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## Titanic Struggle Now Rages In Europe

### England Throws Down Gage of Battle to Germany and the Greatest Conflagration in History Will Sweep a Whole Continent

The war dogs of the Old World are unleashed in fact. The conflict is no longer imminent but has already begun. Germany declared war on England Tuesday. The British lion returned the compliment Tuesday night at eight o'clock. There has been a State of war between these two countries since eleven o'clock Tuesday night.

The question of the neutrality of Belgium was the one on which diplomatic relations between the two countries broke and were shattered. Great Britain in an ultimatum to Germany demanded that the neutrality of Belgium be respected. Germany replied by a flat refusal to the demand and the British ambassador tore up his passports.

#### GERMANY'S POSITION

The German emperor opened his ultimatum on Tuesday with the following address:

"The world has been a witness in an indefatigable manner in the front rank of the endeavor to save Europe from the 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 insatiable 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."

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

"To the people 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 faithful, earnest and chivalrous, humble before 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."

#### FRANCE STATES HER CASE

The position of France is given in the following statement made Tuesday by the French Premier to the French War Chamber of Deputies:

"France has been unjustly provoked; she did not seek 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 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."

"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 mobilizing."

The French Chief Executive, President Poincare, says that Germany tried treacherously to surprise France but found his nation ready for the methodical mobilization of her troops.

#### JAPAN'S ATTITUDE

A proclamation also issued Tuesday by the Government of Japan set forth the attitude of that country toward war. The Japanese emperor hopes he says for a speedy restoration of peace. He declares that the Japanese nation's desire in the conflict is to remain neutral. He is not certain that such neutrality can be maintained. Should the Anglo-Japanese alliance be threatened Japan will be compelled to take measures for fulfillment of its obligation to England.

This announcement came before England's declaration of war and may be construed as implying that the Japanese navy will be ready for action at England's call. In the far East the German fleet is active and extraordinary excitement is said to prevail in Tokio.

#### ITALY STILL NEUTRAL

It is reported that Germany has made an appeal to Italy to stand with her in the struggle.

The German Government claims that France has committed such hostile acts against Germany as to constitute grounds for Italy's joining Germany under the terms of the triple alliance.

The present tendency of the Italian government is to remain neutral.

Turkey has definitely announced that it will remain absolutely neutral also.

#### AMERICA'S ATTITUDE

President Wilson issued Tuesday a proclamation of neutrality declaring the United States on terms of friendship and amity with each of the contending nations in the European war. All American citizens are forbidden under heavy penalty to take any part or lend any aid to any of the countries involved.

The president has tendered the good offices of this country should the nations of Europe be come willing to submit their differences to arbitration.

## BELGIANS CHECK GERMAN ADVANCE

Forces of the Kaiser Reported to Have Suffered Heavy Losses On Wednesday.

Several thousand dead and wounded is the toll paid by the German army of the Meuse, for its attack on Leige August 5th.

The Belgians made a heroic defense, repulsing the Germans after heavy and continuous fighting.

The fortified position of Leige had to withstand on Wednesday the general shock of the German attack. The Belgian forts resisted the advance fiercely and did not suffer. One Belgian squadron attacked and drove back six German squadrons.

Eight hundred wounded Germans are being transferred to the city of Leige where they will be cared for.

Prior to the attack on Leige, General Von Emmich, commanding the German army of the Meuse issued a proclamation calling for an open road through Belgium for the advance of his forces and suggesting that prudence would show it to be the duty of the Belgian people to accede to this to avoid the horrors of war.

The Germans committed repression against the civil population of the town of Vise, eight miles northeast of Leige, burning the city and shooting many residents.

French troops have joined the Belgians in resisting the progress of Germany through that country and it is reported that possibly Great Britain will lend reinforcements. President Wilson has offered his services as mediator of the warring nations of Europe. Russia frontier patrols have penetrated ten miles into the German Empire.

