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## A GENERAL EUROPEAN WAR HAS BEEN DECLARED

### ENGLAND, RUSSIA AND FRANCE ON ONE SIDE; GERMANY AND AUSTRIA-HUNGARY ON THE OTHER.

Latest advices from Europe show that a general war is in progress. The first country to declare war was that of Austria-Hungary against Serbia, and Russia immediately notified Austria-Hungary that she would not permit the despoilation of Serbia. Then Germany rushed to the support of Austria-Hungary and declared war with Russia and France. No sooner had Germany declared war than she began the movement of troops, some toward Russia and others into France, penetrating Belgium in getting her armies into French territory. Then England was appealed to by Belgium to maintain her neutrality and Germany refusing to accede to the demand of England and get out and stay out of Belgium, England declared war against Germany. Thus it is that all Europe is one vast battle field with millions of men being hurried into battle.

Reports so far indicate but little fighting, one engagement having taken place between the Germans and Belgians in which the Germans were repulsed and a sea fight between French and Germans in which the latter lost a cruiser by being sunk and had two war ships captured.

All the available troops in each of the countries at war have been mobilized and are being hurried to strategic points or to places to repel the invasion which is threatened. It is not expected that any great battles will be fought for some days yet as none of the armies is in position to offer or give battle. The days are being utilized in hurrying the troops to the different places in preparation for what is to eventually come.

The relative strength of the countries are: Germany, 5,500,000 soldiers and a navy of 325 vessels of all kinds; Austria-Hungary, 2,500,000 soldiers and a navy of no consequence; France, 4,000,000 soldiers; Russia, 5,200,000 soldiers; England 750,000 soldiers; Serbia 240,000 soldiers and a combined navy of over 1200 vessels of all kinds. This gives the nations opposed to Germany and Austria a much larger land force and a navy almost so much greater as to be beyond comparison.

England has already voted a war budget of \$585,000,000 and Germany \$1,250,000,000, these vast sums showing the tremendous cost which the war is expected to total. From reliable sources it has been estimated that the total cost per day now is \$54,000,000 and should the war not last longer than the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 it will total in excess of \$5,000,000,000, to say nothing of such war indemnities as may be exacted by the victors.

In Serbia, where the fight started, the Austrians captured Belgrade, the capital, without opposition, the Servians fleeing to Nish where the seat of government has been established. The Austrians attempted an advance but have been repulsed at

every point by the stubborn fighting of the Servians. Lately Austria has abandoned the attempt against Serbia and is advancing toward Russia in search of larger game or with the intention of heading off the Russian advance.

The outcome of the first great battle is awaited with interest, as the result will develop the strength or weakness of the fighting forces.

The towns of Vise and Argenteau in Belgium have been captured by the Germans and set on fire, the victors killing those of the population who resisted. The Belgian minister of war cabled England that the German invasion was being successfully resisted with small loss to the Belgians as compared with the German loss.

A Russian aeroplane was destroyed in mid-air by shots fired by Austrian soldiers, killing two officers in the machine.

Reports of a naval battle off the coast of Maine comes from heavy firing heard at Portland. It is believed that the shots were in the vicinity of Seguin island as it is known that three German cruisers, three British and two French are on the Atlantic coast.

Confirmation has been received of the destruction of the German cruiser Panther, and the capture of the German cruisers Geoben and Breslau, by the French off the coast of Algiers.

England announces that another war loan of \$500,000,000 will be asked.

President Wilson has cabled each of the monarchs of the warring nations, offering his good offices now or at any time needed, to bring the war to a close.

The German losses in the battle at Liege, Belgium, Wednesday estimated at 8000.

Two German cruisers pursuing Lusitania sunk by British ship.

### MONTANA FARMERS AND THE MONTANA STATE FAIR

From the 1914 premium list, issued by the Montana State Fair Board, it would seem that there are plenty of inducements for Montana farmers to make their lands produce crops of the kind that are found only in Montana, i. e., the best in the world both as to quantity and quality. Any number of prizes are offered for the best exhibits of the many and various products of Montana soil. There are several that ought to tempt even the farmer who never tried for a prize of any kind in his life.

The Montana State Fair Board is offering the largest and most valuable premium ever put up by a state fair. They are going to give away a \$1400.00 automobile for the best five sheaves of wheat and one bushel of wheat raised in Montana in 1914 and displayed at the state fair—Sept. 21-26. This is certainly something worth trying for. Some of us would do a whole lot to enjoy the privilege of riding around the country in a \$1400 roadster whenever it happened to be our sweet will to do so. We hope that some of our progressive

ranchers in this locality will get busy and submit exhibits that will bring this car "home" as we would mind being invited for a joy ride in it once in a while.

Aside from the automobile offered by the State Fair, there are still a few more items in the list that are worthy of more than ordinary effort on the part of the exhibitors. The International Harvester Company of America is offering the second largest prize for farm products, in the form of a 3 1-4 inch Columbus Mountain wagon, fully equipped, value \$135.00. This wagon has a reputation for quality and all around service and is a prize that ought to prove quite popular, as every farmer can always use a wagon to good advantage. It is listed as "Lot 2" in the premium catalog and is to be given away for the best bushel of hard wheat, any variety, raised and submitted by a Montana farmer.

