prescriptionist of the Fisher Drug Company, told the investigators a man answering the description of Innes came into his store and asked for the price on twelve gallons of sulphuric acid.

Marshall Nelms and the secret service men were bending their energies to the tracing of the three trunks, which they have been informed were shipped away from the Wilkins avenue house on June 28, the day Innes and his wife vacated it. The trunks are said to have been shipped to El Paso, but at that point the trail has been lost.

The investigation also turned to the Mexican border, on the strength of advice that a "suspicious trunk" is shown to have been smuggled across about the middle of June or the first of July. Efforts are being made to ascertain whether this trunk came from San Antonio or El Paso.

The investigators excavated in the back yard of the Wilkins avenue house and found a section of vertebrae, which was turned over to experts for examination.

VISITORS COME TO SEE GREAT MOTION PICTURE

A number of young ladies and gentlemen came to New Bern last evening on gas launches Spray and J. F. Franklin to take in "Quo Vadis" which was screened at the Athens Theatre last night. The parties returned after the show was over.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lamb and W. R. Sauls of Fort Barnwell, spent last evening in New Bern taking in Quo Vadis at the Athens Theatre.

Other theatres have charged as high as two dollars for this same picture but the managers of the Athens put the price down to twenty-five cents and in consequence the "S. R. O." sign was displayed a short time after the doors had been opened. Later this was changed to "No Admittance" every seat being filled and all standing room being taken.

Messrs Lovick and Taylor are to be commended for bringing this great picture to New Bern and there is not the least doubt but that their efforts to give this city a clean, modern theatre are being appreciated.