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## TENSION GROWS GREATER

### MARTIAL LAW IN GERMANY DECREED

#### Wild Enthusiasm Prevails in Capital Of Russia.

### YET NO BREAK IN HEAVY WAR CLOUD

#### Military Authorities Everywhere Are Preparing to Move Troops.

"Conversations" were resumed today by the Russian and the Austrian governments. Martial law was proclaimed throughout Germany.

Several encounters between Austrian and Serbian troops resulted in the Serbians successfully resisting the invaders' advance.

The great German liners Imperator and Veterland were taken off the trans-Atlantic service.

Wild patriotic enthusiasm prevailed all night in St. Petersburg.

Vienna has been kept in ignorance of events at the front and Germany has imposed a rigid censorship on dispatches which are greatly delayed.

July 31.—Military movements on the German side of the frontier were very active today and the French covering troops sent out of outposts. A German patrol at one point actually crossed the frontier, probably owing to a mistake.

The Hague, July 31.—Queen Wilhelmina of Holland this afternoon issued an urgent decree ordering the general mobilization of the Dutch army.

Vienna, July 31.—Austrian frontier guards today repelled a strong attack by Serbians near Klotievatz on the Bosnian frontier without sustaining loss. The Serbians lost one officer and 22 men.

New York, July 31.—The President Grant of the Hamburg American line which sailed from this port yesterday has been recalled by wireless.

London, July 31.—Resumption of the "conversations" at St. Petersburg and Vienna came today at a moment when pessimism had taken possession of all Europe. The hope that it might lead to a peaceful solution was grasped with desperation but the news was offset later by the proclamation of martial law in Germany which was regarded as a preliminary to mobilization.

The precautionary military and navy measures taken by the British government are almost completed. The prevailing public opinion here is determined that England must observe her unwritten obligation to assist France in her difficulties with Germany but a small body of radicals continues to object to England's involving herself in the quarrels of the continental powers.

Dispatches from Nish, in Serbia, and from Vienna told of encounters between Austrian and Serbian troops on the frontiers but authentic details of the fighting were lacking.

The banking situation has become so abnormal that it is understood the British cabinet today discussed the possibility of taking measures to prevent a possible panic.

The Bank of England today was charging ten per cent for weekly advances—an unprecedented rate. As yet there has been nothing in the nature of a panic.

Berlin, July 31.—The morning passed without a break in the heavy war cloud over the European horizon. There was no relief to the almost despairing uncertainty in the German capital. Excitement continued to increase.

When a decree was promulgated proclaiming martial law all began to think armed conflict could be the only outcome.

Government officials, however, refrained from making any definite declaration. They preferred to wait, they said, till all resources of diplomacy had been exhausted. It was well understood the issue of an order for mobilization would be tantamount to a declaration of war and it was decided to postpone such action as long as possible.

### FIRMS FAILING IN NEW YORK

H. S. P. Bell and Company, Cotton, Coffee and Stock Brokers Announce Suspension.

### FLOWER & COMPANY MAKE ASSIGNMENT

The Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis Railroad Has Been Placed in the Hands of Receivers.

New York, July 31.—The suspension of H. S. P. Bell and company, cotton, coffee and stock brokers, was announced on the floor of the cotton exchange today.

At the offices of S. H. Pell and company all information as to the suspension was withheld. It was reported, however, that a statement would be forthcoming this afternoon. The failure of the firm, one of the largest doing business on the cotton exchange, was attributed in financial circles to the sensational drop in cotton values during the week.

The S. H. P. Pell and company held membership in the New York stock exchange, Chicago board of trade, New York produce exchange, New York cotton exchange and the Liverpool cotton exchange. The failure caused the market to fall off 140 points. A statement of assets and liabilities was not made.

During the excitement that followed heads of cotton exchange houses themselves went into the pit and made heavy purchases. Some of these brokers had not been into the pit themselves for years. Single purchases of as high as 25,000 bales of cotton were made before closing.

The suspension of the cotton brokerage firms of F. J. Frederickson and company and Homer Howe and company, both small concerns, also was announced. The market was unaffected by the announcement.

New York, July 31.—Flower and company, members of the New York stock exchange, assigned today.

The firm assigned for the benefit of its creditors to Charles A. Werner of this city. No statement assets and liabilities was made.

Peoria, Ill., July 31.—The Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis railroad went into receivers' hands today.

Philadelphia, July 31.—Homer, Howe and company of this city, stock brokers, today announced their inability to meet contracts.

Members of the firm are Frederick S. Flower, Benjamin C. VanDike and John S. George. Two decades or more ago it was regarded as the strongest firm in Wall street. Of late years it had not commanded so prominent a place.