Numerous other special prizes, the value of which totals several thousand dollars, will also be given in the 18 divisions as outlined in the 1914 catalog which has been sent out by Secretary A. J. Breitenstein, of the Fair.

### MANY DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES HERE

The Ronan Democratic club held an open meeting at the opera house in Ronan last Saturday evening, and all the candidates before the people for nomination by that party were invited to attend. Twelve candidates, all told, put in appearance, including the local candidate, D. N. Mason. There were Arthur Higgins, Hugh Kelley, Louis Kennedy and Albert Marion, all wanting to be sheriff, Clarence Prescott and Frank Nelson, candidates for county commissioner, E. C. McCarthy and Harry Y. Gephart, for treasurer, Albert Besancon for county attorney, W. J. Babington for county clerk and recorder, John H. Helfrich for county auditor, and Dan Currie for assessor, who had places on the platform, while Hon. John H. Tolan made the speech of the evening. The weather was so sultry it was a difficult matter to induce people to go inside and listen to as entertaining a talker as Mr. Tolan, but quite a number, many of them being ladies and republicans, gave strict attention to what he had to say.

John N. Bailey, president of the local club, presided and in a short introductory speech presented Mr. Tolan. Mr. Bailey makes a good presiding officer and filled the position creditably.

Mr. Tolan's speech was short and aside from his remarks of a local nature, was devoted to a review of what President Wilson had accomplished during his term of office. Necessarily much of it was apologetic, but he predicted that the next two years would show much accomplished for the great good of the country.

After the speaking the hall was cleared and dancing occupied the attention of those who indulge in this pastime until long after midnight.

The candidates were busy much of the day and all evening in building their fences to hold the voters within their enclosures

on the 25th inst., the date of the primary election. Some of the candidates were here early that day, while others arrived a little after six in the evening. Several returned to Missoula that night but others remained until Sunday morning.

The meeting was a success from a democratic standpoint, and the club is to be congratulated on the manner in which everything was carried out.

### MINERAL COUNTY VOTE 590 TO 50

The election held in Mineral county last Saturday resulted in the county being created by a vote of 590 for to 50 against. Superior was chosen as the temporary county seat by a vote of 220, to St. Regis 200, Alberton 152, DeBorgia 74, thus placing Superior and St. Regis in the race in November when a vote will be taken to determine the permanent location.

Those elected as the first officers of the new county are:

State senator—O. G. Willett.  
Representative—Frank Mills.  
Sheriff—A. F. Klagman.  
Treasurer—O. J. Lien.  
County Clerk—Joseph D. Dwyer.

Clerk of Court—Geo. L. Dean.  
Assessor—Joseph A. Mayo.  
Superintendent of Schools—M. Leota Wright.

Surveyor—Ray Lieb.  
Public Administrator—DeVern Wilkinson.

County Commissioner, two year term—William F. Thorn.

County Commissioner, four year term—Eugene Keesey.

County Commissioner, six year term—Frank J. Luedke.

Another new county was created in Montana on the same date as Mineral county voted, it being Wibaux, in the extreme eastern portion. Wibaux was selected as the county seat and the vote was favorable to the new county by 92 per cent. J. C. Kinney was elected state senator.

### Leon News

Mrs. A. W. Nelson proved a charming hostess to the members of the Worth While society last Thursday. After the business session little Nellie Marcy on behalf of the society presented Mrs. Loewenstein with a beautiful casserole. Mrs. Loewenstein is a recent bride and a social favorite and the members wanted to show their appreciation and the high esteem in which she is held. The recipient, although taken by surprise, was equal to the occasion and thanked the ladies for their kindness. It was one of the most delightful afternoons the society has spent during the summer. During the social hour dainty refreshments were served. The meeting next week will be at the home of Mrs. Lee.

Miss Mae Patterson, who lived here formerly, spent the past week visiting Mrs. Frank Lee. A number of social events were given in her honor.

The Poindexter camping party returned last Saturday. They camped at Flathead lake, attended the Chautauqua and report a most enjoyable outing.

Mrs. Geo. Beckwith has issued invitations to all the ladies to attend a suffrage meeting at her home Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Geo. W. Williams who has been dangerously ill in a Kalispell hospital with pneumonia, is reported as being much improved.

Chas. Oleson, while digging post holes on the Robt. Bennett ranch, found a spring of pure clear water. Mr. Bennett will immediately have it piped to the house for bath room and other purposes.

The Misses Rich were among the local people who were in the hold-up in the Yellowstone park last week, but report they did not lose any money. Advices from friends in the east who were in the party state they lost a small amount. The travelers' checks they carried cannot be cashed except by payee and the bandits, according to the account of the deed, took only cash.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Sukovsky arrived last week from Minneapolis and will visit several days at the ranch.

### Mrs. Wilson Sick

Yesterday's press dispatches state that Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of President Wilson, was dangerously ill at the White House and that she could live but a few hours.

She has been sick about four months and a complication of nervous ailments and Bright's disease have sapped her vitality.

