

AMERICANS HURRY FOR NEUTRAL LAND

Inability to Get Money Incentive for Desire to Quit Continent.

VERITABLE PANIC IN PARIS

W. H. Crane, American Actor, Among Hundreds Who Rush Across Channel to London.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—London is fast filling with Americans who have been compelled to forego their continental tours.

Inability to get money is another incentive for their desire to leave the continent.

London Hotels Crowded. A few of those who arrived early were able to get berths on the steamers sailing for New York, Boston and Canadian ports.

Regular customers at hotels and restaurants who did not have gold or silver readily available were invited tonight to change for notes or checks.

In one famous resort of the Americans here there was a continual stream of men offering \$25 notes in payment for 10-cent drinks and asking for change, only to be told there was no gold in the house.

Such scenes were never before witnessed in the West End of London, where ordinarily the mission to pay a country of the world are changed without demur.

Prominent American residents met here today and organized a mission to assist their countrymen who may be stranded on the continent through the paralysis of the ordinary banking facilities.

It is believed that passports and letters from the Ambassador explaining the purpose of the mission will enable the agents to carry out the work.

Leading Hotels in Paris Close and Tourists Unable to Get Money.

PARIS, Aug. 1.—All foreigners may leave Paris or France before the end of the first day of mobilization by train, but not by automobile.

American citizens or British subjects may remain in France, except in the region on the frontier and near certain fortresses, provided they make declaration to the police and obtain a special permit.

No foreigners will be permitted to leave France after the first day of mobilization without a passport signed by the Prefect.

Other foreigners may remain in Paris by obtaining a special permit from the police.

Two of the largest and most luxurious hotels in Paris will close tomorrow.

MEAT PRICES SOARING

CHICAGO MARKET NOTED IN MANY ADVANCES.

Good Cattle Not to Be Had in Sufficient Quantities to Meet Demand.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Lamb cuts will advance about 3 cents a pound Monday.

The price of pork loins was increased 2 1/2 cents this week.

It is reported that beef will cost the consumer 4 cents additional next week.

"Beef has been soaring right along," said Gustave Pollack, of the Stockyards Packing Company today.

Porterhouse and sirloin steaks have advanced from 5 to 5 1/2 cents during the last six weeks.

Following was the range of retail meat prices at local markets today:

Porterhouse steaks, 30 cents. Sirloins, 22 to 25 cents.

Leg of veal, 18 to 20 cents. Baked ham, whole, 28 cents; sliced, 46 cents.

GERMAN EMPEROR, WHO HAS DECLARED WAR ON RUSSIA, AND HIS GENERAL-IN-CHIEF, WHO



KAISER WILLIAM (MOUNTED) AND COUNT VON MOLTKE.

GERMANY IS FEARED

Australians in San Francisco Would Be Ready.

GIGANTIC MOVEMENT ON

Australians and New Zealanders Believe That Kaiser, if He Wins, May Pounce Upon Them, Leads to Action to Defend Selves.

SAFRANCO, Aug. 1.—(Special.)—While Britons, Germans, Austrians, Servians, Russians and other European residents of San Francisco today were discussing plans for the war between the powers, local citizens of two other nations, working quietly, but with no less enthusiasm, were setting afoot a gigantic movement for the defense of their own country.

These are the Australians and New Zealanders, of which there are 2000 in San Francisco.

Enthusiasm knew no bounds in local Servian circles today when it was announced that Germany had declared war upon Russia.

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RUSSO-GERMAN WAR IS ON

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relations will be ruptured or war declared.

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 Prostken, 130

GERMAN NOT UPSET

Consul Kirchoff Says War Declaration Was Expected.

SHORT CONFLICT IS BELIEF

Kaiser's Representative in Portland Believes Czar to Blame for Crisis—Declares Feeling to British of Friendliest.

"It is what we expected," said Fritz Kirchoff, German Consul, speaking unofficially, when informed that Germany had declared war on Russia, for as yet he has had no word from the German government regarding the situation.

"There have been but few inquiries from former German citizens," he said. "The Germans as a rule are not excitable or feverish about things that may happen, but when things happen they tackle the proposition with the greatest possible seriousness, energy and thoroughness."

Mr. Kirchoff would not commit himself directly as to what he thought of the possibility of Great Britain's siding with Russia.

However, he did say that Germany is geographically surrounded by countries "jealous of her enormous economic and commercial progress since 1870."

