

England, France, Russia, Belgium Drawn into War by Germany

WILL BE THE BIGGEST WAR THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN

Naval Battles and Big Fighting with Infantry and Artillery Now Going On

TITANTIC CONFLICT ABOUT TO BE STAGED THAT WILL STARTLE WORLD

Germany's War Lord Ascends the Imperial Throne and Tells Why He Has Started a Struggle Between the Great Powers That May Eventually Change the Map of Europe—His Conscience Clear and With Clean Hands He Grasps the Sword—Italy Remains Neutral; Turkey is Mobilizing and Japan Will Come to Aid of England in an Emergency

GERMANY DECLARES WAR ON GREAT BRITAIN.

London, Aug. 4.—Germany has declared war on Great Britain, according to the official announcement.

GREAT BRITAIN DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY.

London, Aug. 4.—Great Britain declares war on Germany at 7 o'clock tonight.

WAR EXISTS.

London, Aug. 4.—The British Foreign Office has issued the following statement: "Owing to the summary rejection by the German government of the request made by his Britannic majesty's government that the neutrality of Belgium should be respected, his majesty's ambassador at Berlin has received his passports, and his majesty's government has declared to the German government that a state of war exists between Great Britain and Germany from 11 o'clock p. m., August 4."

NEWS CONFIRMED.

London, Aug. 4.—11:20 p. m.—Reuter's Telegram Company announces that it learns that a state of war exists between Great Britain and Germany.

GREAT BRITAIN DECLARES WAR.

London, Aug. 4.—Great Britain declared war on Germany tonight.

The momentous decision of the British government for which the whole world had been waiting, came before the expiration of the time limited set by Great Britain in her ultimatum to Germany demanding a satisfactory reply on the subject of Belgian neutrality.

Germany's reply was the summary refusal of the request that Belgian neutrality should be respected.

The British ambassador at Berlin thereupon received his passports and the British government notified Germany that a state of war existed between the two countries.

All Europe is in arms.

EMPEROR WILLIAM SPEAKS.

Berlin, Aug. 4.—Emperor William opened the Imperial Parliament today with a speech from the throne. He said in part:

"The world has been a witness of the indefatigable manner in which we stood the front rank in the endeavor to save Europe from a war between the great powers. The greatest perils due to events in the Balkans appeared to have been overcome but then the assassination of my friend, the Arch Duke Francis Ferdinand, opened up a great abyss.

"My ally, Emperor Francis Joseph, was compelled to take up arms to protect his empire against the dangerous agitation in a neighboring State.

"In pursuing its interests the Russian Empire stepped in the way of Austria-Hungary.

"Not only our duty as an ally called us to the side of Austria-Hungary, but the great task was cast upon us to protect our position against unfriendly forces.

"It was with a heavy heart I was compelled to mobilize my army. The Russian government, giving way to an insalubrious nationalism, has stepped to the side of a State which, through a criminal act, had brought about the calamity of this war. That France also placed herself on the side of our opponent was not surprising to us.

JEALOUS OF GERMAN PROSPERITY.

"The present situation arose not from temporary conflicts of interest or diplomatic combinations, but is the result of ill-will existing for years against the strength and prosperity of the German Empire.

"We are not pushed on by the desire of conquest. We are moved by the unbending desire to secure for ourselves and those coming after us the place in which God has put us.

"My government and, above all, my chancellor, tried until the last moment to prevent the worst happening.

"In enforced self-defense, with clear conscience and clean hands we grasp the sword.

"To the peoples and races of the German Empire my appeal goes forth to stand together fraternally with our allies in defense of that which we have created in peaceful work.

"Following the example of our forefathers, firm and faith-

ful, earnest and chivalrous, humble before our God and ready to fight when in face of the enemy, let us confide ourselves to the everlasting Almighty, who will strengthen our defense and conduct it to a good end."

ADDRESSES DEPUTIES.

At the conclusion of his speech from the throne, the Emperor addressed the deputies directly, saying:

"Gentlemen—You have read what I said to my people the other day from the balcony of my castle. I repeat now that I no longer know any parties. I know only Germans and in order to testify that you are firmly resolved without distinction of party to stand by my side through danger and death I call upon the leaders of the different parties in this House to come forward and lay their hands in mine as a pledge."

SERVIA MOBILIZATION COMPLETE.

London, Aug. 4.—Servian mobilization has been completed, according to a Nish dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The Servian government has prohibited the sending of press dispatches, which is taken as a prelude to the Servian invasion of Bosnia.

KING GEORGE APPRECIATIVE.

