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GERMAN AND RUSSIAN FORCES CLASH

ENGLAND READY TO JOIN ALLIES, HAVING FAILED TO GAIN PEACE

With Germany Taking Initiative Against Russia, Wire Communication All Over Continent Ceases While Troop Trains Move.

CATAclysm Drawing ALL INTO THE VORTEX

British War Fleet in North Sea, While German Fleet Is Believed Already on the Trail of Inferior Russian Squadron in the Baltic.

By Ed L. Keen. (United Press Leased Wire.) London, Aug. 1.—The great war is on. Germany took the initiative and formally declared hostilities against Russia tonight.

Up to the present moment it is Russia and Serbia against Germany and Austria-Hungary. France is expected to be included at any moment. Her army will mobilize tomorrow. Already part of it is in the field.

England has not taken formal action. Secret mobilization of the active army has been in progress all day. Railroad lines have massed their equipment ready to turn it over to the army. The king and the cabinet have been in almost continuous conference. But up to the very moment that Russia and Germany broke, his majesty was striving feverishly to avert the tremendous catastrophe.

All Messages Censored. Wire communication with the continent is seriously interrupted. All messages show the earmarks of strict censorship. But enough facts are left to indicate that the serious situation has not been over-estimated.

All military and naval movements have been rigidly suppressed. The admiralty alone knows the position of the British battle fleet. It is known to be in the North sea, but just where is a carefully guarded secret. No attempt has been made to communicate with it by wireless. Certain instructions were sent out last night by messengers on the ships that sailed from Plymouth.

The fact that the great German fleet is believed to be in a strategic position in the North sea also, within wireless call ready to catch the slightest signal, has kept the big towers in the navy yards and at the coast stations silent.

All Hopes Is Gone. That the declaration of war that was transmitted to the czar in St. Petersburg tonight will precipitate a cataclysm that will stagger humanity is certain. "There seems not a single glimmer of hope. Germany has admittedly gone too far to recede. Nor can Russia now back down.

Italy has apparently deserted the Triple Alliance but her example will be followed by other nations. (Concluded on Page Four, Column Five)



European monarchs whose countries are now committed to armed conflict. Left to right—Emperor William of Germany, Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary, and Czar Nicholas of Russia.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR LEAVES HIS POST AT ST. PETERSBURG

Russia Far More Ready for Struggle Than When War With Japan Began; Czar Himself Will Head Her Great Armies and Is Planning to Strike Decisive Blow at the Very Outset of the Campaign.

(United Press Leased Wire.) St. Petersburg, Aug. 1.—The German ambassador to Russia, immediately after serving formal notice of his majesty's declaration of war against Russia, demanded and received his passports. He then returned to the embassy, where his official staff was in waiting. All of the Germans then went to the railroad station where an Imperial train, guarded by infantry and artillery, was in waiting and on it the trip to the frontier was begun.

The formal declaration of war recited the failure of Russia to comply with the kaiser's ultimatum and declared the only thing left was a recourse to arms. Martial laws has succeeded civil rule throughout Russia. This action followed immediately on Germany's declaration of war tonight. All demonstrations have been checked by the troops who guard the public buildings, banks and railway stations.

Russia Long Ready for War. The declaration of war was accepted as an expected development. The mobilization of the entire Russian army had paved the way for it. The stolid Russian characteristics were never better demonstrated than when the extra editions of the newspapers telling the news were shouted on the street. Only in the cafes was there much of a sale. At the barracks, where the reservists were reporting to

the colors, a few papers were bought. But the majority of the inhabitants of the city at least have been ready for war for several days.

The government provided Imperial honors for the German ambassador, who furnished it with the kaiser's formal announcement that hostilities were to commence. He was driven to the foreign office in the embassy carriage escorted by a troop of cossacks. The same escort accompanied him back to the embassy and remained there while he completed his preparations for leaving the city.

Czar to Head His Army. All information regarding army and navy plans is carefully guarded. It is certain the czar will take the field in person at the head of his army. He has been in almost constant consultation with the chiefs of the general staff, preparing for action. It is believed that no time will be lost in striking a decisive blow. Already rumors are current of a forward movement but for obvious reasons they cannot be confirmed.

WAR STRENGTH OF POWERS FORCES ON LAND AND SEA

The following summary sets forth the population, area and army and navy strengths of the six leading European nations. Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy comprise the Triple Alliance; Russia, Great Britain and France the Triple Entente.



THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE		THE TRIPLE ENTENTE	
GERMANY		RUSSIA	
Population	64,903,423	Population (in Europe)	120,588,000
Area, square miles	208,830	Area, square miles	1,862,324
ARMY		ARMY	
Peace strength	870,000	Peace strength	1,290,000
Reserves	4,430,000	Reserves	3,300,000
War strength	5,300,000	War strength	4,590,000
NAVY		NAVY	
Modern battleships	19	Modern battleships	9
Cruiser battleships	7	Cruiser battleships	20
Older battleships	20	Older battleships	4
Cruisers	54	Cruisers	15
Gunboats	17	Gunboats	8
Destroyers	141	Destroyers	105
Torpedo boats	47	Torpedo boats	23
Submarines	30	Submarines	48
Officers and men	66,783	Officers and men	52,463
Reserves	110,000		
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY		GREAT BRITAIN	
Population	51,340,378	Population	45,221,615
Area, square miles	261,029	Area, square miles	121,391
ARMY		ARMY	
Peace strength	390,000	Peace strength	254,000
Reserves	1,610,000	Reserves	476,500
War strength	2,000,000	War strength	730,000
NAVY		NAVY	
Modern battleships	9	Modern battleships	29
Older battleships	4	Cruiser battleships	20
Cruisers	12	Older battleships	38
Gunboats	3	Cruisers	112
Destroyers	18	Gunboats	10
Torpedo boats	53	Destroyers	227
Submarines	15	Torpedo boats	85
Officers and men	17,581	Submarines	58
		Officers and men	137,500
		Reserves	26,200
ITALY		FRANCE	
Population	34,700,000	Population	39,601,509
Area, square miles	110,623	Area, square miles	207,054
ARMY		ARMY	
Peace strength	250,000	Peace strength	720,000
Reserves	950,000	Reserves	3,280,000
War strength	1,200,000	War strength	4,000,000
NAVY		NAVY	
Modern battleships	8	Modern battleships	17
Older battleships	8	Older battleships	15
Cruisers	20	Cruisers	31
Gunboats	5	Gunboats	6
Destroyers	35	Destroyers	87
Torpedo boats	73	Torpedo boats	173
Submarines	20	Submarines	90
Officers and men	33,095	Officers and men	60,621

PROCLAMATION OF WAR AGAINST GERMANY BY FRANCE EXPECTED

President Poincare and His Cabinet in All Night Session—Adjournment Comes at 4 o'Clock Sunday Morning With No Statement Made of Conclusions—Ministers to Meet Again This Afternoon.

Paris, Aug. 2.—The cabinet, which has been continually in session since early last evening, deliberating on the war situation, adjourned at 4 a. m. No statement regarding their conclusions was made. The cabinet will meet again this afternoon.

London, Aug. 2.—(Sunday)—A report received here shortly after 3 a. m. said that President Poincare and the council of ministers were still in session at that hour and that it was generally believed that France's reply to the kaiser's ultimatum will take the form of a declaration of war and it is believed that it will be delivered before noon today.

London, Aug. 2.—(Sunday)—Premier Asquith has called a special meeting of the British cabinet for 11 o'clock today. It is believed that the session is to anticipate the expected declaration of war by France looked for at noon today.

Paris, Aug. 1.—Placards were posted in Paris this evening ordering general mobilization to begin at midnight.

Official denial is made of the report that the German ambassador has been handed his passport. The ambassador in conversation with friends announced his intention to leave tonight but it is emphasized that if he does so, it will be on his own initiative. It is authoritatively announced that the Marquis Di San Giuliano has informed the German ambassador in Rome that Italy will remain neutral.

Paris, Aug. 1.—It is authoritatively but not officially reported that Austria-Hungary has made representations to the effect that she is willing to submit her quarrel with Serbia to an international tribunal and withdraw her troops from Servian territory.

Paris, Aug. 2.—(Sunday)—An unconfirmed report swept the boulevards shortly before daylight, that at a special meeting of the French cabinet called for 10 o'clock today, France will take the initiative, hand Ambassador Von Schoen his passports and issue a declaration of war. The rumor was strengthened by the dispatching toward the German frontier

FRANCE FORCES GERMANY INTO DECLARING WAR AGAINST RUSSIA

French Mobilization Forces Kaiser's Hand and Is Met by Quick Orders for Army and Navy to Prepare to Attack Russia and France.

FIRST SHOTS FIRED AT PROSTKEN, ON BORDER

German Border Patrol Surprises Russian Force Trying to Mine Railroad Crossing Prussian Frontier; No Casualties Are Reported.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Berlin, Aug. 1.—The first shots of the war have been fired. Official reports have been received here stating that a Russian force fired on a German patrol at Prostken on the frontier. No casualties were reported.

