

KAISER AND CZAR HOLD WAR KEY

GREATEST WAR OF MODERN TIMES LIKELY

All Eyes Are Watching the Czar of Russia Who May Start Trouble Between Big Nations.

PREPARED FOR ERUPTION

Russia, Germany, England, France and Italy May be Drawn Into the Austro-Servian Struggle.

[By Karl S. Von Wiegand, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

BERLIN, July 29.—Kaiser Wilhelm's hand today held back the titanic war wave which menaces all Europe. Austria has not struck the first blow in any concerted war campaign. So far as can be learned with the rigid war censorship in force at Vienna, no Austrian troops have set foot on Servian soil. It is reported here unofficially and generally credited that the kaiser has ordered Emperor Franz Joseph to withhold the invasion of Servian territory by Austrian troops until the word is given from Potsdam.

Meanwhile Wilhelm and Czar Nicholas are in constant communication. This is admitted at the foreign office. The kaiser has forbidden all demonstrations calculated to rouse the war spirit. War news is being suppressed in the press. The kaiser is bending every personal effort in the direction of a limitation of the conflict to Austria and Servia. Until satisfied of the failure of his efforts to induce Russia's neutrality, the kaiser will continue, through pressure on Emperor Franz Joseph to hold the Austrian army on the north bank of the Danube.

Unless the czar can be induced to recede, the first advance of the Austrian forces across the Danube would force Russia's hand, the czar would make good on his threat to mobilize. To avert a general European war after that would be difficult.

In official circles this evening it is believed the next

twenty-four hours will bring a final decision. It is generally reported that the plea on which the kaiser is endeavoring to move the czar to reconsideration of his announced support of Servia by arms, is the pledge that territorial extension is not sought in the war.

Pessimism reigned here today over possibilities of a peaceful settlement.

How Europe is Preparing for War. RUSSIA:—Troops being massed on eastern frontier; Czar informs kaiser any invasion of Servia by Austria will be signal for general mobilization orders.

GERMANY:—While the kaiser is endeavoring to adjust the situation with the czar, orders for army mobilization drawn up ready for issuance; battleship fleet concentrates in home waters.

ENGLAND:—British navy held under orders; government officially still hopeful of peace but making ready for any contingency.

FRANCE:—Troops unobtrusively being moved toward eastern and northern borders; gold withdrawn from circulation by Bank of France.

ITALY:—Warships ordered assembled in home waters.

AUSTRIA:—Vast movement of troops on to over-ride Servia; Danube river border under control; battle ships ordered to Flume; reservists called to the colors.

SERBIA:—All able bodied men, regardless of age, called to military service; Nish officially established as capital.

MONTENEGRO:—Preparing to invade Bosnia and Herzegovina.

All Eyes on Russia. [By Ed L. Keen, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

LONDON, July 29.—Europe is today nearer a conflict involving every nation of the continent than at any time within a generation. All eyes are turned toward Russia. Localizing of the Austria-Servian war, or a general conflict between the nations of the triple alliance and the triple entente, rests upon the action that may be taken by the czar.

Germany will be the first nation to mobilize upon the initial move by Russia to support Servia. The kaiser has expressed his desire for peace, providing Russia keeps hands off. Russia has declared this is impossible if Servia is invaded.

The British cabinet held an extended session today during which further steps were considered to avert a disastrous conflict.

Advices from the war zone today declared Servians and Austrians are concentrating for the first battle. Six Austrian army corps are advancing from Bosnia and Hungary.

The Servians are concentrating at Nova Bar where they will form a junction with Montenegrin forces coming to their support.

Austrian troops are being rapidly concentrated on the border and the

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BUSINESS MEN CALL ON WILSON

Most Important Conferences Yet Held Were Those of Today at White House.

FROM VARIOUS LINES

Dry Goods, Jewelry, Drugs and Even the Plumbers Were Represented at the Meeting.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, July 29.—Probably the most important conferences with representatives of the business interests of the country yet held by President Wilson took place today. Nearly every business organization in the general wholesale line was represented at one, while the second was with Hugh Chalmers, automobile manufacturer.

It was explained that the conference like all others that have preceded them, were for the purpose of permitting a general exchange of views regarding business. Various sentiments were developed from the visitors but the president again insisted that if co-operation will come from business men generally, there is no doubt that real prosperity will come. In addition to Chalmers the visitors included: Representing the National Hardware association: W. B. Taylor, Cleveland; A. J. Bipler, Cleveland; Geo. B. Irving, Baltimore; J. E. Baum, Philadelphia; Paul A. Griffith, Philadelphia.

Representing the National Wholesale Dry Goods association: Calvin M. Smyth, Philadelphia; J. R. Thompson, James H. Euster and John G. Rouse, Baltimore.

