

# ENGLAND'S STAND ON EUROPEAN WAR STILL INDEFINITE

Kaiser Instructs Representative In Paris to Demand Passports.

## NO WAR DECLARATION MADE

Complaint at Berlin That Empire's Out Posts Were Attacked, However.

Berlin, Aug. 4.—The German emperor yesterday sent orders to the German ambassador in Paris to demand his passports.

A further official communication regarding French acts of hostility against Germany was published here last night. It said:

"The German troops hitherto have obeyed the orders given by the German commanders not to cross the French frontier. French troops on the contrary since Sunday have made several attacks on the frontier posts without any declaration of war having been made.

"The French have crossed the frontier at several places in spite of the fact that the French government a few days ago informed us that it would not infringe upon the unoccupied zone of six miles from the frontier and companies of French troops have been in occupation of a number of German villages.

"French army aeronauts have been flying over Baden and Bavaria Sunday and yesterday throwing bombs in an effort to destroy our railways. In this way France has opened the attack upon us and has established a state of war which has compelled the German empire to take defensive measures for the security of its territory."

The German border troops from Lublinitz Silesia, yesterday after a short skirmish with Russians, took possession of Ceenstochowa, Russian Poland.

Bendzig and Kalish, Russian Poland, also have been occupied by the Germans.

## Social Affairs

### PICNIC SUPPER.

The July committee of the Six O'clock club—Miss Crosley, Miss Treat, Mrs. King, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Richardson, have planned for a picnic supper to be given at the home of Miss May Wickware on Wednesday evening, in honor of Mrs. W. G. Bale, of Winnipeg, a charter member of the club.

### SLUMBER PARTY.

Miss Leta Riley gave a slumber party Saturday night at her home on Superior street in honor of her visiting cousin, Miss Nellie Noll of N. D. The half dozen girls thoroughly enjoyed the midnight spread and the night spent in the tent pitched on the lawn.

A most palatable breakfast was served in the house at 8:30 a. m.

### ONE O'CLOCK LUNCHEON.

Mrs. Alice Green entertained a small company of ladies for one o'clock luncheon, at her home on First street yesterday. The table decorations were nasturtiums and zinnias were used in further decorations. Following the excellent luncheon, the afternoon hours were spent in visiting. Several of the ladies were occupied, of course, with the ever-present fancy work.

### HARD TIMES PARTY.

Miss Hattie Amundson, who is a guest at the Rufus Nelson home, gave a small party last night in honor of Miss Nanna Shepardson of Illinois, who is visiting in the city.

The girls came arrayed, by request, in "hard times" garb and some of the outfits present occasioned much fun. After an evening of music and conversation, a four-course supper, in keeping with the costumes of the evening, was served.

### PLEASANT LUNCHEON.

Mrs. A. R. Burleson entertained a few friends informally Friday at a pleasant one o'clock luncheon. Nasturtiums were scattered about the prettily appointed table upon which the delicious three course repast was served by the Misses Mary and Jeannette Bale. Bridge was the

diversion of the afternoon, the score cards being artistic affairs done in sepia. Mrs. C. A. Guyer of St. Paul, Mrs. Leo Sterling of Canon City, Col., and Mrs. W. G. Bale of Winnipeg were the guests from out of the city.

### SIX O'CLOCK DINNER.

Mrs. W. L. Macgoey and Mrs. T. F. Macgoey entertained a small company of lady friends in honor of Mrs. C. A. Guyer of St. Paul yesterday at five o'clock. A sumptuous three-course dinner was served at six o'clock. The table decorations were especially beautiful, the center being occupied by a Japanese basket of Killarney roses, and place cards—miniature baskets of roses—carried out the color scheme of pink and white. After dinner a delightful musical program was enjoyed by all.

### LUNCHEON AT OUTING CLUB.

Twelve ladies were delightfully entertained at the Outing club Saturday by Mrs. E. S. Steele and Mrs. R. S. Phillips. The club room was tastily decorated in yellow and green. A delectable luncheon was served at one o'clock, white sweet peas being used for table decorations. Place cards furnished an amusing guessing contest.

The afternoon hours were spent in a game of bridge in which Mrs. Harvey Pettibone was the winner, receiving a beautiful bouquet of sweet peas as a prize.

### PRE-NUPTIAL SHOWER.

Mrs. C. F. Bishop entertained a few friends last night at her home on Elm street in honor of Miss Lola Staver, at whose home Miss Staver has boarded for some time. Miss Staver was out riding the forepart of the evening and upon her arrival found the guests assembled, after which she was escorted to the dining room where she received many useful presents, the occasion being a miscellaneous shower. The surprise was genuine. Music and conversation passed away the time and late in the evening ice cream and cake were served. Miss Verva Cook of Yale was an out of town guest.

