

STRICT NEUTRALITY
AMERICA'S STAND

Wilson Inclined to Let War
Developments Shape With-
out Entering Tangle.

AID EXTENDED DIPLOMATS

England and France Ask United
States to Care for Embassies
Where Needed—Lines Laid to
Prevent Money Catastrophe.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Although
the United States is but a neutral ob-
server in the European war, the man-
ifold interests of America in Europe
commanded the incessant attention of
President Wilson and officials through-
out the day.

The White House officials, the State
and Treasury departments, usually de-
serted Sunday, presented scenes of un-
wonted activity. Wires and cables
were kept busy with messages and or-
ders to care for Americans abroad and
to take necessary precautions for
stabilizing financial conditions in this
country.

President Wilson sent Secretary Mc-
Adoo to New York to be accessible to
bankers, large and small. The Sec-
retary conferred with several big bank-
ers here about shipping gold to Europe,
called together members of the Federal
Reserve Board, already confirmed, as
well as Paul M. Warburg, whose nomi-
nation is pending, and discussed fore-
ign exchange.

Situation Increasingly Grave.
Diplomatic officers of the Govern-
ment revealed by their dispatches that
conditions throughout Europe were be-
coming increasingly grave. Word
came that England was mobilizing her
army and navy along the North Sea,
threatening Germany.

Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin, for-
mally notified the State Department
that Germany had declared war on
Russia. Official messages did not men-
tion war between Germany and France.
Further indication of Italy's desire to
remain neutral was conveyed to the
American Government.

As Russia, Austria and Germany, the
countries already in a state of war,
had asked the United States to care
for their diplomatic interests, the
American Embassies at St. Petersburg,
Berlin and Vienna today were sur-
rounded with new duties. England and
France have inquired if the United
States would take charge of their af-
fairs in Europe, in case of emergency,
and this request likewise has been fa-
vorably acted upon. It is regarded as
certain that the American Embassies,
legations and consulates will be the
means of communication between all
the countries in conflict.

Far East Causes Concern.
Nothing of a definite character came
to the Washington Government about
the situation in the Far East, though
this is giving officials no little con-
cern. The probability of a naval con-
flict in the Far East between German
and Russian warships was discussed
among naval officers. With the de-
parture of the Germans from the al-
lied forces at Peking, complications in
China have been temporarily removed.
Officials here are determined neutrality
shall be strictly observed in American
ports in the Philippines.

So far as can be learned the United
States will not make any attempt to
mediate in the tangle. The utility of
England's mediation proposals having
already been demonstrated, the dis-
position of President Wilson is to make
no move in diplomacy, at least until
the situation develops more clearly.

150,000 Stranded Abroad.
The United States Government ex-
tended a helping hand today to more
than 150,000 Americans who are strand-
ed abroad, without funds or means of
their checks or letters of credit, owing
to the financial stringency produced by
European war.

Besides forwarding hundreds of tele-
grams to American consuls through
diplomatic channels orders were sent by
the State Department to all consulates,
legations and embassies to use every
influence at their disposal to obtain
money for citizens of the United States.
All American diplomatic officers were
instructed to exchange letters of credit
or travelers' checks for "embassy
checks" or certificates. These are is-
sued by the authority of the United
States Government and Secretary Bryan
today was confident "embassy checks"
would be honored by railroads, steam-
ship companies and hotels abroad.

Relatives and friends of Americans
in Europe can deposit funds with the
State Department in Washington and
an equivalent sum will be advanced in
an embassy check abroad. Americans
devoid of funds will be given loans,
just as was the case in Mexico.

BRITISH PLANS PROCEED

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fronted with the possibility of a paper
famine. Most of them depend upon the
Scandinavian countries for stock and
have only a few weeks' stores in the
country, and shipping in the North Sea
is paralyzed. The peace movement
continues, but finds little popular re-
sponse.

Lord Charles Beresford has issued a
letter calling upon the country "to
pay a debt of honor to France." He
declares that England would forever
be disgraced in the eyes of Europe if
she failed.

Private Vehicles Commandeered.
The railway stations are filled with
the naval reservists in bright uniforms
awaiting for the coast stations. Of-
ficials raided the streets today and
commandeered the latest and most
powerful motor vehicles, turning out
the passengers and ordering the driv-
ers to proceed to naval and military
headquarters where the cars were to
be used for military and red cross pur-
poses. A number of reservists are em-
ployed on the motor buses and traffic
as a consequence has been curtailed.

Reports have reached Hall that the
Wilson liner Castro and the freight
steamer Saxon, loaded with coal, have
been seized in German waters. All
sailings to Germany and Russia have
been canceled.

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Announcement Due Monday.
Premier Asquith will announce Great
Britain's position in the House of
Commons tomorrow. Prior to this an-

nouncement another cabinet meeting
will be held. The general impression is
that the war party in the cabinet is
in the ascendancy, but not a word was
allowed to leak out of the cabinet
chamber concerning today's proceed-
ings.

