

# ENGLAND BEGINS WAR

## Germans Invade Belgium; England Is Defied and Proclamation Follows

Food Prices Soar in Europe; Glasgow is Threatened With Famine; British Army Well Mobilized; Two Hundred Thousand Men Said to be Ready to Cross Channel.

LONDON, August 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The first naval engagement between Germany and England took place today and resulted in the sinking of a British mine layer by the German fleet. The British torpedo boat Pathfinder was pursued by the German ships but escaped.

Great Britain formally declared war against Germany at seven o'clock last night. Vice Admiral Sir John Jellicoe was given supreme command of the British fleet, with the rank of admiral.

LONDON, August 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Events moved rapidly yesterday and this morning found Great Britain and Germany formally at war, an ultimatum from Downing street addressed to Berlin being followed at seven o'clock by a formal declaration of war. The reply to this, after a midnight session at Berlin was a counter declaration of war on the part of Germany. The German ambassador at London has been instructed to return home at once, while the British ambassador at Berlin has been handed his passport.

### SERIES OF ULTIMATA.

The invasion of Belgium by the armed forces of Germany is the immediate cause of the war which has been brewing for the past several years and for which both Great Britain and Germany have been preparing. The declaration of Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, that Great Britain would use her forces to prevent the seizure of the Belgian coast by the Germans was followed yesterday by an ultimatum from Berlin to Brussels, in which Belgium was given ten hours to agree to the German terms that free passage for the German army through Belgian territory be allowed, for which compensation would be made at the termination of the war, territorial integrity being guaranteed. Belgium refused to consider the first proposal and the ultimatum was followed by one from Great Britain, declaring British intention of guarding the Belgian and Dutch borders.

When the house of commons met in session yesterday afternoon Premier Asquith read the note received from Germany, which protested that, even in the event of hostilities between Germany and Belgium, Germany would pledge herself not to annex a foot of Belgian territory. The German note pointed out that the assurance already given of German neutrality towards Holland ought to convince Great Britain that Germany had no ulterior motive towards either Holland or Belgium.

The Premier informed the house that he and his advisers did not regard this answer as satisfactory, the British note having requested a more definite assurance of the preservation of Belgian neutrality. The British government, he said, had therefore despatched another note to Berlin, requesting the same assurance from Germany regarding Belgium as had been received from France last week, when the French agreed not to cross the Belgian borders so long as no Power hostile to her invaded Belgium.

### FOREIGN OFFICE STATEMENT.

Following her declaration of war, the British foreign office issued the following public statement:

"Owing to the summary rejection by the German government of the request made by His Majesty's government that the neutrality of Belgium be respected, His Majesty's ambassador at Berlin has received his passports and His Majesty's government has declared to the German government that a state of war exists between Great Britain and Germany from eleven o'clock tonight."

It was at first reported that Germany had declared war upon Great Britain, but this was later found to be an error, due to a mistake in a statement issued by the admiralty.

When, yesterday morning, it became a practical certainty that the Empire would be forced into the European war, retail prices of food jumped to war prices. In Liverpool the prices on general food stuffs were advanced fifty per cent and the stores were besieged by those desirous of laying in a supply against a scarcity. Some of the stores sold out early in the day and were forced to close their doors, so low were their stocks.

### SUGAR TWELVE CENTS.

In Glasgow famine already threatens. An indication of the increase in food prices is shown by sugar, which jumped from five to twelve cents a pound.

### WATCHING FOR DIRIGIBLES.

The railroads have been taken over by the government and military necessity takes precedence over all else. All wireless stations of consequence are being operated by men of the signal corps and all private wireless stations have been partially dismantled. Commercial

Map of War Field in Europe (upper)—Arrows point to Dutch province of Limburg and the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, invaded by German troops preparatory to invasion of France.



cial shipping has been notified not to operate their wireless systems. The eastern coast of England and Scotland is lined with great searchlights and a day and night watch will be maintained for the approach of dirigibles.

### BRITISH ARMY PREPARED.

The British army mobilization is well under way and the nation will be able to throw a force of two hundred thousand men across the Channel at a few hours' notice. A great transport fleet is being brought together.

### MORLEY AND BURNS OUT.

Viscount Morley, president of the council, who disagrees with the war policy adopted and voted with John Burns against the Belgian ultimatum to Germany, did not attend yesterday's meeting of the cabinet, and it is expected that his resignation will be made to the Premier. The resignation of John Burns has not yet been accepted.

### BELGIUM WILL FIGHT.

That Belgium is standing firm for independence and will resist the German encroachment upon her territory was made plain yesterday, despatches from Brussels stating that the announcement of the Belgian premier to that effect was wildly cheered by the members of the Belgian parliament. The members were addressed by King Albert, who notified them of the attitude he was assured Great Britain would take and urged the nation to stand united in defense of their country.