London, Aug. 4.—King George today addressed a message to British colonies expressing appreciation of their spontaneous assurances that they will give the fullest support to the motherland.

"They recall to me," his majesty said, "the generous self-sacrifice and help given by them in the past to the mother country. I shall be strengthened in the discharge of the great responsibility which rests upon me by the confident belief that in this time of trial my empire will be united, calm and resolute, and trusting in God."

FRANCE'S POSITION.

Paris, Aug. 4.—Premier Viviani made the French government's statement to the War Chamber of Deputies today. His remarks created the deepest enthusiasm. He detailed events of the past fortnight, declaring Germany "irrefutably and logically justified the acts of the French government."

During his remarks the Premier said: "France has been unjustly provoked; she did not seek the war; she has done all in her power to avoid it. Since it was forced upon her, she will defend herself against Germany and any other power who takes part by the side of Germany in the conflict.

"Against an attack which violates all the laws of equity and all rights of nations, we have taken all necessary dispositions."

The House turned toward the Russian Minister, M. Tsvolsky, who sat in the diplomatic gallery and cheered Russia.

"Belgium has 50,000 men in arms prepared to defend the neutrality and independence of their native land. The English fleet is mobilized to the smallest vessel and the English army is mobilized."

The deputies arose again, turned toward where the British Ambassador, Sir Francis Bertie, was sitting in the gallery and cheered wildly.

CHARGES TREASONERY.

Paris, Aug. 4.—President Poincare, in a message to the Senate and Chamber of Deputies today, declared that Germany "had tried treacherously to surprise France," and added: "France was ready and our troops will allow mobilization to be methodically carried out."

JAPAN'S POSITION.

Tokio, Japan, Aug. 4.—A proclamation, issued today by the government, hopes for the speedy restoration of peace. It points out Japan's desire to remain neutral, but says that should England participate in the hostilities and the purposes of the Anglo-Japanese alliance be threatened, Japan may be compelled to take measures for the fulfillment of its obligations.

The proclamation was issued after an extraordinary session of the cabinet and was generally interpreted as preparing the people for the action of the Japanese navy as soon as Great Britain's decision is announced.

GERMAN FLEET ACTIVE.

The German fleet is very active around Kiao-Chau and has already captured a Russian cattle steamer.

It is pointed out that Kiao-Chau may possibly be occupied by the Japanese in the event of a defeat of the German squadron in the Far East, thus closing the Pacific ocean for the war vessels of Russia and Great Britain and permitting them to proceed to Europe undisturbed, if they desire to do so. Extraordinary excitement prevails in Tokio.

EFFORTS WERE FRUITLESS.

London, Aug. 4.—King George's telegram to the Russian Emperor, in a final effort to avoid war, and the Emperor's reply have been made public. The King said:

"I make a personal appeal to you to leave open the ground for negotiations for possible peace." The Russian Emperor

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET MONDAY.

Sup't. E. N. Williams Re-elected Superintendent of County Home—Several Reports Received

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on last Monday with all members present except Cooke. After reading and approving minutes of the previous meeting, business was disposed of as follows:

T. C. Collier and J. H. Uzzell were appointed a committee to go to the Association at Fayetteville.

Charlie Floyd, was allowed eight joints of 24 inch pipes to go across road near Fair Solomon.

Alfred Finch was allowed to go to County Home.

It was ordered that the property of M. C. Pleasants, in Louisburg, be raised in valuation from \$1500. to \$2,500.

Report of E. N. Williams superintendent of County Home, was received and filed. He reports 7 white and 15 colored inmates.

Abshaw Jones was relieved of poll tax, he being over age.

Report of Dr. J. E. Malone, County Health Officer, was received and filed.

By order of the Board the following were relieved of taxes as shown following their names on account of same being listed twice. Henrietta Allen; est., \$3.18; H. G. Conyers \$3.35; John Conyers \$4.48; Mrs. M. S. Jackson \$3.11; June Jeffreys \$4.76; Gilbert Wilder 8 cents; Mariah Williams \$6.19.

The Commissioners proceeded to make the following tax levy for Franklin County for the year 1914. State and pension tax—27 2-3 cents on property, and 12 cents on poll. School tax—30 cents on property and \$1.50 on poll. General purpose—21 cents on property and 38 cents on poll. Bridge—10 cents on property and 30 cents on poll. Louisburg graded school—45 cents on property and \$1.35 on poll. Louisburg Township Roads—25 cents on property and 75 cents on poll. Franklinton graded school—35 cents on property and \$1.05 on poll. Franklinton Township Roads—35 cents on property and \$1.05 on poll. Youngville Township Roads—30 cents on property and 90 cents on poll.