"For this reason," he said, "Germany has had to keep her powder dry and be prepared for every imaginable emergency."

He expressed a belief that the war would be of brief duration.

"It will be too vast a thing to be kept going for any extended period," he said.

"As a German, I firmly believe that the fatherland is ready," he continued, "and in war readiness is all, as shown by past experience. I will not venture to predict the result, but it is certain that the world will see some surprises."

Mr. Kirchoff declared the antagonism of the Slav to the Teuton to be the cause of the trouble, as well as the failure of the Czar to listen to the representations of the Kaiser, the King of England and other European powers.

"Had Russia heeded these representations," he said, "this catastrophe would surely have been averted and the German nation is peace-loving and the ambitions of her people are for the achievement of peace rather than the triumphs of war."

"The German people have the highest respect and regard for their cousins across the channel, and it would be regretted through the whole civilized world should Great Britain enter the conflict."

Consul Kirchoff refused to discuss the possibility of France entering the conflict and characterized as "tommyrot" Captain Macgenn's prediction of Germany's humiliation in case of a general European war.

KAISER IS EXTOLLED

PAUL WESSINGER LOUD IN PRAISE OF GERMANY'S RULER.

Former Member of Reserve in Fatherland Says Declaration of War Was Forced on Emperor.

"If I were 15 years younger I would offer my services to the Emperor," said Paul Wessinger, manager of the Henry Weinhard estate. Mr. Wessinger is 55. He was a member of the German army reserve for seven years before coming to America in 1885.

"The declaration of war is a depressing event," he said, "but I believe Emperor William exhausted all honorable means in an attempt to localize the conflict between Austria and Servia, where it rightfully belongs."

"But Russia had been mobilizing her army for 48 hours and mobilization being significant as forecasting a nation's warlike intentions, Germany had no other course to pursue. I am convinced, then, to consider the mobilization of any power other than Servia a hostile act against her ally, Austria, and to declare war."

"The German Emperor is pledged by the treaties of the triple alliance to stand by his allies, with arms if necessary, and failure in his peaceful efforts to stop the Russian mobilization left nothing else for him to do than what has been done."

"Emperor William in his long reign—27 years, I think—has shown that he is the man to pick a quarrel at random, and, indeed, he has been instrumental in preserving the peace of Europe on several occasions."

"If he has seen fit to take a different step this time, he must have deemed the action absolutely necessary to preserve the honor and dignity of the German Empire."

FRANCE MOBILIZES TROOPS

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all the railways, particularly those leading to the eastward, were crowded with departing reservists. Many women accompanied the men until close to the stations, where, softly crying, farewells were said.

The troop trains departed at regular intervals and the Paris streets were quiet and nearly empty tonight. All the auto buses had disappeared, having been requisitioned by the army to carry meat, the coach work of the vehicles being removed and replaced with specially designed bodies. A large number of taxicabs, private automobiles and horses and carts also were taken over by the military for transport purposes.

KITE DRAGS BOY TO DEATH

New Jersey Lad of 12 Drawn Off Roof of Home by Gust of Wind.

NEW YORK, July 26.—Harry Gerchis, 12, was instantly killed the other night by a fall from the roof of his home, a five-story tenement at Jersey City.

He was flying a kite five feet high, just one foot taller than himself, from the roof. A sudden gust of wind caused a mighty tug, and playmates saw the boy dragged from the roof.

Advertisement for Phegley & Cavender suits. Features a large illustration of a suit and a broom with the text 'A Clean Sweep'. Text includes: '500 Suits, all sizes, this season's models, ends of lines that must be sold now. Select the suit you want and pay just one-half the former price'. Price list: \$20.00 Suits Now... \$10.00, \$25.00 Suits Now... \$12.50, \$30.00 Suits Now... \$15.00, \$35.00 Suits Now... \$17.50, \$40.00 Suits Now... \$20.00. Address: COR. FOURTH AND ALDER STS.

WAR MEET CALLED

Servians and Slavonians to Assemble Here Today.

GERMANY'S ACT IS PROD

Poes of Austria Plan to Hasten Home to Take Up Arms—One Tells of Four Brothers in Opposing Ranks.

Germany's declaration of war against Russia yesterday led Servian supporters in Portland to make active preparations for taking up arms to help their Slavonian brethren in the present crisis.

A mass meeting of all Servians and Slavonians residing in Portland and vicinity is to take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the lodgerooms of the Portland Servian Benevolent Society at the corner of Williams avenue and Russell street.