The certainty of a German advance is causing uneasiness in the Belgian capital, however, and the National Bank of Belgium has sent all its securities to Antwerp lest the capital should be captured.

### WILL RESIST GERMAN ADVANCE.

The Belgian army is being despatched towards Hasselt and Namur, to hold the line between those cities, with the center pushed forward on Lieges. The districts of Lieges, Namur and Luxemburg have been declared in a state of siege. German headquarters of the invading army have been established at Verviers, ten miles from the Prussian border and about fifteen miles from the city of Lieges, the capital of the province of that name.

### EXECUTED FOR TREASON.

A report from Metz, via Paris, says that the German authorities have arrested the members of the French War Society of Metz, in the former French Province of Lorraine, under a charge of treason. The despatch states that the president has been summarily executed.

### BRITISH DISTRUST TURKEY.

Word was received from the British minister at Constantinople yesterday that the Turkish army was mobilizing, the report being that German staff officers were directing the mobilization. A later official notification was received from the Turkish minister of war that the movement of the troops is precautionary only, for the defense of the Ottoman borders. Turkey, says this despatch, does not intend to participate in any way in the war.

The latest information received by the foreign office officials, however, is that Turkey intends to become an active ally of Germany and Austria and is taking steps to prevent the forcing of the Bosphorus by the Russian Black Sea fleet.

LONDON, August 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—A mob gathered outside the German embassy, Carlton House Terrace, here, last night, roared and hooted, and finally hurled stones, breaking windows in the house.

## CECILE WITH TREASURE SAFE ON MAINE COAST

BAR HARBOR, Maine, August 4.—(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)—The Norddeutscher Lloyd liner Kronprinzessin Cecilie has taken refuge here and her cargo of \$10,000,000 in gold has been forwarded to New York City by rail.

Learning that war had been declared when two days from Plymouth, England, the captain of the German liner put back, making a forced run with lights out and port holes closely screened. Part of the voyage was made through a thick fog but the steamer's horns were kept silent. The passengers were forbidden the use of the wireless and were not made aware of their destination until land had been sighted.

### AUSTRIANS DEFEATED BY SERBIAN FORCES

PARIS, August 4.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The Paris Matin today says that the Serbians inflicted a severe defeat upon the Austrians last Sunday. The place of the battle is given as near Semendria, which is not far from Belgrade and a few miles inside the Serbian border.

## WOULD RAISE BAN ON FOODSTUFFS

President Wilson Asked to Appeal to Warring Nations to Declare Food Not Contraband.

WASHINGTON, August 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—At a meeting of the Chicago Board of Trade held yesterday the directors decided to memorialize President Wilson to use his influence with the governments of Germany, Great Britain, France and the other nations now engaged in the European war to have foodstuffs declared not contraband of war.

Abnormal rise in the price of all foodstuffs throughout Europe will result in much suffering unless some steps are taken in this direction. Steps also were taken by the directors to request the Chamber of Commerce of the United States to petition Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo to place between \$25,000,000 and \$40,000,000 to the credit of the foreign exchange to be used to facilitate the export of grain.

This action was decided upon following the formal issuing of a proclamation by President Wilson yesterday declaring the neutrality of the United States in the conflict in Europe. Reports received indicate that the needs of the Americans stranded in Europe are greater than first reported. The President has asked that \$2,500,000 be placed at the disposal of American embassies in Europe immediately. This already has been reported favorably by the senate finance committee and it is believed after passing the senate today it will receive immediate approval by the house.

The cruiser Tennessee has been ordered to be in readiness to sail for Europe today, carrying the government appropriation in addition to about five million dollars which is being forwarded from New York. The money will be distributed at different European points under the direction of a naval paymaster.

Assistant Secretary of War Henry S. Brockbridge will sail on the Tennessee as a representative of the Red Cross Society.

### BRISTOW PROBABLY BEATEN AT PRIMARIES

TOPEKA, Kansas, August 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—United States Senator Bristow of Kansas has apparently been defeated for re-election on the Republican ticket, according to returns received from the direct primaries held yesterday.

### FOREIGNERS HELD.

BERLIN, August 4.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—All foreigners, including women and children, are forbidden to leave German territory for fear they will betray military secrets.

Rear Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, who has been given supreme command of the British fleet, with the rank of admiral, is fifty-five years old. He entered the navy in 1872 and has seen considerable service. He fought in the Egyptian war and commanded the naval brigade under Sir E. Seymour in the relief of the Peking legations in 1900. He has been awarded a number of distinctions, including the Order of the Red Eagle, second class, conferred by the German Emperor for his services in China. He was created a Rear Admiral of the Atlantic fleet in 1907.