It was said that Viscount Morley,
Lord President of the Council and
Viscount Haldane, Lord High Chancel-
lor, led the peace party, and that
Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord
of the Admiralty, threatened to resign
if the government did not stand by its
unwritten agreement to support France
against German attack.

Liberals Oppose War.
It is known that the Lancashire Lib-
erals are putting strong pressure on
the government to keep out of the
conflict at all costs, and it is said that
Premier Asquith is somewhat influenc-
ed by this.

But the average Englishman is say-
ing tonight that the government has
no alternative, after the neutrality of
Luxemburg has been disregarded by
Germany and after Germany's refusal
to say what her attitude will be with
regard to Belgium.

The Socialists held a big meeting in
Trafalgar Square tonight to protest
against war. James Kier Hardie, in-
dependent labor and Socialist member
of parliament who was the chief
speaker, declared that Italy although
bound by treaty, remained neutral and
there was no reason why Great Britain
should not do likewise. He announced
his intention of calling a national
strike against the war.

Four Months' Wheat on Hand.
The railway stations are crowded
with German, French and other re-
servists returning to their respective
countries.

The board of agriculture has issued a
statement that there is sufficient
wheat in the country to supply the
whole population for four months,
allowing for normal consumption, ir-
respective of imports.

The panic has been enhanced by the
closing of a number of the smaller
Paris hotels and the report that others
are about to close, on account of the
French servants being called to the
colors. The German and other foreign
servants employed in these hotels left
several days ago.

Oscar Straus to Use Motor.
Among the guests at one of the big
hotels in Paris, which has already
closed, were Oscar Straus, the former
American Ambassador to Turkey, and
his wife, who decided to motor to
Dieppe. Some doubt is expressed as to
whether anyone attempting to motor to
the coast will get through, as the au-
thorities are seizing all autos.

Carlton Closes Grill.
All the way from Paris to Calais the
passengers saw French soldiers making
their way to concentration points. It
was impossible to obtain food on train
or steamer and it was a tired and
hungry lot of tourists who reached
London early this morning. Those best
known found accommodations at the
big hotels, but the others had to go to
boarding-houses. It is impossible to
say how long any of them can be cared
for, as the servants are leaving the
London hotels almost as rapidly as they
are leaving those in Paris.

The Carlton Hotel had to close its
grillroom today and other hotels are
working with greatly reduced staffs,
owing to the reservists being ordered
home. Some of the reservists had to
go with empty pockets as the hotels
were without currency to pay their
wages. A number of the Americans
came from points outside Paris.

Gaming Suddenly Halted.
One from Aix Les Bains said that a
crowd of Americans were sitting
around the gaming tables when the
news arrived that war was imminent.
In a moment every piece of gold had
disappeared from the table, to be re-
placed by notes and silver, but the
croupiers pushed the notes back re-
fusing to take anything but gold.

There is considerable uneasiness
among Americans anxious to return
home because of the report, which is
confirmed by the Cunard Steamship
Company that the Mauretania, which
sailed for New York from Liverpool
on Saturday, will be recalled if England
becomes engaged in war.

The government has issued a procla-
mation postponing the payment of cer-
tain bills of exchange. The proclama-
tion says that if on the presentation
for payment of bills of exchange, other
than check or bill on demand, which
have been accepted before August 4,
the acceptor reaccepts the bill, that
bill shall for all purposes, including
the liability of any drawer or indorsee,
be deemed due one month after the
date of its original maturity.

Not even at the height of the tour-
ist season there were more Americans
in London than tonight, and most of
them are in some sort of straits.
Gold and Silver Only Good.
Although the pockets of many are
full of American and English bank
notes and American express company
bills they might just as well have
nothing, for only gold and silver are
taken anywhere.

The flight from Paris has become
almost a panic. One of the Ameri-
cans who arrived from the French
capital today said the train which
left Paris at 9 o'clock last night was
jammed with Americans. Many of them
went to the station as early as 3
o'clock in the afternoon and stood
for hours waiting for a chance to get
aboard. The heat was intense and
there was much suffering among the
women and children, but nobody would
give up his place.

When the train was drawn up there
was a frantic rush for the cars and
what is described as almost a pitched
battle took place, the strongest gain-
ing the victory and climbing into the
cars. Baggage was abandoned in the
rush and some of the passengers ar-
rived in London without even a change
of linen.

AUSTRIAN TROOPS SHIFTED
Serbian Campaign Dropped to Pre-
pare for Russia.

NISEH, Serbia, via Saloniki, Aug. 2.—
Austria appears for the present to have
abandoned her aggressive campaign
against Serbia in order to prepare for
possible Russian attack.

The bulk of the Austrian troops who
were concentrated at Semlin have been
moved to an unknown destination.
The few troops remaining conduct a
desultory bombardment of Belgrade.

MASSED FLEETS OF THREE GREAT POWERS NOW IN THE
WATERS OF NORTHERN EUROPE.