The following special school taxes were levied. Pilot school—20 cents on property and 60 cents on poll. Bunn school—30 cents on property and 90 cents on poll. Pine Ridge school—30 cents on property and 90 cents on poll. New Hope school—20 cents on property and 60 cents on poll. Cedar Rock school—30 cents on property and 90 cents on poll. Justice school—30 cents on property and 90 cents on poll. Seven Paths school—15 cents on property and 45 cents on poll. Moulton school—30 cents on property and 90 cents on poll. Mapleville school—30 cents on property and 90 cents on poll. Ingleside school—20 cents on property and 60 cents on poll.

A special school election was granted the Rock Spring school district in Harris township, 30 cents on property and 90 cents on poll. The election is to be held on September 5th 1914.

Report of F. R. Pleasant manager of the Medical Department, was received and filed.

It was ordered that the Board of county Commissioners meet at the county Home in a body on Friday, August 7th at 11:00 a. m.

E. N. Williams, was re-elected superintendent of the county Home for the next two years.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to meet again on August 7th, at the county Home.

Louisburg Baptist Church

"The overcoming life" and "Prisoners of hope" will be the theme of the sermon Sunday morning and evening at the Baptist church. The pastor will conduct the worship at both hours.

COL. YARBOROUGH DEAD

ONE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY'S MOST DISTINGUISHED SONS.

He Was a Prominent and Trained Democrat a Courageous Confederate Soldier and a Man of Strong Convictions.

Col. W. H. Yarborough, a well known citizen of this county, died Monday morning shortly before 5 o'clock at the residence of his son-in-law, Attorney General T. W. Bickett. He was 74 years of age and had been in feeble health for seven years or eight years.

Col. Yarborough was one of Franklin county's most distinguished sons, notable through his life for strong intellectual power, great physical and moral courage and uncompromising integrity. He enlisted in the Confederate army in his youth and served with distinction throughout the whole of the War Between the States, laying down his sword at Appomattox as Colonel of the Fifteenth North Carolina Regiment.

Until his health failed, Col. Yarborough was one of the most active leaders of the Democratic party in the State, wielding a wide influence in political affairs. He was appointed by President Cleveland in 1885 Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fourth North Carolina District and he also had high position in the revenue service in Mr. Cleveland's second administration. He was universally beloved by Franklin county people among whom he spent his entire life, except when engaged in the public service, and his death brings sorrow to the whole county. He was also identified in the mercantile business here with W. P. Neal & Co for an number of years.

Of his immediate family there survive one son and one daughter, Dr. R. F. Yarborough and Mrs. T. W. Bickett, of Louisburg.

The funeral was conducted from the home on Tuesday morning, at 10:30 o'clock by Arch Deacon W. C. Hughes Rector of the Episcopal church, of Henderson, in the presence of a large number of friends. After the services at the home the remains were borne to Oak Lawn Cemetery and tenderly laid to rest. The services at the grave was attended by a good number to pay a last sad tribute. The pall bearers were: J. J. Blaylock, W. M. Person, D. F. McKinnis, S. C. Clifton, W. H. Allen, John Best, Geo. Cralle, Nick Perry.

The floral tribute was one of the largest and most beautiful seen here in years.

Tobacco Market Will Open

Contrary to the report that the Louisburg tobacco market will not open this season, we were informed yesterday by the warehousemen of Louisburg that they would open possibly sometime about September first however no date has as yet been agreed upon. Therefore the farmers may depend upon being able to sell their crops in Louisburg with ease hereafter or more.

Louisburg Fire Department

The members of the Louisburg Fire Department left Monday for Winston-Salem to attend the annual women's tournament. Among those who were Messrs J. A. Turner, S. P. Beasley, B. N. Williamson, F. B. McKinnis, W. E. Tucker, O. Y. Yarborough, M. S. Davis, J. L. Palmer, W. F. Beasley, S. B. Nash, D. C. High, H. E. Hight, Dr. A. H. Fleming, Ellis Ramey, W. N. Fuller, Jr., J. B. Thomas.

Play at Cedar Rock.

"Those Dreadful Twins" a most interesting and amusing play will be given at Cedar Rock Academy on Thursday night, August 13, at 8:00 o'clock. After the close of the performance refreshments will be served and the proceeds from both will go towards building the new Academy. Admission twenty-five and fifteen cents. Everybody is invited to come out and enjoy the evening and help to enlarge the building fund.

Close.

"Isn't Morton something of a miser." "I should say so. Why, he's too tight to risk a suggestion."

August Lippincott's