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ITALY HAS DECLARED WAR ON THE GERMAN EMPIRE

Has Started Aggressive Action Backing up This Declaration--Germans Have Not Succeeded in Taking Liege--Truce of Twenty-Four Hours Aseed for by Germans in Order That They Might Bury Their Dead--British Ship blown up Near Constantinople--Another British Ship Strikes Mine and is Destroyed.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Facing the dilemma of being for or against Germany in the titanic fight which is about to disrupt Europe, Italy this afternoon chose the latter alternative.

The Italian minister here announced this afternoon that Italy had declared war against the Kaiser and would start an aggressive action backing up this declaration.

It was seen several days ago that Italy's neutrality would not stand the test of events. Bulgaria may be the next to declare war and in fact it is said that even now she is mobilizing her troops on the frontier.

Reports say that Greece and Spain are also expected to declare war.

LEIGE STILL HOLDING OUT AGAINST GERMANS.

The Belgian embassy officially announced tonight that Liege is still holding out and is making a stubborn resistance after three days of fighting.

The Germans have not yet taken the forts which defend the city. Twenty-five thousand Germans have been killed in this battle and late today the German general asked for a truce of twenty-four hours in order that the dead might be buried.

THE GERMAN FLEET

BELIEVED BOTTLED UP.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Except the eastern shore, where the German fleet is bottled up, all the rest of the North Sea is believed to be in the control of the British fleets.

Official permission consequently has been given to British warships to leave the Tyne, Humber and other great fishing centers for the fishing grounds. This had been forbidden for two days.

As announcements were made today by the admiralty that British warships were to be sent to the coast of Holland.

GERMAN MINE LAYER

LOUISE WAS SUNKEN.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The admiralty today issued the following:

"In the course of reconnoitering after the German mine layer Koenigin Louise was sunk, the cruiser Amphion struck a mine and foundered. The forepart of the British ship was shattered by the explosion and practically all of the loss to the crew ensued from this cause. All not killed by the explosion were taken off by the boats of destroyers before the Amphion went down.

"Twenty German prisoners of war who were confined in the forepart of the ship were killed. The line of mines was probably laid by the Koenigin Louise before she was sunk. They extend from Aldeburgh Ride to latitude 52.10 north longitude 2.25 east."

NINETEEN GERMAN SHIPS.

SUNK AND CAPTURED.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Whithy says a ship owner is responsible for the statement that nineteen German ships were sunk or captured in the battle in the North Sea and that several British and French vessels were sunk.

Dispatches from various ports confirm reports that heavy firing has been heard in the North Sea for the past twenty-four hours.

A dispatch to the Daily News from New castle says a wireless message received at South Shields reports that the British fleet engaged the German High Seas Fleet in a heavy battle on the South Dogger Banks.

After a general engagement along a battle line extending for many miles

the German fleet was beaten back and moved in the direction of the coast of Holland.

It is now believed that the German fleet is completely hemmed in the eastern side of the North Sea.

The surgeon in charge of the South Shields hospital received a wireless message last night asking what accommodations he had for the wounded. He replied that he could take care of 10,000 persons.

WHOLE BATTALION OF GERMAN ANNIHILATED.

LIEGE, Aug. 7.—(via London) The Tenth German Army Corps, reinforced by cavalry attacked Liege last night. They crossed a zone which had been mined and the mines being exploded by the Belgians a whole battalion of the Germans was killed while 1,200 wounded were picked up.

Not a single fort has fallen into the hands of the Germans. Several German howitzers have been placed in position near Heave and large German forces are lying in wait on the other side of the frontier.

An attack on the village of Vornesse was repulsed by the Belgians.

Six Germans pretending to be English made their way to the governor's office this morning. They were killed.

END OF WAR BULL

TEMPORARY TRUCE

MAY BE GRANTED.

This request for a truce was sent to King Albert and it will probably be granted. During this time a French army of fifty thousand will come up to aid the Belgians. This afternoon they are on their way and are twenty miles south of Liege.

GERMANS COLUMS TRY

TO CARRY FORTS BY STORM.