#### EVANS MAY LIVE

Tom Evans, the young white man reported to be mortally wounded by a bullet from the pistol of a negro wench, is still alive.

Evans has surprised the doctors and everybody else by staying the approach of death until this time and now it is said that he stand a chance of recovery.

Evans has been in the Marine hospital at Norfolk since Monday and relatives were summoned to his bedside Monday afternoon for what was thought would probably be their last chance of seeing him alive. But he held on to life for two days and is now said to be improving. The trial of the negroes, Grant Eason and Fannie Rogers, has been continued until Saturday. It is thought that by that time the physicians may say with a fair degree of certainty whether or not the white boy will live.

#### INTEREST IN REDUCED PRICES

Much interest is being taken in the announcement appearing in the last issue of this newspaper (the Ford Automobile Company has reduced the prices on its machines on account of increased sales and will share profits with its customers.

#### BLACKWELL MEMORIAL CHURCH

Mr. Herbert Peale will speak at Blackwell Memorial Church on Sunday at both the morning and evening service.

## PRESIDENT'S WIFE PASSES AWAY

Died At Washington Yesterday Afternoon At About Five O'clock.

Yesterday at six o'clock over the wires came the news of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson's death.

Not only Washington but the whole country was shocked yesterday when the news was read in the morning dailies that Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, mistress of the White House, was lying at the point of death.

For a number of days her physicians and family had almost lost hope but had battled on desperately to save her life, and at President Wilson's request the news of her critical illness was not given to the papers until hope seemed absolutely gone.

During last March Mrs. Wilson had a serious fall from which she has never entirely recovered. Her life at the White House has been full of many social obligations and much charity work, all of which she fulfilled with charming grace and untiring zeal. In addition to her personal obligations she has been in close touch with the president's duties and responsibilities. The heavy strain together with the accident in March shattered Mrs. Wilson's nerves and brought on serious physical maladies. For several months her health declined and she was urged to leave Washington for some health resort during the summer but refused to leave President Wilson.

## ADDED INTEREST IN LAST CONTEST

With Finish of other Races Panama-Pacific Event Has Right of Way

The Panama-Pacific Contest in which ten merchants of this city are giving two trips to the Panama-Pacific Exposition next year or two prizes of \$400 in gold now has the whole floor, other contests in progress during the past few months having culminated and closed.

This contest began in the early summer and will last the remainder of the year, a much longer period than the average contest. Likewise, the prizes offered are of far greater value than are usually offered in a contest.

The call was at one time "Go west, young man," but times have changed. The day of the suffragette is at hand, and it is "Go west, young woman" instead. No young lady in the city or section can afford to let this opportunity slip. The contest is but yet in its beginning. There is abundant opportunity to enter and win now.

The newspapers are full of interesting items in regard to the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Even European war stories cannot dull its brilliancy. Moving pictures, illustrated magazine stories, and newspaper cuts endeavor to show the splendor of the great national Exposition. Advertisements appear each week in this newspaper giving the names of the firms offering these excellent prizes and also the standing of the contestants who have already entered the race. No one can afford to miss reading these ads. They offer unusual opportunity to everybody to help either

## PROMOTION FOR A CAMDEN BOY

Young Ferebee at Atlantic City is Regarded Fine Construction Engineer by Experts

The following from the Atlantic City Daily Union will be of interest here:

"Consulting Engineer James L. Ferebee will be chief engineer in direct charge of all construction work on the drainage and water main enterprises of the city after September 1st. Mr. Ferebee has been assistant construction engineer under T. Chalkley Hatton in the operations, and while the latter drew the plans, Mr. Ferebee did the work.

Mr. Hatton is in Milwaukee, where he has been retained as chief engineer of the sewerage construction work there.

It is said today that Milwaukee was after Ferebee's services as Hatton's assistant and had offered him a good inducement. However, Atlantic City is desirous of retaining him here, as he is recognized as one of the best construction engineers in the country, and has done valuable service in the sewer and water pipe construction in this city."