### A DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR.

Some twenty-two young ladies enjoyed a delightful time Friday evening at the home of Marguerite Hanrahan at a party given by Miss Hanrahan in honor of Miss Marie Brown, who leaves tomorrow night for an extended stay in Janesville, Wisconsin. Dancing, vocal and instrumental music and the taking of flashlight pictures occupied the time until about ten o'clock, when a delicious chafing dish lunch was served.

A number from out of town were in attendance—Miss Louise Bale, Winnipeg, Canada; Miss Bethene Smith, Lincoln, Nebraska; Miss Helen Coldren, Milford, Iowa; Misses Mary Talcott and Lydia Millsap, Williams.

### PRENUPTIAL SHOWER.

Miss Lola Staver was very happily surprised with an aluminum shower Friday night, the occasion being in honor of her coming marriage to Mr. Will G. Wilke of this city. Some twenty-five members of the Eltekah class of the Methodist Sunday school and also Metcalf & Son's clerks assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gardner on Second street from which place she was notified that Mrs. Gardner had something of importance to communicate to her—and the surprise was complete. Games were played and readings and music given by different ones present. Late in the evening ice cream and cake were served, bringing to a close a delightful evening.

### A COUNTRY PARTY.

Boys and girls to the number of twenty were the recipients recently of invitations which read like this: Come clad in pinafores And sunbonnets gay, We will go to the country For a happy half-day. Friday, 3 o'clock, July 31, Frieda Merrill, 1020 Second street.

On account of the rain, this trip to the country in celebration of Miss Frieda's tenth birthday, was postponed until Saturday, August 1st, when seventeen children responded to this invitation and met at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Merrill, on Second street. From thence they were taken in autos to the Leonard Mason farm six or four miles east of the

# UNCLE SAM GOES TO AID WAR BOUND CITIZENS ABROAD

Embassy Checks to Be Provided for Use of the Stranded Travelers.

## WILL SEND GOLD IF NECESSARY

Specie to be Shipped to Europe Should Occasion Require—Plenty of Goats Now.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 3.—The United States government yesterday extended a helping hand to more than 150,000 Americans who are stranded abroad without means of cashing their checks or letters of credit owing to the financial stringency produced by European war.

Besides forwarding hundreds of telegrams to Americans through diplomatic channels, orders were sent by the state department to all consulates, legations and embassies to use every influence at their disposal to obtain money for citizens of the United States.

All American diplomatic officers were instructed to exchange letters of credit or travelers' checks for "embassy checks" or certificates. These are issued by the authority of the United States government, and Secretary Bryan said last night he was confident "embassy checks" would be honored by railroads,

city. These happy children indulged in all sorts of play—climbing and sliding off of hay stacks seemed the one most keenly enjoyed—until four o'clock, when watermelon was served to all. Pictures of the children were taken while they enjoyed this feast. Play was resumed until 5:30 o'clock, when a bounteous two-course supper was served in the dining room. Mrs. Mason was assisted in serving by her sisters, Misses Gertrude and Charline Merrill. It is needless to say that this repast was heartily enjoyed by the seventeen hungry children.

Later the young folk were brought back to their individual homes, feeling that it had indeed been a "happy half-day." Many pretty gifts were received by Miss Frieda in memory of her birthday. Reynolds Guyer of St. Paul was the only out of town guest.

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Forty-two boys and girls received invitations last week to meet at the home of Masters Clifford and Arthur Jewett Saturday afternoon, and assist them in celebrating their birthdays—Clifford's being his sixteenth and Arthur's his thirteenth birthday.

About thirty of their friends responded to these invitations, bringing with them suitable gifts for their young hosts. The hours before and after refreshments, which were served on the lawn at 6:30 o'clock, were spent in games and contests and all report a general good time.

Miss Alice Robbins, daughter of Rev. E. Robbins, of Nemaha, Iowa, was an out of town guest.

### PICNIC SUPPER.

The members of the Literary Round Table, with their families, thoroughly enjoyed a picnic supper in the court house park Friday night the weather being unusually propitious.

The affair was in charge of the July committee, with Mrs. Groves as chairman, assisted by Miss Smith and Mesdames McKee and Kamrar. Some thirty-five persons sat at the long table under the trees, where spread before them was the kind of a supper for which the ladies of this club are famous. The committee who did the serving were zealous in their efforts to see that all were bountifully supplied, and the substantial were served piping hot from convenient gas ranges.

