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PRINCIPAL NATIONS OF EUROPE AT WAR

RUSSO-GERMAN WAR IS BEGUN—KAISER'S DECLARATION OF WAR TO CZAR PLUNGES ALL EUROPE INTO CONFLICT—ENGLAND FOR TIME IS ALOOF—FRANCE MOBILIZING, DUE TO BE IN THICK OF BATTLE AT ALMOST ANY MOMENT—ITALY DECLARES NEUTRALITY—GERMANY'S UNDERSTANDING WITH TURKEY A NEW FACTOR—FOR PRESENT SITUATION IS GERMANY AND AUSTRI-HUNGARY AGAINST RUSSIA, FRANCE AND SERBIA—FEAR OF YEARS AT HAND

A London dispatch of August 1 says: Events in the European crisis developed today with startling rapidity. The German ultimatum to Russia, demanding that Russia cease the mobilization of her army, expired at noon and at 5:15 o'clock in the afternoon the German emperor signed a mobilization order.

At 7:30 o'clock the German ambassador at St. Petersburg, delivered a declaration of war in the name of his government to the Russian government, and the entire staff of the embassy immediately left St. Petersburg.

Fear of Years at Hand

Although, after the warlike speeches delivered by the German emperor and the imperial chancellor at Berlin on Friday, no other result could be expected. Hopes that the dread event might be averted had been raised by the intervention of King George in St. Petersburg and the fact that the German Reichstag was not to be convened until Tuesday. Hence the actual declaration of war had not been expected for another day or two.

Now the die is cast and Europe is to be plunged into a general war, which has been the apprehension of European statesmen for generations.

First Shots Exchanged

The German emperor and his advisers have maintained to the last that they made supreme efforts for the sake of peace, and the last of the series of earnest appeals from Emperor William to Emperor Nicholas, a telegram repudiating responsibility for the calamity threatening the world, on grounds that while Germany was engaged in mediating with Austria-Hungary at Russia's request, Russia by her general mobilization was threatening Germany's safety.

The first shots in the Russo-German war were exchanged between patrols this afternoon, near Prosten, 120 miles to the southwest of Konigsberg.

The only redeeming feature of the darkest prospect with which Europe has been faced for half a century is that Italy has declared her neutrality. But how long that neutrality can be maintained is an exceedingly debatable question.

Great Britain's position already has been defined by Premier Asquith in the British parliament. He declared she is under no formal obligations to go to the assistance of France in the event of an European war. The British government, however, has made full preparations in both services for whatever may happen.

The present position, therefore, is that Russia, France and Serbia are arrayed on one side against Austria-Hungary and Germany on the other.

How long the warfare will be confined to this plane it is impossible to tell; nor can it be foretold whether Belgium and Holland will be able to maintain their neutrality against their powerful neighbor, or whether Great Britain will find herself compelled to send an expeditionary force to attempt to preserve that neutrality.

Another factor which as yet has not been given much consideration is the attitude of Turkey, which, if she has sufficiently recovered from the effects of her late war with Italy, may be able to throw considerable weight into the scale. It is generally understood that Germany has an effective understanding with Turkey, which may lead to interesting developments.

United States Sole Bo-Between

Germany, France, Great Britain and practically all the other governments of Europe which may become involved in the struggle have asked the United States to care for their diplomatic interests in those countries with which they may be compelled to sever relations. The United States has accepted every request of this kind.

In this way the United States government, by acting as the sole channel of communication between the powers, may find an opportunity to assist in the settlement of the conflict by means of diplomacy.

President Wilson has not lost hope that a general conflict can be avoided. Some of the official dispatches have suggested that the military measures being taken by some of the powers were precautionary and not definitely indicative of any determination actually to engage in hostilities.

French and Germans in Battle

A battle between French and Germans was reported in progress Monday at Longwy, a fortified town a few miles on the French side of the Belgium frontier.

