

Austrians Declare War Against Servians and Fighting Begins.

The Delay of the Servians Proves Fatal to all Peace Negotiations-The Austrian Fleet Has Been Ordered to Concentrate and get Ready For Action-The Whole World Looking on.

VIENNA, July 28.—Official notification of the declaration of war was sent to Serbia today by the Austria-Hungarian government.

Steamers Seized.

NISH, SERBIA, July 28.—The Serbian steamers Deligrad and Merava were seized today at Orzova on the Danube by Austrians.

War Inevitable.

VIENNA, July 28.—The imperial Austro-Hungarian foreign office declared today that even should Serbia now comply with the demands contained in the note, the government of the dual monarchy would not be satisfied.

Troops to the Front.

BERLIN, July 28.—Reports from the Austrian border today state that the transport of the eighth and ninth Austrian army corps from Bohemia toward the Serbian frontier began Monday.

The two corps consist of 32 battalions of infantry, with a large number of quick-firing machine guns, six regiments of cavalry, two regiments of field artillery, and two regiments of the army service corps.

As The Powers See It.

LONDON, July 28.—The refusal by Germany and Austria-Hungary to participate in mediation conference on the Austro-Serbian conflict, reports of the rapid movement of Austro-Hungarian troops and a persistent downward trend of European stock markets were the outstanding developments of the European situation.

Getting Ready.

Preparations for war proceeded on all sides. Even England's battle squadrons have all been mobilized in readiness for eventualities, and the publication of official news as to their movements has ceased.

Germany's definite decision against participation in the ambassadorial conference proposed by Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, in an effort to maintain peace, is regarded here as tantamount to a declaration of Germany's determination that Austria-Hungary shall have an entirely free hand in chastising Serbia unless the Balkan kingdom accedes in full to demands of the dual monarchy.

Servians Leave Capital

BELGRADE, July 28.—Many Serbian families have left the capital for the country districts in spite of the advice of the authorities while there has been a great exodus of Austrians and Hungarians from Belgrade and other parts of Serbia.

Perfect order prevails in the capital, the police duties having been undertaken by a corps of volunteers composed of students.

Military preparations are being carried out with feverish activity. The troops have been concentrated in fortified positions, the headquarters of the army being established at Kragevatz, but the real seat of activity will be transferred to Kragujevac, 30 miles southeast of Belgrade.

IDAHO SALOONS DOOMED; ALL PARTIES 'ANTI'

Three Factions Encore State-Wide Prohibition.

SOCIALISTS ALSO ENDORSE IT Democratic Legislature Certain Of Election In The Fall.

BOISE, IDAHO, July 28.—Idaho has the distinction of having three prohibition parties in the field this year. Whether Republicans, Democrats or Progressives carry the election in November, State-wide prohibition is certain to come either at once through legislative enactment or eventually through constitutional amendment.

In any event, whichever way the election goes, the licensed saloon seems doomed.

Platform conventions were held by the four political parties, including the Socialists, under the terms of the new primary election law. These conventions were made up of the delegates from all the counties—three times as many as the number of Legislators. They all met on the same day and all filed their platforms on the same day with the Secretary of State.

Excerpts From Platforms. On the liquor issue the Republican convention endorsed the cause of national prohibition and then said "We hereby declare in favor of State-wide prohibition within the State of Idaho, and to that end favor the submission to the voters of this State by the next legislature assembly of a constitutional amendment embodying that provision, and in the event of the failure of the Republican party to secure the two-thirds vote necessary to the passage of a resolution of submission, we pledge our members of the Legislature to the passage of a direct prohibition legislative enactment."

The Progressives. The Progressives inserted this plank. "We declare for State-wide prohibition of the liquor traffic to be secured, first by legislative enactment, and second, by submission to the people for their approval of a constitutional amendment. We pledge our Senators and Representatives in Congress to work and vote for national prohibition."

In the Democratic convention there was a hard fight for silence on the question. There was also a strong sentiment for a municipal unit plank. The following was finally adopted: "We favor the submission to the voters of the State of a constitutional amendment forever prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors therein, and pledge our candidates to the next Legislature to the submission of such amendment in 1916."

There is this distinction. While the Republicans and Progressives are pledged to the enactment of a law as well as the submission of a constitutional amendment, the Democrats are pledged only to the submission of an amendment. For this reason, it is thought here is a strong likelihood of the election of a Democratic Legislature next fall. The "wets" are expected to favor the Democrats, for a Democratic Legislature would give them two years longer in which to transact business and more time to prepare to fight the constitutional amendment.

USING MUCH WATER. Pressure At Plant Down To Thirty Pounds. This hot weather is an excellent time to use water and judging from the fact that there was only thirty pounds pressure at the water plant last night at 9 o'clock, someone was certainly using it.

