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PROCLAMATION OF NEUTRALITY ISSUED BY PRESIDENT WILSON CONCERNING EUROPEAN WAR.

United States is on Terms of Friendship and Amity with the Contending Parties and all Persons are Forbidden Under Severe penalties of aiding or abetting any of the Warring Countries in the Prosecution of the War.

Associated Press Dispatch 4th. President Wilson today issued a proclamation of neutrality.

The proclamation, after setting forth that "a state of war unhappily exists between Austria-Pungary and Serbia and between Germany and Russia," and that "the United States is on terms of friendship and amity with the contending powers, and with the persons inhabiting their several dominions," forbids, under severe penalties, the performances of these acts within the territory and jurisdiction of the United States.

PROVISIONS OF NEUTRALITY.
"1. Accepting and exercising a commission to serve either of the said belligerents by land or by sea against the other belligerents.

"2. Enlisting or entering into the service of either of the said belligerents as a soldier, or as a marine, or seaman on board any vessel of war, letter or marque, or privateer.

"3. Hiring or retaining another person to enlist or enter himself in the service of either of the said belligerents as a soldier, or as a marine, or seaman on board of any vessels of war, letter or marque, or privateer.

"4. Hiring another person to go beyond the limits or jurisdiction of the United States with intent to be enlisted as aforesaid.

"5. Hiring another person to go beyond the limits of the United States with intent to be entered into service as aforesaid.

"6. Retaining another person to go beyond the limits of the United States with intent to be enlisted as aforesaid.

"7. Retaining another person to go beyond the limits of the United States with intent to be entered into service as aforesaid.

(But the said act is not to be construed to extend to a citizen or subject of either belligerent who, being transiently within the United States, shall, on board of any vessel of war, which, at the time of its arrival within the United States was fitted and equipped, as such vessel of war, enlist or enter himself or hire or retain another subject or citizen of the same belligerent, who is transiently within the United States to enlist or enter himself to serve such belligerent on board such vessel of war, if the United States shall then be at peace with such belligerent.)

"8. Fitting out and arming or attempting to fit out and arm or procuring to be fitted out and armed or knowingly being concerned in the furnishing, fitting out or arming of any ship or vessel with intent that such ship or vessel shall be employed in the service of either of said belligerents.

"9. Issuing or delivering a commission within the territory of jurisdiction of the United States for any ship or vessel to the intent that she may be employed as aforesaid.

"10. Increasing or augmenting, or procuring to be increased or augmented, or knowingly being concerned in increasing or augmenting, the force of any ship of war, cruiser, or other armed vessel, which at the time of her

THE CRIME OF THE CENTURY.

(Asheville Citizen.)

The unseemly haste with which the German "war lord" precipitated what promises to be a general European war must stand as a lasting indictment of the imperial braggart who has been plotting for just such a development for the last quarter of a century. Fretting and fuming, snorting and ranting, the bully of Europe has bided his time, waiting for the psychological moment to strike at Russia and France, particularly the former. Nor can we doubt that in his greedy reckonings and dreams of greater power he has inwardly snarled at England's supremacy in the Mediterranean, and has longed to overthrow it. His dreams of empire have embraced the whole earth, and now, with Russia agitated by labor strikes, France, torn by political dissensions and England wrestling with the Irish problem, Wilhelm, boot and spurred, seizes upon what he regards as the opportune time and fires his gun.

While, of course, the blame for the present bloody conflict must lie primarily with the war party in Austria who egged on a doddering old emperor, future history must write the German "war lord" as being guilty of engineering the frightful calamity which now threatens the whole world. Emperor Wilhelm's hasty and presumptuous treatment of Russia was no less reprehensible than the conduct of the American government in its declaration of war against Serbia, and he must be held responsible before humanity for wanton bloodshed and slaughter.

Not only will this wholly unwarranted war stand as an indictment of the German and Austrian emperors but it must forever rank as a reflection on European civilization. The whole question an insignificant one, could easily have been settled by arbitration, where it must end, after all, when thousands and thousands of lives have been lost and millions of money wasted. When Wilhelm has been beaten to his feet, and with Austria sue for peace, he will doubtless realize that moral principle is more to be desired and cultivated than the idolatrous worship of militarism.

Summer Constipation Dangerous.

Constipation in Summer-time is more dangerous than in the Fall, Winter or Spring. The food you eat is often contaminated and is more likely to ferment in your stomach. Then you are apt to drink much cold water during the hot weather, thus injuring your stomach. Colic, Fever, Ptoimaine Poisoning and other ills are natural results. Po-Do-Lax will keep you well, as it increases the bile, of natural laxative, which rids the bowels of the congested poisonous waste. Po-Do-Lax will make you feel better. Pleasant and effective. Take a dose to-night. 50c at all Drug-gists.

arrival within the United States, was a ship of war, cruiser, or armed vessel in the service of either of the said belligerents, or belonging to the subjects of either, by adding to the number of guns of such vessel, or by changing those on board of her, for guns of a larger calibre, or by the addition thereto of any equipment applicable to war.

"11. Beginning or setting on foot or providing or preparing the means for any military expedition or enterprise to be carried on from the territory or jurisdiction of the United States against the territories or domains of either of the said belligerents."

BELGIANS KILL THOUSANDS WHEN GERMANS ATTACK FORT

First Big Battle of the War--Army of the Meuse Under Von Emmich was Repelled by Liege With Heavy Loss to Attacking Forces--Belgian Loss Slight.

Brussels, via Paris, Aug. 6.—1:38 a. m.—Several thousand dead and wounded is the toll paid by the German Army of the Meuse for its attack on Liege. The Belgians made a heroic defense, repulsing the Germans after heavy and continuous fighting.