### RAILROAD MEN TO STRIKE AUGUST 7

#### Will Quit Work Unless Demands Are Granted by That Time.

Chicago, July 31.—A strike of 55,000 firemen and engineers on 98 railroads operating west of Chicago has been set for Friday, August 7, it was officially announced today.

William B. Stone, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, declared the order would be put into effect unless the general managers committee of the railroads accepted the plan of settlement proposed by the federal board of mediation.

S. C. Brinkley of Magnet City, N. C., asserts he has the longest beard in the United States; it trails on the ground when put on display.

### U. S. TREASURY WILL GIVE AID

#### Will Assist in Present Financial Crisis in Various Money Centers As Much As Possible.

### WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ISSUE CURRENCY

#### President Turns His Attention To Financial Situation—Approves Closing of N. Y.

Washington, July 31.—Secretary McAdoo issued a statement today saying the treasury department will help as far as "it legitimately may" in New York or elsewhere during the present crisis.

Secretary McAdoo said: "We are keeping in close touch with the situation. The treasury department will help as far as it legitimately may in New York or in any other part of the country where it becomes apparent that assistance is needed."

"The Aldrich-Vreeland act, as amended by the federal reserve act, is still in force and the terms upon which currency may be issued under that act are now so favorable that resort may be made quickly and effectively to it to meet any emergency. It must be remembered that there is in the treasury, printed and ready for issue \$500,000,000 of currency which the banks can get upon application under that law. This is in addition to the resources of the treasury."

"In view of the closing of the foreign stock exchanges the action of the New York stock exchange, of which I have just learned, in closing temporarily, is a reasonable measure of protection to American interests."

President Wilson also turned his attention to the financial situation. Before breakfast he conferred with Secretary McAdoo. It was announced at the White House that every effort would be made for organizing the federal reserve board and putting the new reserve system in operation.

Relief measures contemplated, if necessary, include depositing funds in Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and other cities.

Mr. Wilson let it be known that he approved the closing of the New York stock exchange as a precautionary measure. Senator Kern, majority leader of the senate, and Representative Underwood.

The president expected to send to the senate today or tomorrow the nomination of a member of the Federal Reserve board in place of Thomas D. Jones and efforts were begun to find out definitely just what Paul M. Warburg of New York expects to do with regard to his nomination.

The president believes that it is absolutely necessary for the new system to be put in operation at once and legal experts of the treasury have informed Secretary McAdoo that it would be impossible to organize it until all members of the board have been confirmed.

C. D. Barbour has returned to Raleigh from Asheville, where he has been spending his vacation.

### MORGAN STATEMENT.

New York, July 31.—J. P. Morgan today issued this statement:

"Alarming news is from Europe we are still hoping there will not be a general war. While the gravity of the present situation can hardly be exaggerated the opportunity for the sober second thought of the people of Europe to prevail over their first impulses.

"The situation of the American security market during the past few days has been a splendid illustration of the inherent soundness of financial conditions in this country. While we all earnestly hoped that the New York stock exchange might be kept open the situation is fraught with so much uncertainty that it seemed necessary in the interest of the whole country to close the exchange."

"It is essentially a time for the owners of American securities to keep their heads. Bear in mind that the actual properties represented by American securities will not suffer greatly by a European war."

### STOCK EXCHANGES OF WORLD CLOSING

### RESERVISTS GET READY TO LEAVE

Austrians and Hungarians in U. S. Prepare to Take First Steamer Back to Their Home country.

### TRANSPORTATION OVER THE ATLANTIC PROBLEM

#### Only Few Liners May Make Make Trip Without Fear Of Being Held up by Blockaders.

New York, July 31.—The first body of reservists and volunteers to prepare to leave this country to fight for Austria-Hungary in the war against Serbia is assembling here preparatory to sailing on the first liner bound for Austrian ports. A majority of these men, it was said today, are Croats.

At the offices of the Austro-Hungarian consulate the addition of several hundred names yesterday increased the lists of volunteers for active service from various sections of the country to more than 3,000 men.

To callers who expressed a desire to return to Germany for military duty, P. H. Falke, German consul general, explained today that all reservists drawn by the German war office for service would be notified directly by mail and that their credentials, upon presentation at the consulate, would be good for transportation to Germany.

Michael M. Oustinnoff, the Russian consul-general, has received no word as to Russia's intentions. Many Russians had offered their services, he said.

Officials of foreign steamship lines are admittedly anxious over the situation. The American line vessels, four in number, and two of the Red Star Line that fly the American flag, it was pointed out today, were the only liners that may cross the Atlantic without fear of being held up except at blockaded ports.

Reports at local steamship agencies and offices of express companies, given out today, show that more than 150,000 Americans are now traveling in Europe. In the event of a general war it would require many trips of the liners that would not be affected to bring them home.

