



# GERMANS INVADE FRANCE; RUSSIANS INVADE GERMANY

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itude would be with regard to Belgium. The socialists held a big meeting in Trafalgar square tonight to protest against war.

The railway stations are crowded with German, French and other reservists returning to their respective countries.

The Board of agriculture has issued a statement that there is sufficient wheat in the country to supply the whole population for four months, allowing for normal consumption, irrespective of imports.

## Precautions Are Taken.

From Portsmouth and Gibraltar, came news today of increasing British precautions.

All steamship communication through Portsmouth harbor has been forbidden and at Gibraltar there has been issued a proclamation regarding the preliminary precautions to be taken for the defense of the bay.

The German shipping at Gibraltar and other points in the vicinity is proceeding to Spanish ports.

Except for great, silent crowds at either end of Downing street, where the cabinet was sitting and the unusual number of Americans who have hurried here from the continent, London maintained her usual Sunday calm.

Everybody was anxious, but there was no show of enthusiasm and the cheering noticeable in Paris and Berlin was distinctly lacking.

## Naval Reservists Called.

The British naval reservists were called out at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

This action is taken as confirming the belief that the British government is ready to take its part in the struggle.

The naval forces of the empire are now prepared for any contingency. The ships had just concluded their maneuvers had been relieved and were therefore virtually in a state of mobilization when the war cloud appeared.

The territorial forces of England also are in an equally advanced stage of preparedness without the issuance of an actual mobilization order.

The annual training of the territorial contingents began today and masses of men are gathering at the various territorial camps located throughout the country.

## Naval Engagement Probable.

The News of the World says it has received a wireless communication to the effect that heavy firing is progressing in the North sea. The News presumes that German and French fleets are engaged. No confirmation of this report was received this afternoon.

According to a dispatch from Copenhagen a Dane who had just arrived there from Kiel said the German Baltic fleet was making its way to the North sea. Only an armored cruiser and two old ships were left in Kiel roadstead.

A dispatch to the Central News says the Germans have taken possession of the steamer Castro in the Kiel canal, and ordered her to Hamburg.

The Castro belongs to the Wilson line, an English company. She was bound from Dantzic to Hull without passengers.

The information was received at the offices of the company in Hull.

According to another dispatch to the Central News from King's Lynn, a seaport in Norfolk, England, the British steamer Saxon, which left King's Lynn last Thursday with a cargo of coal for Brunabuttel, Prussia, has been overtaken by the German navy and diverted to Cuxhaven.

A cablegram today from Gibraltar said a French fleet, consisting of twelve vessels, passed through the Strait of Gibraltar today, bound east.

## GERMANS BRING FRENCH AEROPLANE TO EARTH

Berlin, Aug. 2.—German troops today fired upon and brought to earth a French flying machine near Wesel.

Yesterday night several other hostile air craft were seen in the Rhine provinces. One was observed flying from Kerpich in the direction of Andernach, ten miles northwest of Coblenz. Others were sighted near Duere, flying in the direction of Cologne. Last night a hotelkeeper in Kochem and his son tried to blow up the Prussian state railroad tunnel at Kochem. Their attempt failed and the men were shot and killed.

Wesel, where the aeroplane was destroyed, is about 140 miles from the northeastern frontier of France.

While a train was crossing a bridge at Thorne today a passenger tried to throw a bomb from the window of a coach, probably with the hope of destroying the bridge. He was arrested.

## GERMAN CRUISER IS SHIPPING RUSSIAN PORT

Berlin, (Via Brussels), Aug. 2.—The small cruiser Augustburg has sent the following report to Berlin by wireless.

"Am bombarding the naval harbor at Libau and am engaged with the enemy's cruisers. The naval port of Libau is in flames."

Libau is one of the principal seaports of Russia and is located on the Baltic sea, 100 hundred miles or more of the German coast. It is fortified and used as an arsenal by the navy.

The German protected cruiser Augustburg is of 4,280 tons displacement and her chief armament consists of twelve 4-inch guns. Her crew aggregates about 400 men.