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FOUR EUROPEAN POWERS ARE PRESSING CAMPAIGNS

CERTIFICATES WILL BE ISSUED

New York Clearing House Decides Thus to Meet The Emergency Caused by European Trouble.

REASSURANCE GIVEN BY SECRETARY BRYAN

Americans in Europe Who Lack Means to Get Home Will Be Assisted by United States.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 3.—The Boston clearing house today authorized the acceptance of clearing house certificates in unlimited numbers.

New York, Aug. 3.—Decision to enforce the sixty day clause before withdrawal of deposits was reached today by members of the New York State Savings Bank association. All savings banks in the state are affected.

The coffee exchange today decided to stay closed indefinitely.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—The Chicago Clearing House association met today to arrange plans to place the business on a certificate basis.

New York, Aug. 3.—The cotton seed oil exchange did not open today. Business may be resumed tomorrow, though the exchange may remain closed longer if it is deemed wise.

Approves Relief Plans. Washington, Aug. 3.—President Wilson, in conference with Secretary Bryan today approved of plans for financial assistance of Americans abroad. Main features are:

American ambassadors have been instructed to issue "ambassadors' orders" or checks in exchange for letters of credit, travel's checks or express money orders and to arrange with the French, German and British governments to cash such checks.

New York, Aug. 3.—The clearing house at a meeting today decided to issue clearing house certificates to meet the currency emergency brought about by the European trouble.

The decision to issue certificates was reached after a general discussion of the foreign situation and its bearing on business conditions here.

It was the unanimous opinion that every means should be made to protect the country's gold supply.

An additional resolution was adopted making legal in payment of balances all forms of currency issued on authority of the national government. This indicates a desire on the part of the bankers to use the currency issued to the national regional banks.

Secretary McAdoo, of the treasury department, who came here last night to confer with New York bankers, started back for the capital at 9:30 o'clock today.

John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency and Charles S. Hamlin and W. P. Harding, members of the federal reserve board, who came with Mr. McAdoo, remained here and were in attendance at the sub-treasury during the day.

To Aid Tourists. Washington, Aug. 3.—Reassurances were given by Secretary Bryan today that all Americans in Europe who lack means to return home would be assisted by the United States. The secretary had been advised by bankers who usually serve the state department abroad would accept checks on authority of the United States government from its diplomatic representatives abroad. This would enable friends at home to place in the hands of those in foreign ports the equivalents of sufficient foreign currency to enable them to reach home. The state department believed that congress would make an appropriation for those who were without funds. This money would in part be used to charter steamships to bring American refugees home.

Secretary McAdoo who is in New York so as to be in close touch with the financial situation there, will return here at 3 p. m., to take up the situation in the west with representatives of St. Louis and Chicago clearing house members. The secretary is anxious to get in touch with conditions in the west and to learn to what extent the treasury's offer of \$44,000,000 for crop movements will aid the banks in preserving the business prosperity.

Storage Accommodation. Washington, Aug. 3.—Relatives and friends of Americans in Europe were cheered by the statement of steamship companies that because of the

LIMIT TO MONEY BILL IS REMOVED

Between \$40,000,000 And \$50,000,000 Emergency Money Sent to New York.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Restrictions which limit the issue of currency under the Aldrich-Vreeland law to \$50,000,000, would be removed by an amendment to the banking act agreed upon today by the senate and house banking committees.

As an amendment to a bill passed by the house Saturday removing other restrictions of the law in the present crisis, both houses of congress today are expected to leave the amount of the issue of such currency in the discretion of the secretary of the treasury.

The amendment would extend the issue of currency to state banks and trust companies which have joined the new federal reserve system or agreed to do so.

The first proposal was to increase the authorized issue under the law to \$1,500,000,000. It was decided, however, to leave the amount to the treasury department, as it will, in the end, be regulated by the amount of securities the banks have available to pledge for its issue.

The bankers expressed the opinion that the action taken would relieve any situation which might arise.