At several hotels it was said that many persons who had come to New York to embark for Europe had cancelled their passage.

### LAUREL PARK CHOSEN FOR BAPTIST PICNIC

#### First Baptist Sunday School Will Spend Day There August 13.

The annual picnic of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church will be held at Laurel park, Hendersonville, on August 13. A special train will be operated from Asheville to Hendersonville for the accommodation of the members of the Sunday school and their friends who may desire to go. Arrangements are being made by the committee appointed from the school to have one of the largest and most successful picnics yet held by the school.

Laurel park, which is one of the largest and decidedly the most beautiful parks in western North Carolina, is the scene of many such gatherings as will be held by the members of the First Baptist Sunday school. The park is very large, has the best bathing facilities of any lake in this section, with a long sandy beach, bath houses, boating and all forms of outdoor sports can be indulged in.

### Transport Sails.

Norfolk, July 30.—The transport Hancock sailed at 9 o'clock this morning for Guantanamo, Cuba. She carries four hundred marines.

### All Trading in Securities Is Virtually Halted.

### MONEY STRINGENCY ALL OVER EUROPE

#### Exchanges Throughout the United States Affected By War Scare.

New York, July 31.—The stock exchange here did not open today.

London, July 31.—The stock exchange here has been closed until further notice.

New York, July 31.—The cotton exchange after an hour of trading today voted to close until 10 o'clock Tuesday.

London, July 31.—The bank of England today increased its rates of discount to eight per cent.

New Orleans, July 31.—The New Orleans cotton exchange closed today until further notice.

Philadelphia, July 31.—The Philadelphia stock exchange was closed today.

Chicago, July 31.—The Chicago stock exchange will be closed today.

Boston, July 31.—The governing board of the local stock exchange decided not to open the exchange today.

Glasgow, Scotland, July 31.—The stock exchanges here and in Edinburgh were closed today.

Berlin, July 31.—The rate of discount of the Imperial Bank of Germany was raised from 4 to 5 per cent today.

Liverpool, July 31.—The stock exchange here was closed today.

St. Louis, Mo., July 31.—The stock board of the Merchants' exchange of St. Louis was closed today.

Washington, July 31.—The local stock exchange suspended business today.

Ceases Business. New York, July 31.—The New York stock exchange was closed today on account of the European situation.

The consolidated stock exchange and the New York curb market also ceased business. This was followed immediately by announcements of the closing of the exchanges in the other chief cities throughout the country.

This official announcement was made by the secretary of the stock exchange: "The governing committee decided that the exchange be closed until further notice and that all deliveries be suspended until further notice."

With the suspension of business here transactions in securities the world over came virtually to a halt. New York for the last few days had been the only great market of the world to carry on business as usual.

The decision to close came suddenly and unexpectedly, a short time before the usual hour for opening. No definite period for the opening of the exchange has been set.

Stock exchange houses have notified their offices not to make deliveries for received stock until further notice.

William C. Van Antwerp, a governor of the exchange, said it was the first time since 1873 that outside influence had forced suspension of business for a full day. At that time a large stock exchange house failed and there were threats of dangerous European complications. The only occasion in the history of the stock exchange when similar action has been taken was in 1869 on the famous "Black Friday."

The movement of gold to Europe, which has reached unprecedented proportions during the last few days, was continued.

The New York Coffee exchange followed the lead of the stock exchanges and suspended business. The cotton and produce exchanges were open.

Closed in London. London, July 31.—The decision to close the exchange was taken by the committee at a meeting held this morning.

The committee also announced that the settlement during August 13 has been postponed until August 27 and that the console settlement due August 6 has been put over until September.

### ZAPATA, CARRANZA TO CONFER AGAIN

#### Regarding Attitude of Zapata Toward Government of Constitutionalists.

El Paso, Texas, July 31.—Representatives of Zapata and Carranza will hold another conference within a few days regarding the attitude of Zapata toward the Mexican constitutionalist government, according to reliable reports here today. Zapata will take part personally in the conference, which will be held at Valle de Santiago, state of Guanajuato. Constitutionalists officials announced today that several Carranza generals are already on their way to the meeting place.

Two state capitals near Mexico City have been evacuated by the federals, according to official messages from Saltillo to constitutionalists here today.

Pachuca, capital of Hidalgo and Querero, capital of the state of same name, both have been deserted by the federal garrisons, who have gone to Mexico City.

There was no military movement today indicating that Villa had decided to break away from the Carranza party. So far as could be learned here he has not yet started his army southward from Chihuahua state. This apparent "waiting game" gave rise to rumors that he was planning to attempt to overthrow Carranza but no confirmation was forthcoming. Meantime soldiers from the eastern and western divisions of the constitutionalists are pressing closer to the capital.