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GERMANY HAS DECLARED WAR

German Ambassador Sends Russian Minister Formal Proclamation In Behalf of Government

Berlin, Aug. 1.—Germany Has Declared War Against Russia—France's Action in Ordering the Mobilization of Her Troops To-Morrow, Forced the Kaiser to Take this Step—Orders Were at Once Wired to the Commanding Officers of The Army and Navy to be Prepared to act at Once—The Kaiser is Expected to Assume His Position as Commander in Chief as Soon as Land Operations Begin—Berlin is Wildly Excited To Night and the Streets are Jammed With Madly Cheering Throngs.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 1.—Germany formally declared war on Russia shortly after 8 o'clock tonight. The German ambassador formally placed in the hands of the Premier the formal declaration of war. It recited the failure of Russia to comply with terms of the Kaiser's ultimatum and declared that the only thing left was a recourse to arms.

THE NEWS OF DECLARATION HEARD BY PARISIANS.

PARIS, Aug. 1.—News of Germany's declaration of war reached Paris by way of St. Petersburg shortly after 10 o'clock tonight. Simultaneous with the receipt of the news, the president and the cabinet held a conference. It was expected that the German ambassador would demand his passport before morning. No attempt was made to minimize the seriousness of the situation. France expects war and is ready for it.

CABINET IN CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—The king and his cabinet went into a conference to-night immediately following the announcement the Germany had formally declared war on Russia. It was expected that a definite statement of England's intentions would be forthcoming tonight. Orders to complete the mobilization of the entire V British army are known to have been prepared but whether they have been secretly issued is not yet known. Italy regards her obligations under the triple alliance as covering only a defensive war. She may remain neutral in the coming conflict.

THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR HAS DEPARTED FROM RUSSIA.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—The German ambassador to Russia has left St. Petersburg according to reports reaching the white house today. Ambassador Herick at Paris reported that a plan to have the United States take over the affairs of the German embassy in Paris was under discussion.

PORT OF HAMBURG HAS BEEN CLOSED.

HAMBURG, Aug. 1.—The port of Hamburg has been closed. No ships are allowed to leave.

THE UNITED STATES TO ACT FOR FRANCE.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—Reports from a number of points agree that diplomatic relations were severed at noon today. The German Ambassador to Russia has demanded his passports. The German ambassador to France has asked the United States to act for his country when he leaves Paris. Telephonic communication between England and the continent has ended.

GERMAN WARSHIPS HAVE BEEN GIVEN WARNING.

BERLIN, Aug. 1.—All German shipping has been ordered to make for the nearest neutral port. The government today sent word to German ship owners that their craft must seek safety at once.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT FEEL VERY PEACEFUL.

ROME, Aug. 1.—The German ambassador to Italy today asked to be informed as to Italy's attitude in the event of war between Germany and Austria-Hungary on the one side and Russia and France on the other.

The Marquis Di San Gullano, the Italian foreign minister, said he would reserve his reply until he had consulted Premier Salandra.

According to the Messenger, during the interview which followed between the Marquis Di San Gullano and Premier Salandra the two Italian statesmen were in complete agreement as to the line of conduct to be pursued by Italy in the present crisis. The Messenger declares as it is not a question of a defensive war on the part of Germany and Austria-Hungary the other two members of the triple alliance (Italy) has decided to confine herself to pointing out to her allies that her treaty obligations with them do not obligate her to take up arms in the present crisis and that she will remain neutral. The newspaper adds that it is not certain that

neutrality will last until the end of the war, but Italy will stand aloof from hostilities as long as she is convinced that her interests are not being infringed.

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR GIVES OUT INTERVIEW.

In regard to the far East, the Japanese Ambassador in London said today that as long as warships belonging to the nations composing the triple alliance remained at Tsing Tan, Japan would take no action against them, but should they attack British interests or should Tsing Tan be attacked, a situation would arise which would be dealt with by Japan in the spirit of Anglo-Japanese alliance.

Telephonic communication between London and Paris was interrupted today the respective governments having taken over the service in order to prevent leakage of news. Communication between Paris and Brussels was similarly interrupted.

H. H. Whitford left yesterday afternoon for a short visit to Morehead City.

Eye Specialists

Wonder At Cure

WOMAN'S SIGHT RESTORED BY LIGHTENING FLASH DISCUSSED.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 1.—Eye Specialists last week said that the impossible had happened in Camden, where Mrs. Louella T. Haines, 85 years old, had recovered her sight after lightning had flashed past her face leaving tracery on the lens of her spectacles. They doubted the authenticity of the case.

