

Attitude of Japan Interests the World

A Resume of the Events of the Past Week Gathered For Our Busy Readers Showing the Leading Events of the War in Europe

JAPAN ENTERS FOREIGN FRAY

NOTE OF WARNING SOUNDED IN THE FAR EAST IN ULTIMATUM TO GERMANY.

WAR MAY FOLLOW DEMAND

Document Also Requests Evacuation of Kiau-Chau, Former Chinese Territory—Fatherland Given Until Sunday, August 23, to Carry Out Terms of Pronouncement.

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- London, Aug. 17, 6:40 a. m.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegraph company from Nish, Serbia, under date of Sunday, says: "A naval battle between French and Austrian warships began off Buda, Austria, on the Adriatic, at 9 o'clock this morning. The French squadron, coming from the southwest, attacked the Austrian warships. Two Austrian ironclads were sunk, one was set on fire and a fourth fled northward toward Cattaro. The fight lasted over an hour."

Tokio, Aug. 16, 2:30 p. m.—Japan sent an ultimatum to Germany Saturday night at 8 o'clock demanding the withdrawal of German warships from the orient and the evacuation of Kiau-Chau, and giving Germany until Sunday, August 23, to comply with the demand. Otherwise the ultimatum states Japan will take action.

The general expectation here is that the ultimatum will be followed by war. Takaaki Kato, the Japanese ambassador, simultaneously with the dispatch of the ultimatum, conferred with George W. Guthrie, the American ambassador, and made to him a broad statement calculated to assure the United States that American interests in the far east would be safeguarded and the integrity of China upheld.

Sent Out Six Ways. Owing to doubts whether communications with Berlin were assured, Japan, in order to insure the arrival of the ultimatum, forwarded it to Berlin by six channels, including Washington, London and Stockholm. The

2,000 Dead Germans Counted On the Battlefields of Haelen

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Brussels.—The fighting Wednesday between the Belgians and German forces in the vicinity of Diest lasted the entire day and constituted the fiercest battle of the war. It will be known as the battle of Haelen. Shells were still falling at 7:30 o'clock in the evening on the roads around Diest.

The battle centered around Haelen in the Belgian province of Limbourg, extending to Diest in the north to the province of Brabant after passing the town of Soignies. At 7 o'clock all the country between the three towns mentioned had been cleared of German troops except the dead and wounded, who were thickly strewn about the fire zone.

Upwards of 2,000 dead German soldiers were counted in a space of 50 yards square. A shell, a brown and some broken in Haelen were set on fire and two bridges over the Demer were destroyed by Belgian engineers.

The strength of the German column was about 5,000 men.

Paris.—An official communication published here says: "A division of Belgian cavalry supported by a brigade of infantry and

State of War is Now Declared Between England and Austria

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London.—It is officially announced that a state of war exists between Great Britain and Austria-Hungary. In accordance with previous instructions received from Secretary of State Bryan, Consul General Skinner has notified the American consuls throughout the British Isles to take over the Austrian consulates.

Ambassador Walter Hines Page was ready to assume charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy here as soon as requested to do so. The number of Austrians and Hungarians in the British Isles it is not known.

Austrian Town is Taken and Burned by Russians

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St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—A Russian river boat and blew up two bridges and a viaduct. Several houses in Sobal, which is 45 miles northeast of Lemberg, were set on fire and burned to the ground by the Russian troops because civilians had fled from them on the attacking party. The Russian captured some military building material, postboxes and telegraph instruments.

WILSON APPEALS FOR RED CROSS FUNDS.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson, as head of the American Red Cross, appealed to the American people to contribute money for the relief of sick and wounded soldiers of the warring European nations. The appeal was: "To the People of the United States: The present war in Europe are certain to impose on the Red Cross of the nations engaged a burden which demands the sympathy and aid of the world."

