

GERMAN RESERVES CALLED BLOOD FLOWS IN BALKANS

ENGLAND'S BANK INCREASES RATE

Step Taken as Protective Measure in View of Chaotic Conditions Caused by the Balkan Trouble.

GLOOM PREVAILS ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Several Failures Have Taken Place—Raid Made on Bank of England's Gold Supply.

London, July 30.—As had been anticipated the bank of England today raised its minimum rate of discount an entire point, making it four per cent. The step was taken as a protective measure in view of the chaotic conditions on the continent following the outbreak of war between Austria-Hungary and Servia and the almost general advance of the bank rates in continental centers.

By discounting bills freely during the past few days while ordinary sources for discounting were practically suspended and by arranging credit in connection with gold coming from New York while American exchange was so difficult to obtain, the bank of England considerably relieved the financial world. Now, however, that a raid is being made on its gold supplies by the continent of Europe the bank of England has found it necessary to take protective measures.

Something like \$5,000,000 in gold went out yesterday while France secured practically the whole of the \$3,000,000 which arrived from South Africa on Tuesday.

Absolute gloom prevailed today on the stock exchange. Yesterday's crop of failures and the fact that there was no improvement in the European crisis had a most depressing effect. Brokers stood about in groups waiting for something to turn up and declining to do any business. Quotations were somewhat under yesterday's figures but were purely nominal.

The hammer whose tapping on the desk announced failures on the exchange, was heard early today when the Devenburg company, with large continental connections, announced that it was unable to meet its obligations. All the failures thus far have been of firms which do continental business.

New York, July 30.—Officials of the New York exchange today said closing of the exchange had not been considered through yesterday it experienced one of the most severe tests in its history. Commenting on the stability of the market, H. G. S. Noble, president of the board said: "The fact that the New York stock exchange stood alone with a free and unrestricted market for securities is a tribute to the sound condition of American finance."

AUSTRO-SERB CLASH IN U. S.

Two Austrians Probably Fatally Injured by Crowd of Servians in Los Angeles California.

FOREIGNERS FIGHT IN JOILET STEEL MILLS

Austrians Invade Servian Mass Meeting and Riot Follows—Red Cross Active in The Situation.

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JAPAN MAY ENTER GENERAL CONFLICT

Germany Has Issued Orders To Officers of Reserve Guard In Berlin To Mobilize.

THE OTHER POWERS OF EUROPE ARE ALSO ACTIVE

The Situation Considered More Grave--Austrians and Servians Have Sustained Heavy Losses.

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

Rome, July 30.—Official circles here appeared today to have abandoned all hope of the efficacy of mediation in the European conflict. It was stated that the moment had now come for Germany to show whether she wanted and still wants war and it was argued that she alone could influence for peace.

St. Petersburg, July 30.—The Official Agency here today publishes a dispatch from Tokio quoting a newspaper there as expressing the view that in case of a general European war the participation of Japan as ally of Great Britain is possible.

London, July 30.—All foreign pupils at the big German schools were informed yesterday that they must leave Germany immediately.

London, July 30.—Preparations for a possible general European war went on steadily today in every country likely to be involved. The complications of the situation were augmented by a rumor that Japan also might join in the conflict.

on by the other powers so far as our information goes.

"We continue to pursue our one great object of preserving the European 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 difficulties 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."

Premier Asquith also spoke of the extreme gravity of the situation. When announcing to the house the postponement of the second reading of the bill to amend the Irish home rule.

England's 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 watched Malta today, found lighters waiting there loaded with coal which was at once taken on board the war vessels so they could be moved to any quarter without delay.

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

London, July 30.—A telegram received by the Servian legation says the Austrians attempting to cross the Danube 20 miles east of Belgrade were repulsed by the Servians and that a big artillery engagement is in progress.

Another message received by the Servian legation says the Servian troops successfully resisted the Austrian advance at Losniza to the west of Belgrade.

Nish, Servia, July 30.—The invading Austrian troops advanced today some twenty miles to the southward of Belgrade and an artillery duel was in progress this morning near Kicmicy and Semendria.

London July 30.—A newspaper dispatch from Rome says sharp resisting is being offered to the Austrian advance from the northwest by small detachments of Servian troops left to impede their progress. The news comes from Nish, Servia, by way of Salonki.

The Austro-Hungarian invaders followed the valley on the river Morava and first encountered a body of Servian troops at Semendria on the Servian side of the Danube. The Servians held their ground until night fall and then retired. Both Austrians and Servians sustained heavy losses several hundred soldiers being killed in the engagement.

On the western side of Servia an Austrian column came into contact with a Servian force at Losniza which put up a stubborn defense and held the fort there until dark inflicting heavy losses on the Austrians.

LUMBER RATES ARE CANCELLED

Southern's Revised Schedule For the Carolinas, Virginia And Tennessee Held Discriminatory.

