years against the strength and prosperity of the German Empire:

quest. We are moved by the unbending desire to secure for ourselves and those coming after us the place in which God has putius.

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

"In enforced self-defense, with clear con science and clean hands weigrasp the swird

"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 today by the government, hopes for the speedy she belongs. we have created in peaceful work.

firm and faithful, earnest and chivalrous, hum- land participate in the hostilities and the purble before our God and ready to fight when in poses of the Anglo-Japanese alliance be threatface of the enemy, let us confide ourselves to ened, Japan may be compelled to take measures the everlasting Almighty, who will strengthen for the fulfillment of its obligations. our defense and conduct it to a good end."

ADDRESSES DEPUTIES.

throne, the Emperor addressed the deputies di- action of the Japanese navy as soon as Great rectly, 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 Chau and has already captured a Russian cattle parties. I know only Germans and in order to steamer. testify that you are firmly resolved without distinction of party to stand by my side through be occupied by the Japanese in the event of a dedanger and death I call upon the leaders of the feat of the German squadron in the Far East, different parties in this House to come forward thus closing the Pacific ocean for the war vesand lay their hands in mine as a pledge."

## SERVIAN 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 the Russian Emperor, in a final effort to avoid prelude t othe Servian invasion of Bosnia.

## KING GEORGE APPRECIATIVE.

London, Aug. 4 .-- King George today ad dressed a message to British colonies expressing appreciation of their spontaneous assurances that they will give the fullest support to the mother-

"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 re sponsibility which rests upo nme 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 you.' 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 war was forced upon her, she will defend herself against Germany and any other power who takes part by the side of Ger nany in the conflict.

Against an attack which violates all the laws muity and all rights of nations, we have taken

gallery and cheered Russia.

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

The deputies arose again, trned toward where the British Ambassador, Sir Francis Ber-"We are not pushed on by the desire of con- tie, was sitting in the gallery and cheered wildly.

# CHARGES TREACHERY.

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

## JAPAN'S POSITION

restoration of peace. It points out Japan's de-"Following the example of our forefathers, sire to remain neutral, but says that should Eng-

The proclamation was issued after an extraordinary session of the cabinet and was gener-At the conclusion of his speech from the ally interpreted as preparing the people for the Britain's decision is announced.

#### GERMAN FLEET ACTIVE.

The German fleet is very active around Kiao-

It is pointed out that Kiao-Chau may possibly sels 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 war, and the Emperor's reply, have been made public. The King said:

"I make a personal appeal to you to leave open Republicans to attend a joint meet the ground for negotiations for possible peace,"

The Russian Emperor replied he would have accepted the proposals had not Germany declared war.

"Germany," says the Emperor, "showed no disposition to mediate and her preparations and those of Austria made it imperative that Russia should mobilize, but I gave most categorical assurances to the German Emperor that the Russian troops would not move so long as the negotiations continued."

The reply concludes:

"I trust your country will not fail to support vention. Russia and France. God bless and protect

# ITALY STILL NEUTRAL.

Rome, Aug. 4,---Germany has made an appeal to Italy to stand with her, according to the Giornale d'Italia. The newspaper says the attention of the Italian government has been called to what Germany describes as hostile acts on the part of France which the German government asserts constitute a case coming within the terms of the treaty of Alsace, even though on account of these acts the declaration of war came from Germany. The Giornale d'Italian says it understands the Italian government will not change its attitude of neutrality,

## TURKEY MOZILIZING.

London, Aug. 4.---Turkey has informed Great of July 15th and 25th I am also in formed Great of July 15th And 25th I am also in

ister, M. Iswolsky, who sat in the diplomatic are being mobilized. The mobilization, Turkey says, is a precautionary measure and Turkey will

Berlin, Aug. 4 .- Up to 6:50 o'clock today, no war news of impornce had come to hand from either hostile front.

Mobilization here is proceeding quickly. Military trains are being sent away from the city only at night.

As recruits pass through the streets they are cheered by the populace. Eighty thousand volunteers have joined the colors in addition to soldiers.

The boy scout alliance has issued a call saying boy scouts must hasten to assist the fatherland either in the bicycle service or in the

gathering of the crops. ... University authorities at Leipsie, Munich, and other cities have

called students to the colors. The military authorities have placarded orders setting prices for flour and salt that consumers may not be charged exorbitant prices. The pressure at the banks today by depositors seeking money was less than yesterday. Gold has disappeared from circulation.