New York, N. Y., Aug. 3.—Between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 emergency currency arrived in New York today from Washington and was loaded on twenty trucks to be hauled to the sub-treasury.

Stock brokers reconciled themselves today to the probability of a prolonged suspension of the market. W. D. Van Antwerp, a member of the board of governors, said it was probable the exchange would remain closed while the European war was on.

Members realized they would suffer financial losses if the trouble was prolonged, while receipts for stock exchange transactions would be presented, expenses would go on as usual. With the large combinations these expenses range from \$500 to \$1000 daily. Brokers cannot disorganize their machinery by discharging their employees and cutting off private wires for in case of a sudden re-opening they would be unable to transact business. Contracts with the telegraph companies contain the clause that a wire cannot be discontinued within thirty days after notice is given.

This notice was given today by several firms. Conditions have been made more serious by the recent slump in business. This cut down the receipts of brokers to a large degree. More than one house in the street, according to those familiar with the situation, has not made expenses for the past year.

Wall street's army of salaries employees are anxious for the future. In the New York Stock Exchange Employees association there are 3,800 men which represent only a fraction of the number of men whose livelihood depends directly or indirectly upon the various exchanges of this city. So far as could be learned no wholesale dismissals of employees have yet occurred.

Prepare for Increase. Washington, Aug. 3.—Increases in freight rates on all roads west of the Mississippi river are being prepared for submission to the Interstate Commerce commission. The applications for more revenue of the eastern roads and the commissions subsequent decision will be a point made by the western roads.

probable war in Europe there would be few immigrants leaving there, thus providing room for many Americans to return in the steers. Steerage to return is falling off within the business has fallen off within the last month and there would be more than enough room on board steamers for Americans.

London, Aug. 3.—It is regarded here as assured that shortly following the royal decree suspending specie payments, another decree allowing moratorium will be issued.

Liverpool, Aug. 3.—The officers of the cotton exchange here resolved today that the cotton exchange should be closed indefinitely. They also resolved that all tenders and settlements on futures should also be suspended and no trading in spots shall be allowed, during the present troubles.

GERMANY VIOLATES NEUTRAL TERRITORY

Russian Poland Invaded and Town Captured--Daring Frontier Raids Are Made.

ENGLAND MUST MAINTAIN NEUTRALITY OF BELGIUM

Great Britain Almost Certain To Be Imbroyled--Martial Law Has Been Proclaimed By France.

London, Aug. 3.—Sir Edward Grey announced in the House of Commons today that a message from the King of Belgium made a supreme appeal for Great Britain to safeguard Belgium's integrity.

Berlin, Aug. 3.—M. Sverbiev the Russian ambassador, was handed his passports this morning.

Antwerp, Belgium, Aug. 3.—Martial law was proclaimed here today and all business was at once suspended.

German troops invaded Russian Poland today and occupied the town of Kalisz.

The German army violated the neutrality of Belgium, of which Great Britain is protector. German troops occupied the Belgian town of Arlon.

Belgium had previously refused to consider an ultimatum offering a certain agreement with German in case Belgium agreed to facilitate the movements of the German army. Italy formally proclaimed her neutrality of all parties.

A coalition government probably will be formed in the British isles while it was generally expected that field Marshal Earl Kitchiner was to be appointed minister of war.

Dowager Empress Maria of Russia was stopped by the Germans in Berlin on her way to Russia and told to return to London, or go to Denmark.

The Russian naval port of Libeau on the Baltic was bombarded by a German cruiser which was also engaged with a Russian cruiser. The German fleet was reported sailing into the North sea where the British fleet is stationed.

Fighting between Russian and German cavalry patrols on the frontier resulted in slight losses.

French officers are reported to have attempted to cross the frontier into Germany but without success.

French airmen are said to have made daring flights over German territory.

German cavalry is reported to have crossed the French frontier near Belfast and tried to commandeer horses.

Martial law was proclaimed throughout France where the mobilization and concentration of various armies have been carried out satisfactorily.

The German authorities accuse the French of violating the neutrality laws and of crossing the frontiers before the declaration of war.