The report of the clash was received by the war office from the commanding general of the forces in eastern Prussia. It is believed that the Russians were endeavoring to mine the railroad that crosses the border near Prostken when the border patrol surprised them. Prostken, where the exchange of shots took place, is on the southeastern border of Prussia, directly on the Russian-Prussian frontier.

Formal declaration of hostilities between Germany and Russia was made by the kaiser late today. His hand was forced by France's action in calling for the mobilization of her army this afternoon.

Kaiser to Take Command. Orders were wired at once to the commanding officers of the army and navy to be prepared to move at once. The kaiser is expected to assume his position as commander in chief as soon as the land operations begin.

Berlin is wildly excited tonight. The streets are jammed with madly cheering throngs. Word of fighting on the boundary is expected momentarily. The populace is in a frenzy of patriotic fervor. Quotations from the speeches of illustrious war generals of the past are bandied about evoking cheers and patriotic songs. The imperial chancellor touched a popular chord when in addressing a vast crowd that clamored outside his office, he quoted Prince Frederick Charles' words to the troops from Brandenburg: "Our hearts beat for God and our fists on the enemy."

Kaiser Claims Inevit. This is the official version given out explaining the kaiser's precipitate action.

"The czar had telegraphed the kaiser begging him to intervene between Serbia and Austria on behalf of peace." (Concluded on Page Four, Column One.)

REAL WAR NEWS IN THE JOURNAL

The superiority of the news agencies which supply the Daily and Sunday JOURNAL with dispatches from abroad was clearly proved Friday and Saturday when THE JOURNAL excelled THE TELEGRAM by the volume and scope of news bulletins from European capitals.

Last evening in its regular city edition THE JOURNAL carried 42 foreign dispatches which, though briefly told, occupied 103 inches of space. In its city edition THE TELEGRAM printed 28 dispatches occupying 88 inches.

The comparison of news matter concerning the European situation published in THE JOURNAL and TELEGRAM Friday evening also is in THE JOURNAL'S favor, which printed 33 foreign dispatches totaling 80 inches as against 19 dispatches totaling 54 inches in THE TELEGRAM.

These figures point the fact that THE JOURNAL'S news facilities are thorough and down-to-the-minute. Keep informed on subsequent developments in Europe through the columns of THE JOURNAL.

"Trade Moving Picture Outfit for Big Horse or Two Small Ones"

"For Sale—Comforters, Travelers' 1214 Samples, consisting of 10 downs, 15 wools, 50 cottons, made by high grade eastern manufacturer." Class 19.

"For Sale—29 acres, cleared, fenced poultry netting, house, 2x20 barn, chicken house, well water, garden, some tools, some furniture, 75 chickens, buggy, 18 miles from Portland, 10 minutes walk to electric station. Price \$900, some cash, balance to suit purchaser." Class 17.

"Trade moving picture outfit for big horse or two small ones." Class 24.

"60 large Holstein cows, heavy milkers, all fresh, balance springers, all tuberculin tested." Class 36.

"For Sale—The sweetest pony in town; young, sound, gentle and perfect beauty. Sell cheap for trade for good motorcycle." Class 18.

New York Is Piled High With Freight

Trans-Atlantic Shipping in Serious Shape; German Liners Recalled; English Boats Refuse Bookings. New York, Aug. 1.—The tie-up of trans-Atlantic shipping is assuming serious proportions here. The Cunarder Saxonia failed to sail this morning after all cargo and passengers had been taken aboard. Three more German liners have been recalled by wireless, and the Hamburg-American line officials have cancelled all sailings in their West Indian service. All British steamship concerns have announced that they will book no passengers to European ports. The withdrawal of all British steamships between this country and England is a step now feared by shipping men.

Important Changes in French Cabinet

Georges Clemenceau Said to Be Slated for a Leading Portfolio in the Ministry of France. Paris, Aug. 1.—(12 p. m., delayed by censor).—Many important changes in the French cabinet will be made tomorrow. These will include the appointment of Georges Clemenceau to one of the other important portfolios. Clemenceau was prime minister at the time of the Casa Blanca incident and, with Del Casse, is an especial enemy of Germany. That these two men, with political views widely at variance with those entertained by the Viviani ministry, have consented to enter the cabinet, is considered proof that Germany must oppose a united France.

Pope Working for Peace

Rome, Aug. 1.—Pope Pius is tireless in his efforts to evolve some plan whereby the peace of Europe may be preserved. He has hardly slept since the war situation developed. He is in constant conference with his advisers. No encouragement has been shown him up to now by even the strongest of the Catholic nations.