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GERMANY DECLARES
WAR AGAINST RUSSIA

Emperor William Takes Initiative When Czar Declines to Cease Mobilizing.

London.—Events in the European crisis developed with startling rapidity and the general war, which has been the apprehension of European statesmen for generations, is apparently under way. Germany took the initiative and declared war on Russia when the czar's government declined to comply with the German request to cease mobilization.

Germany also delivered an ultimatum to France asking that country to define what attitude she would assume in case of a war between Germany and Russia, but the Kaiser's hand apparently was forced by France's action in calling for mobilization of her army and the German army has invaded France without a declaration of war.

One German force crossed the French frontier near the village of Cirey, between Nancy and Strassburg, and another German detachment, probably the Twenty-ninth Infantry, invaded the grand duchy of Luxembourg, neutral territory between Belgium and Germany, and continued its march on the French fortified town of Longwy. A dispatch from Brussels said there was good reason to believe that this force entered France.

The German force of 20,000 men, which came into France near Cirey, which is 40 miles from Nancy, is reported to have been repulsed with heavy losses.

Germany made a demand upon Belgium, in the form of an ultimatum, that the German troops be permitted to cross Belgium to the French frontier, coupled with the promise that Belgian integrity should remain unimpaired at the end of the war and that Belgium should be compensated. To this Belgium refused to accede on the grounds of her rights and honor.

A second ultimatum sent by Germany to Belgium declared that Germany was prepared to carry through by force of arms if necessary any measures she considers essential.

Germany's second ultimatum was delivered as the reply of Germany to the refusal of Belgium to accede to Germany's first ultimatum.

Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary for foreign affairs, made a statement in the house of commons indicating that Great Britain's interests and obligations could not permit her to submit to the violation of Belgian territory.

The government has given France assurance that the British fleet will not permit the German fleet to attack the French coast.

There is absolutely no doubt that British sentiment is for war. The appeals of the pacifists get no hearing. Not one man in a hundred in London seemingly wants the nation to remain neutral.

SERVIANS ARE VICTORIOUS

Conflict Results in Repulse of Invading Austrian Army.

Paris.—A dispatch from Nish, Serbia, to the Matin, says the Austrian troops were defeated with heavy loss in a battle against the Servians on Sunday near Semendria.

The regiments of Austrian infantry, comprising nearly 10,000 men, supported by heavy artillery, advanced against the Servians, but were repulsed, leaving many of their number dead and wounded on the field. A large force of Austrian troops, aided by a flotilla of 20 monitors, tried for six days to cross the river Save into Serbian territory, but did not succeed in landing.

HOLLAND INVADED BY
GERMAN SOLDIERS

Berlin.—The burgomaster of Antwerp has announced that the Germans had invaded Limburg, Holland, and that the province had been placed under martial law, according to a message received here. The Holland authorities opened the dykes and threatened to flood the district. It was reported. Limburg has a population of nearly 250,000.

The German border troops from Lublinitz, Silesia, after a short skirmish with Russians, took possession of Czensochowa, Russian Poland.

Bendzin and Kalisz, Russian Poland, also have been occupied by the Germans.

It was officially stated in Paris and repeated here that a German force had invaded France near Cirey.

A battle was fought between the German and Russian fleets off the Aland island, and resulted in the Russian being driven back. The Russian war vessels took refuge in the Gulf of Finland.

KAISER WILHELM



Kaiser Wilhelm, emperor of Germany, who declared war on Russia and invaded France without a declaration.

WAR NEWS BITS

The Russian forces have seized a German steamer at Vladivostok. Montenegro has decided to cast her lot with Serbia.

French aeroplanes have dropped bombs at Nuremberg in Bavaria.

The Dominion of Canada has formally offered 50,000 troops to Great Britain.

Sweden, Norway, Belgium and Holland imitate Italy's example by maintaining neutrality.

Germany's declaration of war against Russia has provoked in the Russian capital a wonderful demonstration of patriotic enthusiasm.

The Serbian war office admits the Serbian army has retired before the Austrian advance on the Bosnian frontier and along the southern bank of the Drina.

Trans-Atlantic traffic between New York and Europe is virtually suspended. One hundred and fifty thousand Americans in Europe face the possibility of being marooned indefinitely.

A German spy caught photographing the Portsmouth harbor in England and two spies at Southampton have been arrested.

Financially, Germany is well prepared for war. Within a week the kaiser will have at hand at least \$370,000,000 in gold and silver for the vast expenditures immediately necessary.