**GREAT BRITAIN—BATTLESHIPS (29) IRON DUKE (FLEET FLAG-
SHIP).**
First squadron—Collingwood, Colossus, Hercules, Neptune, St. Vin-
cent, Superba, Marlborough, Vanguard.
Second squadron—Ajax, Audacious, Centurion, Conqueror, King
George V, Monarch, Orion, Thunderer.
Third squadron—Edward VII, Africa, Britannic, Commonwealth,
Dominion, Hibernia, Hindustan, Zealandia.
Fourth squadron—Dreadnought, Bellefleur, Agamemnon, Tre-
mir.
Battle cruisers (4)—Lion, Queen Mary, New Zealand, Princess
Royal.
Armored cruisers (13)—Second squadron: Shannon, Achilles, Coch-
rane, Natal. Third squadron: Antrim, Argyll, Devonshire, Roxburgh.
Fourth squadron: Suffolk, Berwick, Essex, Lancaster, Hermione.
The British Armada, here included, comprises only the first fleet,
which sailed from Portland (England) Wednesday under sealed or-
ders. The second fleet, which is also ready for action, includes 15
battleships and eight cruisers.

**GERMANY—BATTLESHIPS (25) FRIEDRICH DER GROSSE (FLEET
FLAGSHIP).**
First squadron—Ostfriesland, Thüringen, Heigoland, Oldenburg,
Nassau, Rhetland, Bosen, Westfalen.
Second squadron—Proussen, Schleswig-Holstein, Pommern, Honne-
ver Hessen, Schlesien, Lethringen, Deutschland.
Third squadron—Kaiser, Kaiserin, König Albert, Prinz Regent
Luitpold.
Reserve squadron—Wittelsbach, Braunschweig, Elsass, Zabringen.
Battle cruisers (4)—Seydlitz, Goben, Von Der Tann, Moltke.

RUSSIA.
Battleships (4)—Andrei Pervozvannyi, Imperial Pavel, Slava, Ce-
sarvitch.
Armored cruisers (5)—Rurik, Grombol, Admiral Makaroff, Bayan,
Pallada.

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HOOD RIVER ESSAY WINS

MARION RAND, 15, VICTOR IN THE
OREGONIAN'S CONTEST.

Three of Five Prizes Go to Boys and
Girls Outside Portland—Two
Months Later.

Marion Rand, aged 15, of Hood River,
took first prize in The Oregonian's
home industry essay contest for July
by making a daring excursion into the
future, and predicting something of
the change that will be wrought in
Oregon in 1925 by the application of
the patronize-home-industry doctrine.

Second prize was taken by Charles
Johnson, of 867 Seventh street, who
gave many excellent reasons for buy-
ing Oregon-made goods. Miss N. M.
Jones, of 1159 Michigan avenue, took
third prize; Lula Maloy, with a care-
fully-drawn picture of Oregon rural
life, fourth prize; and John A. Ten
Brook, of Hood River, fifth prize, with
an essay written in sprightly verse.

Thus three of the five prizes went
to boys and girls outside of Portland.
Others who sent in essays deserving
of mention, and whom the contest edi-
tor would like to see try again next
month, are: Ann McMahon, 1265 Divi-
sion street; Gracie Mathews, 6197 Six-
thirty-second avenue Southeast; Dorothea
Wolfken, The Dalles; Ruth Blowers,
Hood River; Hazel Danford, Beaverton.

There are but two more months of
these contests, which were started by
The Oregonian last September.

War Worries Grain Growers.
POMEROY, Wash., Aug. 2.—(Special.)

1 DIES, 2 HURT IN MIDAIR

Trip of Aerial Tramcar Is Disastrous
on Feather River.

CHICO, Cal., Aug. 2.—One man was
killed, one injured and three others
suspended in midair 100 feet above
the Feather River late today, when the
cable propelling an aerial tramcar
between Las Plumas and the Great
Western Power plant tore loose from
the drum on which it was being wound.

Harry Cramer was hurled from the
car to the rocks below and was killed.
W. C. Bennett's hand was caught in
a pulley while he was endeavoring to
steady the swaying car. Bennett was
jerked from the car and hung by his
wrist until rescued an hour later. His
arm was pulled nearly from its socket.

Three others clung to the edge of
the cage until assistance reached
them. All were employed by the
power company.

FARMERS' NEEDS INDEXED

Buyers Put in Touch With Those
Who Want to Sell.

STOCKTON, Cal., Aug. 2.—(Special.)
—Frank F. Lyons, county farm adviser,
has announced to the farm bureau
directors that he has worked out a
system whereby farmers in all parts of

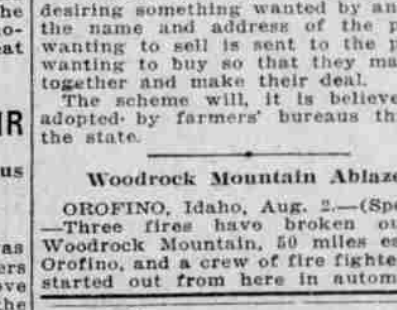
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wipe out several farm barns situated in
that locality. The flames spread to the
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