SUCH IS RULING BY FEDERAL COMMISSION

Record Discloses Advances are More Numerous Than the Reductions, Says Commission Report.

Washington, July 30.—The Southern railway's revised schedule of lumber rates from producing regions in North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee to Virginia and points north and east today was cancelled by the interstate commerce commission. The proposed tariffs involved both increases and reductions and were held to be unjustly discriminatory against certain grades of lumber and certain destinations. The commission expressed no prejudice against the right of the carriers to present another plan of revision designed to bring about greater uniformity than now exists.

"It appears from the evidence," says the commission, "that the proposed revision was made solely for the purpose of bringing about a readjustment or realignment of the lumber rates to place all sections of the territory involved upon a uniform basis and that it was at no time intended to advance rates to secure additional revenue. The record discloses, however, that the advances are much more numerous than the reductions, the ratio being approximately 2 1/2 to 1. It is also evident that the advances affect principally lumber classified as 'oak and other kinds,' which comprised the larger percentage of the timber cut, and that the reductions apply principally on hemlock and spruce. Spruce lumber is obtained at comparatively few points, the principal tracts being located on the two lines of the Tennessee and North Carolina railroad at Crestmont and Canton and are owned by the interests of that railroad. Approximately 80 per cent of the lumber shipped by the Tennessee and North Carolina railroad is said to be hemlock and spruce and of this amount by far the greater portion is produced by the owners of the railroads.

"The propriety of the allowance made to the Tennessee and North Carolina railroad is not in issue here but apart from that it is certain that the revision of the rates proposed was made at the suggestion of the owners of that property, which are in competition with other operators in this territory and the record discloses a serious charge of discrimination in favor of the operators on the Tennessee and North Carolina."

COMPANY I WILL HOLD A REUNION AUGUST 8

Survivors of the Twenty-Fifth North Carolina Company Arrange Annual Rally

There will be a reunion of company I of the Twenty-fifth North Carolina regiment near the store of R. J. Gaston in Hominy on Saturday, August 8. There are about 40 survivors of this company in the section and preparations are being made for a gala event. Practically every member of the company now living is expected to be present.

BRYAN TO MOVE HERE AT ONCE

State Department Affairs to Be Directed From Asheville By Sec'y Bryan During the Summer.

WILL HAVE USE OF LEASED WIRE

Secretary May Sit on Front Porch and Follow European War—To Come Next Week.

Gazette-News Bureau Wyatt Building, Washington, July 30.

For the first time in the history of the government the affairs of the department of state will be directed from a North Carolina city when Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan reaches Asheville some time next week and establishes official headquarters for the department of which he is the official head. The secretary has arranged for the government to establish and maintain a special leased wire from Asheville to Washington in order that he may sit on his front porch and learn without difficulty just how the Mexican and European situation is progressing.

If the leased wire is maintained 12 hours during the day it will cost the United States government at the rate of \$6,379 a year and a fraction over \$5,000 for the night circuit, should one be maintained. This does not include the salaries of the telegraph operators and clerks who will go to Asheville to wait on Mr. Bryan.

Representative Godwin called at the treasury department to ask that some of the crop movement federal money assigned to Wilmington be allotted to the American National bank. Mr. Godwin was told that \$500,000 will be sent to Wilmington to be distributed in such way as the government thinks proper.

Mr. Godwin has appointed the following rural delivery carriers: J. D. Frink, Tarboro; R. E. Collier, Linden; and John W. Winter, at Castle Hayne.

Former Sheriff Jim Jordan and Charles H. Ireland, manager of the Odell Hardware company of Greensboro, are here on business.

Senator Overman has secured a position for Col. A. J. Fields, of Raleigh, in the department of Justice. Mr. Fields will be an inspectors' agent in connection with the investigation of trusts.

TWO GAME HERE TO DECIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

Association Boys and Morganton Will Battle For Honors August 10-11.

The picked baseball team of the Asheville Y. M. C. A. will play the Biltmore aggregation at Oates park tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The contest promises to be one of the best amateur exhibitions of the week as both teams are strong. The Biltmore boys have won five out of six games played this season and are confident of victory tomorrow. The association boys appear equally confident. Either Coleman or "Big Dick" Chambers will pitch for the team.

The association boys have likewise arranged for two games with the strong Morganton team, to be played here on the afternoons of August 10 and 11. They were defeated once this season by Morganton but the team was crippled at that time. The games here will be for the state amateur championship and the very best amateur games of the season are promised. Both teams are expected to be in the pink of condition.

Rebels Take City.

El Paso, Tex., July 30.—Guanajuato, capital of Guanajuato state in central Mexico, was occupied Tuesday by constitutionalists in command of General Jesus Carranza, said a report received here yesterday. The city had been evacuated several days ago.