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GERMANY DECLARES WAR AGAINST RUSSIA

Emperor William Takes Initiative When Czar Declines to Cease Mobilizing.

London.—Events in the European crisis developed with startling rapidity and the general war, which has been the apprehension of European statesmen for generations, is apparently under way. Germany took the initiative and declared war on Russia when the czar's government declined to comply with the German request to cease mobilization.

Germany also delivered an ultimatum to France asking that country to define what attitude she would assume in case of a war between Germany and Russia, but the Kaiser's hand apparently was forced by France's action in calling for mobilization of her army and the German army has invaded France without a declaration of war.

One German force crossed the French frontier near the village of Cirey, between Nancy and Strassburg, and another German detachment, probably the Twenty-ninth infantry, invaded the grand duchy of Luxembourg, neutral territory between Belgium and Germany, and continued its march on the French fortified town of Longwy. A dispatch from Brussels said there was good reason to believe that this force entered France.

The German force of 20,000 men, which came into France near Cirey, which is 40 miles from Nancy, is reported to have been repulsed with heavy losses.

London.—Sir Edward Grey has announced mobilization of the British army and navy.

War by England against Germany was decided on by the British cabinet, according to high government officials. The decision was said to be directly due to the Kaiser's disregard of Belgium's neutrality. The British ambassador at Berlin demanded that it be respected. Germany refused. The upshot was a meeting of the British cabinet, at which, it was stated on high authority it was agreed that hostilities were inevitable.

The most Germany was willing to concede to Belgium, it was understood, was to respect the latter's neutrality if it would permit German troops to use its railroads in crossing Belgian territory on their way to invade France. This proposition, it was announced by the British foreign office, Belgium promptly rejected.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem, 85c; club, 83c; red Russian, 80c.
Hay—Timothy, \$17 per ton; alfalfa, \$14 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 23c.
Eggs—30c.

KAISER WILHELM



Kaiser Wilhelm, emperor of Germany, who declared war on Russia and invaded France without a declaration.

DOG SWIMS SIX MILES.

Crosses Delaware River Diagonally After Motorboat of Master.

Wilmington, Del.—T. M. Bullen of Newport, Del., has a bird dog that beats homing pigeons or anything else for "turning up." When Bullen started from here in his motorboat for Fenton's Beach, N. J., where he has a summer cottage, he found his dog, Speckle Flirt, had followed him for miles from Newport to the wharf. He drove her back, as he supposed.

Two hours afterward, when he was sitting on his porch, he saw a wet and forlorn object crawling up to him. He was amazed to find it was his dog. The animal swam diagonally across the Delaware river, a distance of six miles, to reach her master. She must have kept the motorboat in view all the way, for it was her first visit to the beach.

Mr. Bullen now says there is not enough money in the mint to buy that dog. He also says she can go with him in the motorboat hereafter whenever she pleases.

NEW YORK HARBOR HAS FAMOUS TWINS

Only Their Wives Can Tell Them Apart.

New York.—Captain Reginald Fay and Captain Bertrand Fay are the "two Dromios" of the New York Central and Hudson River railroad's flotilla in New York waters. They are twins and are so much alike that it is said only their wives can "tell them apart." Captain Reginald is superintendent of the marine department of the company. Captain Bertrand commands tug No. 13. The twins are graduates of the New York Nautical school. They were both in the same class on the old St. Mary's training ship. There they were toggled out alike and looked and spoke so much alike as to puzzle their instructors from the time they came aboard to the day they received their diplomas.

After completing their course on the St. Mary's, which included several cruises across the Atlantic, they shipped as able-bodied seamen aboard the American ship Alice D. Cooper, sailing from the East Thirty-first street pier for Zanzibar, Bombay and Hongkong. Captain James Saunders assigned one of the twins to the starboard and the other to the port watch. They were still clad alike. Both could steer nicely, so they were detailed as helmsmen watch and watch. It was a four hour trick at the wheel.

To the captain's wife it appeared that the same man was doing both watches. The skipper was a stern man, and she was a bit afraid of him. But finally she mustered up courage to protest.

"Captain," said she, "have you no mercy for that boy? He's been at the wheel ever since the day we left New York. Will you never relieve him, the poor lad?"

The captain roared. "The joke's on you this time." Then he explained how her sympathy had been wasted.

Captain Reginald Fay is president of the Alumni association of the Nautical school. He has a record as a life saver. On Aug. 5, 1888, while still a lad on the St. Mary's, he went to the rescue of a man who had been wrecked in his craft beyond the line of the breakers off Center Moriches, N. Y. The surf was so heavy that the villagers would not launch a boat. Fay went out alone in a boat and brought the man in. For this he received a silver medal from the Life Saving Benevolent association and also a gold medal from the hotel proprietors at Center Moriches.

Captain Reginald was at one time assistant general superintendent of all the "L" roads of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company, and in recognition of his improving the service in East New York the citizens of the Twenty-sixth ward presented him with a silver service.

