

## WAR DECLARED BY GERMANY AGAINST RUSSIA

### RAILROADS GAIN INCREASED RATES

APPLICATION FOR INCREASES EAST OF BUFFALO AND PITTSBURG ENDED.

### RAISE COMMODITY RATE

New Tariffs Expected to Increase Incomes of Roads Approximately Two and One-Half Per Cent.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 1.—A five per cent increase in freight rates between Buffalo and Pittsburg and the Mississippi river was granted today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

In the decision in the eastern advance rate case, all increases east of Pittsburg and Buffalo were denied. No increases were granted on lake rail rates. All class rates within the central freight association territory were advanced five per cent. Commodity rates got a like advance excepting coal, coke, brick, tile, clay, starch, cement, iron ore and plaster. Commissioners McChord and Daniels at the last moment gave a dissenting opinion. Commodities on which no advance was allowed comprise approximately 35 per cent of the total volume of traffic in the central territory. The new rates are expected to increase the incomes of the railroads approximately one and one-half per cent. All of the principal east and west systems will be benefited.

The railroads which applied for the Interstate Commerce Commission permission to raise their freight rates were the 52 lines in the territory east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers. The increase asked was five per cent, just half the increase which these same railroads tried to get approval of in 1910 but failed.

It was deemed that public sentiment desired a prompt settlement of the new application, and the Interstate Commerce Commission immediately instituted hearings, at which President Willard of the Baltimore and Ohio, President Delano of the Monon system, George Stewart Patterson, general counsel of the Pennsylvania, and other prominent railroad officials gave testimony. Louis D. Brandeis of Boston representing the commission and the shippers, was one of the leading counsel in opposition.

The contention of the railroad managers was that in the last three years, the railroads had spent \$60,000,000 in new capital, but that in 1913 the earnings were \$14,000,000 less than in 1912; that the greatest increases in railroad expenses had come about by higher wages, taxes and new investment in the properties; that conditions were such that the New York Central had since September 1913 been forced to lay off 23,000 men, and it was strongly intimated by some witnesses that unless the situation were relieved the railroads might have to accept government ownership as the only alternative.

The opposing contentions were in effect that the railroads were constantly enjoying higher revenues; that they spent more on improvements last year than any other year in history; that one terminal alone built at a cost of \$105,000,000 would have built an entire railroad from New York to Chicago; and, above all, that the free services which the railroads performed for the industrial concerns, would, if paid for, net the railroads approximately \$20,000,000 a year. Mr. Brandeis declared that a sum approaching \$100,000,000 a year could easily be within the railroads' grasp if methods of conserving revenues which are being suggested are adopted.

The greatest opposition from shippers came from those interested in coal and petroleum, and it was charged by independent refiners that the increased freight rates would result in the Standard Oil Company at the expense of the independent concern.

Various attempts were made to represent President Wilson as being in favor of the increase, but he took the stand that the case was before a quasi-judicial body, however, expressed the view that the case should be determined without any unnecessary delay.

### HALE COUNTY ELET'S DELEGATES TO EL PASO

By Associated Press. PLAINVIEW, Tex., Aug. 1.—The Hale County convention was held at the court house here this afternoon. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the Wilson administration and opposing Ferguson's liquor and tenant plank.

Fred Deane, Jim Oakes and H. E. Shanks were selected to represent Hale county at the El Paso convention.

Stranger is Recalled. By Associated Press. NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 1.—President Grant, one of the great seagoing of the Hamburg-American line, Europe bound, has been recalled because of the war, and wired tonight she was returning to this port.

### UNITED STATES MAKING PLANS

WILL ENDEAVOR TO PREVENT FINANCIAL STRINGENCY IN THIS COUNTRY.

### OFFER NO GOOD OFFICES

Practically all Governments Which Expect to Become Involved Leave Interests With Americans.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 1.—War developments in Europe overshadowed all else today in the attention of official Washington. Steps to prevent a financial stringency in this country as a result of Europe's sudden demand for gold was followed by a series of precautionary measures designed to protect American and American interests abroad as well as at home.

President Wilson and Bryan studied the mass of despatches from American embassies and consulates in Europe.