Several hundred former residents of the countries involved are expected to attend. Many Slav employed in the mills and logging camps near Portland will be unable to attend the meeting, but word has been received from a number of these that as soon as their help is deemed necessary they will be on hand.

Brothers in Opposing Ranks. Dan P. Ragenovich, a native of Austria, who has resided in Portland for the past seven years, has three brothers in the Austrian army and another in the Servian ranks.

"It looks like my brothers will have to fight for each other's blood," said Ragenovich. "I am from Austria, but I am upholding Servia in this war. My three brothers in the Austrian army are serving against their wishes, as I have heard from them to that effect. They are compelled to remain. My brother in the Servian army has not written me for some time and I am sure he is fighting bravely."

Two Germans on leaving a cafe in the vicinity of Leicester square, one of them carrying an unheated sword over his shoulder, were set upon by a group of Frenchmen, irritated at the German swashbuckler behavior. A large crowd joined in the fray and but for the intervention of the police, who hurried the Germans away, the affair would have had serious results.

Cuba's National Debt. Baltimore American. Cuba's national debt is now \$58,717,200.



Millo Ragenovich, Servian, Fighting Against His Three Brothers in the Austrian Army.

positive that he knows nothing of the enlistment of his own brothers in the Austrian army."

Local Slavonians say they are determined to fight a finish fight now that Germany and Russia have taken sides, making the situation a war of all European nations. When the slaughter ends, they say, the Slavs of Europe will be united under one flag.

Bohemians for Servia. Bohemian residents of Oregon are unanimous in support of Servia, although they are Austrian subjects, says V. Kremer, secretary of the Portland Bohemian Society.

"We expect about 50 natives of our country now residing in Portland and vicinity to rally to the support of Servia," said Mr. Kremer yesterday. "We will attend the mass meeting of the Servians today and do everything possible to help Servia's cause. A number of my countrymen are at work in the mills and it may be several days before they can get together and help in the way of sending men back to join the Slav army."

Frank Marsick, a Bohemian, who has served in the Mexican revolution, said he is ready to leave at any moment to aid Servia. Marsick also has served in the Austrian army.

As Servia's finances are a great deal lower than Austria's, Slavonians here say they will not expect payment of

POLAND TO SUFFER

Big European War Means Set Battleground.

DEVASTATION NOW FEARED

Chicago Translator of Polish Writings, Through It All, Sees Final Happiness in Country's Probable Independence.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—(Special.)—"Poland will be the greatest sufferer in the event of a big European war involving Russia and other European powers. This country will be the battle ground; her fields will be devastated and her cities torn with shot and shell. But after all the suffering and privation inevitable under such experience, the result may be happy for that shamed nation. Poland may gain her independence."

This is an opinion expressed by Max Dresmal, Chicago attorney and translator of later books of Henryk Sienkiewicz, author of "Quo Vadis."

"No people is more interested in this war than the Poles," said Mr. Dresmal. "There are 15,000,000 of them in Russia, 5,000,000 in Austria and 2,000,000 in Germany. In the event of a war involving two or all three of these countries, the Poles will be drafted and will have to fight against each other unwillingly."

"Both Germany and Russia have tried hard to wipe out the Poles by destroying their language. Russia has not gone as far in this as Germany. In Germany it is a penal offense to speak Polish in public."

"The Polish children in school are compelled to say their prayers in German. A few years ago there was a strike among the school children of the Polish provinces, and many Polish peasants and children were imprisoned because of their love for their mother tongue."

Oregon Accidents in June 264.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Labor Commissioner Hoff announced today that there were 264 accidents in Oregon industries in June, of which four were fatal. Accidents in sawmills led the list with 40. There were 31 accidents in railroad yards and 29 in railroad section work.

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Advertisement for Columbia Theatre: 'COLUMBIA THEATRE 6th and Washington. Attractions today until Wednesday: "The Mystery of the Hindu Image" Absorbing detective story, showing the uncanny superstition of the Hindus. By the Majestic Players. "OUR MUTUAL GIRL" Margaret takes an aeroplane ride. "FROM WASH TO WASHINGTON" Thanhousey Players play in Nation's capital. "HIS FATAL SWEET TOOTH" Keystone bears mix with bees and honey. ORGAN OVERTURE. By F. Scholl. Ten Cents -- Admission -- Ten Cents'