The ladies had spent the late afternoon with their fancy work and the early evening hours were passed in a social good time.

Mrs. Minnie Bone, of Carroll, a charter member of this organization, Mrs. Canfield of Waterloo, and Miss Hudson of Detroit, were the out of town guests of the club.

Before buying a gas stove, see our combination gas stove, two in one, coal and gas combined. At Gardner's hardware store. d-11

steamship companies and hotels abroad.

Relatives and friends of Americans in Europe can deposit funds with the state department in Washington and an equivalent sum will be advanced in an embassy check abroad. Americans devoid of funds will be given loans, just as was the case in Mexico.

An emergency appropriation will be asked for to care for any deficiencies in this connection.

Secretary Bryan expressed the view that there were enough ships running to care for Americans who desired to leave but said if any emergency arises everything necessary would be done by the American government to assist them to return home.

President Wilson gave his personal attention to the problem of aiding citizens of the United States. While the state department was asking representatives abroad to determine the most practicable way of giving financial assistance, the administration let it be known that if necessary, large quantities of gold would be shipped to American embassies to cash checks for Americans. It is not expected, however, that such a contingency will arise. Mr. Bryan suggested that if American embassies ran short of funds with which to cash travelers' checks or letters of credit, the American government would have no difficulty in getting currency direct from the foreign governments.

## Personal Briefs

### (From Monday's Daily.)

—Miss Maude E. Hudson, who has been a guest at the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Kamrar, for the past month, left Saturday night for Cedar Rapids to spend a few days with a friend. She goes from there to Chicago where she will be joined by Mrs. Kamrar and her little daughter Alice, who leave here tomorrow night. At Chicago the ladies will take the North America steamer, and proceed to Bay View, Mich., where they will spend the month of August with Miss Hudson's mother and sister and other relatives at this delightful summer resort. Judge Kamrar will join the party later.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Horn visited Sunday with relatives in Fort Dodge.

—Miss Mabel Buelow left Saturday for Orange City for a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Theodore Guenther. From there she will go to St. Paul and Minneapolis to study the fall and winter styles in millinery, returning home about September 1st.

—Miss Ella Raddall and Mrs. Claude Poole of Story City are guests of the George Spencer family at the Webster City Hotel on Seneca street.

—Miss Charlotte Crosley returned Saturday from Iowa City, where she had been attending the last two weeks of the session of the summer library school, held at the State University.

—Misses Orpha Berggren and Metha Heiden returned Saturday from Clear Lake, where they have been camping for the past month.

—Robert D. Mason and friend, Thomas Gardner, of Ottumwa, are spending the week-end with the former's uncle, J. S. Mason. Miss Laura L. Prudden of Kansas City, Mo., is also spending the week-end here visiting her cousin, Miss Kathryn Mason.

—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hull, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stanley and Mrs. Flora Wilson of Boone, were visitors at the J. M. Wane home yesterday.

—Misses Marian and Margaret White expect to leave tomorrow morning for Waterloo, where they will spend a short time. From that city little Miss Margaret will go to Independence for a two weeks visit with Marian Rummel, little daughter of Mrs. Mabel Rummel, a former resident of this city. Miss Marian White will go on to Dubuque for a two weeks visit with the Dr. A. M. Pond family, also former local people.

—Mrs. Eleanor White and son James will arrive home tonight from a two weeks visit with relatives in Boone.

—Mrs. A. C. Hoot and son Oran arrived home today from a five weeks visit with their daughter and

# GERMANY ORDERS HER AMBASSADOR TO LEAVE FRANCE

Great Britain's Position Is Neither Belligerent Nor Neutral.

WILL ASSURE PARTIAL AID.

Enemy's Fleet Will Not Be Allowed to Attack French Coast.

London, Aug. 4.—Great Britain has mobilized her forces and awaits events. Today she is not a belligerent power, nor is she a neutral one.

The government has given France assurance that the British fleet will not permit the German fleet to attack the French coast. It has not yet pledged itself to contribute an army to the continental war.

The British government regards with the deepest distrust Germany's violation of Belgium's neutrality, but makes no declaration as to whether it considers that measure provocation for war.

This pronouncement of government policy—the result of two days' almost continuous deliberations—was made to the house of commons yesterday afternoon by Sir Edward Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs. Therefore the trying hour of suspense for British people is prolonged indefinitely.