Neutral Luxemburg is occupied by 100,000 troops.

London, Aug. 3.—Violation of neutral territory by Germany, daring frontier raids by German, Russian and French troops, clashes between outposts, the bombardment of a Russian Baltic port by a German warship and seizure of merchant ships by Russia and Germany were the striking features today of the war on which virtually the whole continent of Europe has started.

The position to be taken by the British empire still remains to be defined but it is feared Germany's seizure of Belgian territory will be a deciding factor. Under the treaty of London, of 1839, Great Britain stands pledged to maintain Belgium's neutrality.

Evidences were not lacking today of the grave view of the situation taken by all classes in the United Kingdom. Leaders of all parties were called in to council by the cabinet and it is reported that Field Marshal Kitchiner's return to Egypt had been cancelled as a prelude to his appointment as minister of war. It was believed instant action would be taken by the British navy in case a German soldier should set foot on Belgian soil. In spite of this and of the prompt refusal by the Belgian government to accept the agreement offered by Germany as the price of the violation of Belgian

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ENTHUSIASM IN ST. PETERSBURG

APPEAL TO PEOPLE TO REMAIN CALM

President Says Americans' Duty Is to Help Rest of World in Crisis.

Washington, Aug. 3.—President Wilson today appealed to the people of the United States to remain calm during the war in Europe. He declared the United States owes it to mankind to help the rest of the world during the present crisis.

The President said the United States could gain great and permanent glory provided no one lost his head. He urged that nothing be done in America to further excite conditions. He said that the administration was fully prepared to assist in all ways. He urged that no rumors of a sensational nature be given credence.

The President declared there was no cause for serious alarm in the United States. The government is being held every effort, he said, to get ships to carry the foodstuffs and other products of the United States to all the world and to bring home Americans stranded in Europe. A proclamation of neutrality, President Wilson said, will be issued as soon as it can be drafted in the state department. He does not believe it will be necessary for congress to remain in session because of the European situation.

GENERAL WAR NEWS. London, Aug. 3.—Sir Edward Grey, British foreign secretary, stated in the house of commons today that the house was free to decide what the British attitude in the present European conflict should be. Sir Edward added that Great Britain had not committed herself to anything but diplomatic support.

Novorossik, Russia, Aug. 3.—The Russian authorities here today seized the German steamer Klaus and ordered the crew to disembark.

London, Aug. 3.—A Brussels dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph says that the Belgian cabinet's response to the German note offering an entrance if Belgium would facilitate the movement of German troops has been given and is in the nature of a formal refusal.

London, Aug. 3.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Paris today says German troops have taken possession of the Belgian town of Arlon.

London, Aug. 3.—German cavalry today raided the French frontier near the fortress of Belfort and attempted to commandeer horses according to dispatches from Paris. German patrols also twice attacked Jocherny near Belfort.

Brussels, Aug. 3.—According to the newspaper Ettoile Belge, German troops have reached Vise, on the river Meuse, only twelve miles north-east of Liege, Belgium.

London, Aug. 3.—Sir Edward requested the house of commons to approach the consideration of the European crisis from the point of view of British interests, British honor and British obligations.

Berlin, Via Brussels, Aug. 3.—Small cruiser Augsburg sent following report by wireless: "Am bombarding naval harbor at Libau and am engaged with enemies cruiser. Naval port Libau in flames." Libau is Russian naval arsenal on Baltic sea.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Without opposition the house marine committee today reported a bill empowering the president to suspend certain inhabitants against bringing foreign ships under American register and thus prevent analysis of trans-Atlantic shipping.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 3.—Notwithstanding the rapidly widening of the war area, Chicago markets today held their poise. First prices for wheat were in case more than 3-8 of a cent higher than Saturday night and were almost the same as a year ago today.

London, Aug. 3.—The British government today decided to extend the bank holiday over three days. A bill temporarily suspending the payment of bills of exchange passed through all its stages in a few minutes in the house of commons.

