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EUROPE BEGINS A BIG WAR

GERMANY INVADES FRANCE

Russia Descends on Germany; England Is Waiting with Slight Possibility of Being Able to Keep Out of Gigantic Conflict.

FRANCE FORCED TO IT

The French Republic Consents to Fight Only After Germany Had Invaded Her Territory. Principal Hotels Close for Lack of Servants.

AIR SHIPS VERY ACTIVE NOW

War Party in England Probably Will Force England to Aid France, Her Nominal Ally, and She Stands in Readiness to Do So, if Word is Given—Churchill and Balfour Demand That War Be Joined—France Declares That England Must Aid Her, Since Germany Has Broken Treaty, Declaring Luxembourg, Neutral.

London, August 2.—Four great powers of Europe, Austria-Hungary, Russia, France and Germany are engaged in actual warfare. Two of them, Germany and France, have not openly declared war against each other as far as is known here, but have not even severed diplomatic relations. This is despite the fact that Germany's ultimatum to France, either has been ignored or rejected. The explanation of this would appear to be that Germany and France are each seeking to throw upon the other the onus of beginning the war, that may plunge Europe into bloodshed. In fact while the nations of Europe are flying at each other's throats, they are vying with each other in protesting their desire to maintain peace.

FRANCE IS JUSTIFIED.
In this curious situation France, according to British opinion, has the strongest justification. She was the last to mobilize and seems to have taken the greatest precautions to avoid frontier collisions.

On the other hand Germany, in addition to invading French territory without making a formal declaration of war, has violated the neutrality of Luxembourg and declines to give any promise to respect Belgian neutrality.

ENGLAND ALMOST COMPELLED.
The efforts of the British Ambassador at Berlin to secure such a pledge have been wasted. It is difficult to see how Great Britain can avoid being drawn into the conflict to protect Belgian and Dutch territory. On this point Premier Asquith's official announcement in Parliament Monday is awaited with intense anxiety. The British public is no longer under any illusions as to the gravity of a crisis which transcends anything in their experience.

Short of actual formal mobilization the British government is taking all necessary steps to meet a situation unprecedented in the nation's history. There was a scene of great enthusiasm outside Buckingham Palace, today. Five or six thousand persons gathered before the Palace, sang the National Anthem and called for King George, who, with Queen Mary, appeared on the balcony and bowed in response to cheers given for him and

for France.

STRANDED AMERICANS TO GET QUICK RELIEF.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 3.—President Wilson and Congress moved promptly today to afford relief to Americans stranded in European war zones and to preserve the financial equilibrium of this country in view of the disorganization of credit systems abroad.

In a special message early in the day, the President asked for \$250,000 care for the Americans in Europe. Both Houses promptly passed the appropriation and will vote more is necessary. The House and Senate passed a bill moving technically to the issuance of \$500,000,000 currency.

CAN CASH LETTERS OF CREDIT

Americans who have letters of credit or other forms of money credit, will be assisted by American embassies in having them cashed. Instructions were issued to American diplomatic officers to issue "ambassadors' orders," in exchange for letters of credit, bank checks, or money orders. Friends and relatives of Americans abroad can repay any sum with the State Department here and an embassy check for the amount will be issued in Europe.

To make permanent arrangements for the financial accommodations of American citizens in Europe, Secretaries Bryan and McAdoo have arranged with New York banking houses to co-operate with American embassies abroad. The plan was discussed at conferences today between Secretary Bryan, Secretary McAdoo, and representatives of New York banking houses.

TRANSPORTS NOT ADEQUATE.

No definite arrangements have been made about ships. Army and navy officers say their transports are inadequate and many are not available. Secretary Bryan tomorrow will discuss the subject with a representative of the International Merchants Marine.

The secretary believes there are enough American and other neutral ships in service to take away thousands who desire to leave. The Department made this announcement: "The Secretary of State has received a telegram from the American ambassador at Paris in which he states that he thinks there is no cause for alarm on the part of those who remain in that city for the present, and that he believes Americans will be able to leave at some later date if they desire to do so."

BURLESON TAKES A HAND.

Orders restricting the amount of money orders issued to European points will be issued probably tomorrow by the Postoffice Department. "It is not my purpose," Mr. Burleson said, "to restrict the money order service so as to prove injurious to any Americans in Europe. It is the in-

tervention of the department, however, to so restrict the service that money cannot be transferred to Europe for speculative purposes."

PRESIDENT MAKES APPEAL.

President Wilson appealed to the people of the country not to become alarmed over European developments as this country was well prepared to withstand any financial crisis.

The President was successful in his appeal to western railroad managers, engineers, and firemen to avoid a tie-up in railroad traffic in view of war disturbances. They agreed to avert a strike and settle their differences by mediation.