Meanwhile the German embassy in London is exerting every effort of diplomacy to induce Great Britain to hold aloof from the conflict and to bring public opinion to Germany's side. The counselor of the German embassy issued a strong appeal for the neutrality of Great Britain, asserting that Germany would agree to keep her fleet from attacking the northern and western coasts of France if England would pledge neutrality, and argued that England would gain more in the end by standing outside the European war and using her influence as mediator when the moment was ripe.

Referring to this suggestion, the British foreign secretary said: "I have only heard that shortly before I came to the house of commons," he raised his voice and rapped the table before him sharply, declaring, "but that is far too narrow an engagement."

Sir Edward Grey dispelled the shadow of doubt which flickered over the triple entente in the minds of many liberals by intimating that the entente with France was essentially a national one, without definite obligations. Finally on the one tremendously vital question—a question upon the answer of which the British empire and the whole world are hanging—whether the government considers that Germany's policy compels Great Britain to wage war, the foreign secretary left an impression of doubt.

That doubt may reflect the mind of a cabinet not wholly unanimous and the interpretation drawn by many is that Sir Edward Grey's speech to Germany was a hint that if she will keep her soldiers off Belgian soil and her battleships away from the coast of France, that will be the price of Great Britain's armed neutrality.

Steel Imbedded in Eye. Monticello, Ia., Aug. 3.—Joe Starks, a driver of an automobile truck, suffered a peculiar accident while trying to repair his machine. A bit of steel he was hammering flew into his eye and penetrated the ball. He was taken to Iowa City for an operation. He may lose his sight.

Council in Session. The city fathers met last night in regular session with every member present. Resolutions were presented for the putting in of new sidewalks in the different wards. The contract with Woolstock for furnishing electricity for lighting their city was read and approved. This contract calls for the installation to be completed not later than December 1st. The reports of the different city departments were read and approved, also the one from the Kendall Young Library estate. The regular monthly bills were allowed and the meeting adjourned until Monday, August 10th.

One solitary individual made his appearance this morning in mayor's court and gave his reason for spending the night in the city jail. He was a plain drunk, paid his usual fine and vanished.

—Mrs. F. D. Carson and daughter Miss Carrie and Miss D. J. Hunt spent Sunday in Ellsworth visiting Mrs. James Caruth.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Younker, accompanied by Mrs. L. F. Houck, Mrs. Jennie Ainslie and son Carl motored to Des Moines yesterday and spent the day at the W. A. Graham home.

—Mrs. Geo. W. Teed leaves tomorrow on her eastern trip and will be joined later by Mr. Teed.

—Mrs. E. C. Robison of Gilbert is here spending the day with Mrs. A. J. Barr.

—Miss Drusilla Dick left Saturday for a fortnight's outing at Lake Okoboji. She will be a guest at the John N. Maxwell cottage.

—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rodgers of Goldfield spent the week end here with their cousin, Mrs. John Riley, on their way home from visiting their son at Pequot, Minn.

—Mrs. W. E. Spinharney left today for a month's vacation which will be spent at Des Moines, Fairfield and Burlington.

—Mrs. Geo. Hoffman left today for Hartley for a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chris Linder, who recently underwent an operation.

—Mrs. Alexander Emslie of Ft. Collins, Col., arrived today for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Kephart.

—J. L. Moore of Rolfe arrived here yesterday to take his mother, Mrs. Elmer Moore, who is in poor health, home with him for a week's stay.

—Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hughes and two little daughters arrived here yesterday from Winona, Wash., for a visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Hughes.

—Mrs. Edward Thomas of Cresco is here for a week's visit at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Ezra Bickford and family.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pyle and family returned home last night from a ten days outing at Lake Okoboji.

—Isaac Leighton and daughter Clara of Neosha, Mo., arrived here this morning for an extended visit at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Geo. Jewett and family.

—Rev. C. H. Kamphoefner leaves tomorrow to attend the Methodist district conference and camp meeting at Stratford.

Naval Reserves Called by Britain. New York, Aug. 3.—All British army and navy reservists in America are to be called out. Instructions to this effect were received here yesterday from the British foreign office by Acting Consul General Nosworthy. Many of the reservists it is expected will sail for England on the steamer Lusitania next Tuesday.

Drowned Near Iowa City. Iowa City, Ia., Aug. 3.—Carl Reese, aged 18, was drowned yesterday forenoon about 10 o'clock at Midriver fourteen miles northwest of Iowa City. He was wading in the shallow water near the rifle range and went out of his depth into a deep hole. Reese was a member of the local Company I.

Train Kills Vail Woman. Denison, Ia., Aug. 3.—Mrs. Albert Krahl of Vail was instantly killed when the Chicago & Northwestern fast mail struck her as she was crossing the tracks at the Vail station.