However, water consumers should not waste the water. In case of fire the firemen would be badly handicapped, and a heavy loss of property would probably be the result. The supply is not too great at present, and all water consumers are requested to help in preserving it as much as possible.

LOCAL FIREMEN READY TO ATTEND THE TOURNAMENT

Will Leave New Bern on Sunday Morning.

FOUR COMPANIES ARE GOING. To Make Concerted Effort To Land The 1915 Meeting.

New Bern will be well represented at the State Firemen's Tournament which is to be held at Winston-Salem next week. Four of the local hose wagon teams are planning to participate in the horse hose wagon races to be held on Wednesday and in addition to the Wednesday and in addition to the members of the four companies, numbering about eighty who will attend the annual meet, a large number of enthusiastic "fire fans" will make the trip to the twin city and be on hand to lend their aid in cheering the New Bern lads.

Hose wagon teams from the Atlantic Steam Fire Engine Company, New Bern Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 1, the Riverside Hose Wagon Company and the Fourth Ward Hose Wagon Company will participate in the races. Some of the members of the different companies with their horses and wagons will leave New Bern on Saturday night while others will make their departure early Sunday morning.

New Bern wants the 1915 tournament and every effort will be made to land it. The Board of Aldermen have extended to the State Firemen's Association an invitation to hold their next meeting here and the local firemen are so certain that this invitation will be accepted that they have already begun to prepare to make up the largest list of premiums ever offered at any tournament held in the State. They are loaded to the brim with attractive advertising matter which will be used in the Twin City. Some of this consists of attractive tags on which are the words "Meet Me in New Bern in 1915. The home of a big time." There will be other methods brought into use also to put New Bern before the public and there is every reason to believe that the 1915 tournament will be landed.

100 FALL INTO OCEAN AS PIER COLLAPSES

MOST OF THEM WOMEN WHO WANTED TO SEE MOVING PICTURES.

NEW YORK, July 28.—While 500 men, women and children were standing upon a lightly built pier extending into the ocean at Blue Point, L. I., yesterday morning, crowding together so as to get into a moving picture that was being taken of bathers and yatchmen in the water, a section of the pier collapsed. More than 100 persons—mainly women in summer finery—were thrown into the surf. The water where they fell was only three or four feet deep, so no one was injured, though there was a lot of excitement and considerable tear shedding over-rained frocks.

Many well known New York women were among those who took the involuntary dip. Some of them were Mrs. Henry Ziegler and her daughters Misses Natalie and Helena Zeigler; the Misses Mildred and Irene Schrag, the Misses Irene, May and Edna Cashman, Miss Millicent Horton, Miss Louise Peterson and Miss Florence Scarborough.

An unidentified fat man was the only one who really suffered. When he fell into the water he couldn't rise and had to be helped to his feet by several bathers.

SCHMIDT WANTS NEW TRIAL

NEW YORK, July 28.—Hans Schmidt under death sentence for the murder of Anna Mueller, applied today for a new trial. Schmidt's counsel asserts the girl was not murdered, but died after an operation, and that Schmidt cut up her body to prevent a scandal, and to protect the surgeon who performed the operation. Arguments on the application will be heard October 5.

LOCAL RAILWAY MEN MAY GET INCREASE

SIX MONTHS ASKED FOR COMES TO A CLOSE SATURDAY.

Next Saturday, August 1, is the date on which it is believed the Norfolk Southern Railway Company will take up with the men employed in the local shops, the matter of making a final settlement in regards to the difference which existed six months ago in regard to higher wages. At that time a near-strike was averted when President Hix and Superintendent Witt told a committee of local railway men who had gone to Norfolk to confer with the officials, that they would take some definite steps within the course of six months.

This period comes to a close on August 1 and the general public is awaiting with interest to see what steps will be taken. Just what the railway men intend doing is not known. They have adopted a reticence which is marked and the public is not aware of their intentions. However, it is quite probable that the committee will again go to Norfolk and confer with president Young. There is not much probability of a strike as the men are now receiving good wages and are working on full time.

NEW INDUSTRY

BEAUFORT MEN TO OPEN PLANT AT SOUTHPORT.

SOUTHPORT, July 28.—An important new fertilizer industry is to be started, about three miles west of Southport. The company to operate is composed of Beaufort, N. C., men, who are in the same business at that place, and being shown the advantages of establishing a plant on the Cape Fear, were offered a fine site up the Elizabeth river about two miles from where it enters the Cape Fear river, below this city, and upon visiting the place bought it. The place is known locally as Frazier's Neck, and has several hundred acres. The new company here will be called the Southport Fishcrap & Oil Co., and will operate their own fish boats of which they have a number. Orders to build factory and other constructions are given, and the company will push the work so as to get into operation at an early date. It is said that \$50,000 will be spent on the plant, this not to include any boats, nets, etc., which the company now has.

