

Standing Armies of Europe Mobilizing In Anticipation of Greatest War Of History

German Fleet Plying Off Coast of Sweden; Russian Navy Near

ALL VESSELS ARE BEING STOPPED AND QUESTIONED AS TO THEIR NATIONALITY — TORPEDO BOATS SEEN OFF GIEDESER.

DANISH FRONTIER IS BARRED

SLAVISH GUNBOATS SIGHTED IN BALTIC SEA OUTSIDE THE DANISH ISLAND OF BORNHOLM — DANES PREPARE FOR WAR.

Copenhagen, July 31.—German squadron is cruising off Langeland in the Great Belt, stopping all vessels to investigate their nationality and destination of cargoes. The German torpedo boats have been observed near Giedeser, and in Cattagat, and German war ships are patrolling between Sweden and Jutland.

BIG RUSSIAN FLEET.

Big Russian squadron has been seen outside the Danish Island of Bornholm in the Baltic. Denmark has called out all persons liable for active service, particularly for protection of the coast. The parliament, which has not been sitting, was summoned to meet tomorrow night. The Danish German frontier has been barred by the German troops.

Conversations were resumed by the Russian and Austrian governments. Martial law was proclaimed throughout Germany. Stock exchanges are closed everywhere. Several encounters between Austrian and Serbian troops resulted in the Serbians successfully resisting invaders' advances. The great German liners, Imperator and Vaterland, were taken off the Trans-Atlantic service, together with the General Grant and other liners.

Wild patriotic enthusiasm prevailed all night in St. Petersburg. Vienna has been kept in ignorance of the events at the front, and Germany has imposed a rigid censorship on all dispatches which are being greatly delayed.

Dutch Prepare For War.

Queen Wilhelmina ordered the immediate mobilization of the Dutch army. President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo, together with leading democrats, conferred for the purpose of putting the Federal Reserve board in action, and hurrying other measures to aid the United States in taking advantage of the European war commercially.

The momentous announcement was made by Premier Asquith in the House of Commons this afternoon that Russia had proclaimed a general mobilization of her army and fleet in consequence of martial law proclaimed in Germany and that a general mobilization in Germany would follow.

COMMUNICATION CUT OFF.

Telephonic communication between France and Germany has been interrupted since four o'clock this afternoon. Russian troops blew up the frontier railroad bridge of the Warsaw-Vienna railroad. The fleet, according to Peking, China, cables, deserted Wei-Hel-Wei station at midday under sealed orders. The British considered the place not worth defending. Hong-Kong reports the Canadian Pacific liner, Empress of Asia chartered by government and guns are being mounted aboard.

President Wilson will appeal to the patriotism of the managers of employees of western railroads to avoid a strike in the face of the threatened general European war. The Bank of England increased the discount rate to eight percent, foreshadowing the possible suspension of the Bank Act as during the Indian mutiny of 1857.

MAY NOT MEET CARBAJAL.

Vera Cruz, Mex., July 31.—Constitutionalist leaders at Tampico predict there will be no peace conference between the delegates of General Carranza and Provisional President Carbajal at Saltillo, where the Carbajal delegates should arrive tomorrow.

From General Villa's personal representative at Tampico and Nafarrete, a military chief at Tampico, it was learned the constitutionalists in that region do not expect Carranza even to receive Carbajal's representatives, and if he does the constitutionalists will not agree to any terms made by Carbajal.

BOLT HITS PARSONAGE.

Shelton, N. D., July 31.—The Baptist parsonage at Duerree, eighteen miles west of Sherwood, was damaged by lightning. The bolt entered through the roof shattering one end of the house and otherwise damaging it.

THE WEATHER.

Tri-State — Generally fair Saturday and Sunday.



MAP SHOWING THE DISTRIBUTION OF RACES IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY FROM THE GRAPHIC

ARMOUR SAVES WHEAT PIT PANIC

PACKER'S MILLIONS PLACED AT DISPOSAL OF MEMBERS IN TROUBLE.

BUYS 8,000,000 BUSHELS

Chicago, July 31.—Armour's millions today rescued the wheat trade from a panic. Instead of a chaos resulting from the settlement of a day in the midst of a war market, with possibly scores of firms embarrassed and virtually certain bankruptcies, the Chicago Board of Trade was enabled to maintain a record of never the emergency.