While no formal tender of good offices has been made, American diplomats abroad are keeping the state department advised so if an opportunity presents the influence of the United States for a settlement of war problems by pacific means will be actively exerted.

Germany, France, Great Britain and practically all other governments in Europe which may become involved in the struggle have asked the United States to care for their diplomatic interests in those countries, with which they may be compelled to sever relations.

No proclamation of neutrality will be issued by the United States until the situation develops more clearly.

State department officials admitted the most serious problem is the plight of foreigners abroad. More than a hundred thousand Americans are scattered throughout Europe. The disorganization of European exchanges has made it impossible to cash checks or letters of credit. Many steamship lines have cancelled sailings.

To Permit Shipping.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 1.—To save trans-Atlantic shipping from paralysis during the European crisis, and to avert the threatened blockade of America's bumper crops, the president and congress leaders today agreed upon amendments to the Panama Canal act, which will permit foreign ships under American registry.

Their passage will be pressed Monday.

Austrians Called Home.

By Associated Press. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 1.—All Austrians and Hungarians in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma subject to service in the army or navy of their country in a proclamation today by Dr. John Selwenger, consul for this district.

France Advised of War.

By Associated Press. PARIS, France, Aug. 1.—Russian Ambassador Misowski, called on Premier Viviani at eleven tonight and informed him that Germany had declared war on Russia.

Austria May Relent.

By Associated Press. PARIS, France, Aug. 1.—Unofficial but creditable report is current in diplomatic quarters that Austria-Hungary has offered to withdraw her troops from Serbia and submit her grievances to an international conference.

Try to Destroy Cable.

By Associated Press. COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Aug. 1.—German torpedo boat destroyers operating outside of the Danish sea territory made an unsuccessful attempt today to cut the cable communication to Russia via Roslevik, Denmark.

Hemphill County Enforces Administration.

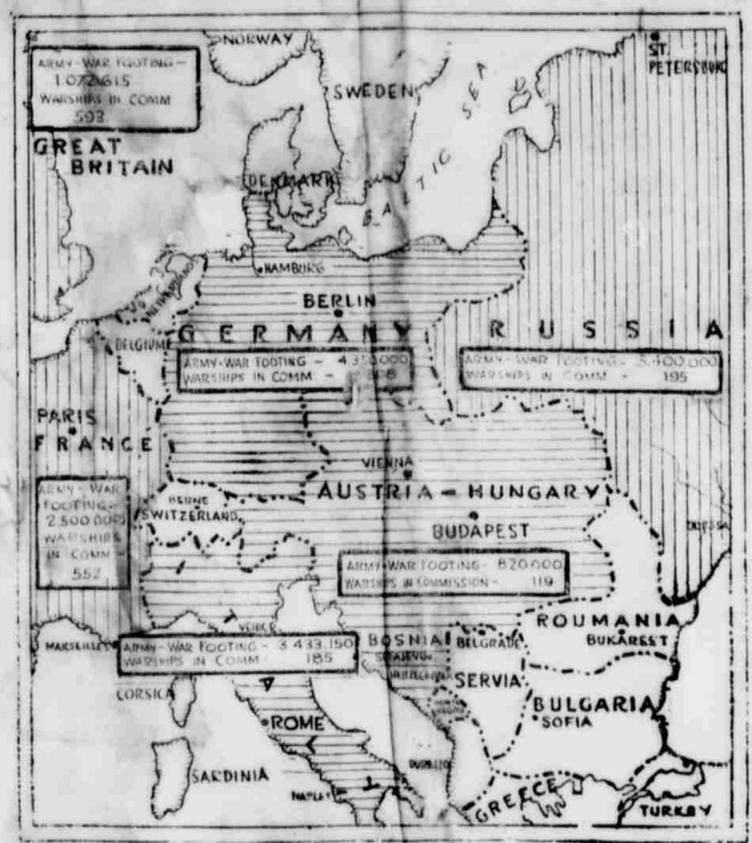
CANAHAN, Tex., Aug. 1.—The county convention of the democratic party was held here today and delegates to the various conventions were elected.