It was reported that Germany and Turkey have arrived at an understanding whereby Turkey is to attack Serbia from the rear. If this is true, then the Balkan nations must come to the aid of Serbia.

The feeling against Germany throughout all of Great Britain is most intense. Anti-German demonstrations have already taken place in the West End of London. Police quelled a near riot of Frenchmen at the German embassy. The police have controlled all demonstrators up to the present, but it is feared there may be real trouble in the provinces before the Germans there can flee the country.

The plan of the German emperor, according to military observers, is to vanquish or attempt to vanquish France before Russia will be able to create serious trouble on her northern frontier. It is supposed that Russian mobilization will take about three weeks.

German Aeroplane Drops Bombs. Paris.—A German aeroplane last evening dropped three bombs on the French fortified town of Lunerville to the southeast of Nancy. Some property damage was caused, but there were no casualties.

German troops have crossed into French territory near Mars-la-Tour, where one of the most important battles of the Franco-Prussian war was fought August 16, 1870.

German Treasure Ship Returns. Bar Harbor, Maine.—The North German Lloyd steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie, carrying more than \$10,000,000 in gold and whose whereabouts has been a mystery since she sailed from New York last week, arrived in the harbor here.

The Cecilie dropped anchor after a forced run of four days, her officers fearing capture.

Japan Issues Statement. Tokio.—The Japanese foreign office has issued a statement that if the war extends to the far east and England is involved in it, Japan may find it necessary to participate in fulfillment of the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

Germany Tells Uncle Sam War Exists. Washington.—The German embassy served notice on the United States that a "state of war" exists between France and Germany. It is tantamount to a declaration of war, but technically different.

OREGON NEWS NOTES
OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Jackson Fair Set.

Medford.—Great preparations have been made for the Jackson county fair, which will take place here September 9 to 12, inclusive.

Special efforts are being made to obtain a record number of exhibits. Premiums offered for fruit and stock total \$2500. One exhibit, which is to be sent to the Panama-Pacific exposition, will be made up of more than 500 products taken from one farm, that of D. M. Lowe, of Ashland. It will include 50 varieties of corn, 100 varieties of fruit, 30 varieties of grains never before grown in the United States, and many other products.

Sizing and Grading Apples by Machine

Hood River.—Varieties of apple-sizers and graders are becoming almost as numerous as the kinds of automobiles. Three years ago there was but one apple grading machine on the market. Today 15 different kinds are manufactured in the northwestern apple districts. No less than a half dozen machines are being made and offered for sale in the Hood River valley. Inventors and makers of the new machines are shipping models to San Francisco to be exhibited at the California apple show.

Slayer Notifies Officers.

Tillamook.—Lee Cooper shot and killed a man by the name of Ether, nine miles above Blaine, and then went to the telephone and asked to have the sheriff and coroner sent out. In talking to Sheriff Crenshaw over the telephone, Cooper said he had killed a man in self-defense, and would remain at the Blaine store until the officer arrived.

Man Slain By Employee.

Prineville.—Henry McDowell shot and killed A. G. Scoggins three miles west of Paulina. Scoggins was a mail contractor and owned the stage line between Prineville and Paulina. He made his home near Paulina. He recently had been to Portland and returned unexpectedly a couple of days ago.

ARRANGE INDUSTRIAL SURVEY

United States Commission Due to Hold Hearing in Portland August 19-22.

Portland.—Agents for the United States Commission on Industrial Relations have practically completed preparations for the public hearing to be held by the commission in Portland August 19 to 22.

Employers of labor, bankers, lawyers, college professors, trades unionists and representatives of the Socialist party and the I. W. W. have been asked to testify.

Witnesses will be asked to give their views as to the existence and causes of industrial unrest and as to what can be done to improve the relations between employer and employee.

The commission was appointed a year ago last June by President Wilson under an act of congress directing the creation of the commission and ordering a three years' inquiry into "the underlying causes of dissatisfaction in the industrial field." Three of the members represent the general public, three the employers and three organized labor.

Astoria is Hurt by War.

Astoria.—The effect of the European war menace is being felt in Astoria already, as the trouble is interfering with the shipping of salmon, particularly to Germany.

One packer wanted to ship four carloads of fish to Germany, but the transportation companies declined to accept it, saying they were making no bookings for that country at the present time.

Topographic Survey Near Hillsboro.