# Proclamation of Neutrality Issued By President Concerning European War

bor, roadstead, or waters of the United States without special permission, until after the expiration of three months from the time when such coal may have been last supplied to her within the waters Tokio, Japan, Aug. 4 .-- A proclamation, issued of the United States unless such ship of war or privateer shall, since last thus supplied, have entered a port of the government to which

# ROOSEVELT REPUBLICANS

Charles H. Cowles Makes Public Letters Between John M. Morehead and Himself as To The Call Issued For Republican State Convention.

(Political Advertising.)
Wilkesboro, N. C., Aug. 3, 1914.
Hon, John M. Morehead, Chairman Taft Republicans
North Carolina,
Leaksville, N. C.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your call which fixes the time and place for holding a State convention for your wing of the Republican party in North Carolina, for 1914. I must confess that I was surprised that you had issued a call, as I was under the impression that, when a convention should be called, it would be one, which both the Roosevelt and Taft factions of the Republican party of the State could, with all propriety, attend; and one which the members of the Progressive party of the State could, with equal party, if they should so choose, attend. While the language of the call might, upon a strained interpretation, be construed as sufficiently broad to include all factions, yet the tions behind the call may not be

to liberally construed.

It was my understanding, gathered from your letters, and confirmed by the State press dispatches, that the executive committees of both the Taft and Roosevalt wings of the party were to gather at some accessible point and discuss the feasibility of authorizing a joint call for a State formed, at its meeting in Greensboro on May 26th, last, and reiterated to me in a letter of May 27th, signed jointly by you and Hon. 53. C. Duncan. To this proposal, I readily assented as you will recall by referring to my letter of June the 11th. In that letter I declared, in substance, t I would use my best endeavors bring all factions of the Republican party together, that I would be glad to urge the leading Roosevelt ing, at some convenient point, pre-ferably at Greensboro, and to have s convention called jointly, and which call should be liberal enough in terms and tenor to warrant a putting aside of all past differences.

That there should be a joint meet-ing of the two executive committees was doubtless your one-time inten-tion, or, at least, your expressed in-tention; for on June 14, 1914, you

ton. Chas. H. Cowle Wilkesboro, N. C. Ly Dear Mr. Cowles

sched me here and I note with nittees. As yet we have heard noth-ng from Mr. Walser beyond an ac-nowledgment of our letter saying he would take the matter up with his committee. While I think he has had bout ample time to decide one way r the other and to reply, Mr. Duncan uggests that we extend full opporunity for consideration before Republican State committee acts in the matter of calling the State conention. In the event that Mr. Wal-er and his committee decline the roposal of the joint committee meeting, we very much hope that your committee will co-operate in the call-ing of a Itepublican State Convenand sit with the Republican State he purpose of calling this convention

ees,
"I am forwarding your letter, towether with a copy of this, to Mr.

(Signed) "JNO. M. MOREHEAD." or more than a month I awaited your further pleasure as to the time and place for holding the proposed committee meeting, ready at any time to summon the Roosevelt Republicans

the meeting. On July the 19th you informed that On July the 19th you informed that Hon. Z. V. Walser, chairman of the Frogressive party, and his committee, had declined to take part in a joint conference. In that same letter you bluntly proposed that I, as chairman of the Roosevelt Republican committee, join with you in a call for a convention to be held in Raleigh, on Aug, the 26th, sur Arily dismissing the proposed joint committee meeting referred to in your letter above set forth. I was also told in your letter of the 19th of July that Hon. C. A. Reynolds would prepare and forward to me. a copy of a call. This Mr. Reynolds did on July 22nd. On July

"Wilkerboro, N. C., July 25th, 1914, Hon. J. M. Morehead, "Morehead City, N. C. Dear Mr. Morehead;

for our signature. It was my under-standing from my correspondence from my correspondence that we were to arrange a with you that we were to arrange a joint meeting of our friends in Greensboro for the purpose of taking under consideration the question of calling a State convention and of fixing the time and place of holding same. I cannot assume the right to speak for all Roosevelt or Progressive Repuball Roosevelt or Progressive Republicans, but I am still willing to have our meeting in Greensboro and have been waiting to hear from you and learn when it would suit you to have this meeting. I have expressed my willingness to do what I could to bring all of the factions in our party back together, and I believe we can arrange for a meeting of the represenarrange for a meeting of the represen-tative members of all factions that a complete and satisfactory understand-

complete and satisfactory understanding will be brought about.