The fortified position of Liege had to support on Wednesday the general shock of the German attack. The Belgian forts resisted the advance fiercely and did not suffer. One Belgian squadron attacked and drove back six German squadrons.

Eight hundred wounded Germans are being transferred to the city of Liege where they will be cared for.

Prior to the attack on Liege General Von Emmich, commanding the German Army of the Meuse, issued a proclamation calling for an open road through Belgium for the advance of his forces and suggesting that prudence would show it to be the duty of the Belgian people to accede to this to avoid the horrors of war.

The Germans committed repressions against the civil population of the town of Vise, burning the city and shooting many residents.

Brussels, via London, Aug. 6.—Official dispatches report that the Belgians have repulsed all attacks by the Germans in the neighborhood of Liege. The Belgians delivered a vigorous counter-attack, killing all the Germans who had passed the forts.

The fortifications afforded admirable resistance to German shells. Evigne Fort, which was in action all day was absolutely unharmed. The Belgian aviators proved every whit as good as the Germans. Several civilians have been shot at Vise and the town has been burned.

Brussels, via Paris, Aug. 5.—Gen. Von Emmich, commanding the German Army of the Meuse, has issued the following proclamation to the Belgian people:

"To my great regret the German troops have been forced to cross the frontier. Belgian neutrality already having been violated by French officers, who, disguised, entered the country in automobiles. Our greatest desire is to avoid a conflict between people who always have been friends and once allies. Remember Waterloo, where the German armies helped to found our country's independence.

"But we must have free passage. The destruction of bridges, tunnels or railroads must be considered as hostile acts. I hope the German Army of the Meuse will not be called on to fight you. We wish for an open road to attack those who attack us. I guarantee that the Belgian population will not have to suffer the horrors of war. We will pay for provisions and our soldiers will show themselves to be the best friends of a people for whom we have the greatest esteem and the deepest sympathy.

Your prudence and patriotism will show you that it is your duty to prevent your country from being plunged into the horrors of war."

Brussels, Via London, Aug. 5.—The German forces are reported to have been checked by the line of forts in the province of Liege.

"The German troops attempted to cross the River Meuse on a pontoon bridge but a sharp broadside by the batteries of the forts destroyed the bridge as soon as it was completed.

Later the invaders succeeded in crossing the river near Maestricht.

GERMAN EMBASSY WRECKED.

St. Petersburg, Via London, Aug. 5.—The German Embassy here was wrecked and a bonfire made of the furniture and pictures by an angry crowd today. The people were angered by the reports of what they deemed to be an indignity shown to the Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna by being stopped in Berlin from her arrival from London on her way to St. Petersburg and compelled by the German authorities to go to Copenhagen.

An entrance was forced by the crowd through the windows. Most of the rooms were wrecked and the furniture pitched into the streets.

A number of students and workmen climbed to the roof of the Embassy and tore the gold eagle from the top of the flag staff. They then ran up the Russian flag.

A massive statuary depicting a group of horses led by men was hacked to pieces with axes and the debris hurled into the canal. A bonfire was then made of the contents of the Embassy and an attempt was made to put a torch to the building but mounted police routed the rioters.

Another crowd later tried to repeat the performance at the Austrian Embassy but that building was too strongly guarded.

The body of a Russian footman is alleged by the authorities to have been found in the German Embassy. The man had been shot in the head and stabbed and had been dead for some days.

Through Senators Overman and Simmons, Geo. H. Bellamy, of Wilmington, has received the appointment as Special Agent in the census bureau as tobacco inspector. It pays about seven dollars per day.

INDICTMENT OF CIVILIZATION.

(Charlotte News.)

The nations now engaged in warfare in Europe are capable of marshalling over seventeen million men in the field.

The very size of the war is appalling. One can not take in its far reaching significance.

The News has already expressed the opinion that such a war is out of keeping with the spirit of Christian civilization; that it was needlessly called; that the issues involved were trivial in comparison to the horrible results likely to follow, and that these issues could have been settled by peaceful means.

Under the caption quoted above the New York World sums the matter up forcibly in the following:

"In Niema there is a doddering old man, the offspring of a tainted house, who sits on the throne of the dual empire.

"In St. Petersburg there is a weak, well-meaning neurotic who by the accident of birth happened to be the czar of all the Russians.

"In Berlin there is a brilliant, talented, ambitious manipulator of politics who is German emperor by grace of the genius of Bismarck, Moltke and Roan.

"Of these three men only the one in Berlin has more than mediocre abilities; yet the three are permitted to play with the lives of millions of men, with property worth thousands of millions of dollars, with the commerce and industry and prosperity and laws and institutions not merely of empires and kingdoms, but of continents. It is left to them to determine whether the world is to witness the most deadly and devastating war in all history."

Reps. Doughton, Goodwin and Stedman recently called on President Wilson and asked him to appoint Judge B. F. Long of Statesville to the United States Supreme Court Bench, assuring him that Judge Long would fill the position with great honor to the state and nation.

Infection And Insect Bites Dangerous.

Mosquitoes, flies and other insects which breed quickly in garbage pails, ponds of stagnant water, barns, musty places, etc., are carriers of disease. Every time the bite you, they inject poison into your system from which some dread disease may result. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment. It is antiseptic and a few drops will neutralize the infection caused by insect bites or rusty nails. Sloan's Liniment disinfects cuts, bruises and sores. You cannot afford to be without it in your home. Money back if not satisfied. Only 25c. at your druggist.

Lester, son of Mr. J. W. Duncan, of Alleghany county, took refuge from a storm under a straw stack and was killed by lightning.

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