Salem.—State Engineer Lewis on Monday started a topographic survey party on the large area in the vicinity of Hillsboro, the work to be done in co-operation with the United States geological service. The state engineer has four parties already at work, three in the Willamette valley and one in eastern Oregon.

Car Shortage Feared.

Salem.—Announcing that a car shortage would be inevitable during the moving of crops this year if the shippers and transportation companies did not co-operate, the state railroad commission has issued an appeal urging the loading and unloading of cars with dispatch.

Pheasant Hunters Warned.

Hood River.—An especial effort will be made by State Game Warden Evans, who has been here conferring with State Game and Fish Commissioner Duncan, to protect the China pheasants of the valley.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The postoffice department has rescinded the order discontinuing the postoffice at Diaston, Lane county.

Leaders of the republican, democratic and progressive parties in Oregon have agreed to leave the prohibition issue out of the campaign.

Action of the postal department in rejecting tenders for carrying mails in rural sections is resented by the Coquille commercial club.

Big meeting representatives of all commercial interests in Portland and Columbia river basin was heard at Portland to unite in campaign for rivers and harbors bill.

Refund will be ordered by the Oregon railroad commission to a passenger, who was made to pay more for himself and mother-in-law than for himself and wife.

There will be no delay in getting action on the deed to the locks at Oregon City, according to information given Senator Lane by Assistant Secretary Breckenridge.

Ray Carroll will be sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of John Zoller, marshal of Gervais, a jury in the circuit court having found him guilty of murder in the second degree at his third trial.

That loganberry juice, made from the Oregon loganberry, is going to take a prominent place alongside of grape juice as a beverage, is the opinion of F. A. Breck, who has organized the Breck Fruit Juice company.

Fifteen thousand boxes of peaches in the vicinity of Eugene and Junction City is the estimate placed on this crop by Dr. H. F. McCornack, field agent for the Eugene Fruitgrowers' association, who has spent a week estimating the crop.

The United States department of agriculture has set apart \$11,000 for extension work in agriculture and home economics in Oregon during the next year. This amount may be increased to \$15,000. This allowance is in addition to the \$10,000 appropriated to Oregon under the Smith-Lever bill.

According to census reports received by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill the school population of Tillamook, Harney, Coos, Yamhill, Wallowa, Baker and Clatsop counties increased during the year while in Hood River and Wasco counties it slightly decreased.

Nearly a score of those who were nominated at the May primary have failed to file their expense accounts with Secretary of State Olcott, and he has sent notice to all of them that their names will not appear on the ballot until they furnish a statement of their expenses.

The drought of the last six weeks seriously affected the pear crop in the Rogue river valley. Picking probably will begin next week. Experts who have looked over the valley fear there will not be more than 60 per cent of the 1913 harvest. The crop is estimated at 400 cars.

That Willamette valley products will be well represented at the Panama-Pacific exposition was assured at a meeting of the Willamette Valley Exposition association at Salem. Members reported that much headway had been made in their sections toward obtaining exhibits and that the people were deeply interested in making the best showing possible.

Auto streetcars, the first to be installed in the west, are to be in operation in Pendleton before the opening of the Roundup. Two 25-passenger cars already have been ordered and are now being built in Portland. When received they will run on regular schedule about the city and to the eastern Oregon hospital for the insane. Streetcar rates will be charged.

Ezra Meeker, of Puyallup, Wash., pioneer of 1852, who has twice crossed the plains by ox team, recently retracing the "Oregon trail," shipped his ox and prairie schooner from Springfield to San Francisco. Mr. Meeker also departed to take a position under the Washington state commission at the Panama exposition. He is to exhibit his outfit throughout the fair and assist in the publicity work.

Figures prepared by Corporation Commissioner Watson for his annual report and just made public show that his department is the greatest revenue producing arm of the state government. The department was started June 3, 1913, and from that time until May 31, 1914, the receipts totaled \$221,149.66. From June 1 to June 30, inclusive, the receipts were \$89,463.43, making a grand total of receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, \$310,613.09.

Forest rangers on the Umatilla forest are engaged in erecting a 65-foot "fire tower" on the top of Lookout mountain, one of the highest peaks in the forest. Owing to the fact that only the raw material to be found in the forest was available for building the tower, its construction was a difficult task. It is nearing completion, however, and will be equipped with a powerful glass and "fire finder." A man will be on duty constantly and with the aid of the equipment at his command will be able to locate every fire within a radius of 75 miles, almost as soon as it is started.



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