"The American Red Cross is earnestly desirous of assisting its sister societies in their endeavors to alleviate distress and suffering among the combatants, and therefore, appeals for funds to be expended impartially for the relief of the sick and wounded soldiers of the nations at war. Contributions for this purpose may be sent to the American Red Cross, Washington, D. C., or to local treasurers of the society in other cities. I confidently hope that the humanity and liberality of the people of the United States, so often manifested in the past, will cause them to respond promptly and generously to this appeal. "Woodrow Wilson, "President American Red Cross."

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DANISH NEUTRALITY MUST BE MAINTAINED

Copenhagen.—Political circles consider that the neutrality of Denmark must be maintained at all costs. Other than the economic distress which already is acute will be accentuated. Large quantities of goods are being exported to the combatants from Danish ports.

Germany has removed her tariff restrictions, but requires that the shipments be in large quantities. The export of Danish goods to England has commenced, the government insuring the war risks.

Japanese Steamship Fired on By British.

Shanghai.—The Japanese steamer Shikoku Maru was seriously damaged and one of her crew killed by a cannon shot fired from the British fort at Hong Kong, while the vessel was entering the harbor. The Shikoku Maru paid no attention to the harbor regulations. Two warning shots were fired over her bows, but she did not stop, and a third shell then struck her amidships. A government tug afterwards assisted the steamer to her berth.

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE AFFORDS INTEREST

FAR EAST SITUATION—U. S. OFFICIALS RETICENT.

TUMULTY MAKES A DENIAL

Secretary Says President as Head of a Neutral Nation Has Expressed No Opinion on Ultimatum to Germany—Effect on American Possessions in the Pacific Discussed.

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Washington, D. C.—Japan's sudden entry into the European war situation as a factor that might quickly increase the range of the great conflict to the far east commanded wide attention today, both among officials of the Washington government and diplomats generally.

The attitude of the United States, it became clear, would be one of non-interference in the controversy between Japan and Germany. This was reflected somewhat in the studied reticence of both President Wilson and Secretary Bryan. The president had been asked early in the day whether the assurance of Japan that she would eventually restore Kiau Chow to China in case that territory was obtained from Germany was regarded as satisfactory.

Mr. Wilson replied that he saw no reason to question Japan's good faith in that connection, but carefully refrained from expressing any opinion on the merits of the ultimatum or Japan's attitude. Published reports to the effect that the president had expressed himself as satisfied with Japan's course were promptly denied by Secretary Tumulty tonight at the direction of the president.

"The president feels it incumbent on himself," said Secretary Tumulty, "as the head of a neutral nation to express no opinions whatever on the attitude of Japan or any other country."

Germans Repulsed. London, Aug. 18, 2:45 p. m.—A Havas dispatch from Brussels says: "It is expected that the legations will follow the government to Antwerp, but the French minister will remain here, sending the consul to Antwerp to keep in touch with the Belgian government."

The Solr says that, according to news which arrived Monday afternoon and which is confirmed by the war office, the Belgian infantry in conjunction with the French cavalry have brilliantly repulsed a German attack. The location of the engagement is not mentioned.

Naval Battle Reported. London, Aug. 18, 2:00 a. m.—A Paris dispatch to the Daily Telegraph says: "It is reported that an engagement between a British and German warship has occurred off the Canary Islands. It is stated that a German cruiser has been sunk and also that a British cruiser has captured a German ship containing munitions of war."

The British official news bureau has no official news concerning these reports.

Rough Riders Creep. London.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Paris says: "The recruiting of a corps of rough riders is proceeding rapidly. Several American cowboys and former American cavalrymen are among its members. Three wealthy Americans have promised to furnish the best mounts that money can buy for the entire body. The troop will be self-supporting and is expected to start for the front in ten days."

London, Aug. 18.—A Brussels dispatch to the Daily Mail says: "Sharp fighting has been in progress since Monday morning."

