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REAR AND SIXTEENTH STREETS

GERMANY GIVES RUSSIA 24 HOURS FOR EXPLANATION

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diplomatic circles to have reached a point where the slightest false move would set millions of armed men in motion.

Will Attack Kaiser in Far East.
PEKING, China, July 30.—The German troops forming the guard at Tien Tsin made preparations today to proceed to Tating Tau, which, it is understood, will be attacked from the sea by the British fleet immediately on the declaration of war in case it should occur.

The protection of foreigners throughout China in case of necessity, will therefore largely depend on the American and Japanese fleets of the foreign troops at the treaty ports.

Activity at Halifax.
HALIFAX, N. S., July 30.—There were indications here today of great activity on the part of the garrison at Halifax, after the receipt, it is reported, of a dispatch from the war office in London.

The Royal Canadian field artillery of both companies stationed in the citadel were taken to the forts on transports. A special train will bring back the Royal Canadian Rifles, stationed in Aldershot, late this afternoon, and it is expected that when these troops arrive the infantry will be held in readiness for any contingency. It is reported that the artillery will immediately man the forts in the harbor.

SEEK TO AVERT CONFLICT

Rulers and Statesmen Busy Planning to Prevent War.

BULLETIN.
BERLIN, July 30.—State railway employees, armed with carbines and ball cartridges, were placed on duty today at all the railroad bridges and culverts throughout Germany.

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BERLIN, July 30.—Grand Duke Ernest of Hesse, brother of Empress Elizabeth Feodorovna of Russia, was sent by Emperor William to St. Petersburg today in a last endeavor to arrange peace.

BULLETIN.
THE HAGUE, Holland, July 30.—Holland today called all the army reserves, frontier guards and coast guards to the colors.

BULLETIN.
LONDON, July 30.—Several sections of the British defense force were called to duty today on the east and south coasts to relieve the regulars in guarding the bridges and railroad sidings and manning the coast defenses.

BULLETIN.
BERLIN, July 30.—The reserve officers of the Guards army corps, whose headquarters are in Berlin, today received orders to mobilize.

BULLETIN.
LONDON, July 30.—While Austrian invaders and Serbian troops were fighting the opening stages of their war on Serbian territory today, European statesmen and rulers were engaged in what they regarded as the almost hopeless task of trying to avert a general clash of the millions composing the armies of the Great European powers.

Sir Edward Grey, a central figure in the controversy, owing to his strong efforts to keep the powers of the triple alliance and the triple entente from trying at each other's throat, was not able to give any cheering news when he spoke about the crisis to the members of the House of Commons.

The British foreign secretary said: "I regret that I cannot say the situation is less grave than it was yesterday. The outstanding issue is the Serbian peace and for this purpose we are keeping in close touch with the other powers. In this keeping in touch we have, I am glad to say, had no difficulty so far with the other powers, although it has not been possible for those powers to

join in diplomatic action as was proposed on Monday last."

Home Rule Bill Postponed.

Premier Asquith also spoke of the extreme gravity of the situation. When announcing to the House of Commons the postponement of the second reading of the bill to amend the Irish home rule bill he said:

"We meet today under conditions of gravity which are almost unparalleled in the experience of any one of us.

"The issues of peace and war are hanging in the balance, and with us in the risk of a catastrophe of which it is impossible to measure either the dimensions or the effects.

"In these circumstances it is of vital importance in the interests of the whole world that this country, which has no interests of its own directly at stake, should present a united front and be able to speak and to act with authority as an individual nation.

"If we were to proceed today with the amending bill we should inevitably—in the debate we conducted in an artificial tone—be involved in acute controversies in regard to domestic differences, whose importance to ourselves, none is disposed to belittle.

"I need not say more than that such a use of our time at such a moment may have an injurious, and lastingly injurious, effect on the international situation.

"Mr. Bonar Law, leader of the opposition, shares to the full the views I have expressed. We therefore propose to postpone for the present the second reading of the amending bill without prejudice to its future in the hope that by the postponement of this discussion the patriotism of all parties will contribute to what lies in our power, if not to avert, to at least circumscribe, the calamity which threatens the whole world."

Mr. Asquith's reference to all parties calling to the support of the government were heartily cheered by all the members.

The British foreign office, whose suggestion of a conference of the ambassadors in London of the great powers, has now invited Germany to suggest some diplomatic way out of the difficulty which will meet the approval of Austria-Hungary, and a reply is expected at any moment.

Japan May Join in Conflict.
Preparations for a possible general European war went on steadily today in every country likely to be involved and the complications of the situation were augmented by a rumor that Japan also might join in the conflict.

Following the partial mobilization of the Russian army, a step which that country officially announced to Germany and Austria-Hungary, an order was issued by Germany today to all the officers and men of its reserve forces to hold themselves in readiness for a call to arms.