Not a Single Failure. Tonight not a single failure had taken place. The chief reason was that seventy-five entangled firms and individuals, on the exchange were freely given by Armour and Company whatever aid the necessities of the situation required.

Offers Held to Needy. President George Marcy, of the Armour Grain Company, was the man who rose to the occasion. He quietly circulated the word on the floor of the Board that any member in trouble need only come to him. Before nightfall, Armour and Company had taken over eight million bushels in open trades.

HANNA DELAYED IN HUB CITY

Telegram Received Saying Illness of Aunt Will Delay Arrival of Executive.

Mr. Zigler, secretary to the governor, has received a telegram from Governor Hanna, who is in Boston, to the effect that he will be detained in that city for several days owing to the illness of an aunt, and that he will not be able to return to North Dakota till some time next week.

While a definite date was not mentioned, yet it is believed that he will arrive in the capital city about next Friday.

In Excellent Health. The governor and all his party are in excellent health, having made the entire trip without any accidents, illness or other unpleasant occurrences. His friends in North Dakota are anxious to see him, and a reception has been arranged for him in Fargo as well as here at Bismarck.

Trip Popular. This trip of the governor's to Norway has proven a very popular one with the Norwegian people and has done much to cement the feeling of good-fellowship which exists between the people of Norway and the United States.

The governor will be given a joyous welcome upon his return to the state.

KILLS UNKNOWN MAN

N. P. Train Near Grand Forks Struck Man Lying Beside Track—Companion Escaped.

Grand Forks, N. D., July 31.—At 1:55 this morning, N. P. train No. 746 struck an unknown man lying alongside the track, near the fair grounds. He and a fairly named F. W. Smith, of Grafton, were close together. Smith raised up and got in the clear. The other party was instantly killed. Smith claims he does not know the name of the dead man. The remains are in charge of the chief of police.

LOVE QUARREL CULMINATES IN SHOOTING

REPORTED THAT YOUNG GREEK SHOT COMRADE AT ROBINSON.

BOLD HEARING MONDAY

A quarrel over an old love affair resulted in the probable death of a young Greek at Robinson, in Kidder county, last night. The names of the two men involved could not be learned last night, but it appears that they quarreled and one of them shot the other in the back.

Taken to Steele. The alleged assailant was arrested and the officials at Robinson took him, heavily ironed, to Steele, where he was placed in jail. States Attorney Eastwood is in Minnesota, on his vacation. He was sent for, at once, and will arrive in time so that the hearing can be held Monday. The report, received late last night, left a little uncertainty as to whether the victim of the shooting died. Doctors were reported to be working over him when the automobile left for Steele, but it was thought then that he could not live.

The Greek who was arrested is a man of medium height, about 28 years of age. He was not at all demonstrative when taken from the machine at Steele. With handcuffs on his wrists, and leg irons jerking at his ankles, he walked with bent head into the jail, and was locked in a cell.

55,000 Rail Employees Will Strike August 7th

Chicago, July 31.—Unless President Wilson in conference tomorrow at Washington with managers and employees of the western railroads is successful in his appeal to the men's patriotism to avoid a strike in the face of a threatened general European war and a consequent paralysis of crop moving 55,000 firemen and

UNCLE SAM MOBILIZING RESERVES

NATION'S BUSINESS GETTING IN SHAPE FOR EUROPEAN WAR.

ISSUE \$500,000 CURRENCY

Washington, July 31.—President Wilson acted promptly to reassure the country against any threatening financial dangers growing out of the European war situation. First, the president took steps to bring about the immediate completion and organization of the federal reserve board, in order that the new currency law may become effective. Secretary McAdoo expressed his approval of closing of the stock exchanges throughout the country, and issued a statement announcing that \$500,000,000 issue of emergency currency is waiting at the treasury department to be made immediately available to national banks.

By a unanimous vote, the senate passed a bill removing certain restrictions upon the issue of emergency currency by national banks under the Aldrich-Vreeland act. The bill was reported from the banking committee, which met in a hastily called session, indorsing it unambiguously.

Left Certain Restrictions. An amendment to give the secretary of the treasury authority, at his discretion, to ignore the restriction in the Aldrich-Vreeland act, providing that banks must be in the National Currency associations in order to avail themselves of the emergency issue and must have outstanding currency notes, "secured by bonds of the United States to an amount not less than 40 per cent of their capital."