Correspondents Barred. London, Aug. 18.—The Daily Mail's Copenhagen correspondent says the German general staff has refused to allow newspaper correspondents with the army. Only the general staff will be permitted to give out news of the operations.

Two German aeroplanes with their crews have been lost, according to Berlin dispatches. Two military chauffeurs and one army officer have been shot by snipers at Meunch, because they failed to stop when challenged.

MONDAY'S WAR SUMMARY

That the Germans are forcing their way through Belgium is indicated by the Brussels report that German cavalry is approaching the Belgian capital; that measures for the defense of Brussels are being hastened and that the seat of the government has been removed to Antwerp.

The British official press bureau announces that any action which Japan may take against Germany will not extend beyond the China sea, except for the protection of Japanese shipping.

The British war council has decided to exclude war correspondents from the forces in the field, and it is announced that the French war department intends to take the same action and probably that war correspondents in Belgium will be ordered out of that state.

The German emperor, the crown prince and two other imperial princes are now at the great fortress of Mainz. The emperor's departure from Berlin for the front has evoked enthusiasm in the German capital.

The Brazilian government has instructed its minister at Berlin to ask for explanations and the punishment of those guilty of alleged attacks by German soldiers on Bernardino Campes, ex-president of the state of San Paulo, and his wife, who are reported to have been beaten and forced across the Swiss frontier.

Several Austrian army corps, according to advices from Vienna, have invaded Russia and the Russian advance in Galicia has been checked.

Brussels admits that the French casualties in the fighting between Namur and Dinant were heavy, as the Germans were strongly entrenched and their artillery played great havoc.

The British official news bureau says that the French fleet in the Mediterranean has made a sweep up the Adriatic as far as Cattaro. Four Austrian warships are reported to have been sunk.

Montenegrin troops have crossed the Bosnian frontier and occupied the town of Tolinaitza after a fierce battle. They are also credited with capturing eight Austrian blockhouses and several villages.

The British military and naval movements are still shrouded in mystery. It is interesting for visitors. Messrs. Delagrange and Zinney, past masters in Oriental entertainment, who have been in the far east since last December assembling fairs for the Garden of Allah, promise that this will be the most pretentious display of its kind ever shown on the Midway of any great state fair.

Clark Creamery Does Business.

Clark—Dairy farming is bringing farmers of this section a big share of the prosperity of the state, according to figures of the amount of business done here during the last three months by the local creamery. June was the largest month of the three, but both May and June were big in the table of averages. During the month of May 35,575 pounds of cream were bought, for which the farmers received \$2,221. This amount of cream made 9,844.04 pounds of butter fat and was an average test of 28.3, making 12,000 pounds of butter. In June the amount of cream bought was 42,110 bringing \$3,278. The butter fat realized was 18,674, making 1,586 pounds of butter. In July over \$2,500 was paid for 32,316 pounds of cream which tested an average of 31.1, making 18,700 pounds of butter.

Big Muddy's Antics.

Yankton.—Before Judge R. B. Tripp a hearing was held on an interesting land case. Fifty-seven years ago certain land was filed on by A. J. Abbott, Peter Byrnes, J. A. Hetwan, and others, to 600 acres of land eight miles east of Springfield, in Bon Homme county. The Missouri tract out, and in the form of accretions it gradually was attached to the Nebraska side of the river. Recently J. W. Wallace, a surveyor, his son Joe, and W. C. Parsons, discovered this fact, and finding no entry of the land in the Nebraska land office, they at once filed and claimed the land. The first named parties are fighting this losing their land by Missouri and jumping, too, and Judge Tripp has been called upon to settle the complex problem, arranged for him by "old muddy."

Gov. Byrne Speaker at Meeting.

Pierre.—The Stanley county old settlers' meeting brought old timers to the county from many of the north-west states and drew an immense crowd. Besides the discussion of early days by some of the real old timers, the speech of the day was by Gov. Byrne. The entertainment was in the nature of rough riding and roping contests and races of different kinds. A ball game was played between Pierre and Fort Pierre, which was won by Pierre, 4 to 0.