But the Bear Can't Talk.
Independence, Kan.—A novel defense has been put up by Manuel Freeling, a negro under arrest here on the charge of violating the prohibitory law. He says the barrel of bottled beer captured at his place was for his pet bear, with which he does a vaudeville act. Manuel says the bear drinks lots of beer and just naturally has to have it, and that was why he had so much on hand. It was all on ice, too, by the way.

ONTARIO NATIONAL BANK IN ATTRACTIVE NEW HOME

Now Located In Heart of Business Section In Larger Building

CONGRATULATIONS POUR IN UPON THEM

The Ontario National Bank moved into its new home August 1, and on that evening welcomed literally hundreds of their friends and well wishers into and through the new banking room. Congratulations poured in upon them for their enterprise in anticipating the banking needs of Ontario and community by installing at this time such a splendid equipment for the desired purposes.

The new room is the latest thing and the last word in modern and useful bank equipment and is very attractive and comfortable; a special room for ladies is provided, where they may rest, write or use the desk phone; a fire proof vault holds the safety deposit boxes, and a burglar proof vault houses the large screw-door safe, which is itself burglar proof; the cages and room for the working force are comfortable and convenient; the directors' room is supplied with splendid furniture, the lobby is marble and all furniture in the room is heavy mahogany. The lighting is beautiful and soft to the eye, it being the indirect system, and is without the glare usual from electric lights.

This bank was formerly a private bank, then a state institution, and was converted into a national bank in 1909. It was first organized by Stephen Carver, in 1899, who, with the same gentle-

men that now constitute the official board of the Ontario National Bank, started and conducted the bank of Ontario. A few years ago it was decided that a national charter would serve the needs of the locality to better advantage and a national charter was taken. Mr. Carver has not been connected with the bank for a good many years.

When first organized, it was the only bank in a territory larger than any of the New England states.

The directors are well known local men, own a great deal of productive real estate in Malheur county, and are among the heavy taxpayers of the county. They are also classed among the leading business men of the valley, and their ownership and control of the Ontario National Bank insures to the stockholders of and depositors in that bank the kind of a banking business that means safety. C. W. Moore of Boise, Wm. Ladd of Portland, Fred Haines of Harney, Fred Palmer of Jordan Valley and J. L. Cole of Long Beach are stockholders. Messrs. Adam, Blackaby, Broanan, Emison and Van Gise are directors. The officers are: J. R. Blackaby, president; L. Adam and C. R. Emison, vice presidents; W. F. Homan, cashier; C. C. Defrees, assistant cashier, and Earl Blackaby, bookkeeper.

MRS. WOODROW WILSON DIED THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Wilson, wife of the president of the United States, died in the White House in Washington, D. C., at 5 o'clock this afternoon after an illness of four months. She was afflicted with nervous ailments and Bright's disease. Her husband and daughters were at the bedside.

For several days it has been known to those in closest touch with the White House that Mrs. Wilson was gravely ill and that hope for her recovery was slight.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS IN REGULAR SESSION

The regular meeting of the city council was held Monday evening.

The fire chief asked for fire coats and helmets and the request was granted.

The United States Plumbing and Heating Company was instructed to make the necessary repairs to the flag pole.

Ordinance No. 261, providing for the issuance of sewer bonds to cover the applications for benefits under the Bancroft bonding act, was passed.

City Marshal Odell addressed the council and requested that his resignation be accepted and a successor appointed by September 1 to enable him to make the canvass for sheriff. The council granted the request and H. L. Noe was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The street committee was instructed to buy oil and have the streets oiled.

Tuesday, August 18, was declared to be clean up day and all citizens are notified to clean up all weeds and garbage. The usual license were ordered issued.

Miss Nellie Platt is visiting her brother in Parma.

J. W. McCulloch was in Vale on business Wednesday.

Miss Anna McGivern will arrive from Portland Saturday, where she has been teaching in the summer school.

SET FIRE TO BURN WITCH.

Story Told by Four Boys Charged With Arson.

Paterson, N. J.—Four youths just entering their teens appeared before Recorder Carroll on a charge of setting fire to the home of George Dunn, 55 Marshall street. They were Frank Tumulty and John Hyde, 182 Slater street, Charles Griffin and John Donohue, 29 Marshall street. They were placed under the care of Probation Officer Mahoney.

According to the story told to Police Captain McBride by the boys, they started the fire to get revenge on Mrs. Amelia Corbett of 53 Marshall street, who, they said, was a witch and cast spells over them. Dunn has been in the almshouse for several weeks and his home is in charge of Mrs. George Gallagher, a caretaker. The boys said they believed they could burn Mrs. Corbett's place by setting fire to Dunn's house. They started a fire in a clothes closet, but it was extinguished by neighbors with buckets before the arrival of the firemen.

TESTING GUNS TO DESTROY AIRSHIPS

Field Guns With Split Trails Most Satisfactory.