A bulletin received late yesterday says that Mrs. Wilson is being kept alive by the use of oxygen.

### BOYS AND GIRLS AT SPOKANE FAIR

### Education and Amusement of Children Strongly Considered In Arranging Program For Nine Days.

Education and amusement for the child at the Spokane Fair go hand in hand with the endeavors to produce better farms and efficient farmers in the Inland Empire. The 1914 Fair promises more ideas and more fun for the children than ever in the history of the institution. A liberal list of prizes in all departments and numerous amusement and athletic features make the children's departments at the fair very inviting for youths of all ages.

Among the departments where prizes are offered at the Fair this year is the School Garden Contest, which is under the direction of Professor Thomas A. Bonser, E 1427 Providence Avenue, Spokane. All the children's exhibits must be in place at the Fair grounds by noon, Sept. 12, and all children bringing work or products for display purposes will be admitted free that morning. There are over \$300 cash prizes offered in this department, and the entire contest has been arranged in connection with the Washington State Boys and Girls' Agricultural Contest. One of the special prizes offered in this department is a registered Jersey bull calf to the boy or girl exhibiting the best Jersey heifer calf, grade or pure bred, over three months and under a year in age. The calf must be raised and attended to exclusively by the exhibitor.

### Three Children's Days.

There will be three Children's days, Saturday, Sept. 12; Monday, Sept. 14, and Saturday, Sept. 19. On all these days the admission charge for children will be 10 cents, and in order to further interest the children the management this year will sell a season ticket for 50 cents. This will admit them every day in the week.

For the children as well as the older visitors to the fair the management this year will offer an animal show, which will be entertaining for everybody. The three trained elephants with the Patterson shows, Captain Webb's performing seals, which are by far the most clever and interesting of all animals, and the famous Dutton riding act will furnish three acts which the children will thoroughly enjoy. Added to these will be the feats of the cowboys and cowgirls that accompany the Irwin Wild West Show, which will put on "Frontier Days" every evening during the week. These are only a few of the special stunts that will be offered for the entertainment of young and old.

### EARTHQUAKE SHOCK FELT IN RONAN

A very distinct earthquake shock occurred here yesterday at just 1:45 p. m. and lasted several seconds. The buildings shook and rocked perceptibly and the people rushed outdoors to ascertain the cause of the rumbling.

It seemed just like some heavy vehicle was crossing the walk and had bumped heavily into the building. The windows rattled and the shock was so strong as to cause some fear among more timid ones.

### INCREASED PRIZES FOR DAIRY CATTLE

### Bovine Milk Producers Recognized by Montana State Fair.

Montana as a dairy state will be properly recognized at the 1914 Montana State Fair, Sept. 21-26, when an increase of \$1,000 in prizes will be made in the Dairy division over the amount offered in 1913.

Through the generosity of the American Jersey Cattle club and Dr. W. P. Mills of Missoula, whose special prizes total \$270, the Jersey class reaches a higher amount than in any other division. The state fair offers \$657 in twenty-four lots, making a total of \$853 to be awarded to the Jersey breeds. The state fair offers a similar sum of \$657 in the Holstein division, which, with the added \$50

given by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, totals \$707. With \$479 given by the fair and an added \$29 from the Brown-Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association, the Brown-Swiss type will be eligible for \$500 in prizes. With \$479 each in the Guernsey and Ayrshire classes and \$50 for grade cows the grand total offered for 1914 by the Montana State Fair reaches \$3,140.

Besides the prizes offered for animals in the Dairy Cattle division, there are numerous awards in the Butter and Cheese division, one of which is that offered for the two-day milk and butterfat test, including two first prizes of \$25 and two secondary awards of \$15 each. To the housewife receiving the highest score on dairy butter made from a single herd of cows a No. 4 Tubular A Separator will be given. This is donated by the Sharpless Separator company of Westchester, Pa., and is valued at \$75. Various awards will also be made for creamery butter, dairy butter and cheese, the total prizes aggregating \$500.

The most gratifying development from the Inland Empire Immigration Campaign initiated by the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, is the fact that many of the largest land holders have shown a willingness to break up their large holdings, and sell to new settlers on easy terms in almost every community in the Big Bend country, the Palouse, the sections north of Spokane, Northern Idaho and Western Montana, the land owners seem to have realized the necessity of some active effort being made to attract more people to make land more productive. The result of this sentiment has been that the listing committees in each locality have been able to report satisfactory lists of land offerings for use in the general campaign.

The first book of land listings of the Inland Empire will be used to cover the fair circuits of the middle western states which begin the latter part of August. The Immigration display exhibits of the products of the Inland Empire; and the lists of land offerings will be distributed among the people who are apt to be interested in the farming land of this section of the country.

The lists of land offerings forwarded to the Spokane Chamber of Commerce will enable the general immigration committee of the Inland Empire to do effective work along this line, as it has the fine combination of good farm lands at reasonable prices and on easy terms.

The communities that have given active attention to the matter of completing their land listings are bound to be benefited from the coming of new farmers and their families, as a result of the campaign that will be conducted the balance of this year and all of next.