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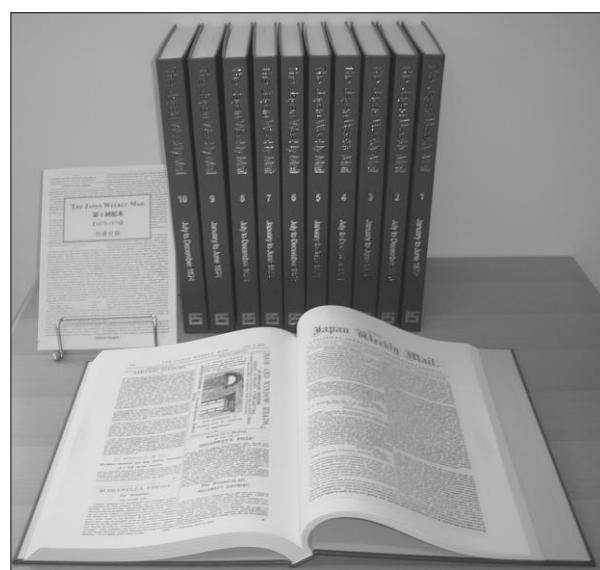
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SUPPLEMENT TO THE JAPAN WEEKLY MAIL.

SERVIAN CRISIS
AN EXPLANATION.
HOW THE VARIOUS POWERS
ARE CONCERNED.

The present crisis in Europe is, perhaps, merely of so recent growth as might be imagined by the casual reader of the daily newspaper. It is significant that within the past few months measures in Russia have taken the form of a full mobilization and that King George has within the past few days reviewed the whole of the British fleet available in home waters.

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A MONTH OF WAR.
THE ALLIES NOW IN COMMAND
OF THE SEA.

The following official telegram has been received by the British Admiralty:

"At the end of the first month of the war the command of the sea is left undivided in the hands of Great Britain and her allies. The main German and Austrian fleets remain in their harbours under shelter of their armoured batteries. Few German sailors and seamen have deserted, and no Austrian crews have been seen. A German Dreadnaught, which a cruiser had fired without finding and had taken refuge in the Dardanelles, has now been captured."

"As a consequence of this naval situation over 200,000 troops have been sent across the sea in different parts of the world without the loss of a man. The British expeditionary force has been sent to France to sustain the Germans in Africa. The French and British troops, and the combined Anglo-French naval forces, have been sent to

Algeria to France.

"The resources of the Empire

it may be expected, will be available, as far as possible, in the service of the Allies.

OLD FIGHTERS
ON THE SEA.

In the "Dawn Mail" Correspondence

of General Gortz, it is interesting to note the extent to which German industry has already hit by the war. He says:

"The removal of all areas capable of being

hit by the Allies has

broken. The crisis will

and credit which occurred

are now accentuated by the

use of the blockade.

The attempts made to meet

the emergency in all times

in the present instance all

body of specialists, but a

that German industry is

on a difficult basis. A con-

sideration is necessary in order

new conditions brought

about by the war.

At present there is little

to the apparent paradox

the increasing absorption

of men capable of war

and the decline in the

number of men available

for the production of

war materials. Even the

labor of women cannot

make up the deficiency.

Day after day under the

sun or rain, the soldiers

and sailors work hard

at the hot sun or rain,

and the heat of the sun

is threatening Germany

nowhere else than in

agriculture and of

industries. The war is

now a reality, the return

is forced by all at the

command of those who

there is no longer any

luxury.

GOOD GERMAN HABITS

GERMANS ARE DRIVEN FROM

FIRST LINE OF DEFENCE

SOUTH OF LAOSHAN.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Imperial telegram, on September 26,

reached to a line about three miles south of

Nikashan, Shimenian and Lushui, and

since 3 p.m. attacked the enemy which

held position along the heights in the

southern rear of Laoshan to the neighbour-

hood of Langkou via Wangkou, about three

miles west of Langkou, and at 6.30 the

enemy was driven from the vicinity of

Langkou, up to nightfall, the

enemy did not retreat, and the attack is

still being continued.

Although no definite loss on either side

yet known, it has been ascertained that

the Suyen Hohe, Infantry, and two

soldiers were killed, and Lieutenant Tschu-

linck, and a soldier wounded.

During this battle, the enemy's gunboats

kept continually firing on our right and

left, killing by the aid of searchlight at

night.

SPLENDID AIRPLANE WORK.

Two Army aeroplanes on September 26

ascended over the higher along the

highland on the left bank of the Lushui

River. They secured more than fifty shot

from the enemy on the right bank of the

Huo River but suffered no damage.

Early in the morning of September 26

one aeroplane secured over the left bank of the Lushui River, while another secured

attack by the enemy's aeroplanes. During

this morning, the aeroplanes were fired upon by the enemy but escaped unhurt.

In the afternoon, during our attack on the

enemy, one aeroplane kept flying over the

enemy's positions and caused us to ascertain

by report the movement of the enemy.

THE JAPAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

The Nippon Red Cross Society will dis-

patch a number of experts to Peking to

aid the Sanitary Corps of Russia. In its

great deal must depend upon the attitude of France. More than one thousand million francs of French capital have been lost to the Balkan States, Serbia among them, and France in this respect has everything to gain by avoiding war. Serbia, with her recent losses in the Balkan war, was still unprepared, but Italy is well prepared with 3,000 cavalry and 40,000 infantry in the Balkans. Austria-Hungary, also, is not prepared to fight Serbia. If Germany desires to precipitate a conflict, the conflict must come. If France similarly is ready, when Germany and Austria are engaged in another direction, to make the long anticipated attempt to regain the lost provinces, war cannot be avoided.

Great Britain for the moment stands aside, and it may well be that at the eleventh hour the residents of the British fleet, which has been convincingly de-

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