

slan cavalry are in almost constant skirmishing along the Russian frontier. The German advance is being supported by mounted artillery and the Germans are destroying all buildings along the line of the frontier.

A Russian raiding party burned the towns of Narsim and Illovo in a sudden raid, but was forced to fall back before a superior German force.

**Washington.**—The United States government will not interfere with departure of reservists for service in European armies, even though they go by shiploads, unless they are "organized or armed military," the Department of Commerce announced today.

**Paris.**—The newspaper *Petit Parisien* prints a dispatch saying that the German cruiser *Augsburg* of the German Baltic fleet, which bombarded the Russian port of Libau, was sunk by a torpedo launched by a Russian torpedo boat. The report is without any official confirmation.

**Lisbon, Portugal.**—The German foreign office, through its representative here, has peremptorily demanded that Portugal define her attitude toward Germany in the present war.

This action is considered here to be preliminary to a declaration of war as the Portuguese parliament has already passed resolutions pledging support to England.

**London.**—The Italian embassy here denied today it had made any statement that Italy had declared war on Germany as asserted by a news agency late yesterday.

**Boston, Mass.**—Wireless messages from the cruiser *Tennessee*, en route to Europe with millions in gold for the relief of Americans, today stated that she was 75 miles off Cape Cod.

**Paris.**—Americans in Paris are paying 22½ cents a franc for French gold. This exorbitant rate charged by Morgan, Harjes and Co. today resulted in many refugees stranded in the war zone complaining to Ambassador Herrick.

**Rome.**—The sensational declara-

tion was made by Italian officials here today that Austria has declined to aid Germany against England.

The officials state that the German battle cruiser *Goeben* and the cruiser *Breslau*, expelled from Messina harbor yesterday, while steaming toward the Adriatic with their decks cleared for action and their men at their stations, wirelessly for the Austrian fleet to come to their assistance.

The Austrian naval authorities in reply sent a flat refusal declaring that war had not yet been declared between Austria and England.

As a result of the refusal of the Austrians to come to their aid the two German cruisers are in a desperate position.

A combined French and English fleet is between them and the Austrian naval base near Trieste and they are in imminent danger of capture or destruction.

**Washington.**—American citizens are not being detained in Germany by an order from the emperor, but because it is impossible to transport them, Secretary of State Bryan was informed today by the German charge d'affaires.

**Tokio.**—Japanese cruising squadron containing both battleships and cruisers reported having sailed for Sea of Japan. Believed that it will watch activities of German warships.

**Washington.**—Haniel Von Haimhausen, counsellor and charge of the German embassy, returned today from Newport.

"All of the news of this war is coming from London and Paris and Brussels, so that it is likely to be highly anti-German," said the counsellor.

**New York.**—White Star liner *Olympia* did not sail as scheduled before noon today and it appeared English ship might not leave port.

The sailing of the Red Star liner *Vaterland* was also cancelled.

**London.**—Giant liner *Aquitania* will soon be on the firing line of king's navy. Work of converting *Aquitania* into armored cruiser started today.