

CANAL ACT CHANGE DUE TO MEET CRISIS

Foreign Ships to Come Under American Register and Prevent Crop Blockade.

CONGRESS LEADERS READY

Proposed Emergency Measure to Be Passed at Once Will Give President Authority to Act as European War Demands.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—To save trans-Atlantic shipping from paralysis during the European crisis and avert a threatened blockade of America's bumper crops, President Wilson and Congressional leaders today agreed upon an amendment to the Panama act which will permit foreign ships to come under American registry. It will be pressed for passage Monday with the influence of the Administration for prompt action.

The bill would eliminate the requirement that a ship must be five years old to get the American registry, would authorize the President to suspend the requirement that all watch officers must be Americans and would suspend the requirement of survey, inspection and measurements of foreign-built vessels admitted to American registry.

Bill in Effect at Once.

The bill will take effect immediately upon the enactment of an emergency measure. After repealing certain restrictions contained in the Panama act, the bill provides:

"That the President of the United States is hereby authorized, whenever in his discretion, the needs of foreign commerce may require, to suspend by order so far as he may deem desirable, the provisions of the law prescribing that all watch officers of vessels of the United States registered for foreign trade shall be citizens of the United States.

No Opposition Expected.

The bill is not expected to be opposed when unanimous consent for its passage is asked in the House Monday. None of the Democratic leaders favor letting down the bars so as to permit foreign ownership of American-registered vessels and the sentiment developed today was unanimous that all conversions of foreign-built and owned vessels into American-owned and registered ships must be rigidly bona fide. It was pointed out that unless this position was maintained there might be grave neutrality complications through ships of belligerent nations temporarily taking out American registry to evade the risks and high marine insurance that their own foreign flag might involve.

Measure Only Temporary.

"This is not a bill to build up a great merchant marine and to encourage Teutons based on the German Consulate this afternoon, following the announcement that the Kaiser had declared war on Russia. They claimed for the latest news from the front and sought information relative to whether their services would be required in defense of the colors. Throughout the day hundreds of Germans had visited the office of the local Consul to volunteer their services, in expectation of a declaration of war, and when the actual declaration was received there was a more determined attitude on the part of scores when it came to returning home and taking up arms.

TEUTONS SOUTH ARISE

San Francisco Consulate Is Stormed by Volunteers.

Germany by the Hundred Express Desire to Be Up and Away for War—Many to Go.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Scores of patriotic and enthusiastic Teutons besieged the German Consulate this afternoon, following the announcement that the Kaiser had declared war on Russia. They claimed for the latest news from the front and sought information relative to whether their services would be required in defense of the colors. Throughout the day hundreds of Germans had visited the office of the local Consul to volunteer their services, in expectation of a declaration of war, and when the actual declaration was received there was a more determined attitude on the part of scores when it came to returning home and taking up arms.

Baron H. von Schroeder, Captain of the reserves, Third Imperial Dragons, well-known slubman and holder of large estates in California, will leave tomorrow for home to rejoin the German army. Preparations for going to the front had all been made when the news of the declaration of war came this afternoon.

Among those who will go from here are Baron von Schroeder's son, Henry von Schroeder, Count Albert von Montgelas, Baron von Rayburg, Eighteenth Imperial Dragons; First Lieutenant R. Wieneke, Imperial Guards; S. Jebson, an officer of the Imperial navy, and many others.

In the Kreiger Verein there are hundreds of reservists who will leave as soon as they can for the old country.

NETHERLANDS BANK CUTS

Holland Grants Right to Reduce Gold Reserve Against Notes.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—A law has been passed by both houses of Congress in Holland allowing the Netherlands Bank to reduce its gold reserve bank notes from 40 to 20 per cent, according to a private cablegram received here today.

This means that the bank can issue an additional \$200,000,000, which will be available for loans against bills and stock as collateral, a margin of 20 per cent being required.

Cruisers Reach Honolulu.

HONOLULU, H. I., Aug. 1.—The cruisers West Virginia and South Dakota, which left San Francisco last Monday, arrived here today, each towing a submarine. Their commanders expect to leave for San Francisco today.

AUSTRIA AND ALLIES CAPABLE, SAYS NATIVE

Lieutenant Von Makdych, of Reserve Forces, Declares Slavs Will Not Desert Monarchy and That Germany Will Be Potent Against Russia.

BY LIEUTENANT VON MAKDYCH, OF THE AUSTRIAN RESERVE.

