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WORLD'S GREATEST WAR DAY BY DAY

TWO MORE NATIONS ARE NOW ON BRINK OF WAR IN EUROPE

Turkey and Greece About to Plunge Into the Maelstrom of Blood and Battle

TURKEY WILL ALIGN HER TROOPS WITH GERMANY Greece Will Join the Allies, Making a Big Combination Against the Kaiser

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 31.—
Two more nations are about to
plunge into the maelstrom of war.
They are Turkey and Greece.
Official advices, which have reached
Washington from the American
embassy at Constantinople and the
American legation at Athens, state
that mobilization is practically com-
pleted in both countries and war
soon will be declared.
Cruiser Sale Protested.
The official advices also confirm
the reports of protests made by the
triple entente against the purchase
by Turkey of the German cruisers
Goeben and Breslau, which fled to
the Dardanelles to escape capture
from British men-of-war.
There is confirmation also of the
demand made by Russia upon Tur-
key that her Black Sea fleet be per-
mitted to pass through the Dardanel-
les. This demand is not accept-
able to the Turks.
The result of the latest develop-
ment will be that Turkey will throw
in her fortunes with Germany and
Austria. Turkey is the first ally
the Austro-German combination has
obtained since war began.
More to Begin War.
Certain now to become involved
are Roumania and Bulgaria, the two
Balkan states which have refrained
from participation up to this time.
Serbia and Montenegro are now in
arms against Austria.
How long Italy can remain aloof
is a grave question. She is draw-
ing nearer and nearer the precipice
of war.
It is certain that if she does start
hostilities it will be against Austria
and, following as a matter of course,
against Germany. With both those
countries she has a defensive alli-
ance.
If the official advices should be
confirmed by events the only na-
tions of Europe that will be free
from strife are:
Switzerland.
Denmark.
Spain.
Norway.
Sweden.
Europe will then be lined up in
battle array as follows:
Headed by the Kaiser.
Germany.
Austria.
Turkey.
Opposed to the Kaiser.
Great Britain.
Portugal.
France.
Greece.
Russia.
Serbia.
Italy.
Montenegro.
Japan.
Bulgaria.
Belgium.
Roumania.
It is a terrific combination against
Germany, Austria and Turkey, but
those nations have a fighting chance
to win, and there are some experts

here who believe that victory will ultimately perch on their banners. How Turkey Comes In.

The participation of Turkey in
the war is the direct result of the
purchase of the armored cruiser
Goeben and the protected cruiser
Breslau, which are at Constanti-
nople. At the urgent solicitation of
Greece, the United States sold to
that country the battle ships Idaho
and Mississippi. It was represent-
ed that with those vessels, the
preponderance of Greece upon the
sea would be so great that Turkey
would not dare to fight. This proved
true, especially as Great Britain
took over the two battle ships
building in English shipyards. This
was a perfectly regular proceeding
on the part of England, as a clause
in the contract provides that in
case of war the contractors should
turn the vessels over upon demand
to the London government.
The acquisition of the Goeben
and Breslau, after the war was de-
clared, in a measure restored the
balance between Turkey and Greece.
List of Greek Ships.
Greece now is equipped with three
first-class battleships, one of which
is a dreadnought, four other arm-
ored vessels and four small gunboats,
besides twelve torpedo boats and
one submarine. Turkey has four
armored cruisers, four protected
cruisers, five gun boats and fourteen
torpedo boats.
Turkey will inaugurate a land
campaign against Greece, Roumania,
Bulgaria, Serbia, Albania and Mon-
tenegro and her effort will be to
regain the territory lost to the
Balkan states as a result of the
war. But she will be attacked in
the back by the Russian fleet,
which will seek to storm the Dar-
danelles. The Turkish navy, of
course, will be attacked by the
fleets of the entente combination
and will not dare to leave the nar-
row.

It would seem comparatively easy
for Turkey to be crushed by such
a formidable force as will be hurled
against her. But the fact must not
be lost sight of that Russia will
be unable to throw anything like
her full strength against the forces
of the Constantinople government.
It will be occupied for some time
with Austria and Germany, both
of which are intent on invading the
Russian provinces adjoining their
territory. So Turkey will be free
to a large extent to mass her forces
against the Balkan countries.
Think Turks Will Fight.
There is slight hope here that
the conflict between Turkey and
Greece can be avoided. The Con-
stantinople government cannot af-
ford to give passage through the
Dardanelles to the Russian Black
Sea fleet, as such action would
arouse Germany, and the relations
of Germany and Turkey are most
cordial, and there have been reports
that the two nations were in close
alliance. The fact that Turkey re-
ceived the Goeben and Breslau was
interpreted by the entente as an act
of friendship to Germany, and
brought forth emphatic protests
from them.
Italy's course is a matter of
grave concern here. She has been
making strenuous efforts to keep
out of the war. Officials decline
to indicate the cause of their pre-
sent belief that the Rome govern-
ment will become involved, but
there is little doubt in their minds
that this will surely happen.