Washington.—In the future every field gun made for the army will be constructed with a special view for its use against flying machines, though its availability for ordinary fighting against land forces will not be destroyed.

While every make of aeroplane gun, as well as all the special models made to fight air craft, has been carefully investigated by the war department authorities, the attitude has been taken that it is useless to attempt to stop attack from the air by means of any special gun. Therefore the transformation of field artillery to such a form as will render it available to repel attack from the air as well as on terra firma has been the decision reached by our military authorities.

This object has been achieved by the use of the "split trail" for all field guns. The trail of a field gun is the part upon which the recoil comes when the gun is fired, and in all old style guns this was one piece, while in the new guns being made it is divided like a compass used for drawing. By this means the ordinary field gun can be given so great an elevation that it is able to fight the enemy thousands of feet above, while in the howitzer, with its superior elevation, this feature becomes still more useful. In case an extreme elevation is needed where an aeroplane attack is expected the trails, already divided to give the highest elevation possible under ordinary circumstances, are buried in the ground, while the wheels of the weapon are left in their normal position. The six pound howitzer, with the changed trail, can be given an elevation of 70 degrees, while the field guns, which under the old system had only an elevation of 20 degrees, by sinking the trails may easily hit an object at an angle of 50 degrees.

This, however, is but a small part of the work being done for defense against aeroplanes, as it is generally realized that with the tremendous speed of the modern air craft their destruction is simply an exaggerated form of duck shooting, with the duck ready to fire back at the hunter. Therefore it is believed that it is only by fighting back with like air craft that much will be accomplished.

Colonel Isaac N. Lewis, U. S. A., retired, has perfected a gun which has given some remarkable results in tests held both in this country and in Europe. With this weapon Lieutenant Stillingwell of the Belgian army, firing from a Grahame-White biplane which was traveling at the rate of fifty miles an hour, placed eleven shots out of fifteen in a thirty foot target. The gun is capable of firing a maximum of 750 shots a minute.

This weapon is of the air cooled type and weighs but twenty-six and a half pounds, while it fires the ammunition used in the ordinary type of small arm of the country which may adapt it in the United States this being a .31 caliber.

Paris.—That overwhelming defeat marked an attempt Sunday by a division of Uhlans, Germany's crack cavalry, to capture Petit Croix, France, was made known here.

As the Germans advanced the French garrison opened on them with machine guns. The cavalry charged repeatedly, but each time was beaten back by a murderous hail of steel jacketed bullets.

Their final repulse was so complete that they left their dead on the field.

NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST IN IDAHO

Important Occurrences Of The Past Week From Cities In Our State

County Division is Up.
Grangeville.—County division is an absorbing topic among the politicians of Nez Perce county and is having much to do with the filing of candidacies for county offices. There are two proposed divisions. One takes a large slice off the north part, commencing at a point in Lawyer's canyon and running due east to the Montana state line. It includes a small part of Lewis county and suggests one of the Clearwater towns, Kamiah, Koonkia or Stites as the county seat. It is proposed to call this county Selway.

The name suggested for the other division is Randall. It would begin in Lawyer's canyon and run south to Boise county, taking in the largest part of Camas Prairie, Whitebird, Salmon River, Riggins, Domeque and Joseph Plains. The proposed county seat is Cottonwood.

Lightning Sets Fire to Barn.

Culdesac.—A bolt of lightning set fire to the big barn of C. C. Christie, north of town, during an electrical storm. Mr. Christie and his wife were milking near the barn when the lightning struck and were affected by the shock. Soon after being hit the barn burst into flames and burned to the ground. Forty tons of hay were destroyed, a valuable brood sow and eight pigs and several sets of harness being burned with the barn. One set of harness was all that was saved. The loss is \$1800, with no insurance.

Weiser Has Bad Fire.

Weiser.—The worst fire that has visited this town in several years started about 4 o'clock in the morning and within an hour three frame structures almost in the heart of the business district, with nearly all their contents, were totally destroyed and a general conflagration threatened. The loss will be heavy with small insurance.

Marquis Wheat Tried.

Lewiston.—Samples of Marquis wheat received here last spring from Canada and distributed among the farmers by the Vollmer-Clearwater Grain company are being brought in Lewiston and the grain is showing up well. According to some farmers' statements it will fill a long felt need for a good spring variety which will bring top prices for milling.

Genesee Barley Heavy.

Genesee.—Barley is weighing out well. Hampton & Driscoll brought in some fall growth that weighed 125 pounds to the sack.

RAYMOND POINCARÉ



Raymond Poincaré, president of France, whose government will side with Russia in the present European crisis.

Blast Razes 1,500 Foot Hill.

Colton, Cal.—Eighty thousand pounds of dynamite were used in one blast here to demolish part of Mount Slover, a hill about 1,500 feet high. The blast crumbled a large portion of the hill and uncovered millions of tons of limestone used for making cement.