"As I suggested in a former letter,
I believe that Greensboro will be the
most convenient point for a majority
of our people and I hope that you
still agree with me on this point.

"Awaiting your prompt reply, and
with kindest regards, I am,

"Yours very truly,

"(Signed) CHAS, H. COWLES."

Now, by the recipit of your call for
a State convention, am I, and the other

a State convention, am I, and the other Roosevelt Republicans of the State, to believe that you and your commit-tee have decided to practice the same arbitrary tactics, which characterized when a great majority of the Republicans of the State were ruthlessly refused admission into the convention because they would not giance to Mr. Taft? Are Are the Roosecelt Republicans of the State to betieve that they have been dealt with frankly by you and your committee, and that you have had a genuine desire for a complete and perfect reconcillation?. Or is it just another atis it just another atempt of the tail trying to wag the

Already the Republicans of many counties of the State have held their conventions and the Roosevelt Repubcans, believing that you were dealing with them in good faith have Joined in with the Taft Republicans and have chosen delegates to attend a joint State convention. Has the knowledge of this fact prompted you now to attempt to compel them all to attend, your self-appointed gathering at Rafeigh? The Republicans of my county, Wilkes, are authorized to at-tend a convention called by both factions of the party and no other. None such has yet been called.

The opening line of your call says:
"The Republican State Executive Committee calls a convention," etc.

mmittee calls a convention. Will you plesse tell me when and mittee has authorized By the acknowledgment in the letter signed by you and Mr. Duncan of May 27 your committee nly authorized you to confer with the Roosevelt and other Republicans and endeavor to have a joint call auhorized and Issued.

I feel that I am not too presump. Salisbury, thous in saying that your call for a president. State convention, irregular both in Pines, retength of time and authority, smacks Miller, Concord, re-elected, too much of "hossism," a disagree officers were elected as endeavoring to eliminate from politi-This ruinous practice sure for bringing us to a sorry plight at home and abroad. Surely we are at least in that class who may profit n the school of experience.

The Roosevelt Republi suaded, to have a complete reconcil-lation, and to join forces with the Taft Republicans upon common ground in doing battle against the political enemy. They will not, I am equally sure, be willing to seek hum-ble admission by way, of the back or through a half-handed invite ion into the Taft household, out of high they were unceremoniously cicked two years ago

Ricked two years ago.

By your action. I take it, the die
has been cast. It now remains to be
seen whether the Roosevelt and Progressive Republicans of the blate will
return in the dust of humility and
ilek the hand that smote them. Yours very truly, CHAS H. COWLES.

Chairman Rhosevelt Republicans of North Caroline

Gets Hurry Orders. Tokic August 4.—The Japanese cruiser Chiroda, at Kure, has been ordered to proceed hurriedly to South

Switzerland, August 4.— A. Stovall, American Minister and American consuls throughout Switzerland are doing all in their power to aid American tourists. Trains for Italy are running fregular.

It is difficult to estimate the nun-ber of Americans in the country but a probably exceeds ion the

Head State Fireman's

CONVENTION DETAIL

Tribute Paid To Memory of Charlotte Men Who Lost Their Lives in Line of Duty. Report of Secretary Miller Is Full and Complete as To **Association Affairs** 

Winston-Salem, Aug. 4.—The North rolina State Firemen's Association t here today for the third time since its organization in 1888, it hav-ing met here in 1894 and 1905. The convention was called to order at 11 o'clock this morning in the Elks' au-ditorium by President J. D. McNeil, chief of the fire department of Fay-etteville. He was elected presiding officer at the convention held here in 1894 and has held it ever since.

After remarks by the president, Rev. Henry Teller Cocke, offered prayer and Mayor O. B. Eaton deliv-ered a stirring address of welcome.

Impressive Scene.

