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PRESIDENT WILSON SEES MENACE IN EXCITEMENT

PLEADS WITH CITIZENS TO OBSERVE STRICTEST NEUTRALITY

Delivers Address to American Public in Which He Outlines What Possible Effect European War May Have Upon This Country and Its Industries.

ASKS CITIZENS TO ACT AND SPEAK IN SPIRIT OF STRICTEST FAIRNESS

President Regards with Disfavor Effort to Embroil This Country in Controversy in Far Eastern Countries or Europe—Must Be Free of All Entanglements.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18.—Addressing the American people, President Wilson issued a statement in connection with the European war, warning citizens of the United States against that deepest and most subtle, most essential breach of neutrality which may spring out of partisanship, or out of passionately taking sides.

The President's statement in part follows: "My Fellow Countrymen: I suppose every thoughtful man in America has asked himself during the last couple of weeks what influence the European war may exert on the United States, and I take the liberty of addressing a few words to you in order to point out that it is entirely within our own choice as to what its effects on us will be, and to urge very earnestly upon you the sort of speech and conduct which will best safeguard the nation against distress and disaster. The effect of war on the United States will depend on what American citizens say and do.

"Every man who really loves America will act and speak in a true spirit of neutrality, which is a spirit of impartiality and fairness and friendliness to all concerned. The spirit of the nation in this critical matter will be determined largely by what individuals and society and those gathered in public meetings say and do, on what newspapers and magazines contain, on what ministers utter in the pulpits and what men proclaim as their opinions on the streets. It will be easy to excite passion and difficult to allay it. The United States must be neutral in fact as well as in name during these days that are to try men's souls. This great nation of ours should show herself fit and free to do what is honest and truly serviceable for the peace of the world."

While the Japanese question was not referred to, it became known that the President regarded with disfavor the efforts being made to embroil the United States in the controversy in the Far East or in Europe.

APPEALS TO UNITED STATES TO PLEAD WITH JAPAN.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—An appeal to the government of the United States to plead with Japan to refrain from carrying the European war into the Far East was received by President Wilson from the National German-American Alliance. The President was thanked for his offer of mediation to the warring European nations.

GERMANS TO BE PROTECTED.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)
TOKIO, Aug. 18.—Foreign Minister Kato in a speech today said that if diplomatic relations between Japan and Germany were broken off, German subjects choosing to reside in Japan would continue to receive protection to lives and property.

AUSTRIAN SHIP WRECKED BY MINE.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)
ROSE, Aug. 18.—Austrian Torpedo Boat No. 19 struck a mine at the entrance of the harbor at Pola, the Austrian naval base in the Adriatic, and went down. Only one member of the crew was saved.

SHIP LOAD OF CHRISTMAS TOYS ARRIVE IN NEW YORK

Hamburg-American Liner Brings Last Load to Supply Christmas Trade—Number of Americans Stranded in Europe Greatly Underestimated.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)
NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Loaded down with Christmas toys, the last of the Hamburg-American line ships on the high seas, the Arcadia, reached Newport News at 4 a. m. today with a cargo worth half a million dollars. This shipment will probably be the last from Germany to reach this country to supply the demands of American children next Christmas.

MORE STRANDED THAN REPORTED.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)
LONDON, Aug. 18.—Relief committees in London as well as the American embassy are convinced that the number of Americans stranded in Europe is greatly underestimated. The original total of 300,000 is believed to represent only half the number. Henry S. Breckinridge, Assistant Secretary of War of the United States, has completed plans for succoring Americans still in Europe.

Development Of The Day Reported By Associated Press Dispatches To Coos Bay Times

There is good reason to believe that a serious engagement, in which the German advance is opposed by troops of Belgium and France, has been going on since Monday south of Brussels. No definite news of the progress of the encounter has been received. German activities in other parts of Belgium are also reported. Trenches are being thrown up in the environs of Brussels.

The Russian armies are said to have begun a general advance on Germany last Sunday.

The German cruiser Leipzig, which came into San Francisco Bay for coal, left through the Golden Gate early today. The Japanese cruiser Idzumo is believed to be coming up the Pacific Coast to observe the movements of the Leipzig.

Japan's ultimatum to Germany to withdraw from Kiao Chau has been delivered to the Berlin Foreign Office through Copenhagen.

An announcement from London and Paris says that no war correspondents will be allowed in the field. This, coupled with Great Britain's request of Belgium to expel all correspondents, makes it probable that the story of the first great battle will be told only in the true official reports. German and Austrian military regulations prohibit correspondents with their armies and Russia is profiting by her experience in this connection in the Russo-Japanese War.

General Joffre, French commander-in-chief, reports that all day Monday the French continued their progress in Upper Alsace, the Germans retreating in disorder and abandoning everywhere their wounded and stores. The report adds that "the French troops occupy all the region to the west of Fenertrange, thirty-two miles inside the German frontier in Lorraine. Our troops poured through the valley of the River Seille, of which numerous passes had been evacuated by the Germans. Our cavalry is at the Chateau d'Salina."

TWO GERMAN WARSHIPS BADLY BATTERED IN ASIATIC WATERS

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

SHANGHAI, China, Aug. 18.—Recent reports that two German cruisers had been disabled and brought into Hong Kong were confirmed today by dispatches received here. They are the Scharnhorst and Gneissau, sister ships, displacing 11,420 tons. They were launched in 1906 and each carries eight twelve-inch guns and the cruiser equipment of smaller guns. The deck works, turrets and barbettes of the two vessels were demolished and the masts and funnels shot away. Their sides were stained with blood which had run through the scuppers.

