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London—Great Britain asked the United States to be prepared to care for British diplomatic interests in Turkey, indicating that the allies had practically lost hope of persuading the Ottoman empire to remain neutral. Dispatches received at the British embassy referred to the incorporation in the Turkish army of several German officers which was regarded as the forerunner of intervention by the chief ports in behalf of Germany.

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London—The allied forces in northern France have again retreated to avoid the continued German attempt to break through the British front, according to official reports received here from Paris. The French embassy gave out this statement: "The Anglo-French army corps have had to give ground, but they have not been broken through."

ALLIES OBJECT TO U.S. PLAN TO BUY SHIPS

Washington—Great Britain has joined with France in objecting to the purchase by the United States of any German liners in connection with the plan to build up an American merchant marine.

CLAIM RUSSIAN DEFEAT

German Sources Say Seventy
Thousand of Czar's Army
Are Taken

St. Petersburg Dispatches Claim That
Germans Are Retreating Before
Invasion of East.

London—Dispatches from Berlin say that the German defenses in East Prussia have been strengthened. It is reported that the Russian advance has met with reverses. The engagement at Allenburg was one of the greatest battles of the war, that 120,000 Russians were killed and 70,000 taken prisoners. The Germans declare that their advance has not been checked and that they are occupying defenses around Koenigsberg.

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SLAUGHTER AT CHARLEROI

IS GREATEST IN HISTORY

By FRANKLIN P. MERRICK.
International News Service.
Paris—Burning villages and a mass of bodies lying on Belgian soil around Charleroi show the ferocity with which the allied French and British troops opposed the waves of German troops that rolled them over and drove them back to France.

For ten hours the tide of battle ebbed and flowed at Charleroi, the town being taken and retaken five times before the allies withdrew.

Part of the city was wrecked, according to reports received by the war office. The villages of Marchiennes, Monceau, Chatelet and Landeques were burned.

Wounded: Killed: The lower part of the town was soon in flames and the Germans were to be seen in the streets. The British soldiers, fighting desperately for the town. The dead lay thick when the French were finally forced to withdraw.

Retreat in Good Order. The retreat was made in good order, the main forces of the French reformed at Valenciennes.

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