An impressive scene occurred after responses had been delivered by Dr. Fleming and Mr. Young. The chair called on Chief A. M. Clark, of Southern Pines, who came to the front greatly affected and asked in broken word. words that all present rise and pay silent tribute to the late Chief J. H. Wallace and Captain W. B. Glenn who lost their lives in a Charlotte fire, answering their call of duty. The credentials committee was ap-

The credentials committee was appointed as follows: E. P. Mercdith, Turborof L. L. Walna New Bern; J. M. McClennon, Mooresville, D. D. Daughtridge, Rocky Mount; W. A. Brown, Salisbury; P. Harper, Kinston; R. G. Jones, Fayetteville, and L. B. Thomas, Thomasville.

The session adjourned at 12:15 to meet again at 2 o'clock in the assembly room of the board of trade. The credentials committee met immediately following adjournment.

ately following adjournment.
Pompier Pire Drill.

The members of the association nd many visitors witnessed the demand many visitors onstration of the Pompier lifesaving corps on the court house square about one o'clock. The demonstration was given by the team from Raleigh, which came at the special invitation of President McNeill. It is one of given about three similar corps in the State and was observed with interest by both citizens and visitors.

President McNeill opened the after-oon session with his annual address and the remainder of the afternoon was taken up with reports of various

Report of Treasurer Taylor State freasurer R. C. Taylor report-ed to the convention that he had received during the year for the gen-eral fund \$4,127.38; disbursed \$1.-\$36,36; leaving a balance of \$3,791.92. For the firemen's relief fund he received \$2,265.81, disbursed upon received \$2,265.91, disbursed upon warrants from the secretary \$1,834.05; leaving a balance of \$431.86. 'association has \$2,500 deposited

interest. The auditing committee of the con-vention to which the reports of the financial officers of the association were referred was announced as fol-lows: A. B. Horney, chairman; J. H. Dalton, Concord; D. D. Overton, Wilmington, and J. T. Dillehoy, Southern Pines.

Secretary Miller's Report. Secretary John L. Miller subr The membership of the North Carolina State Firemans Association consists of 104 companies, 1,420 men, 50 chiefs, 33 assistants, ents of fire alarms, 7 superintendents of waterworks representing 57 cities

Warrants drawn on relief fund dur-ing year amounted to \$1,786.05. Amount received during year from per capita tal \$582.50. Amount re-ceived from relief fund \$498.30. Total amount collected \$1,182,40 The evening session was called to order at 8:30 by President McNeil The convention greatly enjoyed several selections by a colored quartette

from members of a local colored fire department. Vice-Fresident A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, was called to the chair and the meeting was resolved into a me morial session. After an address by President McNeill the following names were entered on the memorial list: M. T. Gwatney, Tarboro; Chief J. H. Wallace and Capt. W. B. Glenn, Charlotte: Dr. J. C. Simmons, Gra ham; W. C. Keever, Hickory, C. E. Frick, Wilmington; E. P. Biles, Con-

ord: A. D. Cooper, Statesville, M. D. owdy. Winston-Salem; A. N. John-

J. W. Moore, H B

Dowdy, Winsto

Smith and William Smith, New Bern Election of Officers. Election of officers was entered into first vice-president, A. H. Boyder Pines, re-elected; secretary, John L. Miller, Concord, re-elected. Two new able feature which the Roosevelt Re- Charles Schibbens, Wilmington, treas publicans of the State and nation are urer, and T. D. Davis, New Recs. stat.

By manimous yote it was decided that the convention meet next year at New Bern. A banquet was served in the armory following adjournment

South Hard Hit By The Gigantic European War

toney crop that will have to be taken much affected by war as cotton. The only trouble, anticipated with Ameri-ca's good crops is transportation as the price will be steadily riging. The bulk of the anxiety is centered on the South, that section of the United States, which depends on cotton as its money crop, which will sell for al-most nothing while the producer of cotton must pay war prices for wha

British Supreme Commander,

London, Aug. 4.—Vice Admiral Sir. John Jellicoe today assumed supreme command of the British home feets with the acting rank of admiral. His chief of staff is to be Rear Admiral. Charles E. Madden.

The new naval commander in chief, took a prominent part in Admiral Seymour's advance to the assistance of the legations at Peking during the

Capture German Cruisers.

Algiers, Aug. 4.—According to a official report a French fleet has caltured two German cruisers, the Goben and Breslau.