W. A. Palmer, D. B. Hoover and Judge E. M. Baker were named as delegates to the state convention at El Paso. W. A. Palmer introduced a resolution endorsing the administration of President Wilson and the course of our senators and representatives in congress, which was unanimously carried.

Maine's Anchor Unveiled.

By Associated Press. READING, Pa., Aug. 1.—The anchor of the battleship Maine, which was destroyed in Havana harbor in 1898, was unveiled here today. After the ill-fated vessel had been raised several years ago the anchor was obtained by this city and has been placed in one of the public parks as a memorial to the sailor dead. The unveiling was made the occasion for interesting ceremonies, in which Governor Tener and other public men took part.

### Triple Entente, Triple Alliance and Their War Strength



The Triple Entente (England, France, and Russia) and the Triple Alliance (Germany, Austria, and Italy) form the two alignments of the six powers of Europe generally speaking a war between two members of opposing alliances would mean a war of the six nations. England, France, and Russia are expected to back up each other in any trouble with either Germany, Austria, or Italy. Such is the understanding expressed more or less solemnly, but strongly enough to have maintained the peace of Europe for many years.

## EVENTS IN EUROPEAN CRISIS MOVE WITH GREAT RAPIDITY

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 1.—Events in the European crisis developed today with startling rapidity. The German ultimatum to Russia, demanding that Russia cease mobilization of her army, expired at noon, and at five-fifteen the German emperor signed a mobilization order. At seven-thirty the German ambassador at St. Petersburg delivered a declaration of war in the name of his government to Russia.

Europe is now plunged into a war which has been the apprehension of European statesmen for generations. It is now only a question of how soon a state of actual war will exist between Germany and France.

### WILSON TRYING TO AVERT STRIKE

ASKS BOTH SIDES TO ACCEPT SETTLEMENT PLAN BY MEDIATION BOARD.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 1.—In an attempt to avert the threatened strike of 145,000 railroad firemen and engineers on 28 western railroads, President Wilson today appealed to representatives of the employees to accept the settlement plan proposed by the Federal board of mediation and conciliation. It was promised consideration by both sides. They will give a definite answer Monday.

### German Fleet Sails

By Associated Press. ANTWERP, Belgium, Aug. 1.—A dispatch from Flushing, Netherlands, states that a tug met in the North Sea tonight seventeen units of the German fleet proceeding towards Skagerack with lights out. At present there are several British squadrons cruising north of Flushing.

### Cohan's Theatre Robbed.

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 1.—Two well-dressed men entered George M. Cohan's grand opera house after the matinee today, drew their revolvers and drove one man into the vault, overpowered another and escaped in an automobile with six thousand dollars.

### RUSSIANS WANT FIGHT TO BEGIN

DECLARATION OF WAR HAS PROVED WAVE OF PATRIOTIC FEELING.

By Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, Russia, Aug. 1.—Count Von Pourtales and the entire staff of the German embassy left St. Petersburg tonight after the declaration of war was delivered. Germany's declaration of war against Russia has provoked in the Russian capital a wonderful demonstration of patriotic enthusiasm. Tonight the capital presents a spectacle of extraordinary animation. The leading thoroughfares swarm with war-frenzied people, marching in processions carrying portraits of the emperor. Flags are waving and torches are blazing.

### The WEATHER

Local Forecast. Yesterday temperature: At 7 a. m. 75 At 2 p. m. 81 Maximum 85 Minimum 65 1913 Max. 89 Min. 65 Washington Forecast. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 1.—West Texas—thunder showers North, fair South, Sunday; Sunday fair except showers in West.

### FRENCH PREMIER BLAMES GERMANS

INSISTS THAT IF TROUBLE OCCURS IT WILL BE STARTED BY GERMANS.

By Associated Press. PARIS, France, Aug. 1.—During the course of a second interview today Premier Viviani said to the German ambassador: "You're mobilizing, we know it." Baron Von Schoen, the German ambassador, did not reply and Viviani continued: "This attitude of your government has dictated ours. We are compelled to take a precaution similar to yours. We wish peace." Von Schoen replied: "But from your incidents are to be feared." Viviani said: "How can you suppose such things; our troops are five miles from the frontier." The Frenchman continued: "If incidents occurred they would be provoked by Germans."