Secretaries McAdoo and Bryan conferred tonight with New York bankers to arrange for financial accommodation of Americans abroad.

The Senate voted to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to establish naval lines to carry passengers, mail and freight to South America and to Europe. The bill is before the House.

FRANCE REQUISITIONS SHIP.

New York, Aug. 3.—The Rochambeau, one of the largest of the French line's fleet of steamships, due in this port today from Havre, was today requisitioned by the French Government. The French consul here notified the agents of the line that she was to be turned over to him immediately upon arrival. The Rochambeau has accommodations for 1,600 persons in the stowage and 450 in the cabin.

The Rochambeau, it was said, probably would be used to transport reservists to France. The agents were not informed, however, what the French government proposed to do with the vessel.

Burlington 4; Graham 2.

Last Saturday afternoon at Piedmont Park Burlington defeated Graham in a fast game of ball to the score of 4 to 2.

The game was well played and very few errors were made. The local team made one serious error however that allowed Graham to score her only runs. Two of the runs made by the local team were made on errors of the Graham team.

The features of the game were the fine stop made by Gary in the short stop and the umpiring by Fleming.

Before the game started a cigarette drummer held up a box of Chesterfield cigarettes and made the announcement that the winning team would be given the box containing 500 cigarettes.

Southern Hosiery Mills Sells Old Machinery.

The Southern Hosiery Mills, which is located on Spring Street, has sold its machinery for making cotton hose, to a new hosiery company in Denton, N. C., and will immediately install new machinery for making silk-plated hose. This company has been doing good business since it was established about a year ago, and this change in machinery will add greatly to their ability to turn out work.

Clarence, Durham, the 12-year-old son of E. W. Durham, fell out of a swing at his home Saturday and broke his arm. Dr. Faucette was called and set the bone. He is getting along nicely at present.

MASS CONVENTION.

Mass Convention of Republicans, Progressives and Independents at Graham, Aug. 15.

There will be a mass meeting of Republicans, Progressives, Independents, and all others who want good honest county government, at the County House in Graham, N. C., Aug. 15th, at 2:30 P. M., for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to the various Republican conventions to be held this year. We invite all regardless of how they voted heretofore, who are opposed to the management of the present county government to attend this convention and to take part in its deliberations. We will welcome advice from all good citizens and tax payers whether in person or by letter as to the best method of getting together for a solid front to the end that our county government may be administered in the interest of the tax payers and those who have the largest burdens to bear in county and school matters. This convention is not for the purpose of nominating a ticket at this time, but its organization and conduct may be an important bearing upon this future result. All good men who attend this meeting will be consulted in matters affecting this re-organization of the Republican party. Come and bring your neighbor with you, we extend you most cordial welcome.

GEORGE W. VESTAL, Chairman, Alamance Co., Republican Ex. Com.

Republican State Executive Committee Calls State Convention.

Leaksville, July 29.—The Republican State Executive Committee calls a Convention to meet in the City of Raleigh, on Thursday, August twentieth, at 12 o'clock, noon.

This convention is called for the purpose of nominating for such State offices as are to be voted for in the coming election, for ratifying and other nominations, for selecting a State Executive Committee and Chairman, and for the transacting such other business as its wisdom may elect.

The counties, by their primaries and through their committees are requested to arrange at once for their full quota of delegates. All Republicans, present and past, regardless of any former differences, who are still sympathetic to tried and true Republican principles and policies, to protection and its ever-attendant prosperity, are invited by the committees to attend this convention with the assurance that their presence will be most heartily welcomed and their aid and advice most earnestly sought. To all those who have followed the Party of Lincoln and Grant, of Garfield and McKinley, of Roosevelt and Taft, as well as to those who are willing to follow in the footsteps of these patriotic statesmen, this home-coming invitation is most cordially extended.

Realizing the evil days to which Democratic misrule has brought us, let all who hold anti-Democratic views render assistance in returning our common country to its wonted progress and prosperity.

JNO. M. MOREHEAD,
Chairman.
GILLIAM GRISSOM,
Secretary.

Snake Swallows a Locket.

That snakes swallow bright objects has been demonstrated by Harry Godfrey, when he killed a large snake, and on skinning the reptile noticed a oulg ring spot on its body. He investigated further and found it to be a small gold locket with a stone setting and the letters "F. A. M. to E. G. R. Des Moines, Iowa, June 1, 1903," engraved on it.—Denver Post.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The Prizes to be Given to the Successful Contestants at Maywood Farmers' Institute.

The Farmers' Institute and Woman's Institute to be held at Maywood August 18, are offering the following prizes:

1 Year's Subscription to "American Motherhood," for the best loaf of bread made and exhibited by a woman over 20 years old, living on a farm. "The Woman's Magazine" to the girl from the farm under 20 years old, making and exhibiting the best loaf of bread.