England also has begun taking precautions. Its fleet has been ordered on a war footing and the scattered vessels of the navy are being brought back to their bases. The Mediterranean fleet, which reached Malta today, found lighters waiting there loaded with coal, which was at once taken on board the warships so that they could be moved in any quarter without delay.

All the members of the Metropolitan police, which is a government force, have been recalled from leave, as the men will be required to guard the government stock yards and magazines in case the regular guards should have to join their regiments.

Stock Markets Stagnated.

The stock markets throughout Europe, where they were not closed, showed utter stagnation.

"As to what is going on in the fighting zone, the strict censorship prevents any details coming through. Reports, however, were in circulation that a battle had taken place in Bosnia on Austrian territory between the Austrian troops and the Serbians, and had resulted in great slaughter. Another report told of the fall and burning of the Serbian capital. Still another told of an Austrian attack on the Montenegrins at Mount Lovchen, overlooking Cattaro.

The British war office today declared there was no truth in the report published in the United States that the British territorial troops had been ordered to mobilize.

KAISER IN TALKING PEACE

German Foreign Office Admits Situation is Critical.

BERLIN, July 30.—At the German Foreign office it was stated that efforts to

wards the maintenance of peace were still in progress and that Germany had not yet ordered the mobilization of its forces. Representative officials at the foreign office declared that the situation had grown worse today instead of better. They pointed out that the mobilization of the Russian army at a time when Austria-Hungary had not moved a man toward the Russian frontier could only be interpreted in one way, and that was that Russia was determined to support Serbia.

It was added that France also was known to be making secret military preparations, and that although Germany has not yet mobilized, it was questionable whether it could remain inactive much longer in face of the military preparations on its borders.

Major General Erich von Falkenhayn, German minister of war, and Lieutenant General Count Helmuth von Moltke, chief of the German general staff, had a long conference today with Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, Prince Henry of Prussia, the emperor's brother, and several of the imperial ministers, who assembled at the chancellor's palace. Rumors were current that the first German army corps, with headquarters at Koenigsberg, had been mobilized, and that a call had been issued for a session of the federal council, which is composed of representatives of the states of Germany.

The proceedings at the imperial conference at Potsdam yesterday under the presidency of Emperor William have been kept a close secret.

It is known that no steps have been taken toward the mobilization of the German navy. The battle squadrons are concentrated at Kiel and Wilhelmshaven and are still on a normal footing and none of the reserve ships have been manned, according to the admiralty. Everything, however, is in instant readiness for bringing the navy up to war strength should the call come.

As to the German army in addition to the precautionary movements of smaller units toward the Russian and French frontiers, the men composing the supplementary reserve, which consists of those who escaped service in the army, are reported to have received instructions to report for drill three days after the mobilization in case it should be ordered.

Some officers in close touch with the situation guardedly expressed the opinion today that the next twenty-four hours would see a decision of the question of peace or war.

Dispatches from the provinces show that the greatest agitation exists in many places. The residents of the fortified town of Straasburg, on the French frontier, have started laying in provisions in case of a siege, while the common council of the town has taken measures to check the enormous increases in the prices of food.

FRANCE NEAR WAR FOOTING

Everything Done Short of Actual Mobilization.

PARIS, July 30.—President Poincaré presided over a meeting of the French cabinet this morning at which the European war situation exclusively was considered. The cabinet is to hold daily councils while the international crisis lasts.

Every military preparation short of mobilization has now been made in France. The principal railroad stations and all the signal boxes and switches are today guarded by troops.

Rumors of the widest nature were in circulation today that President Poincaré had decided to call up 900,000 men of the French army reserve. A strongly worded denial of this was issued, together with assurances that drastic measures would be taken against those spreading such reports. The government is working in close co-operation with the principal newspapers to reassure the public.

At the same time a veil is being kept over military operations, as during the war in 1870 the Germans are said to have obtained a great advantage from the information printed in the French press.

Cabinet Council in Berlin.

BERLIN, July 30.—The public was anxiously awaiting late tonight the result of a cabinet council held today on the Austro-Serbian situation, but nothing was reported to relieve the suspense.

Information was also anxiously awaited concerning telegrams exchanged between Emperor William and Emperor Nicholas, but here, too, hopes were blasted. The public, nevertheless, still sees a favorable augury in the interchange of telegrams itself.

Meanwhile news continues to pour into Berlin regarding Russia's military measures.

CHICAGO MARKET IS EXCITED

Wheat Jumped Seven Cents in the First Minute.

CHICAGO, July 30.—Wheat today jumped up 7 cents a bushel in the first minute of trading. The December option, which closed at 91 cents last night, sold immediately today at 98 cents. Prices were 2 cents apart in different sections of the pit at the same moment.

After a lull such as has been seldom witnessed in the market under any circumstances prices began a steady advance and soon touched an extreme of almost 3 cents on the May option, nearly equalling the record of the day on which war was declared. May wheat sold at \$1.06, as against 96c last night.