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FARMERS WILL PROFIT BY WAR

Dollar Wheat Is Now Predicted if War Is a Lengthy One

COAST LOCATION WILL BE HELPFUL TO PRODUCERS

With Russia Fighting It Is Estimated Normal Wheat Crop of 900,000,000 Bushels Would Shrink to One-Third

Prosperity for the farmers of the United States, and particularly those of the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, is predicted by the various traders and brokers of Portland, says the Portland Oregonian. Wheat will be worth about \$1 a bushel, according to the general opinion in trade circles in Portland.

"If Russia remains in this war until spring," said one grain trader, "it will mean that American wheat will be worth more than \$1—and what is the more important point, it will hold. It means that the bumper crop of American farmers this fall will put more ready cash into circulation than ever before. Prosperity for the farmers means prosperity for everyone."

"Russia is the great wheat producing country of the old world," he continued. "It produced on the average about 900,000,000 bushels of wheat a year, which is more than the United States, the average of this country being about 750,000,000."

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UNLIMITED CURRENCY FOR USE OF COUNTRY

THE UNITED STATES IS IN GOOD FINANCIAL CONDITION

President Announces This Country Is Prepared to Meet Situation Caused by Foreign War

Washington, Aug. 3.—By a vote of 231 to 6 the House today passed the Senate bill making available immediately the unlimited millions of currency in the United States treasury. The Senate bill was amended so as to remove the limitation of \$500,000,000 and authorized Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo to use more if necessary to stay a panic in America.

The Senate was expected to accept the bill as amended by the House.

President Wilson appealed today through the Washington newspaper correspondents, to the press of the country not to publish any sensational or unverified statements. He declared that the United States was prepared to meet any financial situation which might arise from the European war. Unfounded newspaper reports, he said, might cause unreasonable alarm.

The President told the correspondents that America could reap great and lasting glory by "seeing that no one lost his head."

MAN IS SLAIN BY EMPLOYEE

H. L. McDowell Shoots and Instantly Kills A. G. Scoggins

HEAD BLOWN TO PIECES FROM SHOT FROM RIFLE

Paulina Resident, Coming Home Unexpectedly, Shot by Person Whose Life He Is Said to Have Sought

A Prineville dispatch says: Henry McDowell shot and killed A. G. Scoggins three miles west of Paulina at 8:00 o'clock Friday morning, July 31.

Scoggins was a mail contractor and owned the stage line between Prineville and Paulina. He recently had been to Portland and returned unexpectedly a couple of days before the shooting.

When passing through Prineville he is said to have made threats against the life of McDowell, and on reaching his home reiterated the threat, and also threatened the life of his wife, it is asserted. Thursday night last he arose from bed three times and swore he would kill McDowell, it is said, but Mrs. Scoggins prevailed upon him to return to bed.

McDowell, who works for Scoggins, was sleeping in the next room and says he overheard the conversation. Friday morning when McDowell entered the dining room he accosted Scoggins, asking: "So you are going to kill me, are you?"

Scoggins answered "Yes." McDowell drew a gun and killed him at the table.

McDowell telephoned to Sheriff Elkins to come and get him. The

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WAR DOUBLES PRICES ON OREGON CAYUSE

MULES WILL ALSO BRING MUCH BETTER PRICES

Horses Being Corralled All Over the State and Held in Prospect of High Figures

War in Europe has already doubled the price of the Oregon cayuse, and for blooded horses the increase in price is even higher, says a recent issue of the Portland Evening Telegram. Recollecting the money made by horse buyers during the Boer war everybody who has a horse or can get a horse regards the animal as being of much more value than he was a few days ago. Not many horses are being sold because everyone is holding on for war prices, and the war demand has not become tangible yet.

Mules are now regarded as being able to bring even better prices than horses. Except for mounts, the mule is better adapted to war than the horse because it can stand more hard work and can pull bigger gun carriages than the same sized horse. Horse dealers say that if even two of the big powers engage in a war of any length both horses and mules will be higher in price than they have been since the conflict in South Africa.

It was reported that ranchers who have been allowing their broncos to run on the range are corraling them so they will be in readiness if fancy prices come.

Other believe that motor cars will prevent any big demand for horses and mules. They say that in Europe the roads are so good that even in the districts where the fighting would occur motor trucks and automobiles could be used instead of the horse. Others, however, maintain that every officer, at least, will have to have a mount.