Mrs. Haines was not fully enough recovered from the shock of her experience to be seen yesterday but members of her family at her home, 318 West street, said that Mrs. Haines, who was somewhat stunned by the flash, now could see with one eye, the sight of which had been impaired, and did not have to use glasses. The sight of the other eye, it was said, has been destroyed.

In view of this statement the specialists, while desiring to investigate the case declare it to be the most remarkable cure on record and well worth the inquiry of men of science.

One of the specialists said he would suspend his judgment until a close investigation could be made by men of repute in eye surgery. The doctor who withholds his name, said:

"In my work I am accustomed to all manner of surprises. In the last 10 years progress of eye surgery has been remarkable and has taught us to regard the many heretofore supposed impossible cures effected as quite plausible. This particular case, however, makes me wary of believing the reports about it. If it is true a rigid investigation might yield some knowledge to us that would revolutionize eye surgery."

Another specialist said that a cure of blindness by a flash of lightning never before was registered by any eye surgeon. He thought possibly that the lightning only had an indirect effect on the woman and that her sight was improved by the nervous excitement produced by the stroke.

F. S. DUFFY DRUG CO. TO BE OPEN TODAY.

F. S. Duffy's drug store will be open today from 8:30 to 10:30 A. M. and 4 to 6 P. M.

NEARLY \$10,000,000 INVESTED IN AUTOS

INCREASE OF ALMOST 5,000 MACHINES IN THE STATE OVER PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS.

What do you think gentle reader of nearly ten million dollars being invested in automobiles in North Carolina, yet such is a fact. Inquiry at the Secretary of State office shows that up to date license has been issued to 12,600 machines for the year ending June 30th, 1915. Averaging these machines at \$750.00 each, which is an exceedingly low estimate, would show the value to be \$9,450,000. No wonder the cost of living has increased. And this is not the total number of machines in the State, for quite a number have not yet paid the license tax. And they had better get busy for this tax was due July 1st, and the department has instructed the sheriffs of the different counties in the State to get behind the owners of unlicensed machines and see that they come across with the cash at once, or be fined for their delinquency.

Last year the tax was paid on 7,618 in the State, showing an increase of nearly 5,000 machines within the past twelve months. The tags this year are of a green color, while last year they were white. There is one county in the State—Mitchell, in which the sheriff reports there is not a single gas wagon.

Gives Advice To Son

In Remarkable Will

ADMONISHES HIM TO PRACTICE ECONOMY, STUDY BUSINESS REFRAIN FROM OSTENTATION

NEW YORK, August 1.—In a remarkable will filed here, Edward Wheeler Sparrow, President of the Lansing Lumber Company, left the greater part of his \$2,900,000 estate to his son, Edward Grant Sparrow, with the admonition to practice economy, study business and refrain from ostentation. The son gets a gradually increasing income from \$25,000 a year, between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-four, to \$15,000 a year, when he reaches thirty, at which age he is to receive the full income from the estate.

His father the testator prescribed "I charge upon my son Edward Grant Sparrow, the practice of economy, and that he refrain from ostentation and display, as such practices are not in keeping with the pursuit of learning and are always offensive to good manners and gentlemanly demeanor. I wish here to impress upon both my kin and particularly upon my son, the desirability of acquiring as thorough a knowledge of business as is practicable."

"And the will continues, 'I especially advise my son to make a study of forestry, to qualify himself with knowledge and intelligence in matters which will arise in the administration of my estate. I have arranged in my disposition of my estate so that my son will have a liberal income, and if called into any public station his needs will be amply provided for by his own fortune.'

Mrs. Wakefield To Prison For Life

CONNECTICUT WOMAN GUILTY OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug. 1.—Mrs. Bessie Wakefield at 6:30 o'clock tonight was found guilty of murder in the second degree for the part she played in the slaying of her husband, William Wakefield, on June 22, 1913.

The jury deliberated seven hours. Mrs. Wakefield, dressed in black, listened to Judge Reed's charge intently and without display of any excitement. The judge instructed the jurors in the different degrees of crime and defined reasonable doubt.

He referred to the prisoner's statements to coroner Mix, when she is said to have confessed that she aided James Plew in the murder. These statements he said, had been made after she had been told that she need not speak unless she wished to. The Court told the jurors to give consideration to the fact that she had no one to advise her at the time.