Representing the National Wholesale Jewelers association: Louis Stickle, Philadelphia; M. J. Averbeck, New York; J. Engle, Baltimore.

Representing the Glass Distributors association: George L. Heater, Toledo; Wm. S. Kinney, Chicago; H. S. Binswanger, Cleveland; Warren Turner, Philadelphia; H. D. Condit, St. Louis.

Representing the National Supply and Machinery Dealers association: Chas. S. Farquhar, Boston; Charles Bond, Philadelphia.

Representing the Sheet Metal club: Edgar Lyon, Baltimore; W. S. Abbot, Wheeling, W. Va.

Representing the National Wholesale Drug association: Harry B. French, Philadelphia.

Representing the Plumbing Supply association: J. Harbey Borton, John C. Fleck and E. S. Thompson, Philadelphia.

Representing a score of general organizations of wholesalers: J. Fernley, Philadelphia.

A Dying Man Never Lies. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] BUFFALO, N. Y., July 29.—S. R. Schmidt, 45, Huntington, L. I., a prisoner at the jail this morning died from the third gallery to the concrete pile below and dashed out his brains. Claspé in his hand when he made the leap was a note written in his own handwriting, reading:

"A dying man never lies"—"I did not commit any crime—I cannot stand the disgrace."

Schmidt was a traveling salesman. He was arrested ten days ago charged with defrauding a hotel out of a board bill.

Poincare Reaches Home. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] PARIS, July 29.—President Poincare arrived here today to direct personally the destinies of France in the European war crisis. A great crowd greeted him at the station. His appearance was followed by an outburst of patriotic enthusiasm, cheering throngs following him to the Elysee.

Anxious to Fight. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, July 29.—Boze Radovitch landed in New York two days ago. He was returning to California from Servia, his native country, where he had gone to fight through two wars. Today he applied to the Servian consulate here for transportation back again. He now wants to help Servia fight Austria.

Stray Shots From Battle

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BRUSSELS, July 29.—Belgium took the first step toward mobilization by calling up the classes of reservists to the color.

Own Prince Returns. BERLIN, July 29.—Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm arrived at Potsdam today in response to a summons from the kaiser. The crown prince has been at Zoppot, a seaside resort, where the kaiser at first ordered him to remain until the war crisis had passed.

Orders Drawn up. BERLIN, July 29.—Orders for mobilization of the German army were drawn up and signed today. They will be promulgated at the first official information of a war like move on the part of the czar. The German diplomatic officers in St. Petersburg are in constant secret communication with the government here. It is known the kaiser and czar have been in direct communication during the last twenty-four hours.

Czar and Kaiser. LONDON, July 29.—Czar Nicholas has personally communicated to the kaiser the position of Russia in the Austro-Servian conflict informing him that any invasion of Servia will be immediately followed by Russian mobilization orders. It was learned from a most authentic source today that the czar had sent a telegram to this effect to the German monarch.

French Troops. LUXEMBURG, Germany, July 29.—Heavy detachments of French troops are being concentrated along the frontier, according to reports here today.

British Fleet Sails. LONDON, July 29.—Unofficial reports from Portland today declared the first British fleet had sailed from that port. Information as to the reported departure of the warships could not be obtained at the admiralty offices.

German Troops Move. BERLIN, July 29.—An extensive movement of German troops toward the Russian frontier was ordered today. The troops all equipped for field service, moved immediately. Berlin papers were not permitted to print news of the movement.

Revolt is Denied. BERLIN, July 29.—Despite dispatches reporting several powder magazine and bomb explosions in Warsaw, Poland, a semi-official statement today denied that Russian Poles had declared a revolt. Many persons are said to have been killed or injured. The Warsaw citadel and postoffice are reported destroyed. The semi-official statement asserts the explosions caused by lightning.

Martial Law. ST. PETERSBURG, July 29.—The territory about Yalta, Crimea, where the royal family spends a part of each summer, has been placed under modified martial law. It was announced today.

Crossed Telegrams. BERLIN, July 29.—That the kaiser and czar have been in personal communication all day was confirmed this afternoon when it was learned that telegrams between the two monarchs crossed in transmission. It is assumed that this exchange marks the extreme efforts to localize the war between Servia and Austria.

Russia is too Busy. FRANKFORT, Germany, July 29.—Efforts of the kaiser to localize the Austro-Servian war are being nullified by extensive military movements of Russia, according to a Berlin dispatch published in an extra edition of the Gazette here late today. The publication is evidently inspired as the government often used this paper in issuing semi-official news. The Berlin dispatch declares conditions are rapidly become worse.

The First Protest. BERLIN, July 29.—Premier Pachitch, of Servia, today made formal protest against the capture of Servian vessels by the Austrians early this week. He declared the vessels were fired upon without provocation at Kostolatz, their colors hauled down and the Austrian flag placed over the ships. There were no casualties.