The German column again today tried to carry the Belgian forts by assault but were again unsuccessful. Preceding the assault heavy siege guns shell the city of Liege for several hours. The fire was deadly accurate and a part of the city, including a number of historic buildings, was damaged.

ENGLAND'S LOSS HAS

BEEN VERY SMALL.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Winston Churchill, head of the admiralty, made an announcement this afternoon stating that the only loss England has had so far suffered was the sinking of the Amphion after she and struck a mine. He dispelled the rumor that the English and German fleets had met in the North Sea.

BULGARIAN VOLUNTEERS

ARE RAPIDLY FORMING.

NISH, Aug. 7.—Bands of Bulgarian volunteers are forming along the Southwest frontier to take the places of Austrian troops who were withdrawn to fight Russians. Prince Alexander today announced that Serbia would be attacked even should the demands of the Austrians be granted.

JAPANESE WARSHIPS

OFF GERMAN PORT.

BEKING, Aug. 7.—Japanese warships are gathered off the German port of Tsingtau where British squadron has bottled up the German fleet. This is taken to indicate that Japan has moved in compliance with her treaty with England.

BRITISH SHIP BEACHED

NEAR CONSTANTINOPLE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 7.—After striking a mine near the British ship Gough, eighteen hundred tons, was beached near this city this afternoon.

BIG BRITISH TANKSHIP

DESTROYED BY A MINE.

ANTWERP, Aug. 7.—The British tank ship, San Wil frede from Hamburg for New Orleans, was destroyed by a submarine mine off coast of Germany today.

STRATEGISTS SAY FRENCH

HAVE MADE THEIR FRONTIER

IMPREGNIBLE.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—American Army officers think if the campaign through Belgium lies Germany's only hope of marching her soldiers into France. Even allowing for the necessity of scrubbing the Belgian Army, experts here regard this as the most feasible point of attack.

For nearly 40 years French engineers have labored in concentrating fortifications, including great revolving turrets like those of a dreadnought, that virtually cover every mile of the frontier between France and Germany and South of Belgium. Army engineers believe these defenses are invulnerable except as against an army vastly outnumbering the French forces.

The American axiom is that one soldier behind such defenses as the French have erected is equal to four in the attacking army. This ratio of effective defensive and offensive power might be greatly reduced by systematic siege operations but this would involve much time and would interfere with the supposed German plans for a dash into Paris.

Therefore the beginning of the campaign in Belgium has been expected here. The belief is that the Belgians for the present will confine themselves to obstrusive tactics, losing no opportunity to harass the advancing German Army and if possible to cut its lines of communication.

While this is going on American strategists believe the French forces numerous in the neighborhood of Rheims, will come to the aid of the Belgians.

Thus, it was suggested tonight within one year of a century after the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo, the Germans and French and Belgians again may come together in a desperate and decisive battle in almost the same theater of war.

Today's reports of naval engagements were regarded as precursors of many similar events. Naval strategists point the lesson of dangers of a division of the fleet. Germany has weakened her position by dispersing naval vessels far and wide in time of peace, failing to guard against the outbreak of a sudden war.

Building Notes of Considerable Interest

NEW TOBACCO WAREHOUSE COMPLETED—WORK ON HOSPITAL.

The new tobacco warehouse which was estimated to cost ten thousand dollars has been completed at a cost of considerably less than that amount. Every thing has been put in readiness for the opening, which will be August 15.

Rapid progress is being made on the new Luba Hospital, which is being constructed at the corner of George and Broad streets for Dr. Jones and Par

Russia's Czar and England's King, And Types of Their Fighting Men



Photos by American Press Association.

ENGLAND and Russia, as members of the triple entente, stood shoulder to shoulder, aided by the third member, France, in the European war crisis following the declaration of war by Austria upon Serbia. England, with its mighty navy, the greatest in the world, and Russia, with its great army, the largest in the world, made a formidable alliance. In this picture are shown the czar (left) and his famous Cossacks (above) and King George and a type of his bicycle light artillery.

person. The new twenty thousand dollar public school building, which is being erected on the Academy grounds, to be used in connection with the graded school for white people is also nearing completion.