## German War Lord Blames Russia for Starting The Present Conflict In Europe

"With a Clear Conscience and Clean Hands We Grasp the Sword," Says Kaiser in Stirring Address to the Reichstag.

BERLIN, August 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Mobilization of the German forces is proceeding smoothly and quietly. Military trains are being sent away only at night. There is much enthusiasm. An indication of the popular wave of enthusiasm for war is shown in the fact that eighty thousand volunteers have joined the colors in addition to the regular levy.

In addition, the Boy Scout Alliance of Germany has issued a call to the youth of the country, requesting them to hasten to the assistance of the Fatherland to act in some capacity, either as bicycle service or as gatherers of the crops now awaiting harvest. In addition all university students have been called to the colors.

### RUSSIA BLAMED FOR WAR.

That the blame for the war that has aligned Germany and Austria against Great Britain, France, Belgium, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, with a possibility that Japan will also be in the list, is due to the Czar of Russia and his advisers and that Germany was put into a position where it must defend itself against invasion, is the substance of a White Book issued here yesterday. The specific act of Russia which made war imperative, says the White Book, was the invasion of Germany by a Russian armed force at Kempen.

Simultaneous with the issuance of the White Book came a declaration from Kaiser Wilhelm that Germany had been forced into a war of self-defense. Opening the session of the Reichstag yesterday in person, the German Emperor said:

### KAISER ADDRESSES REICHSTAG.

"We are not pushed on by any desire for conquest, but we are moved by an unbending desire to secure for ourselves and for those coming after the place upon which God put us. My government, above all the chancellor of the Empire, tried up to the last moment to avert war. In enforcing our policy of self-defense, with a clear conscience and clean hands we grasp the sword."

The Imperial treasurer then presented a war budget, asking for the appropriation of an emergency fund of one billion, two hundred million dollars.

A number of desultory border skirmishes are being reported. German aviators have made an aerial attack upon the French fortress at Lunville, near Nancy, with indifferent success. At the extreme northern end of East Prussia the German garrison at Memel has repulsed a Russian raiding party from Krottingen.

## BRITISH CONSUL IN HONOLULU OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED OF DECLARATION OF WAR

T. Clive Davies, the acting British consul at Honolulu, received a cablegram from the British embassy at Washington at half past seven o'clock last night, informing him that war had broken out between Great Britain and Germany.

Earlier in the day the information was given out by Georg F. Rodiek, the German consul, that he had received a cablegram from the German embassy at Washington the night before informing him that a state of war existed with Germany against Russia and France. The cablegram reads as follows:

"Germany being in a state of war with Russia and France, mobilization is ordered. All German subjects belonging either to the army or navy, including reserves, and subject to military duty, except those belonging to the Landsturm, are hereby ordered to immediately proceed to Germany and join the colors."

Mr. Rodiek states that there are a number of Germans now in Hawaii liable to military service, many of whom will leave at the earliest opportunity.

The Landsturm referred to includes all the older men who have passed through their period of service with the colors and the reserve, and through the landwehr, and all men who have never served with the colors by reason of some disability that does not entirely disqualify them for all military duty. Men who have served with the colors enter the Landsturm at the age of thirty-nine, and remain until they are forty-five. After they pass out of the Landsturm they are no longer counted in the military strength.

BRUSSELS, Belgium, August 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—It is reported here that following a demand by the German forces for the surrender of the city of Liege an engagement ensued in which the Germans were repulsed. All Germans have been ordered expelled from the provinces of Liege and Namur.

### DEATH SUMMONS JUSTICE BEATTY

SAN FRANCISCO, August 4.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—W. H. Beatty, for the past eleven years a justice in the state supreme court and for a number of years chief justice, died here today as the result of a severe attack of heart disease, superinduced by chronic kidney trouble. Chief Justice Beatty was seventy-seven years of age.

### SUPPLIED BY ALL CHEMISTS.

Physicians prescribe Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy because it relieves cramps in the stomach and intestinal pains quicker than any preparation they can compound. It can be bought from any chemist. A bottle will keep for years, and no home is complete without it. For sale by all dealers. Hanson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

PARIS, August 5.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—A number of individual naval vessels between the French and German vessels are rumored. The Havas news agency has received word that the famous German gunboat Panther, the warship whose appearance at Algiers a few years ago nearly precipitated a general war, was in action with a French cruiser off the coast of Algiers yesterday and was sunk. The German cruiser Breslau is reported to have been in action yesterday against the French fort at Bona, on the Mediterranean Algerian coast. After an exchange of fire the cruiser steamed westward. The damage done by her shells is said to have been unimportant.