THE ELOPERS HAPPILY SPOONING IN HALIFAX

DOPED DAUGHTER WIRES PARENTS THAT SHE IS VERY HAPPY.

SAVANNAH, July 28.—It was all a mistake, it seems. Mrs. Florence Pickard Harrison, daughter of Dr. W. L. Pickard, president of Mercer University, who flouted her fiancé to elope with the sweetheart of the younger days, is a happy as a bride should be according to a message from the elopers in Halifax. Mrs. Harrison has not repented of her hasty bargain, and the hopes of Karl Karsten, the jilted fiancé are faded.

The Pickard family is busy today explaining the situation. At first Dr. Pickard and other members of the family were foremost in denouncing Harrison, who had persuaded Miss Pickard to wed him, although she was formally engaged to another man. Now they declare they put the wrong construction on a message that came from the bride in New York, and that all rumors of unhappiness had sprung from their misconception of her telegram for money.

This explanation was due upon receipt of a dispatch telling how very happy the elopers were. They arrived in Halifax by steamer and plan to remain all summer. Both bride and bridegroom said the honeymoon trip was wonderful, and they sent joint letters to her parents and to Mr. Karsten. They received a hearty telegram of congratulations from Karsten.

It is explained that when the message came from the bride, that she wished for her mother and asked for money, the Pickard family and Karsten construed it to mean that she was unhappy and wanted to return home.

ANOTHER CLUE COMES TO LIGHT IN NELMS CASE

Police of Country Are Still Making Search For Missing Girl.

ATLANTA, July 28.—Discovery today by Atlanta postal officials of a letter bearing the signature of "Mrs. V. E. Innes" furnished the first means the detectives have had of learning if Mrs. Innes is the mysterious "Margaret Mims" or "Mary Hardman," who is said to have been in Atlanta with Victor Innes to get large sums of money from Mrs. Eloise Nelms Dennis, or if they are separate identities.

The letter was mailed from San Antonio June 3, and contained a request that all mail addressed either to herself or Victor Innes be forwarded at once to Box 1278 in San Antonio.

Comparison immediately was made with the signature of "Mrs. M. M. Hardman" and "Levina Hardman" appearing on the Seville Hotel register May 19, and marked similarities were found. The two names on the hotel register were written by the same hand and are known to have been the names under which the Mims woman and Eloise Dennis went when they were there together.

The hand writing corresponds in many important particulars to that in the letter just uncovered by the postal authorities, and investigators expressed confidence that the Mims woman and the woman who wrote for Mrs. Innes' mail were one of the same.

At the time of this development there came to Atlanta the news that the government, recalling its refusal to interest itself in the case, had decided to investigate in six cities of the United States the relations of Victor Innes and Eloise Dennis, acting under the general authority of the Mann "Whits Slave" act.

This decision was reached after a conference in Washington between Marshall Nelms, Congressman William Schley Howard and officials of the Department of Justice. It is understood that the machinery of the department at once will be set in motion.

New Possibilities Opened.

Several possibilities are opened up by the discovery of the new postoffice evidence. Mrs. J. W. Nelms, the Atlanta woman. They advance, however, the possibility that it was not Mrs. Innes who wrote the forwarding letter from San Antonio, but the woman who went under the names of Mims and Hardman, who assumed for the time the name of Innes' wife guarding against the possibility of the real Mrs. Innes getting the forwarded letters by having them sent to a private post-office box.

Mrs. Innes' Letter.

Specimens of Mrs. Innes' handwriting will be obtained to compare with that in this letter signed with her name, and also to compare with the names of the hotel register.

The letter from San Antonio was discovered by a forwarding clerk in the Atlanta postoffice and immediately was turned over to Inspector R. E. Barry. San Antonio was misspelled. The letter said

"San Antonio, Tex., June 3, 1914. Postmaster, Atlanta, Georgia

"Dear Sir—Any and all mail that may be held in your postoffice for Mrs. V. E. Innes, (Mr. V. E. Innes, Mrs. I. M. Innes (general delivery) please forward to P. O. Box 1278, San Antonio, Tex.

"Oblige. Respectfully,

"Mrs. V. E. (I. M.) INNES."

Dispatches from San Antonio said that Mrs. Innes rented the box in the postoffice there on March 10. Mail was ordered forwarded to Box 1075 in Portland on June 29. In renting the box in San Antonio, she gave J. S. Roberts and Georgis Austin, both of San Francisco, as references.

Dissatisfaction with the inactivity of the Portland (Oreg.) police force and the firm conviction that Victor E. Innes knows more of the circumstances than he has told, led to a conference between Attorney Reuben Arnold and Mrs. J. W. Nelms on the advisability of employing a private detective agency to trace the career of the lawyer for the last year or more and to "shadow" his present movements.

Attorney Arnold is outspoken in his disappointment at the attitude of the Portland police and in his belief that immediate action is necessary.