Kolenz, Germany, Aug. 3.—A party of eight French officers dressed in Prussian uniforms made an unsuccessful attempt yesterday to cross the German frontier in automobiles near the town of Liek.

Stockholm, Sweden, Aug. 3.—A battle was fought yesterday between the German and Russian fleets off the Aland islands and resulted in the Russians being driven back. The

Rebels Advance. Saltillo, Mexico, Aug. 3.—(Via Laredo, Texas, August 3.)—An advance on Mexico City of over 70,000 well-armed and equipped constitutionalist soldiers was reported today on orders from General Carranza.

ACCEPT ARBITRATION. Washington, Aug. 3.—Managers of the western railroads have accepted arbitration with their engineers and firemen.

LENOX PARK PROPERTY INCREASED IN VALUE. The auction sale of property at Lenox park takes place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, and indications point towards a large sale of this valuable and centrally located property.

At the last public sale a total of \$31,000 worth of property was easily disposed of, and there has been a great increase in value, many buyers of two years ago having sold at 50 to 75 per cent advance.

Over fifteen new residences have been built this season, more new buildings than in any other section of the city.

The City Is Passing Through Historic Period—Wave of Exultation Passes Over Russian Capital.

EMPEROR ADDRESSES ARMY AND NAVY MEN

He Expresses Confidence That War Will Be Carried to Decisive End—Many People in Tears.

St. Petersburg, Russia, Aug. 3.—This city is passing through a historic period.

When it became known yesterday that a special service of prayers was to be held at the palace, an extraordinary wave of exultation passed over the capital. Hours before the appointed time a crowd of 100,000 gathered bearing flags, banners, portraits of the emperor and placards with patriotic inscriptions.

When the imperial yacht with the emperor and his family arrived from Peichhof at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, they received a tremendous ovation, the people all kneeling and hurrahing as the imperial party passed to the palace.

When their majesties had taken their places for the service, the priest read the declaration of war, a Te Deum was sung for victory for the Russian arms and their majesties venerated the holy cross and the ikon.

The emperor then addressed the representatives of the army and navy in a brief speech expressing the calm dignity with which Russia had received the declaration of war and the confidence of the nation that the war would be carried to a decisive end.

"I hereby solemnly declare," said the emperor, "that I will not make peace as long as a Russian soldier remains." The emperor continued with words of encouragement and concluded by invoking a blessing on their efforts.

While the emperor was speaking all present fell on their knees and many were seen to be sobbing.

At the close of the services there were more hurrahs and officers present drew their swords and brandished them in the air. His majesty then retired from the balcony where he had been standing, but the people remained for a long time to continue their applause.

NOVEL OPEN SCHOOL IS PLANNED FOR ASHEVILLE. An open air school will be opened at No. 237 Montford avenue on September 21 by Miss A. Kirchan, of Baltimore. The school will be novel in that it will be open air throughout the winter term. This method of teaching has been successfully followed in several of the larger cities of the country but this will be Asheville's first experience with such a school. The number of pupils to the school will be limited to 39 and those desiring to enroll will apply at No. 3 Angle street, Baltimore, between the hours of 2 and 4 in the afternoons of Tuesdays and Fridays.

Will Give Garden Party. A garden party will be given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bigfried Sternberg, Victoria drive, Wednesday evening, August 6, under the auspices of the Jewish Ladies Aid society for the benefit of charity. An interesting program has been arranged and all are cordially invited.

George E. Lewis of Azalea Has Passed. Following an illness of several weeks George E. Lewis, aged 69, a prominent lumberman of Azalea, died Saturday at the Mission hospital. The deceased was treasurer of the McEwen Lumber company at the time of his death and had taken a large interest in the lumber business in this section since his removal to Asheville in 1893. He was a native of Frederick county, Maryland, and the body, accompanied by the widow, was taken to Foxville, Md., yesterday for the funeral and interment.

The deceased was a member of the Clyde lodge No. 453 of Masons and was a member of the Scottish rite bodies of this city of the same order. He also held membership in the Knights of Pythias lodge of Clyde and the I. O. O. F. Surviving are the widow and one son.

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