To Name Potter. The bill will be passed early tomorrow by the house, and probably will be signed by the president before night. To hasten the perfection of the federal reserve board, it was made known at the White House that the president will send to the senate tomorrow a name as his choice as successor to Thomas Jones, Chicago, whose nomination has been withdrawn. It is believed the nominee will be Edwin Potter of Chicago.

Paul Warburg, the New York banker, notified the White House that, "out of deference to the wishes of" (Continued on Page 3)

England Faces Most Perilous Epoch Since Napoleonic Invasion

BRITISH AND FRENCH ARE USING EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE AMONG THE WARRING NATIONS. MOBILIZATION OF NAVY COMPLETED.

LEADING PORTS ARE MINED

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSED FOR FIRST TIME IN ITS HISTORY. NO PANIC EXPERIENCED ON THE BOURSES.

WILL PROTECT AMERICANS.

Washington, D. C., July 31.—In close touch with the war departments in Europe, and to have prompt information about the Americans living or traveling in affected countries, the American Ambassadors and Ministers abroad will be kept closely at their posts. Secretary Bryan cabled to American diplomats instructing them to report promptly any cases of Americans killed, injured or distressed.

London, July 31.—Facing the most perilous epoch in their history since she shivered before the spectre of Napoleonic invasion, the English people are the calmest nation of Europe.

Yesterday they felt a decision whether Great Britain will be drawn into the general European war hanging in the balance. Today they believe it a probability rather than a possibility. There was no mistaking the fact that, with the exception of a minority of peace advocates, whose voice hardly can be heard, the nation's mind is reconciled to war.

NO DEMONSTRATIONS. There have been no demonstrations and no flag waving. Tonight they are asking only: "Can the British fleet play its part in protecting the Island from isolation, which means, in the first instance, can it destroy the German Emperor's navy?"

MILITARY SITUATION THE SAME. Military situation stands where it did last night. Mobilization of the naval forces has been completed, and the army is on a war footing except for the calling out of the Territorials, the machinery for their mobilization requires only a word to be set in motion.

Dover and Sheerness virtually are on war basis. These and other harbours are mined. CARSON READY FOR SERVICE. Sir Edward Carson, Ulster Unionist leader, announced that a majority of Ulster volunteers are ready for Home service, and many of them would accept any service in which they can be useful.

While the London Stock Exchange closed for the first time in its history by the threat of war, there was no financial panic.

Peacemakers Busy. There are only two factors tonight giving the faintest hope of averting a general European war. First, Russia and Austria are engaged again in direct negotiations, and second, both Great Britain and France are using their utmost endeavors in favor of peace. On the other hand, Russia has ordered a general mobilization and Germany has declared a state of siege, which undoubtedly is a prelude to it, if it does not cover mobilization.

France Not Mobilized. France has not yet mobilized, but at a cabinet council, which sat until late at night, it issued decrees establishing moratorium, and taking other action which could only be determined upon the eve of war.

Unofficially, the French army virtually is being mobilized. A very circumstantial, though yet unconfirmed report, published in Rome, says that Germany is about to demand from both Russia and France immediate cessation of mobilization. German Ambassador Leaves. Yet another rumor is that the German ambassador has notified the French government of his early departure. Great Britain practically, though not officially, has mobilized, and smaller European states, as a precaution, have ordered a mobilization of their armies. Belgium, Holland and Switzerland have mobilized to protect their territory from being used as a highway for the belligerents, and Norway, Sweden and Denmark, to guard themselves on general principles.

Italy Is Quiet. Italy makes no announcement, although rumor credits her with a decision not to participate in the struggle, and there is little doubt that she is making ready for mobilization. Communication across Europe is cut off and there is a universal application of censorship, with the result that it is impossible to obtain accurate knowledge of what military operations are going on in Serbia. Many liners have canceled transatlantic sailings.

THROWN FROM HAYLOAD. Park River, N. D., July 31.—Archie F. Gillespie met with a serious accident which resulted in the breaking of the bones of his right leg. He was returning to the house from the field riding on a load of hay when the team which was driven by his hired man, became frightened and he was pitched off the load, with the result mentioned.

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