ALL WAR SHIPS CAN USE PANAMA CANAL

TREATY GIVES THOSE OF ALL NATIONS RIGHT TO GO THROUGH.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—"After Aug. 15, the date upon which the Panama Canal will be thrown open to the traffic of the world, any war ship of any nation will have the right to peaceable and uninterrupted passage through it," said Secretary of War, Garrison, today. "This is guaranteed by the provisions of the second Hay-Pauncefote treaty, ratified Nov. 18, 1901."

The article of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty says "Vessels of war of a belligerent shall not remain in such waters longer than twenty-four hours at any one time except in case of distress, and in such case shall depart as soon as possible; but a vessel of war of one belligerent shall not depart within twenty-four hours from the departure of a vessel of war of the other belligerent."

If the war in Europe continues until next February, the naval parade at the formal opening of the Canal will have to be eliminated.

Misses Carrie and Esther Ewell, of Morehead City, were visitors to New Bern yesterday afternoon between trains.

Mrs. E. L. Smith and children left yesterday afternoon for Oriental where they will spend several days visiting relatives.

NEW BERN HOSE WAGON TEAM AGAIN VICTORS

Three Prizes Won By Them Yesterday.

SEVEN DURING THE WEEK

Victorious Firemen Will Return Home Today.—Reception.

Three prizes, the second, third and fourth, were gobbled up by the New Bern hose wagon companies who yesterday participated in the interstate hose wagon races held at Winston-Salem. On Wednesday in the State races the New Bern teams took four of the prizes and this same performance was repeated yesterday.

There were twelve entries in the race and the time made by each in the runs follows.

Morehead City (first prize).....	29 4-5
Atlantics (second prize).....	31 3-5
Buttons (third prize).....	32 1-5
Fourth Ward fourth prize).....	32 1-5
Kinston.....	38 4-5
Lexington.....	0
Tarboro.....	33 1-6
Statesville.....	36 2-5
Kinston No. 2.....	35 2-5
Burlington.....	32 2-5
Riverside.....	32 4-5
Sanford.....	39 3-5

The time made by each one of the New Bern companies was most creditable and in fact was far superior to anything on the track with the exception of Morehead City.

The firemen will return home today and they will be met at the union passenger station by the Peoples Concert Band and a large number of citizens. Tonight they will be tendered a reception by the Peoples Concert Band and the public is invited to attend this which will be held in the new tobacco warehouse.

NORTHERN COUNTRIES TO DEFEND NEUTRALITY

DENMARK AND SWEDEN WILL LOOKOUT FOR THEMSELVES.

LONDON, August 7.—Despatches from Denmark, Sweden and Switzerland to the Times here say that preparations are under way in all those countries to defend themselves from violation of their neutrality.

The message from Copenhagen says "Fifteen thousand troops have been ordered to man the fortification of this city. The feeling here is pessimistic but it is still that Denmark's neutrality may not be infringed."

From Stockholm came this "Partial mobilization for the defense of the neutrality of Sweden was ordered yesterday and is proceeding normally. The public is keenly alive to the gravity of the situation, and even the Socialists favor the mobilization movement."

The despatch from Berne says "The National Council assembled today in extraordinary session. The President announced that Switzerland had received assurances from the French and German Governments that they would respect her neutrality. While the officials accepted with gratification such assurances, they are taking all necessary precautions for the defense of the fatherland and are confident the army will be ready for emergencies."

The whole eastern coast line of Denmark, from Copenhagen to Elsinore is garrisoned, and soldiers are occupying the seaside villas of the rich, including that of Queen Alexandra, at Klampenborg, according to a cable despatch.

Empress Marie of Russia arrived today at Amsterdam. She passed through Germany and reached the Danish

*Mrs. H. S. Hancock and son and Miss Blanche Hancock have returned home from a visit to relatives in Virginia and Maryland.

Mrs. M. H. Howell and daughter, Miss Beanie, of Atlanta, Ga., are in the city guests of Mrs. Mamie Benton on Pollock street.