Reports today declare that Servian and Austrian aviators are doing aerial scout duty along the border.

FIRST OFFICIAL WAR BULLETIN

Austrian War Office Reports Blowing up of Bridge and Capture of Boats.

PATRIOTISM RUNS RIOT

Country Stops All Business and Hastens to the Front in the War Against Servia.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] VIENNA, July 29.—The Austrian war office today issued its first official war bulletin, reporting the blowing up of the railroad bridge between Semlin and Belgrade over the Save river. Unofficial reports of the destruction of this bridge by Servians were received Monday.

The bulletin issued by the war office also reported the bombardment of a Servian position and the capture of two Servian steamers as previously told in news despatches.

Wild with Patriotism. VIENNA, July 29.—Austria is being stripped of its male population for the war with Servia. Shops are closed and business all but paralyzed because of the exodus of all reservists to the front.

Patriotic demonstrations have been in progress almost constantly for days, but the government was forced to interfere when food riots broke out. All foodstuffs advanced to a prohibitive price. As a result dealers were attacked and mobbed by infuriated citizens. Having the telegraph, telephone and railway lines already under control, the government took charge of the food for the nation today. A maximum price for all foodstuffs was established with orders that any attempt by merchants to extort higher prices would be followed by arrest and imprisonment.

Emperor Franz Joseph is expected back in the capital at any time. Following the issuance of a manifesto to his people, the aged monarch ordered that his court be moved at once from Ischl. In his manifesto, the emperor after declaring it had been his wish that his declining years might be devoted to preserving the peace of his country, pointed out the acts of Servia which led to the declaration of war. He said:

"In this solemn hour I am fully conscious of the whole significance of my resolve and my responsibility before the Almighty. I have examined and weighed everything and with serene conscience I set out on the path that duty points. I trust that in Austria-Hungary's brave and devoted forces and in the Almighty to give victory to my arms."

Everybody Satisfied. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] LINCOLN, Neb., July 29.—With the fight kept from the convention floor and with both the Hitchcock and Bryan forces claiming victory, the democratic state convention adjourned early this morning, both sides apparently satisfied. The Bryan men named the state chairman and laid down the rule for the selection of resolutions committee and the work of Bryan and Wilson was strongly commended. The Hitchcock men got the state secretary and Senator Hitchcock was assured by the Nebraska delegates confidence in his ability and integrity of purpose. His attitude toward the Wilson administration was neither commended nor condemned.

Killed in Collision. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] PEORIA, Ill., July 29.—One dead and three injured is the toll of a collision between a street car and an automobile here early today. C. H. Neal of Decatur, Ill., was instantly killed. Mrs. Neal, wife of the dead man, had her right arm and left leg fractured. She will recover. A. J. Hartley and Miss Neta Slagle of Peoria, were less seriously injured. Both automobile and street car were going at a terrific rate of speed when the accident happened. Hartley was driving the car, but failed to see the approaching car until it was upon him.

—Read The Gate City want column.

WAR'S EFFECT ON TRADE IS FELT AT MANY POINTS

United States Will Profit Heavily But Prices of Meat and Shoes May Rise.

NO PANIC OVER HERE

Wheat Settles Back to Price of Yesterday Before War News Gave it a Tilt.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, July 29.—Meat prices in the United States will take another jump in the event of a general European war, Edward Cudahy, president of the Cudahy Packing Co., declared today.

"Up to the present time there has been no unusual export demand," said Cudahy. "The present supply of cattle is adequate to meet any probable demand, but in the event of a general European war, foreign markets would be demoralized; the export demand would be abnormal and American packers would have to pay abnormal prices for cattle. Necessarily meat prices would advance."

Almost a Boom. NEW YORK, July 29.—Rallying after opening weak today, the stock market movement by noon had almost taken on the aspects of a boom. Prices shot up rapidly, a gain of four or five points on the low mark of the day being shown in some of the leading issues.

Some of the stock bought by way of rendering support, however, was let out. This served to check the advance. The volume of business at noon was almost double that for the same time yesterday. A total of 167,700 shares had changed hands at noon today.

Canadian Pacific was quoted at 163 at noon, 3 up from the low mark; Union Pacific up 2 1/2 from low; U. S. Steel 5 1/2, up 1 1/2 from low.

Call money was quoted at 5 today as against 2 1/2 yesterday. Time money rates were 1/2 to 3/4 percent higher. Rates are normal as the banks virtually have withdrawn from the market as lenders.

No Panic Here. NEW YORK, July 29.—With panicky conditions at every stock exchange in Europe that still remains open and with the Toronto and Montreal exchanges on this continent closed, the New York stock exchange today was the only one in the world offering unlimited trading in securities. Though heavy losses have been sustained in many of the stocks and the volume of trading has been greater than at any time since 1870, there was nothing approaching a panic. Reams of securities from foreign and local markets have been dumped on the New York exchange, but buyers have been plentiful and there was no sign today that they will not continue so. The record shipments of gold bullion abroad is not worrying U. S. treasury officials. The government now has on hand, it was stated, \$1,280,000,000 in gold bullion.