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INTEREST PAID ON DEPOSITS

35,000 STEEL HEAD TROUT PUT IN RIVER

FISH CAR "RAINBOW" ARRIVES HERE MONDAY NIGHT

Fish Are Planted Above and Below Cline Falls and At the Tetherow Bridge

W. S. Rodman, president of the Redmond Commercial Club, received a letter Sunday night from the Game and Fish Commission saying that the fish car "Rainbow" would arrive here Monday night with 35 ten gallon cans, each containing 1000 Steelhead trout, and asking that the car be met upon its arrival here and the fish taken and placed in the river with as little delay as possible.

Mr. Rodman put the matter before the members of the Commercial Club at the Monday noon luncheon and secured enough volunteers, with autos, to meet the train and transport the fish to the river.

The fish were taken to the Deschutes river, four miles west of the city. Some of them were placed above Cline Falls, a portion below the Falls, and some placed at Tetherow Bridge. The fish were in good condition, and it is expected they will thrive well in the waters here.

Fish that were placed in the river here two years ago have shown a rapid growth, and by next year will be large enough to be caught under the legal size limit.

American Tourists Are in Dire Straits

All Who Have Money Enough Are Advised to Go to Belgium and Holland; Some Penniless

A Berlin dispatch of August 1 says: The United States embassy was filled with American tourists today; many of them were women.

Travel checks were being dishonored and most of the refugees were penniless. All who were able were advised to go to Belgium or Holland and several left for one or other of these countries by automobile.

The embassy, it was stated, would care for those who had not the necessary means to leave.

The embassy staff was at the point of prostration from exhaustion. Ambassador Gerard's wife was assisting in caring for her countrymen and country women.

FOREST FIRE

A large forest fire last night was reported to be burning on Green Ridge near Black Butte, about 25 miles northwest of this city. Those who are familiar with that section say it is a bad place for a fire as the ground is covered with much underbrush, which will spread fire quickly. It was expected the fire would be gotten under control today. This section was enveloped in a haze of smoke all day yesterday.

SPECIAL ELECTION TO AMEND CITY CHARTER

INCREASE BONDED INDEBTEDNESS TO \$45,000

Part of Money to Be Used for Putting Municipal Water Plant in Condition

A special election has been called for August 15, 1914, for the purpose of voting on a proposition to amend the charter of the city to increase the bonded indebtedness of Redmond from \$35,000 to \$45,000.

If the election carries it is proposed to issue \$10,000 of bonds bearing 6 per cent interest. This extra \$10,000 is needed by the city for improvements in the water plant and for other municipal purposes. It is stated by Mayor Hosch that by bonding the city for \$10,000 additional the taxpayers will be saved the difference between six and 10 per cent interest on the above sum. The city could issue warrants for the \$10,000 needed, but these warrants would bear 10 per cent, and it is the aim to save four per cent that the bonding of the city for the additional money is put up to the taxpayers.

It means a saving of \$400 a year in interest to bond for the \$10,000 needed, and the matter is up to the taxpayers whether they desire to save this sum or not. The \$10,000 has to be raised, and here is a good chance to save a neat sum in interest in doing it.

Planning To Have a Stock Show Exhibit

Potato Show Managers Expect to Add a New Feature to Event This Year—Working Out Plans

At the meeting of the Commercial Club last night the question of holding a stock exhibit in connection with the Potato Show to be held here in October was discussed at some length. Plans are being outlined by the committee in charge of this matter to see what arrangements can be made for caring for the stock here during the show, the amount of prizes to be given, etc. It was pointed out at the meeting that a stock exhibit would be a good drawing card for the show, and in all probability the project will be carried through.

Secretary R. L. Schee stated he was of the opinion that as much money for prizes could be raised this year as was given last year.

J. R. Roberts and R. L. Schee were appointed on the Publicity Committee in place of R. C. Immele and J. W. Brewer, who are out of the city at present.

George M. Bailey, president of the Northwest Townsite Co. of Philadelphia, told what his company was doing in the way of advertising Redmond and this part of Central Oregon.