ANTWERP LOCATES GERMAN CAVALRY.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)
LONDON, Aug. 18.—German cavalry patrols have been located north of Antwerp. The military governor has ordered the entire civil guard of Antwerp to be mobilized on a war footing and to take positions in the forts about the city.

BELGIANS PLEASED WITH DEVELOPMENTS.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)
BRUSSELS, Aug. 18.—The German incursion in the direction of Brussels seems definitely stopped, according to an official communication issued by the War Office. It adds, "The situation remains excellent for our army."

REACH NEW YORK.

Wealthy Persons Gladly Take Steerage Passage.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)
NEW YORK, More than 1600 passengers, most of them Americans who scurried out of Europe at the outbreak of hostilities, reached New York on the Cunard liner Laconia from Liverpool. Sixty in the steerage were persons of wealth.

AUSTRIAN VESSELS PURSUED.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)
ROME, Aug. 17.—It is reported from Ancona that four British battleships chased the Austrian cruisers Aurora and Szigetvar, which were blockading Antivari. The Austrian vessels were pursued until they took refuge in the naval station at Pola.

DEMANDS PASSAGE.

Russia Wants to Use the Straits of Dardanelles.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)
COPENHAGEN, Aug. 17.—The Politiken publishes a dispatch from Constantinople stating that Russia has demanded from Turkey permission for unrestricted passage through the Dardanelles of the Russian Black Sea fleet.

PRESIDENT NOT TO INTERFERE

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18.—Reports that the President threatened a week ago to send 100,000 American troops into Mexico unless Villa and Carranza came to an agreement brought an official denial today. The denial said the request had come indirectly from the Carranza government inviting the United States to send troops from Vera Cruz to Mexico City to prevent expected Constitutional excesses. A cabinet meeting decided against such action, but Paul Fuller was started to Chihuahua to attempt to bring Villa and Carranza into harmony.

WAR IN AFRICA.

British and Germans Fight in the Colonies.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)
LONDON, Aug. 18.—News from the British Gold Coast of Africa says the British forces of that colony have had brushes with the German troops in Togoland. They have taken some German prisoners and captured two trains.

ESTABLISHES EMBASSY.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)
BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 18.—The Argentine Chamber of Deputies passed a bill for the creation of an Argentine embassy at Washington.

BIG ENGLISH ARMY NOW ON THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE

Expedition Has Been Kept From Newspapers for Several Weeks—News Now Given Out by the Official War Information Bureau.

TRANSPORTATION OF VAST ARMY REQUIRED SEVERAL DAYS TO COMPLETE

Policy of Secrecy Which Has Been Extended to British Army Shuts Off Source of News from Belgium—Three Allied Armies Working Together.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The Official War Information Bureau announces that the British expeditionary forces have landed safely on French soil. Everybody in England had known for two weeks that a large army was crossing the English Channel. Troops had assembled at several different bases, one of the largest contingents embarking at Dublin. Many other regiments sailed from Liverpool, while still others took ship at Eastbourne, Southampton and other ports along the English Channel. The transportation lasted several days and during that time no mention of the expedition was permitted to the newspapers here, and even now the strength of the expedition, the names of regiments and ports where they landed are not allowed to be made public. It is known, however, that a large part of the best troops of the British regular army are now on Continental soil. Now that the three allied armies are working together on a coherent campaign scheme, a policy of secrecy was extended to Belgium, and as a fountain of picturesque news that country suddenly dried up.

LEIPZIG COLLIDES WITH BRITISH VESSEL.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—While the German cruiser Leipzig was putting out to sea in charge of an American pilot, she collided with the British steel bark Lord Templeton. The Leipzig continued to sea but it is believed her bows were damaged and her wireless put out of commission.

AUSTRIANS FLED IN DISORDER.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

NISH, Servia, Aug. 18.—The Austrians have been completely routed in the mountains near Sabac, 27 miles west of Belgrade, and 15,000 annihilated, according to information from government sources. The Austrians fled in great disorder, pursued by the Servians, who cut up three regiments and captured fourteen guns.

GERMAN EMPEROR CONFIDENT.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—The German Emperor, before his departure for the front Sunday, issued a decree, saying: "I am firmly confident that with the help of God, the bravery of the German army and navy, and the unquenchable unanimity of the German people during these hours of danger, that victory will crown our cause."

FOUR GERMAN AVIATORS KILLED.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Aug. 18.—A German aeroplane was destroyed in Russian and four German aviators killed, according to an official announcement. It is thought Sama, Finland, is probably the place meant.

ROYAL FAMILIES CALLED UPON TO TAKE PLACES WITH ARMIES

Russian Imperial Family Leaves Capital for Moscow to Take Up Quarters at the Front—Say Russian Mobilization Is Completed on Border.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18.—A cablegram from the American embassy at St. Petersburg said that the Russian Emperor left the capital August 12 for Moscow to make his headquarters with the army.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The Russian embassy here is in receipt of a communication from the general staff at St. Petersburg saying that the Russian mobilization is completed and eleven members of the Russian imperial family already are at the front.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Aug. 18.—Prince Alexander of Teck, brother of Queen Mary and future Governor-General of Canada, is going on foreign service.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Aug. 18.—An official announcement here says that a rumor is persistent at The Hague that the German Crown Prince is seriously wounded and is lying at Aix La Chapelle, whither Emperor William has hastened.