Leather Will Rise. CHICAGO, July 29.—If the war lasts long, the price of shoes will take an upward trend, according to J. Harry Selz, president of the Selz-Schwab Shoe Co. There is no immediate danger, but for the fact that there is no leather surplus and the demand for millions of pairs of shoes after war begins will affect prices, Selz declared.

"Leather follows the price of wheat in war times," said Selz. "There will be hundreds of thousands of men involved in the struggle and that means

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FORTUNE TELLER PREDICTED THIS WAR LAST WINTER

Madame Thebes, World-Famous Seer, Told of Trouble She Saw in Future.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PARIS, July 29.—The European war situation was foretold last winter by Madame Thebes, world-famous seer, in the following words:

"Russia—Will bring order out of disorder in the Balkans, unless German intrigue causes the Russian power to topple. St. Petersburg's greatest enemy is Berlin.

"Germany—What I see fills me with fear. The kaiser's future looms dark and fear-boding. In the south many victims of riots and war.

"Austria—Unhappy country! In Vienna riots, fire and blood! The country will pass through dark days—grave conflicts, financial embarrassments, street fighting and worse still. Open hostility between the Slavs and the Germans is approaching.

"England—War at home and war outside with a revolution or something approaching it over Ireland."

Mme. Thebes' predictions regarding France made no mention of war, the whole condition of the country being summed up in the prediction that it would be a happy year for France.

Madame Thebes claims to have predicted the assassination of Arch-Duke Franz Ferdinand when she wrote regarding Austria: "Who thinks he will reign, will not reign and a young man who was not to have reigned will reign."

BITTER NEWSPAPER ARTICLES HELPED BRING ABOUT WAR

Emperor Franz Joseph and Members of Royal Family Infuriated.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BERLIN, July 29.—Copies of newspapers received today from Vienna and Belgrade show that a bitter war-baiting between the press of Austria and Servia preceded the declaration of war. Violent attacks were made on each side.

lion and gold coin. Treasury officials are authority for the statement that this country can meet any demand for gold. The supply of the metal in the Denver mint now exceeds \$400,000,000 and there is a like amount in Philadelphia. The remainder of the supply is divided among the sub-treasuries.

The New York Produce exchange was hard hit by the war scare. Prices soared upward. Foreign houses ordered grain bought in big lots. These orders were accompanied with instructions to have the grain shipped at once as it was feared the shipments might be interfered with if a general war breaks out.

Insurance rates on gold for trans-Atlantic shipments jumped to an almost prohibitive figure today. From 6 1/2 cents per \$100 it has leaped since yesterday morning to 15 cents. Bankers predicted if it continues any higher it probably will forestall any more shipments of gold abroad.

Money will be Scarce. LONDON, July 29.—That the Austro-Servian conflict, if confined to those two countries, will be short, was the prediction of bankers here today. The reason for this, they say, is that neither of these countries can raise enough funds at home to continue the war very long and that it is unlikely either of them can obtain money from outside sources.

Paris and London, it was stated, would be very unlikely to accommodate them while Berlin could not do so if it wished. In the last Balkan crisis Austria and Hungary had to raise money in New York at extraordinarily high terms.

An advance in the rate for money is being predicted. The Bank of England will thus protect its position, it is thought. This would effectually diminish the power of other countries to draw upon it for gold.

A critical financial situation is reported in Berlin. Scores of depositors have been steadily withdrawing their accounts from the banks since the war scare became pronounced. The bankers are paying the depositors only ten percent in gold and were an effort to hoard the yellow metal is seen, the depositor is refused any.

Withdrawal of Russian accounts all over the continent is causing a great deal of apprehension. All such accounts have been taken from Berlin banks.

American shares have suffered heavily on the London exchange. As in New York, Canadian Pacific led in the violent drop but Grand Trunk, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and U. S. Steel also suffered heavily.

A heavy selling movement of American securities is expected. European investors want to realize cash at once and they find that the American securities are the easiest to realize on.

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The Belgrade-Zvono published an alleged letter charging that Princip, assassin of Arch-Duke Ferdinand, was a illegitimate son of a woman member of Austria royalty. It stated that the mother urged Princip to kill Ferdinand because he believed Ferdinand plotted the murder of her husband. The paper charged Princip was born after she sacrificed her honor to learn the identity of her husband's slayer.

This publication infuriated the aged Emperor Franz Joseph and other members of the royal family. Other bitter exchanges led to such fierce feeling that advocates of pacific means are found little opportunity for their arguments.