The jurors were instructed to disregard the previous trial, in which Mrs. Wakefield was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to die.

Made Hysterical by Verdict.

As soon as the jury retired Mrs. Wakefield drew close to her mother and conversed with her. As hour after hour went by and no word came from the jury room the woman's spirits seemed to rise. She seemed to believe the longer the deliberation the better chance she had for an acquittal or of a discharge.

But when the jury came in and announced its findings, which can have only one result—life imprisonment—Mrs. Wakefield became hysterical. Her mother kept aloud.

When Mrs. Wakefield was brought to trial the second time, after the Supreme Court had set aside the first degree murder verdict, Mrs. William J. Blickensider of Stamford, who raised the money for the appeal, tried to persuade Mrs. Wakefield to plead guilty to murder in the second degree. It was suggested that after a few years efforts would be made to free her.

The trial had started and the woman would not make the plea. Under these circumstances it is doubtful if Mrs. Blickensider would finance another appeal, even in case of an error should be found in the proceedings just closed.

Shot, Stabbed and Strangled.

Wakefield's body was down in Cheshire woods a few days after the killing. He had been shot in the back of the head and stabbed over the heart and snore laces had been used to strangle him.

A bungling attempt was made to make it appear a suicide. The authorities found that Wakefield had quarrelled with his wife and Plew. The latter was known to have come between the husband and wife. Plew pleaded guilty of murder in the first degree and was hanged.

After Mrs. Wakefield's conviction on her first trial and her sentence to death, a hue and cry was raised by suffragettes and woman's organizations in all parts of the country, who held that Mrs. Wakefield should not be put to death. She is the mother of several children.

EXPECT TO WIN PRIZES.

New Bern to Make Attempt to Secure Next Tournament.

Forty or more members of the four local fire companies left this morning at 4:20 o'clock for Winston-Salem where they will attend the State Firemen's Tournament which is to be in session there this week.

Each one of the four companies have sent hose wagons to the twin city and they will participate in the horse hose wagon races to be held on Wednesday. The local fire jockies have been practicing each day for the past three weeks and are in excellent condition and they expect to bring back the greater part of the prize money.

New Bern will also make a bid for the next tournament and there is every reason to believe that she will be successful in landing this. The Journal has made arrangements to secure bulletins from Winston-Salem immediately after each race Wednesday and these will be placed in front of the Journal building on Pollock street and the public is extended and invitation to take advantage of these.

The Single Men Defeat Ghent Team

THE GAME WAS LONG DRAWN AND EXTREMELY DRAGGY.

(By H. S. Wiley.)
In a drawn out, draggy game the Single Men took the long end of the count over the Ghent team by the seven to three.

The game was interesting in spite of the drawn out features.
The Single Men scored in the first which Ghent tied in the fourth. In their half of this inning the Single Men counted for three more. In a game bid for victory Ghent scored another in the fifth and again in the sixth, this tally failing to count because the runner did not touch first. The Single Men completed their tally of seven in the seventh inning. The eighth was scoreless and a punitive rally of the Ghent team in the ninth inning which netted them a lone tally, was ended by the batter popping to second.

	R	H	E
Ghent	3	9	10
Single Men	7	7	4

Batteries, Mitchell and Barnes, Freymore and Scales. Struck out Mitchell 9, Freymore 6. Umpires Daniels and Woodell.

Woodward, a new man on the Ghent team, showed real class in left field, capturing several flies after hard runs.

The awful condition of the grounds was again evidenced causing several errors and slowing up the runners on the paths.

Girard Mitchell hit for two bases in the sixth, with two down, this hit scored Blades but the runner failed to touch first and the play was made to that sack by the Single Men for the third out so the tally failed to count.

Fred Aberly, George Terry and "Lucy" Tolson were enthusiastic rooters for the Ghent team.

Shad season being over we would suggest that Ghent borrow a few of the nets for use in their field.

Mitchell pitched clever ball but was rather wild.

Game Wednesday, come and bring your girls.

GAS COMPANY REDUCES COST OF APPLIANCES

LOCAL FIRM HAS ADOPTED AN ENTIRELY NEW METHOD.

It will be of great interest to the people of New Bern, both who are using gas and who are not using gas, to find that the Gas Company is reducing the price of all the appliances it has on hand. Previously, appliances were sold at enough profit to make the handling of them a benefit to the Company as appliance dealers.

