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GREAT BRITAIN DECLARES WAR UPON GERMANY

LONDON, Aug. 5.—Great Britain declared war on Germany tonight.

The momentous decision of the British government, for which the whole world had been waiting, came before the expiration of the time limit set by Great Britain in her ultimatum to Germany demanding a satisfactory reply on the subject of Bergian neutrality.

Germany's reply was the summary rejection of the request that Belgian neutrality should be respected.

The British ambassador at Berlin thereupon received his passports and the British government notified Germany that a state of war existed between the two countries.

The British foreign office has issued the following statement:

"Owing to the summary rejection by the German government of the request made His Britannic Majesty's government that the neutrality of Belgium should be respected, His Majesty's ambassador at Berlin has received his passports, and His Majesty's government has declared to the German government that a state of war exists between Great Britain and Germany from 11 o'clock p. m. August 4."

All Europe is now in arms. On the one hand Austria-Hungary and Germany are opposed by Russia, France and Great Britain, Serbia and Montenegro.

Italy has declared her neutrality, but is mobilizing. Belgium, Holland and Switzerland have mobilized. The Germans demand that the Belgian government shall permit the free passage of German troops through Belgium was answered by hasty preparations to resist such an advance across Belgian territory.

Sweden has made no answer to inquiries from Russia and Germany regarding her attitude, but is preparing to defend her neutrality.

Japan is making ready to live up to her alliance with Great Britain in case of certain eventualities. Spain is reported to be preparing a proclamation of neutrality.

Austria-Hungary for the moment has retired from her campaign against Serbia for the purpose of holding back Russia, and Serbia has mobilized with the reported intention of invading Bosnia.

VILLA TO FIGHT CARRANZA'S FORCES

EL PASO, Texas, Aug. 5.—General Francisco Villa virtually has proclaimed his independence from the Carranza government, according to reports brought here today by arrivals from all parts of northern Mexico. Villa has begun reorganizing his army. General Felipe Angeles, Carranza's deposed secretary of war, is in charge of the reorganization.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—Refusal by General Carranza to accept the terms suggested by the Carralaj government for peace in Mexico did not meet with the approval of administration officials here. The conditions set forth by the Carralaj delegates were regarded in government circles as fair and not difficult of fulfillment if the constitutionalists sincerely desired peace and recognition of the powers of the world.

With Carranza's refusal to arrange for a peaceful transition of the government, recognition by the United States would be withheld pending a general election.

RABIES AND DOG DAYS

THE discovery of rabies among dogs in southern Oregon, the first ever reported, calls attention to the necessity of precautions to prevent the spread of the disease. Every year the summer time sees an attack of senseless hysteria that usually afflicts cruelty without accomplishing any good purpose by compelling the muzzling of dogs—because of dog days and fear of rabies.

It is a folklore superstition that dogs go mad in mid-summer more frequently than at any time of year. It is purely a coincidence that rabies has been discovered in the Rogue River valley at this season of the year. Unless rabies is actually prevalent in the neighborhood, it is not a prevention to deprive the animals of liberties enjoyed the balance of the year, making them uncomfortable and refusing them water when they need it.

The term "dog days" has no reference to dogs. It originated with the Romans, who called Sirius, the brightest fixed star of the heavens, part of the constellation Canis Major, the "dog star." The rising of Sirius coincided with the rising of the sun in the latter part of July, and the twenty days following and preceding this conjunction were called "dies canis," days of the dog—or dog star. It came in midsummer, the unhealthy season in Rome, hence the dog days came to be dreaded—but not because of the dog.

Seattle had an epidemic of rabies last winter, and between November and April 300 cases were reported. The American Medical Journal is authority for the following:

Rabies may occur at any season of the year; the actual statistics show greater frequency of the disease during the winter than during the summer months. It is most common in the early spring, and March and April would be a much better time to select for "dog days" in the popular sense than the weeks of July and August that have by misapprehension come to be looked on as the special period of danger.

Pasteur found two forms of rabies—furious and dumb. In the former the brain is involved, in the latter the spinal cord. It is an infectious disease, communicated by the bite of an afflicted animal, or caused by eating the flesh of animals dying of the disease, or drinking milk containing the virus. In the dumb form, the lower jaw becomes paralyzed and the animal unable to bite.

Beware of a dog that becomes listless and dull and hides away, is always on the go, prowling and restless; one that is sullen and walks with his head down; one that scrapes incessantly and tears things up; one that suddenly becomes excessively fond of its master; look out for a dog that has trouble in swallowing or that seems to have a bone in his throat, or returns from wandering, dirty, exhausted and miserable. There is usually a period of melancholy or depression, a period of irritation, a period of paralysis. In case of suspected rabies, it is best not to kill the dog until the disease has been diagnosed.

It is necessary to muzzle dogs for the first time, because the disease is rampant in this locality. The best preventative and control is the registration of animals and the destruction of strays. It is the tramp dog which lives on the community, for which no one cares enough to pay a license, that spreads the disease. Enforce the license law and kill the ownerless animals.