Peace of the World Rests With United States Says Wells

LONDON, Aug. 31.—H. G. Wells,
the writer, has appealed directly to
the United States to throw the
weight of its great power into the
balance for world's peace.
His appeal, he says, is sent to
the United States from Great Brit-
ain, because upon the United States
rests the ultimate issue of the Eu-
ropean war.
The appeal is sent out with the
hope that it will be given the widest
publicity. Mr. Wells hopes it
may be reprinted as a whole or in
part in newspapers, as a book or
pamphlet, and distributed in any
manner.
Wells' Appeal to U. S.
"The influence of your states
upon the war's nature and duration
must needs be enormous and in its
ending you may play a part such
as no nation has ever played since
the world began. For it rests with
you to establish and secure or refuse
to establish and secure permanent
peace of the world and the final
ending of war.
"This appeal comes to you from
England, but it is an appeal to an-
cient associations or racial affini-
ties.
"Half the world is at war, or on
the very verge of war. It is impos-
sible that you should disregard or
turn away from the conflict.
"Inadvertently you have to judge
us. Unavoidable is your participa-

tion in the ultimate settlement which will make or mar the welfare of mankind for centuries to come. "We appeal to you to judge us and listen patiently to our case and exert the huge decisive power you hold in the balance, not hastily, not heedlessly. For we do not disguise from ourselves you can shatter all our hopes in this conflict. Had a Share in Peace. "Now while you, because of your fortunate position—sane, brotherly relations have become a fixed tra- dition along your northern bound- ary, we English had a share in se- curing that—while you live free of the burden of military preparations, free, as it seems, forever, Europe has for more than half a century bent more and more wearily under the perpetually increasing burden of armament. "For many years Europe has been an armed camp with millions of men continually under arms, with the fear of war universally poisoning its life, with education impoverished, social development retarded and everything pinched but the equipment for war. "What does it matter now who began the thing or who was most to blame? Here it is. We have to deal with it. But we English do assert it is the government of the German emperor which for the last forty years has taken the lead and forced the pace in these matters

which have driven us English to
add warship to warship in pitiless
competition to retain that predom-
inance at sea upon which our exist-
ence as free people depends.

Admits German Progress.
"Let us not attempt to deny the
greatness of Germany and Ger-
many's contribution to science, art,
literature and all that is good in
human life. But evil may over-
shadow the finest people. Since
the victories of 1871 Germany has
been obsessed by worship of mat-
terial power and glory, and scornful
of righteousness, it has been
threateningly overhearing to all the
world.

"There has been a propaganda of
cynicism and national roughness,
declared contempt for treaties and
pledges, so that all Europe has been
uneasy and in fear.

"And since none of us are saints
certainly no nation is saintly.
"Recently there has not been a
country in Europe that has not
shown itself resentful under this
perpetual menace of Germany. Now
at last and suddenly, the threatened
thing has come to pass. Germany
is at war.

"We have no hatred of things
German or the German people. But
we are fighting to break this huge
fighting machine forever, which has
been such an oppressor as no na-
tive-born American can dream of,
to every other nation in Europe.

"We are fighting to end kaiser-
ism and Kruppism forever. There,
shortly and plainly, is our case and
object.

Wants Help for Peace.
"Now let us come to the imme-
diate substance of this appeal. We
do not ask you for military help.
Keep the peace which it is your
unparalleled good fortune to enjoy
so securely. But keep it fairly.
"Remember, we fight now for
national existence.

"Europe, full of joyless determi-
nation to end this evil forever,
plunges grimly and sadly into the
cruel monstrosities of war.

"Assuredly, there will be little
shouting for the victors, whichever
side may win. At the end we do
most firmly believe there will be
established a new Europe, a Europe
rid of ranking oppressions, with
a free Poland, a free Finland, a
free Germany, and the Balkan ques-
tion settled, the little nations safe
and with peace secure.

"And it is of supreme impor-
tance that we should ask you now:
What are you going to do through-
out the struggle? What will you
do at the end?

"Come what may, all the liberal
forces in England and France are
resolved to respect the freedom of
Holland. But the position of Hol-
land is a peculiar one in this war.
The Rhine runs along the rear of
the long German line as if it were
a canal to serve the line with sup-
plies. Then it passes into Holland,
and so by Rotterdam to the sea.
"So it is possible for any neutral
power such as you to pour a stream
of food supplies and war material
by way of Holland almost into the
hands of the German combatant
line.

Chance for U. S. to Aid.
"And here is where your country
comes in. In your harbors lie a
great number of big German ships
that dare not venture to sea because
of our fleet. It is proposed, we are
told, to arrange the purchase of
these ships by American citizens,
transfer your flag to them, and then
load them with food and war
material and send them across the
Atlantic through the narrow seas
that at the price of a cruiser and
many men we have painfully cleared
of German contact mines, to get
war prizes at Rotterdam and supply
our enemies.

"It is, we confess, a smart thing
to do. It will give your people not
only huge and immediate profits,
but a mercantile marine at once
coup.

"It is within your legal rights and
we will tell you plainly now we
shall refuse to quarrel with you
about it, but we ask you not to be
too easily offended if we betray
a certain lack of enthusiasm for
this idea.
"And beyond such enterprises as
this what are you going to do for
mankind and the ultimate peace of
the world?
Will Cry for Disarmament.
"When this war is over all Eu-
rope will cry for disarmament. Are
you going to help them or going to
thwart that cry?
"In England we shall attempt to
extinguish the huge private trade
in war material, that Kruppism
which lies near the roots of all this
monstrous calamity. We cannot do
that unless you do too.
"Are you prepared to do that?
Are you prepared to come into a
conference at the end of this war
to insure the peace of the world or
are you going to stand out and
make difficulties for us out of our
world perplexities, snatch advan-
tages, care from your infinite secu-
rity at our allies, perhaps in the
crisis of our struggle to pick a
quarrel with us from some second-
ary score?
"Are you indeed going to play
the part of a merely numerous lit-
tle people, cute at trading, or are
you going to play the part of a
great nation in this life and death
struggle of the old world civiliza-
tion? Are you prepared now to
take the lead among nations to
which your greatness and freedom
point you?
"It is not for ourselves we make
this appeal. It is for the whole
future of mankind. And we make
it with more assurance because al-
ready your government has stood
for peace and observance of treaties
against base advantages. Already
the wounds of our dead cry out
to you."