

Rumor That Two American Boats Were Sunk Proves To Be Without Foundation The Kaiser's Force Is Marching Onward

The Allied Armies Being Defeated on all Sides and the Germans Have Invaded the Territory of the French. Japan Declares War on the Teutons and Gets Down to Action. The Czar's Troops Have Forced Their Way into Germany and for a Distance of Fifty Eight Miles Have Burned and Pillaged Every Town and Hamlet.

Great American Marine Now Seems a Certainty

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Reports that the American cruisers North Carolina and Tennessee enroute to London with gold for stranded Americans in Europe proved to be a fake and were merely imaginary.

OFFICIAL REPORT SAYS THAT NAMUR HAS FALLEN.
LONDON, Aug. 24.—An official report received here tonight states that Namur has fallen.

THE MARCH OF THE GERMANS GOES ONWARD.
LONDON, Aug. 24.—The Allied armies were defeated in the retreat from Belgium. France was invaded by three German armies, one of which was under the Crown Prince. Three French towns are in the hands of the enemy and the German guns are thundering at the first ring of the French forts. This sums up the result of the effort made by the English and the French to halt the Kaiser's machine at Mons, Belgium.

FRENCH TERRITORY FALLEN TO THE TEUTONS.
LONDON, Aug. 24.—The French War Office this afternoon admitted the occupation of Lunneville, Amance and Dieulouard but insisted that the allies were holding the line elsewhere while official British press bureau announced that the first line of the Allies' defense had been broken, necessitating the withdrawal of their forces to "the original positions on the French border." This it is claimed, was for the strategic purposes.

FRANCE IS MOVING HER ARMIES RAPIDLY.
LONDON, Aug. 24.—France is moving three armies rapidly to meet the Germans. One from Wavre to meet the Germans at Neufchateau where Berlin dispatches claim great victory; the second from Sedan to attack Clun moving from Luxemburg and the third from Chiuay to support the Allies at Mons.

TWO IMPORTANT VICTORIES FOR KAISER.
LONDON, Aug. 24.—Dispatches from Berlin claim two important victories for the Kaiser's force, one near Lunneville where the Germans, commanded by the Crown Prince and Duke Albrecht are said to have routed the French and taken many guns and prisoners including several commanding generals. It is asserted that the French troops are in retreat and are being hotly pursued. The other victory is said to have been at Hedenhoven where five French army corps were defeated and their retreat was cut off. The war office tonight issued a short statement to the effect that the Liege forts are intact and are still holding out against continued bombardment.

JAPANESE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVE THE WAR.
TOKIO Aug. 24.—Unanimous approval of the war with Germany which is calmly and dispassionately discussed summarizes public opinion. The newspapers express regret over the necessity of hostilities and urge the public to refrain from exhibiting resentment toward the Germans in Japan. They print messages of cheer to the army and navy. An imperial messenger went to the Shrines of Ise to day to inform the spirits of the imperial ancestors of Japan's declaration of war. It is announced that a flock of white doves descended on the roof of the imperial sanctuary at the moment of the expiration of the ultimatum to Germany and this is accepted as an omen of speedy victory.

The Ladies' Patriotic Association which has a membership of 100,000, is sending to the volunteer nurses comfort packages for the soldiers and will provide for the families of those who have been called to the service. The Red Cross Society is equipping a hospital ship.

Communication between Japan and China has been severed for 24 hours, except for the very meagre news that has reached here from New York the entire country is kept in dark regarding the progress of the war in Europe.

It is believed the cable between Shanghai and Nagasaki has been cut. The officers of the army and navy are absolutely sphinx-like regarding the events in China Sea. Everything is quiet here.

THE NEWS SLOW IN REACHING LONDONERS.
LONDON Aug. 24.—No News of Japanese or German military operations in the Far East has reached London since Japan's declaration of war on Germany.

According to the Japanese embassy here those who are looking for the occupation of Kia Chow almost simultaneously with the issue of the Japanese declaration of war will be disappointed. The view is expressed at the embassy here that in order to avoid needless loss of life the operation against Kia Chow will be more prolonged than otherwise would be the case.

CONTACT ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE FORCES.
LONDON Aug. 24.—The French embassy this morning received a telegram from the minister of foreign affairs at Paris stating that contact had been established between the opposing forces all along the line and up to the present without advantage to either side.

The message confirmed the report that the German airship Zeppelin No. 8 had been destroyed and that there had been great Russian successes.

BOMBARDMENT OF TSING TAU HAS COMMENCED.
TOKIO Aug. 24.—The Yamato in

an extra edition today says that the bombardment of Tsing Tau by the Japanese has commenced. This message was passed by the censor of the Navy Department.

THE SERVIANS ARE READY TO INVADE AUS. TERRITORY
PARIS Aug. 24.—The Servians are now ready to invade Austrian territory to the north of the river Save.

The Russian line on the German frontier extends from Tilsit to Iverburg and Arys. The German population is evacuating Willingburg 91 miles southeast of Koenigsberg because of the arrival of Russian forces from Poland which already have penetrated a considerable distance toward Soldau.

WORLD'S GREATEST BATTLE GOES TERRIFICALLY ON.
PARIS Aug. 24.—The following official announcement was made here today:

"The great battle between the greater part of the forces of England and France against the bulk of the German army continues today.

"The mission of the English and the French is to hold virtually the entire German army in Belgium while the Russian allies pursue their successes in the East."