Have Sold Bad Eggs.

Vermillion.—In spite of the thousands of warning circulars and placards sent out by the state food and drug department this year, inspectors are finding bad eggs in many places and it has been necessary to date to make 28 prosecutions on the charge of selling or shipping eggs unfit for food. Fourteen merchants and 24 farmers have been brought before justice and forced to pay fines because they failed to use sufficient care in selecting their eggs.

Big Battle is On.

London, Aug. 18.—The Daily Express says: "There is little doubt that a great battle is now occurring in Belgium between the Germans and the Belgian and French allies."

Our correspondent in a cryptic dispatch from Ghent indicates that the Germans are advancing on the historic battle ground of Waterloo and that events of the greatest importance are in progress.

DEBATE ON PRICES

WAR'S EFFECTS DISCUSSED BY DRUGGISTS AT ABERDEEN CONVENTION.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

From the Capital City, the Various State Institutions and from Many Different Parts of the Sunshine State.

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Aberdeen.—Discussion on the effects of the European war on prices of drugs occupied a majority of the South Dakota Pharmaceutical association's meeting for a day in this city. St. Paul, Dr. J. E. Brewer and Dr. C. Kerr of Minneapolis and others told of the uncertainty of prices on all classes of drugs, principally chemicals imported from Germany and Switzerland, and on opium, ispires and belladonna. Noyes stated that it was not so much the difficulty of transportation to this country as the fact that the output was very limited, as the laborers and clerks in the manufacturing laboratories were in the field fighting. Druggists were warned against speculation in purchasing large quantities of drugs affected by county. The Missouri cut the tract out, prices, which speakers declared would fluctuate back and forth with a general trend upwards.

Carnival is Discarded.

Huron.—The time-honored carnival will not be a feature on the Midway of the 1914 South Dakota state fair. In its place the management of the fair has secured a new attraction going by the name of "The World at Home." The general shape of this collection will be in the form of a Roman colonnade, with show fronts in white and gold, making a most attractive display. "The World at Home," as the title would suggest, is a mammoth collection of sensational features gathered from all parts of the universe, including The Garden of Allah, The Hindu and the Butterfly, A Pot Pourri of East India Illusions, Willard's Temple of Music, Horn's Anglo-American Wild Beast Exhibition, Congress of Wild West Rough Riders, Working Model of Panama Canal, Massive Autodrome, the largest Ferris Wheel on the road, and numerous sensational riding devices. In "The Garden of Allah" will be exhibited mosques and minarets, native bazaars, Oriental theaters, camels, elephants, desert beasts of burden, and Arabian men, women and children who will exemplify the customs of the Orient, whirling dervishes, magicians, jugglers, musicians, acrobats and native warriors in sword combats will make it interesting for visitors.

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HOG CHOLERA INQUIRY.

Federal Inspector Named for the Mitchell District.

Mitchell.—Dr. S. M. Smith, for the past seven years field agent in South Dakota for the federal bureau of animal industry, with headquarters at Mitchell, has been designated as inspector in charge of the government's hog cholera investigations in South Dakota, which will be centralized in Davison county. Under the recent federal appropriation \$20,000 will be spent by the government in studying the ravages of the disease among swine herds in the country adjacent to Mitchell and making a survey of the county. A complete quarantine of every herd will be maintained under the direction of Dr. Smith. The station in Davison county will be the thirteenth established by the government in that many states.

War on the "Hot Dog."

Vermillion.—Letters have been sent out from the office of the state food and drug department here by Commissioner Frary to the state auditors and sheriffs of all counties in the state calling upon these officers to assist in the enforcement of the state sanitary law. The commissioner is asking the officials to give special attention to street stands where hamburger or "hot dog" sandwiches are sold and where lemonade and other drinks are dispensed from common cups without proper cleansing. This is the season when street dust and flies are at their worst and the department intends to stop the sale of foodstuffs from open stands on streets or in other places where the foods are exposed to dust or flies. The spread of disease by flies and dust is now a pretty generally accepted fact, and the street stand with its accompaniment of dirty utensils, dirty hands, dirty grease, filthy flies and dust is to be a thing of the past if the food and drug department receives the support of the county officers in enforcing the law.