Prospects for a general war seemed to deprive the market here of sellers, but values reacted about 2 cents all around from the top level, reached shortly after the opening.

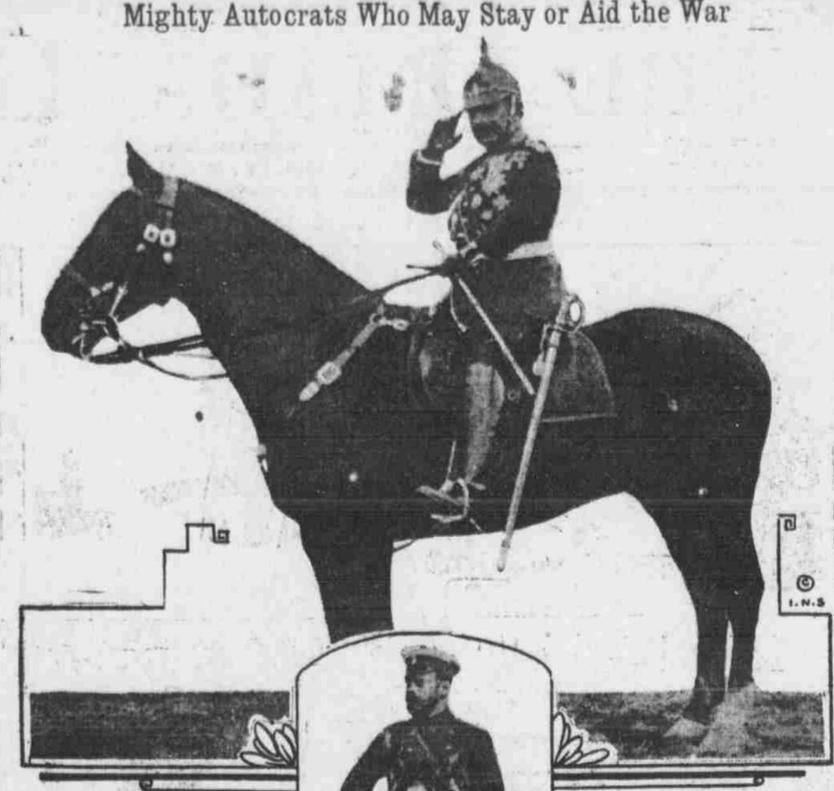
For the first time the corn market joined in the extraordinary advance shown by wheat. September corn rose 3 cents a bushel. Oats and provisions also climbed, but only in a moderate way.

Dispatches from other speculative grain centers, such as Minneapolis, Kansas City and St. Louis, told of unusual upheavals in prices, but hardly to the same extent as the Chicago market.

Rumors that Germany and Russia had severed diplomatic relations caused a fresh burst of excitement in the wheat pit just before midday. In a few minutes prices had surpassed the early high level by more than a cent.

Despite the increased strain of today's big advance, on top of the extraordinary rise day before yesterday, the clearing house reported that all firms had met their obligations.

The wheat market closed almost in a state of collapse. Seemingly complete paralysis of export demand was responsible for the weakness of prices at the close, when values were down 3 cents a bushel from earlier high figures. The rise in war risks on the ocean, making shipments unprofitable



seemed to be what but a stop to buying on foreign account. Jumps in price at one time today were fully 5c.

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If you have ever used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy you know that it is a success. Sam P. Guin, "Whittier," Ala., writes, "I had measles and got caught out in the rain, and it settled in my stomach and bowels. I had an awful time, and had it not been for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I could not possibly have lived but a few hours longer, but thanks to this remedy, I am now well and strong." For sale by all druggists.—Advertisement.

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See real estate columns for bargains.

Department Orders.
WASHINGTON, July 30.—Special Telegram.—Nebraska pensions granted: Sophie D. J. Beck, Riverton, \$5.

On the recommendation of Democratic Congressman Wade, Dr. W. C. Kennedy and Hugh Mullarky have been appointed pension surgeons at Manson, Ia. Postmasters appointed: Nebraska—Dean Cherry county, Elmer E. Wheeler, vice Marion Fairchild, resigned; Warren, Garden county, Victor D. Rickard, vice Caleb W. Gault, resigned. South Dakota—La Croix, Bennett county, Ross Wolf, vice Peter E. Skalinder, removed. Wyoming—Big Horn, Sheridan county, Lulu



WILLIAM OF GERMANY. NICHOLAS OF RUSSIA.

F. Swain, vice Ruth Conley, resigned. The post office at Elnand, Mahaska county, Iowa, has been discontinued; mail to Hussey. The comptroller of the currency has re-extended the charter of the People's National bank of Independence, Ia., to July 28, 1914.



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- 100 pairs Women's Patent and kid low heel Lace Oxfords, \$3.00 values..... **\$1.00**

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