BERLIN JOYOUS AND PARIS TENSE

LONDON, Aug. 5.—Among the 240 cabin passengers and 1,000 Americans going in the steamer on board the Philadelphia sailing today are many wealthy persons. Enormous premiums were offered for tickets. One sponsor offered Charles Aldrich and family of Cleveland \$1000 for their room or \$500 if they allowed him to travel with them. Martin Vogel, United States sub-treasurer at New York, and his bride were among the passengers. They said they were in Berlin five days and "the Germans were parading the streets as those celebrating victory." Later on they passed through Paris where they said: "The contrast was marvelous. The atmosphere was quiet but tense."

AMERICA PROTECTS BRITISH IN BERLIN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—Colville Barclay, charge d'affaires of the British embassy, today asked that the United States take over British diplomatic interests in Berlin. Secretary Bryan instructed Ambassador Gerard to do so.

CONGRESS VOTES TO PROTECT BUSINESS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—After two days of conferences with bankers from many sections and a careful investigation of conditions throughout the country, Secretary McAdoo in a formal statement last night declared the situation to be excellent and announced that there will be sufficient currency to move the crops and meet all the demands of business.

The secretary's statement said: "The passage by unanimous vote of the house and senate this afternoon of the amendment to the federal reserve act, whereby the secretary of the treasury is vested with power to issue additional national bank currency in such amount, exceeding even \$500,000,000, as in his judgment may be necessary to protect the business situation in this country, puts at rest any question as to the ability of the banks to take care of the situation."

RESERVES STRANDED IN NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—In New York today there are 12,000 able-bodied men seeking transportation to Europe to fight for the warring powers. Thousands have applied to the general consulates of the nations involved in the war, and still other thousands have signified by telegram and letter their intention to fight whenever called on, or at such time as transportation is furnished them to Europe.

The majority of the reservists and volunteers from out-of-town are without funds; they cannot return to their homes in this country because other men have taken their jobs and they cannot go to war because their governments are unable to provide transportation for them just now.

RUSSIAN AVIATOR WINGED BY AUSTRIANS

VIENNA, Aug. 5.—According to the Neue Freie Presse a Russian aeroplane, carrying a pilot and two Russian officers, was sighted on the Russo-German frontier near Lemberg, an important military station of Austria-Hungary, and was fired on by Austrians. The machine crashed to the ground and the two officers were killed.

ADMIRAL JELICOE LEADS BRITISH FLEET

LONDON, Aug. 5.—King George today sent the following message to Vice-Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, who has been made commander of the British fleet:

"At this grave moment in our national history I send you and through you to the officers and men of the fleets of which you have assumed command, assurance of my confidence that under your direction they will revive and renew the old glories of the royal navy and prove once again the sure shield of Britain and her empire in the hour of trial."

GERMANY PLANS REPEAT CAMPAIGN OF 44 YEARS AGO

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—War developments in the German campaign against France impress the army general staff here with the similarity of the German advance in Luxembourg to the move made exactly forty-four years ago, at the beginning of the Franco-Prussian war, with the important difference that then it was the great second army corps of France which took the initiative, crossing the border to attack the Germans at Saarbrücken, only to receive a stunning check.

By coincidence it was on August 2 that the battle of Saarbrücken took place. It was followed by the withdrawal of the French army under Bazaine to Metz, where it was shut up for many months, only to be obliged to capitulate to the German forces.

Repeats Strategic Move

The fact that the German staff has chosen again to strike at France in the very same place where the victorious campaign of 1870 was initiated has led the experts here to the conclusion that it is Germany's intention to repeat closely the strategic movements which were crowned with the capture of the French capital eight months later.

But the observers here are doubtful of the success of such a plan at present. It is pointed out that the French army is a very different fighting instrument from the ill-organized and insufficiently equipped force which went out to defeat forty-four years ago.

French Infantry Superior

In infantry alone, it is said, the Germans are greatly superior to the French, and while the levies are perhaps not as well set up and smart in appearance as the Teutonic soldiers, it was said by a member of the German staff, who had visited both countries within the last year, the men under the tri-color were possessed of a certain loose-jointed activity that promised to make them most formidable forces.

On the other hand, the Germans have for years practiced on paper and as far as possible in field maneuvers the movements to be made on every square of the war map.

Experts expressed the opinion that if the advance is the actual beginning of an invasion of French territory, the probable purpose of the German staff is to make a lightning-like campaign against Paris itself with the greater part of the German army.

It is believed here that the German idea is that this can be done before France's ally, Russia, can get her vast army under way to attack Germany on the eastern frontier. It is said that the Germans have the best of information as to the real resources and weaknesses of the Russian troops.

Rely on Austrians

The Germans also are counting on their allies, the Austrians, to delay a really dangerous attack from the east. It follows naturally that if the German onset on France is successful the bulk of the army then immediately will be transported across Germany to attack so much of the Russian army as may have been able to force its way over the powerful line of fortifications which guard the German eastern frontier.

The impression prevails among the experts that in the beginning at least neither Great Britain nor Italy will figure greatly in the military problem and the British fleet will be fully occupied in keeping the German ships of war sealed up at Kiel.

Developments of the campaign, however, may draw into the line of battle the soldiers of both these countries in the later stages and, in the opinion of experts here, may, as in the Napoleonic wars, turn the fortunes of battle.

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