Huntsmen Take no Chances.

Sioux Falls.—What amounts to a warning to huntsmen not to take chances with the laws relative to migratory birds by going into the field before September 10, was contained in a statement by Assistant United States District Attorney E. W. Fiske, who declared that the federal authorities intended to prosecute all actions verging on violation of the laws that came to their attention. "So far as concerns the effect of the federal law upon the state law, it has none. The federal law doesn't attempt to repeal the state law," declared District Attorney Fiske, adding emphatically: "But the migratory game bird law will be enforced until declared unconstitutional by a higher court than the district court, and many people are going to get into trouble over it by taking chances."

Sept. 1 to 10 as "Seed Corn Days."

Aberdeen.—H. F. Patterson, superintendent of the South Dakota Better Farming association, has issued a "proclamation" to the residents of Brown county, naming September 1 to 10, inclusive, as "seed corn days." He reminds the farmers that frost has come as early as September 10 in South Dakota, and to assure good crops of corn which will mature before that date, seed corn should be selected before September 10. He urges selecting ears that are mature and ripened before that date, in order to continue the development of a strain of corn that will mature ahead of frost.

Over Half Million in Treasury.

Pierre.—The report of the condition of the state treasury at the close of business July 31, showed cash in the treasury of \$585,630, of which the general fund carried \$281,091. The game fund stood at \$44,322, having been reduced by payment of expenses on providing fish to pond owners who had run down to \$30,268, having been drawn on to carry the expenses of manufacture of the product for this year.

Extensive Prairie Fires.

Pierre.—The most extensive prairie fires reported in the state so far this summer, have been on Pine Ridge Indian reservation in the southwest part of the state. One fire burned for two days, and destroyed the pastures on a large area of that reservation. Another one, while covering a smaller area, destroyed a lot of fencing besides the pasturage and hay.

Appeal Out for Funds.

Pierre.—The American Red Cross society has made an appeal to Gov. Byrne for the raising of funds for use of that society in the present European conflict; and the move has his endorsement. Any funds which may be collected for that purpose should be sent to G. S. Branson at Mitchell, treasurer of the South Dakota branch of that society.

Pays \$62.50 an Acre.

Mitchell.—Charles Hoelcher of this city completed the purchase of a quarter section of land in Lisbon township in Davison county, the price for which was \$10,000. Representing as this does a price of \$62.50 an acre for unimproved land, this is regarded as one of the best land sales of the year in this county.

Thieves Broke into the Jewelry Store of E. F. Hoffelt at Estelline and escaped with stock valued at over \$4,000. No clue to the robbers has been found.

Wrecks Car to Avert Collision.

Delmont.—In order to avoid a collision with another automobile coming heading toward him, O. B. Akers of this city made a quick decision and, turning his own car onto the sidewalk, ran into a store building. No one was hurt, but the spring of the auto smashed into the side of the store, smashing the lights on the car.

The state pardon board, in session at Pierre, recommended clemency for John Simcox, sent from Codington county on a charge of grand larceny.

NEWS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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The Bennett County Agricultural Fair association will hold its annual fair at Martin, August 27, 28 and 29. A permanent organization has been formed.

All stores and business houses at Rockham were closed for three hours during the funeral services for the late Mrs. R. F. Shoop, a pioneer of Hand county.

The barns, stack of alfalfa hay, and four big stacks of oats, on the farm of Henry S. Yager, near Yankton, were destroyed by fire, with very little insurance.

A big movement is on to place cattle on the Potter county farms for grazing lands which are in excellent condition for feeding purposes and hay this year.