It is to be regretted that on account of the public utterances of some non-patriots the impression is created that Austria is torn by factional strife and that the whole country is on the verge of a civil war; that as between the Hungarians, Slavonians and Croats on one side and the Habsburg monarchy there is imminent an open breach and that the dissolution of this powerful monarchy is only a question of time. While it must be admitted that, like anywhere, there are dissatisfied and envious people and politicians in Austria-Hungary, the general sentiment at home and abroad among Austro-Hungarian subjects is best evidence that in case of a conflict with any foreign power these nations to the man would not hesitate to sacrifice their lives if their country were in danger.

Yes, there were Slavonians and Croats who would perhaps come to the rescue of Serbia, but it would be a small number, and even those 30 days ago cured. The only means that fostered their future sovereign, Archduke Ferdinand, and vowed bitter revenge on everything that bore a Serbian name.

Slav Loyalty Upheld.

These proofs of affection to the Habsburg crown would silence every assertion that the Slav element of the monarchy would desert it in times of distress and turn traitors to the country that gave them protection when murderous hordes in times gone by attempted to plunder and ransack their villages, kill their children in their cradles and take their wives and daughters into captivity. The Slavish-Croatish people will now, as they have in the past, remain true to the house of Habsburg and the Austro-Hungarian monarchy.

As far as Germany is concerned, the declaration of war on Russia shows that at no time would the Teuton empire allow any nation to trifle with its ally. Its inviolable fidelity in times of peace has amazed the diplomats of Europe and the words of Emperor William II, "To the man will the German people uphold the dignity of the monarchy," are good today. These two empires united will ever be able and ready to take care of themselves in any eventuality.

Russa Act Called Weak.

Russia's desperate act in blowing up the bridge over the Oderberger Railroad over the River Weichsel indicates its weakness and its defective defense. Why would she otherwise destroy the Russian army necessary in the siege of Austria's border fortifications? The fear only that Austria or Germany would invade Russian domain and would be a battle can be given as the only reason for Russia's act, and since, unlike the Russian railroad cars, trucks and coaches are rigid—that is, the

wheels are not adjustable—Austria could not have used the Russian tracks without first narrowing their gauge, whereas all Russian railway cars are equipped with adjustable wheels, so that they can use the Austrian roads, which are of a narrower gauge, without much difficulty.

An invasion of Austria by Russia will not likely take place in the beginning of the present contest, as the northern border of Galicia is strongly fortified and the forts are equipped with the most modern guns and engines of destruction. Any siege with hopes of success in taking them would cause enormous loss of life, and it is doubtful if such a siege would be successful at all, regardless of the amount of life and ammunition. Lemberg, Krakau, Przemyśl, Jaroslau, Jaslo, etc., are also well fortified and are in times of peace heavily manned with troops of all kinds. In times of war the garrisons are quadrupled and special minor fortifications erected. Work in erecting these fortifications was that of telegraph divisions of the Austro-Hungarian army, however, is its excellent maintenance and Red Cross corps. Every regiment carries sufficient supplies to care for each soldier for 21 days without having to depend on outside assistance or transportation of its wounded. Every soldier carries provisions in his "tourist" for six days and each regiment carries supplies for not less than 21 days. This is also an advantage which is equalled perhaps only by Germany.

Speedy Advance Possible.

The excellent condition of the country roads and the efficiency of the railroad and telegraph divisions of the Austro-Hungarian army insures a speedy advance of all military bodies. One of the best developed features of the Austro-Hungarian army, however, is its excellent maintenance and Red Cross corps. Every regiment carries sufficient supplies to care for each soldier for 21 days without having to depend on outside assistance or transportation of its wounded. Every soldier carries provisions in his "tourist" for six days and each regiment carries supplies for not less than 21 days. This is also an advantage which is equalled perhaps only by Germany.

On account of its vast population it is easily explained why Russia can muster more soldiers than either Germany or Austria, but it can equip and supply properly only a minor part of its conscripts, and for this reason Russia is at a big disadvantage.

In the impending war the Austro-Hungarian troops will, in all likelihood, be distributed as follows:

The Seventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fifteenth corps will advance against Serbia, with the First and Sixth corps as well as the Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Fourteenth corps will, in all probability, invade Russia. The last named corps in conjunction with the Eighth, Ninth and Tenth corps of the German army, will keep Russia busy for some time or come, while the rest of the German and English armies should these two nations decide to join Russia in the present struggle.

ITALY WATCHING CLOSE

Strongest Censorship Over All Dispatches Ordered.

