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STORY OF BRITISH-GERMAN NAVAL BATTLE DENIED

Small British Cruiser Sunk by German Mine

*With Loss of 130 Men---Several More Ger-
man Trading Ships Captured.*

London, Aug. 6—An Admiralty report says that the British Amphion was sunk this morning by striking a mine. Paymaster J. T. Gedge, and 130 men lost. The captain, 16 officers and 135 men were saved. A previous report said that the German mine layer Keonigin Luise had probably placed some mines before she was sunk by the British torpedo boat Lance. The Amphion was a light cruiser of 3,440 tons. She was attached to the third destroyer flotilla, under Captain C. H. Fox, commanding officer. Her regular complement was 292 men. She was commissioned in April, 1913.

Austria-Hungary has declared war on Russia, and the Russian ambassador at Vienna has been given his passports.

GREAT BRITAIN ACCEPTS OFFER OF CANADIAN AID

Ottawa, Aug. 6—A cable was received from His Majesty the King and the imperial authorities late tonight accepting Canada's offer to send a contingent of 20,000 trained men to Europe and asking that they be mobilized at once. Inside of ten days it is expected that the contingent will be enrolled and assembled on the training ground at Valcartier, Que.

The Minister of Militia, on receipt of the cablegram, immediately summoned the militia council and they were in session at a late hour. It is understood that Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes is anxious to get only the very best men available.

It is definitely stated that Col. Hughes will not command the contingent nor will General Lesard, who is at present on sick leave. The name of the commander has not yet been announced.

LITTLE FRENCH HEROES SHOT

Paris, Aug. 6—Two fifteen year old boys were executed by a German skirmishing party near Longwy, according to official advice given out at the war office. The youths had warned a force of gendarmes of the pres-

ence of a Rhenish scouting party. The frontier guard drove the Germans back, but they later returned and captured the boys. They were immediately stood up against a wall and shot by a firing squad.

ALL GERMANS CALLED OUT

Berlin, Aug. 6— (Via London)—The emperor has issued an order to the German army and navy, in which he says.

"After forty-three years of peace, I call upon all Germans capable of bearing arms. We have to defend our most sacred possessions in the reckless assault of enemies on all sides of us.

"That means hard fighting. I am confident that the ancient warlike spirit still lives in the German people—that powerful, warlike spirit which attacks the enemy wherever it finds him, regardless of cost, and which in the past has been the dread and terror of our enemies."

"I have confidence in you, German soldiers—in each and all of you. An ardent, indomitable will for victory is living in each and all of you. I know, if needed, each and all of you would die like heroes.

"Remember our great and glorious past, and that you are Germans. God bless you.

(Sgd.) "WILLIAM."

OTHER DESPATCHES RE- CEIVED TO-DAY

Paris, Aug. 6—Food remains plentiful in Paris and prices have only very slightly increased since the outbreak of war.

One hundred and thirty British lost as the result of the sinking of a small British cruiser by a German mine.

Several more German trading ships have been captured.

The Belgians are putting up a sharp resistance, but the Germans, with reinforcements are gradually

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Winston Churchill Announced in the British House that No Communication had been Received.

BUT BATTLE IS EXPECTED HOURLY

A report reached here this morning that the British fleet had engaged the German fleet in a heavy naval battle in the North Sea, and that thirty seven German warships had been sunk or captured, while the British losses were six ships, including Vice-Admiral Callaghan's flagship the Iron Duke.

The Bulletin wire was busy all morning in an endeavor to ascertain the facts. After the first report, a second one came to hand announcing that nineteen German ships had sunk.

It is now learned with authority that there is absolutely no truth in the report at all. This is the latest wire received by the Bulletin.

Winston Churchill announced in the house last night that no communication whatever had been received of any naval battle, either in the North Sea, or anywhere else.

When this report reached here this morning, while it was received with a certain amount of pleasure, it was generally regretted that Vice-Admiral Callaghan should be unfortunate enough to lose his ship.

There was also great speculation as to whether this great naval command-

er was safe, or whether he had gone down with his ship.

The British warships are reported to be driving the Germans towards the Dutch coast, and it is probably only a matter of hours when these two titanic fleets will come together in a battle that will prove supremacy to one or the other.

ITALY BELIEVED ON EVE OF DE- CLARING WAR ON AUSTRIA

London, Aug. 6—The Telegraph in a late edition today says it is believed in diplomatic circles that Italy is on the eve of declaring war on Austria. Italy's alliance with Austria was never popular with Italians. The two peoples in their aims and aspirations, as regards Asiatic affairs and the Balkans, are notoriously irreconcilable, says the Telegraph.

JAPAN WILL SEND MEN TO RE- LIEVE BRITISH GARRISON

Shanghai, Aug. 6—An official at

the Japanese consulate here said today that upon receipt of the first official news of the beginning of the clash of arms between England and Germany, Japan would send a fleet with 10,000 men to attack Tsing-Tau and 10,000 more to relieve the British garrisons at Tien Tsin and Peking. Preparations for such action were now under way he said.

New York, Aug. 6—The armored cruiser Tennessee, converted for the time into a treasure ship, left port at 9.45 o'clock tonight to carry millions in gold to the many thousand Americans who are in want in European countries.