A campaign for new members has been started by the Sioux Falls Humane society, which is seeking to enlarge its cope by greatly increasing its membership lists.

More than 600 people attended the dedicatory exercises at the St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran church, seven miles south of Delmont, making it one of the memorable events in the history of the parish.

Union men of Watertown have made preparations for a big Labor day celebration at the Outlet, Lake Kampeska, on September 7. A big parade of labor organizations will be followed by a program of sports.

The Methodist congregation at Irene has voted to build a new modern church building. Plans of the architect have already been adopted and committees are now at work raising funds for the project.

After admitting his crime to the officers who caught him after a sharp chase with an automobile, Theodore Nelson, charged with an outrage at Volga, waived preliminary examination before Judge Kalberg and was bound over to the next term of the circuit court on a bond of \$2,000.

Charles Sinclair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Sinclair of Philip, fell against a corn cutter, the knife of which penetrated to a considerable depth in his right leg, severing a tendon and exposing the artery. Prompt medical attention saved his life, although it will be some time before he will be able to walk.

An immense barn on the farm of John Stenklon of Mitchell was completely destroyed by fire. The farm is located in the northwest corner of Hanson county. The cause of the fire is unknown. The tenant, Clay Bartee, having no means of fighting the blaze, forced to stand by and watch the building go up in flames. The loss was \$12,000.

Stunned by the shock from a bolt of lightning, which killed a horse in an adjoining stall to that in which he was milking a cow, Charles Ray, a farmer south of Armour, recovered consciousness in time to extinguish a fire which threatened the destruction of the barn. The lightning knocked both Ray and the cow over, setting fire to the hay in the building.

Officers of Pleasant township, near Beadron, have determined a plan for the improvement and construction of five miles of good roads on this branch of the Winnipeg-to-the-Gulf highway and the county commissioners have agreed to appropriate \$650 for the purchase of oil to be used in oiling the roads as soon as they are completed.

The much talked of extension of the South Dakota Central north from Watertown to a connection with the Milwaukee is practically assured. G. W. McArthur, vice president of the railroad company, has been in the field several months and he was successful in securing the right of way and the necessary financial aid demanded by the railroad company.

Three violent deaths have occurred in Perkins county. William Cox was killed by lightning while in his claim shanty. Martin Paulson was killed by a runaway team attached to a binder. He was dragged two miles. Jay Southworth shot and wounded a rabbit, which escaped into a patch of weeds. He chased the animal and struck it with the butt of his revolver. The weapon was discharged, the bullet tearing through his intestines, causing death within a short time.

From present indications the speed program at Tripp September 3, 9, 10, will be one of the best attended in the northwest. The purses this year are more liberal than in former years and many fast races are being booked. With an airship, six open air attractions and a baseball tournament of the fast teams in that section of the state, the visitors will be entertained. The city is working hard in hand with the fair association and nearly every available space on Main street has been sold for the three days. The water supply that caused some concern during the summer, has been relieved. The well has been deepened and is furnishing an abundance of good water.

An order received from headquarters has stopped all repair and construction work under way on the Milwaukee road at Summit. Over 100 Italians and all the work train crews and sand pit men have been thrown out of employment.

Graves Williams of Wilmore, who won the Rhodes scholarship from the state of Iowa, and had begun his course at Oxford university, England, is reported to have been lost in Schwartzwald, Wurtemberg, while touring Switzerland on his summer vacation.

Lightning struck the large barn on the farm occupied by Charles Schantz, northeast of Carthage, and it was burned to the ground. No stock was in the barn at the time, but a buggy and harness, together with a large amount of hay, were destroyed.

Upon instructions from the sheriff of Cadillac, Mich., Clarence Allen Clayton Kent, who has been employed as a farm laborer near Bridgewater, has been placed under arrest on the charge of wife desertion and will be taken back to Michigan to stand trial.