Pope Grieved Over Serbia's Plight and Opposed to Austria's Action Toward "His Children."

ROME, Aug. 1.—A strict censorship has been established in Italy over dispatches to places abroad. King Victor Emmanuel is keeping in close touch with events and is said to be in frequent direct communication with other European rulers, especially the German Emperor.

The pope is said to have made great efforts to prevent the war, as since the recent concordat between the Vatican and Serbia, his feelings are friendly toward that country. The signature of the concordat is said in some quarters to have been one of the causes of Austrian resentment against Serbia.

Speaking on the subject to the Austrian Ambassador, the pontiff informed him that he considered the Austrian attitude toward the Serbian concordat unfair and added that he must "protect his children wherever they are." Many in Rome are withdrawing their money from the banks owing to fear of a general European conflagration.

CONTRABAND SCOPE BIG

Everything for Aid or Comfort of Fighters Barred.

Commodities Sent From United States to Warring Countries Subject to Seizure at Sea.

The Italian government is preparing to meet any eventually. About 500,000 soldiers are under arms, including those who can be withdrawn from Tripoli and other places. Before the Austro-Serbian outbreak 190,000 reservists had been called to the colors. All the fortifications along the eastern frontier have been hurriedly put into a state of war, while the various squadrons of the fleet have assembled at their naval stations.

Prayers for Peace Ordered.

Rev. Alexander Christie, archbishop of the Diocese of Oregon, announced last night that prayers for peace would be said at all Catholic churches in the diocese today because of the war cloud hanging over Europe. The prayer is a special one said on occasions when the public peace is endangered.

IF PA RANCHER

doesn't buy a Piano for his family this Summer, there is no good in him. See "Mid-Summer Prices," Graves Music Company's adv. Page 10, sec. 3.—Adv.

French Dine American Sailors.

MARSEILLES, Aug. 1.—The sailors of the American training ship Newport were feted tonight by the people of Marseilles. The band of the American ship responded to the friendly salutations by playing the national airs of France and the United States.

SOCIALISTS TODAY CROWD TRAFALGAR

Protest to Be Made Against Dragging British Nation Into Big War.

ASQUITH AND GREY HIT

Pacifists Demand That Russia Be Commanded to Halt on Penalty of Britain's Repudiation of the Triple Entente.

BY EDWARD P. BELL.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The feature of the war situation in London today is the growing intensity of the debate whether Britain should or should not take part in the threatened European slaughter. The pacifists are concentrating a hot fire on Premier Asquith and Sir Edward Grey, demanding that Russia be commanded to halt on penalty of Britain's repudiation of the triple entente. Their argument is:

First—That Britain is not only free as regards legal obligation, but is free on the point of honor, since it has the right to hold aloof from any war that it does not sanction.

Second—That Russia already has violated the entente by its anti-British proceedings in Persia and elsewhere in Central Asia.

Third—That civilization would be much better off with Germany dominating the continent than with Russia in the dominant position.

The pacifists sound a solemn warning against the entente by its "colossal" might that is sweeping over Europe as barbarians swept over it at the time of the great migrations.

They declare that the Slavic race in its whole existence has not produced more than a dozen first-rate men and that Britain must not co-operate with such a power in assailing the beneficent civilization of Germanic peoples. These views are supported by letters and telegrams from individuals and societies and by personal appeals from some of the ablest and most noted men and women of the United Kingdom.

Tomorrow afternoon Trafalgar Square will be filled with a great gathering of workers, led by Socialists, to protest against the "hideous and abominable crime" of dragging the British nation into war. The reported abstention of Italy is hailed as a break in the triple alliance and Premier Asquith will be asked to follow suit by a similar shift in the triple entente. The Spectator begs Italy to join Britain, France and Russia in forcing peace on Europe.

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TRADE WEVERS NOT

Chicago Wheat Market Sees No Bullish Move.

50,000,000 BUSHELS WAIT

Immense Quantity of Grain Under Contract for Shipment to Europe and Unable to Get Away From United States Ports.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—Germany's declaration of war on Russia was received with eager interest tonight by leaders of the Chicago Board of Trade, but in no case with the least show of excitement. It was virtually the unanimous opinion that the consequence, so far as the wheat market was concerned, had been to a great extent discounted.