A new policy has now been adopted, and appliances will be sold only at a price enough above cost to pay for handling them. This liberal policy should appeal to every New Bernian and should mean the sale of a great many appliances.

The greatest reduction will be on Gas Ranges, every one of which will be sold for sums Three to Five Dollars less than it was sold for previously. An announcement of details of this reduction appears on another page, and should interest every New Bernian.

MOTOR CAR TO MAKE TRIP TO THE SEASHORE.

Will Leave New Bern at 2:30 O'clock This Afternoon.

The Norfolk Southern's motor car will make another trip to Morehead City this afternoon. Leaving New Bern at 2:30 o'clock, the car will make a quick run to the seashore and upon arrival there those who care to do so will be carried over to the beach.

The managers of the Atlantic Hotel have made arrangements for an especially prepared sea-food supper and Worth's orchestra will also render a special musical concert.

MARINE NEWS.

The steamer Howard is on the New Bern Marine Railway at the foot of Union street for a general overhauling and painting. The vessel has been on the ways for two weeks and was released last Friday morning and made its regular trip up Trent river. The steamer S. J. Bennet was used in place of the Howard while she was on the railways.

AN HEIRESS DESERTS HER TITLED HUSBAND

LIBEL PLEA REVEALS THAT THE HON. J. T. MITFORD'S GERMAN TIRE OF HIM.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—The separation of the Hon. John Freeman Mitford, a son of Baron Redesdale, and his wife, formerly Maria Anna von Friedlander, daughter of Berlin's coal king, who were married in Berlin on January 5, became known today through an application made by the husband to the high court for criminal information against Editor De Witt Fenton, of the plain (N. Y.) for libel. The newspaper according to the Hon. Mr. Mitford's application, alleged that the separation, rumors of which had been circulated since, had been brought about by the morals of the Hon. Mr. Mitford.

The application was refused on technical grounds, the lord chief justice holding that a criminal information was inadmissible in such a case.

A letter was read at the argument on the application written by Mrs. Mitford to her husband's mother, paying tribute to Mr. Mitford's devotion and behavior and referring to him in an affectionate manner. The letter apologized for the pain the bride was causing, but did not explain the reasons for the separation beyond saying, vaguely, "Our ways near us apart."

In an affidavit Mr. Mitford denied the plain (N. Y.) allegations that declared that he and his wife were the happiest persons in the world until last May, when his wife became ill and went to a sanitarium. The husband says he visited her in the sanitarium and at this visit his wife astounded him by declaring that she intended to leave him.

The bridegroom was much grieved, he says, and was unaware of the cause. He says he always treated his wife affectionately and respectfully. He says that he hoped the separation was only temporary.

The Hon. John Freeman Mitford is a cousin of Lady Randolph Churchill, who was Miss Jeanie Jerome, of New York. Foulain von Friedlander was reputed to be the richest single woman in Germany. Her engagement to Prince Alexander Romanovskiy of Russia was announced on October 5, at the command of the czar, who would not consent to the marriage of a Jewess with a prince of the royal blood.

The Hon. Mr. Mitford had been working as an unpaid clerk in a Hamburg Bank to gain experience in German business. His engagement to the heiress was announced on October 21 last.

On the evening before the wedding Herr and Frau von Friedlander gave a "potlabend" in honor of the forthcoming marriage, which included a dinner and ball and incidental entertainments and was most magnificent in every way. The gifts to the bride were costly and represented in the names of their donors practically every well known name in the financial aristocracy of Europe.

Sees Man Lying Down, Kills Him On Impulse

SLAYER SAYS HE HAS IRRESISTIBLE DESIRE TO MURDER THOSE WHO RECLINE.

TOMPSTONE, Ariz., August 1.—W. W. Kermeen, whose defense was that he had an irresistible impulse to kill any man he saw lying down, was found guilty of murder of J. E. Harrell, of Biabee, a former bank clerk of Los Angeles and Oklahoma. He was sentenced to be hanged.

Two weeks after Harrell's body was found on a hilltop near Bisbee last May Kermeen was arrested in El Paso, Tex. He told the police he was out hunting with Harrell and shot him in the back as Harrell lay on the gortad to fire at game.

At first he said he committed the murder because he needed the bank clerk's money, but later he repudiated this part of the confession.

Kermeen is wanted at Redding, Cal., to answer the charge of killing a woman.