Mr. Ferebee is a Camden boy, son of Mr. W. G. Ferebee, grandson of the late B. F. Whitehurst of Pasquotank County, and a graduate of A. & M. College, at Raleigh.

#### NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

The City Health Officer Dr. C. B. Williams, has handed this paper the following statement for publication. This statement is of general interest from the fact that at the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen there was considerable discussion of the question and one of the aldermen claimed to be reliably informed that there were at least as many as fifty cases in the town.

Eighteen cases of typhoid fever in Elizabeth City during the fly season is not an unusually large number.

To The Citizens of Elizabeth City—

I have made a thorough investigation of the typhoid fever in the city and find only eighteen cases, nine of which were contracted elsewhere. These cases are not confined to any particular part of the city and this number is not at all unusual for a town of ten thousand inhabitants. There is certainly no occasion for any alarm or for any fear of an epidemic.

C. B. WILLIAMS,  
Health Officer,  
Elizabeth City, N. C.,  
Aug. 6th 1914.

#### BARACA PHILATHEAS MEET

The Baraca Philathea Union of the First Baptist Church meets Tuesday evening the 11th at 8 o'clock. The union would like to see a large number of the members present.

#### RECEIVED PAINFUL HURT

Fort Landing, N. C., Aug. 1st—Mr. Moran Payne received a painful hurt a few days ago while hoisting sunken timber on board a vessel. A block fell from aloft striking him on the head. He also had one finger so badly mangled that it is thought it will have to be amputated.

themselves or their friends by shopping at the stores who are giving these splendid prizes and giving full value for every purchase made with them.—Advt.

## WIN FREE TRIP TO GREAT FALLS

Miss Vertie Brothers and Miss Allie Williams to Visit Niagara Without Expense

The Niagara Falls contest closed August the first.

Everyone was interested in the result of the contest and this result was not surprising for the young ladies who came out ahead had been leaders for some time.

Miss Vertie Brothers with 4,082,195 was the first winner and Miss Allie Williams with 3,847,220 votes was the second winner. These two young ladies are ready now for an ideal vacation trip and not a few are envying them their valuable prizes.

A close rival with the two winners for some time and not far behind them at the close of the contest was Miss Ida Owens with 2,281,311 votes.

The young ladies who have won this splendid trip are being congratulated on every hand for their fine luck—and congratulations are being showered at the same time and with equal enthusiasm upon the progressive business firms who have so fairly and successfully conducted this contest and have so generously made possible the trips to Niagara for the fortunate winners.—Adv.

#### CITY NEEDS DIRT

A red hot session of the Board of Aldermen was held in the city hall last Monday night. The meeting lasted until nearly midnight. The facts that so agitated the city fathers are these: Frank Alexander, a street carter, was found to have dumped four or five loads of city dirt on the lot which he occupies. He claimed that street commissioner J. W. Betts, gave him authority to do this. The street commissioner flatly denied that he had given such permission. Whereupon Alderman W. L. Cohoon made the motion that Alexander be discharged from the city's services but later the motion was withdrawn and the question tabled.

Alexander does not own the lot on which he resides but rents it from Mr. Cliff Sawyer. Mr. Sawyer says that he had never asked for the dirt and did not know of its having been hauled there. It was claimed that the practice of hauling city dirt on private premises had been permitted for years and some members of the board thought that Alexander ought not to be made the goat for the offenses committed by many others.

In the course of the discussion it developed that loads of trash and rubbish were frequently dumped on private premises. Mr. Grandy admitted having got some leaves for his stable. Mr. Cohoon got some trash on some of his property also but said that it was not carried there by his instruction or wish.

It was the sense of the board that the hauling of city dirt to private premises should cease.

#### FELL OFF TRAIN

Getting his fingers caught in the floor while standing on the platform of the excursion train from Virginia Beach Wednesday night, Tom Glover, who lives on Locust street of this city, fainted and fell from the train in an unconscious condition. The train went back at once and he was picked up and brought home, badly bruised but not seriously injured.