Beyond a temporary convulsion, perhaps, in the wheat pit, the effect on prices generally was expected to be much more restrained than in the case of Austria's declaration against Serbia. Fifty million bushels of wheat was said to be already under contract for shipment to Europe and unable to get away from United States ports. Even with immediate amendment of the navigation laws, it was declared that an adequate outlet would still be lacking, as shipments would have to be confined as far as possible to neutral ports, such as Amsterdam and Rotterdam, or run the risks of delay and loss by blockades.

George E. Marcy, president of the Armour Grain Company, said: "The declaration of war between Germany and Russia will not, in my opinion, have a great effect on the wheat market outside of possibly at the opening there may be some flurry one way or the other. As a matter of fact, at the present time war between those two countries will be a bullish argument, for the reason that there are large quantities of wheat at the seaboard or ready to go to the seaboard from the country elevators and farmers; and under present conditions little of this wheat can be safely loaded. Therefore, our export business will be at a standstill temporarily until things are more settled. Some of this wheat, which is intended to go for export, may be offered for sale in American markets and this, in itself, will prevent any high prices at the present time."

It is hoped that the United States Government will move as promptly as possible and endeavor to provide laws under which some of the foreign vessels may be registered as United States bottoms and, in this manner, provide ships sailing under the American flag to take care of the enormous quantity of wheat there is in the United States ready for export which can be sold at good figures. In this manner, draw back gold in payment. The United States has this year upwards of 300,000,000 bushels of wheat which may be offered for sale in American markets and this, in itself, will prevent any high prices at the present time."

President C. H. Canby, of the Chicago Board of Trade, said: "Germany's declaration of war makes it inadvisable for Congress to amend immediately the American navigation laws so as to allow foreign vessels to register and sail under the American flag. Unless this is done our export business will be paralyzed practically for the present and there will be no adequate outlet for our immense grain crop."

SINGER-ACTRESS TO WED

Footlights Win Choir Member and Now Engagement Is Announced.

YONKERS, N. Y., July 26.—Miss Margaret Henry, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Henry, of the fashionable Park Hill section, who deserted the choir loft for the stage, is now going to give up the footlights to become a bride. Her parents have announced her engagement to Merrill B. Sand, who is in the advertising business in New York.

Pretty and popular, a great favorite in society and a clever amateur actress, the choir member who deserted the footlights to become a bride, is now going to give up the footlights to become a bride. Her parents have announced her engagement to Merrill B. Sand, who is in the advertising business in New York.

The wedding will be in August.

The horse succumbs to an intensely cold temperature sooner than any other animal.



DRAINAGE CAMPAIGN ON

Petitions for 50,000-Acre District Near Eugene Out.

Committee of Farmers Backing Project Hopes to Obtain Needed Signatures and Start Work Next Winter.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The movement for the drainage of 50,000 acres of lowland near Eugene, now unproductive, preliminary for which have been under way for four months, was definitely launched this afternoon, when petitions to the County Court for a drainage district were put in the field.

Signatures of 25 per cent of 700 property owners affected are needed. The project will cost upwards of \$500,000, and the promoters, a committee of farmers, expect to begin construction work next winter.

Ralph B. Hunt and his associate engineers have been working on the petitions for nearly 90 days preparing descriptions. The territory involved includes the territory drained by the Long Tom and the area between Elmira and Junction City, drained by Coyote Creek and the Long Tom.

SACRED PLAYS POPULAR

Preacher Disagrees With Congregation and Opens Tent Show.

NEW YORK, July 26.—Since his disagreement with the congregation of the Christian Church, of Hilton, N. J., a few weeks ago, Rev. Charles F. Stanley has conducted opposition services in a tent in the adjoining borough of Irvington, and has been forced to hang out the "Standing Room Only" sign because of the attractions offered. The bill a few nights ago was "The Cohortship of Rebecca," a Biblical love story.

Members of his new congregation were the principal actors in the pantomime, enacting episodes on the Bible. Mrs. Walter W. McMahon was Rebecca, S. F. Isaac the lover and Henry Rudebeck upon Rebecca. Miss Ada Jennings, Mrs. William A. Sherman was stage manager.

This method of teaching the lessons of Bible stories is said to have been originated by Rev. Mr. Stanley. Since he began his opposition services the moving picture has done more business in Irvington and Hilton on Sundays. The residents said that the acting in the gospel tent had been so good that it afforded a better entertainment than the "movies."

The preacher is arranging to have a much larger tent—a regular circus tent—and then to build a large permanent church in the Autumn.

A smoking tree is one of the natural wonders of the Japanese Islands. It grows only in the evening. Just after sunset, and the smoke issues from the top of the trunk.