The Russians occupy territory 50 miles wide on the German frontier.

"After a great victory the Servians have made safe Austrian territory to the north of them."

THE GERMANS ARE MARCHING TOWARD CITY VALENCINNES.
LONDON Aug. 24.—The Ostend correspondent of the Daily Mail says two German columns are marching southward toward Valenciennes on the Scheldt 31 miles southeast of Lille one proceeding by way of Ninove and Grammont and Lessines Belgium and the other by way of Hal Braine le Comte and Mons Belgium. They are moving with great speed.

Further southwest advanced parties have appeared and done damage successively at Thielt and Lichtervelde. It is suggested that this means a dash upon Roubaix one of the wealthiest of French towns or upon Lille. In that movement toward Va Valenciennes probably would be an encircling one.

REPORTED THAT GERMANS HAVE CAPTURED NANCY.
PARIS Aug. 24.—Nancy the city reported to have been captured by the Germans is the capital of the Department of Meruth and Moselle 35 miles south of Metz on the left bank of the river Meruth. It is about 19 miles from the German frontier. It is one of the finest and best built towns of France and has a population of 90,000. Of the ancient fortifications of the town only the citadel had been preserved.

THE RUSSIAN ARMY GETTING IN ITS WORK.
PARIS, Aug. 24.—The French Minister of War today revealed the plans



Photo by American Photo Association. The future ruler of England, who has taken the field as a lieutenant, is shown here in company of President Poincaré of France.

BISHOP ROBERT STRANGE DIES AT WILMINGTON

BELOVED DIVINE FELL PEACEFULLY TO SLEEP SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

WILMINGTON Aug. 24.—Bishop Robert Strange passed peacefully away yesterday afternoon at 12:45 o'clock at his home No. 510 Orange street and, though his death was not unexpected there will be universal sorrow not only in Wilmington but throughout North Carolina and elsewhere that this beloved servant of the church has departed this life. He had been ill since last October when he was stricken while attending the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in New York and although he had recovered to some extent from this attack he was never able to return to the full duties of his office as Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina. He had been gradually sinking since last Wednesday when he became critically ill and only his marvelous vitality kept him alive after that time.

Surrounded by members of his family and devoted friends the end came peacefully without a struggle a fitting close to a life that was free from guile or deceit and that was ever devoted to the uplift of mankind. Those at his bedside watched tenderly even hopefully during the last hours of his life fully realizing however that death was imminent and that the end was liable to come at any moment.

While those at home watched so tenderly and devotedly during the last several days there were hundreds of friends in Wilmington his native city whose sympathy went out to the beloved bishop. The announcement that he had passed away was made to the people of the city soon after his death by tolling the bell of St. James church fifty seven measured taps being sounded these being the number of years that Bishop Strange was privileged to live.

The funeral of Bishop Strange will be conducted from St. James church with which he was so long and so intimately connected during his life Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock by Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire ED. D. of Raleigh Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina. Assisted by the clergy of the Diocese of East Carolina who has been notified of his death and will attend the service.

The vestry of St. James' church have requested that the remains be interred beneath the chancel of that church beside Bishop Atkinson who lies buried there and the members of the family have consented that the interment shall be there.

IMPROVEMENTS PROGRESSING

Workmen Making Rapid Progress On Star Theatre.

Several weeks ago the Star theatre closed for repairs and since that time the entire rear part of the building has been torn down and an addition made which will give space for the doubling of the seating capacity. When completed the first floor will seat four hundred people and the balcony which is an addition to the building will seat two hundred. The building will be ventilated in such a manner that fresh air will be in abundance in any part of the building.

The building will be completed and open to the public with the best motion picture show that can be obtained some time between the fifteenth of September and the first of October.

MRS. G. T. MATTHEWS DIED EARLY THIS MORNING.

Mrs. Eliza Root Matthews, wife of G. T. Matthews died at Mrs. Barbara Thomas' boarding house on Johnson street at 12:30 o'clock this morning. The funeral announcement will be made later.

WAR MAY DEVELOP CHEMICALS TRADE

MEANS OPENING OF NEW INDUSTRIES IN AMERICA DR. FOSTER THINKS.

ROANOKE, VA., Aug. 24.—That the European war will favor the development of manufacturing chemical industries in this country, is the belief of Dr. W. Brownley Foster, health officer of Roanoke, formerly of Richmond. Dr. Foster thinks that the lack of imports from Germany will have the effect of inducing American chemists and makers of laboratory apparatus to develop the industry to a higher stage of efficiency.

As it is now American surgeons, laboratories and hospitals require many standard products needed in their work, which are made in Germany.

"I can't say that the war has materially affected me so far," remarked Dr. Foster today. "I made an order for supplies about August 1st. This requisition included two chemicals made in Germany. One was a rare sugar, known as Dulcitol, used in examinations for identifying bacteria; the other was a dye, Azur by name, used in malarial investigations. The people with whom I placed my order were unable at first to send me the Dulcitol, but a few days ago I received it. The dye I have never received."

"I also ordered some glass pipettes that I needed. My requisition asked for twenty-five of these useful little instruments. I received only fifteen. Practically all laboratories use what is known as the Jena glass, manufactured in Germany. This is the best glass known to the medical profession for scientific work. Its value is found in its resistance to heat; and it is made for very accurate work."

Miss Lillian Jones has returned home to Beaufort after spending several days in the city visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kafer on National avenue.