### Luxemburg Occupied.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The German forces occupied Luxemburg, capturing officials and taking control of the national telephone system early this morning.

### First Engagement Harmless.

By Associated Press. BERLIN, Germany, Aug. 1.—German patrol near Prostkin was fired on this afternoon by the Russian patrol on the frontier. The Germans returned the fire. No losses were reported.

## GERMAN ARMY NOW PREPARING TO FIGHT

Believed Action Will Begin Against France Before Diplomatic Relations Are Ruptured or War Declared by Either.

## ITALY DECLARES FOR NEUTRALITY

Canadian Government Cabled Offer of Men and Munitions of War to Home Government and Will Probably Prevent Austrian and Hungarian Reservists From Leaving Country in Obedience to Call From Authorities.

By Associated Press. LONDON, Eng., Aug. 1.—A Central news dispatch from Berlin says it is officially confirmed that German mobilization is in progress and a Central news dispatch from Paris says that by common agreement the time limit of Germany's ultimatum to France is extended to noon Monday.

### FRENCH WANT MOBILIZATION.

Late tonight placards were posted in Paris, requesting a general mobilization of the army and the German ambassador is preparing to leave the capital. It is not known exactly what hour Germany's ultimatum to France, asking a definition of her attitude in case of war between Germany and Austria against Russia will expire, but it is believed Germany will act long before diplomatic relations will be ruptured or war declared.

The German emperor maintained to the last they had made supreme efforts for the sake of peace and that the last of a series of appeals from Emperor William to Czar Nicholas, was a telegram repudiating the responsibility for the calamity now threatening the world.

### ITALY MAY BE NEUTRAL.

The only redeeming feature is that Italy has declared neutrality, but how long it will last is debatable. Great Britain's position was defined by Premier Asquith in Parliament when he declared that England is under no formal obligation to assist France even in a European war.

The British government, however, has made preparations for whatever may happen. The present position shows Russia, France and Serbia arrayed against Austria-Hungary and Germany.

It is generally understood that Germany has an effective understanding with Turkey, which may lead to interesting developments.

Sir Edward Grey remained at the foreign office until a late hour and then went to Buckingham Palace to consult with King George. The Japanese ambassador had a long conference with Sir Edward Grey this afternoon. The cabinet will meet tomorrow to consider Great Britain's attitude in the crisis.

The government will have to make a momentous decision as two schools of thought prevail here. One advocating England should hold aloof and seek only to protect Dutch and Belgian neutrality, the other arguing the entente with France entails that England assist France.

Despite the official view that there is a friendly feeling in England for Germany, it is impossible to avoid observing among the general public a deep-seated antagonism toward Germany.

Paris news dispatch reports that Premier Viviani has made changes in the French cabinet, whereby Theophile Delcasse becomes minister of war and Eugene Georges Clemenceau, ex-premier, joins the ministry.

After it became known that Germany had declared war a riot broke out in the west end, when two Germans, one carrying a sword, were set upon by a group of Frenchmen. A large crowd joined the fray.

### CANADA OFFERS TROOPS.

By Associated Press.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 1.—A formal offer of military contingents was cabled to England today by the Canadian government.

The government unanimously decided to offer England men, infantry, cavalry and artillery to be included in the force sent forward. It would number twenty thousand if transportation for that number is available. It is estimated this number can be increased to fifty thousand in a short time.

The war spirit is apparently growing in Canada.

It is understood the government will make an effort to prevent departure from Canada of Austrian and Hungarian reservists, of which many thousands are in this country.

### THRILLING SCENES IN PARIS.

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Aug. 2.—At two this morning the council of ministers, summoned by the president, is still deliberating.

Thrilling scenes were witnessed last night after mobilization was announced. Throngs formed as if by magic and crowded the boulevards waving flags and singing the "Marseillaise."

The cry "On to Berlin," was frequently raised.

Tourists fled from their hotels en masse, but found difficulty in departing. Trainmen and others have gone into the service of their country.