A prize to the girl under 16 years of age making and exhibiting the best pone of corn-bread.

Miss Edna Reinhardt will give suitable prizes to the old lady making and exhibiting the best corn pone; and to the girl under 20 years old living on a farm and making and exhibiting the best canned goods, two or more varieties.

C. E. Tapscott will give a B.-A. shire pig of the best breeding, to the farmer's wife or daughter making and exhibiting the best cake, and a variety one year's subscription to The Burlington News for the second best; One year's subscription to The Twice-A-Week Dispatch, for the third.

Mr. J. M. Shoffner will give one year's subscription to "Youth's Companion" to the man exhibiting the best Roanoke colt under one year old and one year's subscription to "The Progressive Farmer" for the Second Best. There must not be less than three colts exhibited.

J. C. McCulloch will give a \$2.00 prize to the man exhibiting the best colt under 18 months old; a \$1.00 prize for the second best. This includes all breeds and not less than five colts to be exhibited.

Mrs. Bettie Ross will give a set of Medallions to the farm lady making and exhibiting the best piece of hand made embroidery.

J. M. Hayes will give \$1.00 to the man exhibiting the best three or more stalks of corn; 50c for the second best. There must not be less than 3 ears.

The Directors of the Institute to be the judges.

Mr. Moser to New York.

Mr. Thomas S. Moser, who has been working in our shop for the last several years, has gone to New York City to study the mechanical part of the Linotype.

Mr. Moser is a deaf mute and is one of the hardest workers we have ever seen in any line of work, and we are sure he will "make good" on the Linotype, judging by his successes in the past whenever he decided to take up anything—he never lets go till he has mastered the subject.

He will be in the Mergenthaler Linotype Company's factory, in Brooklyn, for about four weeks, and hopes to see part of the "town" before returning.

He will be greatly missed in the shop here as he is always on hand at work time and stays till stopping time, and always has a smile for everybody. Here's hoping the very best possible for "Tommy."

Woodhull-Underwood.

Much interest was taken here in the marriage in Goldsboro Wednesday of Miss Sadie Underwood and Mr. L. R. Woodhull. Mr. Woodhull is a prominent young man of this place. He is construction engineer for the Piedmont Railway & Electric Co. Miss Underwood is well known here and greatly liked. She taught last year in the city schools. The community wishes for them a most pleasant married life.

TRYING TO SAVE THE COTTON CROP.

Southern Congressmen Trying to Devise Some Plan to Prevent Loss to Cotton Producers.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Southern Senators and Representatives conferred today to devise some plan to prevent loss to producers of cotton as a result of the European crisis. Senator Hoke Smith today issued a call for the meeting.

The committee will call upon President Wilson and the secretaries of the treasury, agriculture and commerce to find out conditions and the prospect for relief. Senator Smith will name the committee tomorrow, there to be one senator or representative from each of the following States: Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Arkansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas.

Senator Ransdell, of Louisiana, read the following telegram received today from E. J. Glenn, president of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, which epitomized the situation discussed later at the conference.

IMPOSSIBLE TO EXPORT COTTON.

"Present condition of foreign exchange markets makes it impossible to export cotton. Therefore America will have to finance cotton until conditions become more nearly normal. It is therefore evident that the price of cotton must suffer, entailing heavy losses upon farmers, unless banks receive some assistance beyond their normal resources. Cannot something be done by the government to assist in this matter? Beyond the financial conditions is the lack of neutral bottoms to carry the requisite amount of cotton, to bring any substantial relief financially, and as the exports of cotton annually amount to nearly 10,000,000 bales the amount of money involved will be large. This would not all be necessary at once but any assistance offered by the government would go a long way towards restoring confidence. The loss will fall almost entirely upon the farming class, as cotton has not left the farmers' hands and the merchants cannot buy without financial assistance."

SENATOR SIMMONS AID.

Senators Clarke, of Arkansas, Williams and Vardaman, of Mississippi, Simmons, of North Carolina, and others talked over the situation at length and some of them thought that emergency financial legislation to be passed by Congress tomorrow night. It all that will be necessary to enable the farmers to store their cotton crop until the war is over rather than be forced to rush it out when there is no European demand. In this way the prices might be held up when the demand returns.

Methods of procuring transportation if there is a demand, also were discussed. The conference will meet again Wednesday to hear the reports from the committee.

Shedley-Hoffman Minstrels Saturday Night.

Last Saturday night the Shedley-Hoffman Minstrels showed here near the depot to a capacity house. The crowd attested to the popularity of Mr. Heritage, the owner. The show was all that anybody could want for their money and vastly better than the usual minstrels showing in this section. The dancing was fine and the music even better, if that is possible. The comedians were extremely good. They had better get a larger tent if they want to show here again or rent the ball park and have seats built in the diamond.

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