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## FIFTEENTH NATION DROPS INTO WAR MAELSTROM

### RUMANIA DECLARES WAR AGAINST TEUTON ALLIES

Throws Army of 600,000 of Well Trained Troops Against Austro-Germans—Greece Aroused Over Bulgar Invasions Expected to Follow Rumania's Lead—May Mean Opening of Great Balkan Campaign, and Effort to Squeeze Bulgarians Flat—First Move to Invade Hungary

By Ed L. Keen,  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

London, Aug. 28.—Rumania has joined the allies with her well trained army of 600,000 men. One official statement from Berlin this afternoon announced that Rumania declared war on Austria last night. The French foreign office announced that Rumania has issued a declaration of war against Central Powers. Germany will dismiss the Rumanian minister to Berlin today, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from The Hague. There is every indication that Germany will follow Rumania's action with a declaration of war before many hours.

Rumania's decision was reached at a meeting of the crown council summoned by King Ferdinand last night. It came at the end of two years of anxious waiting in which the Rumanian diplomats watched with tense interest and military fortunes of the allies.

The Rumanian declaration is expected to signal Greece's early entrance into the war on the side of the allies. Pro-ally enthusiasm, fanned to fever heat by the Bulgarian invasion of northern Greece, broke out in a series of great meetings in Athens Sunday. King Constantine was denounced for failing to lend support to the allies and was urged to prepare the army for war.

The Rumanian Third army, already mobilized within striking distance of the Hungarian frontier, is expected to invade Transylvania before the end of the week, striking westward toward Beszterce.

The Rumanian general staff probably will send every available man in the invasion of Hungary in an effort to conquer the rich province of Transylvania, long coveted by the Rumanians. At the same time a strong force will be maintained along the southern Rumanian frontier to guard against attack by the Bulgarians.

Rumania's decision is expected to be followed shortly by the opening of a great allied offensive in the Balkans that will aim to squeeze the Bulgarians between two opposing forces, closing the pathway the Germans cut through Serbia to Constantinople.

The Rumanian entrance into the war was the greatest diplomatic achievement for the allies since the European struggle. Dispatches from The Hague today declared that Berlin received the news calmly, though the German press blames Foreign Secretary Von Jagow and Under Foreign Secretary Zimmermann for Germany's diplomatic defeat.

The Berlin military authorities stationed a guard about the Rumanian legation but there were no hostile demonstrations. A Berlin crowd vented its wrath against Italy for declaring war against Germany yesterday by stoning the Italian embassy until police reserves arrived. Thus far no serious trouble has occurred.

Rumania entered the war at almost the same hour that Italy declared war on Germany. The two events had close connection, it is believed here, since Rumania and Italy had acted in concert in other Balkan matters and were understood to have agreed more than a year ago to join the allies at the same time.

News of the allied diplomatic victory at Bucharest was hailed with the greatest enthusiasm in London. Everywhere the view was taken that Rumania's entrance into the war means the speedy elimination of both Austria and Bulgaria from the conflict.

Squeezed between the victorious Russian and Italian armies, the Austrians

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What's become of the donation parties for preachers that used to be all the rage? There was quite a scare here this mornin' when it was learned that a rejected suitor was in town.

### WHEAT SHOT TO PIECES

Chicago, Aug. 28.—Wheat prices on the Chicago board of trade were shot to pieces today by Rumania's entry into the war and the apparent imminence of a railroad strike. September wheat closed at \$1.40 3/4, a net loss from Saturday's close of 11 cents. December closed at \$1.44 3/8, a loss of 9 5/8 cents. May closed at \$1.46 5/8, a loss of 9 3/8 cents.

### WILL CAUSE WAR TO BE PROLONGED; NO OTHER EFFECT

This Is Opinion of German Diplomat—Some Latest War Bulletins

By Carl W. Ackerman  
(United Press staff correspondent.)

Berlin, Aug. 28.—Rumania's entrance into the war on the side of the allies will prolong the struggle, but will not change the result. This was the opinion expressed by leading German diplomats, financiers and men from all walks of life today.

Prince Von Hohenlohe conferred with foreign office officials early this morning regarding the new turn of affairs in the Balkans. All attacks repulsed. Berlin, Aug. 28.—Both British and French forces repeatedly stormed the German lines north of the Somme last night, but each time they were driven back with heavy losses, it was officially announced this afternoon.

The British time and again attacked on the Thiepval front, around Monquet farm, near Delville wood and near Giney village. The French made unsuccessful attacks on the Maurepas-Clery front.

Have Clashes Already. Berlin, Aug. 28.—Austro-German troops clashed with the Rumanians on the Siebenburgen frontiers within a few hours after Rumania's entrance into the war. It was officially announced this afternoon that Rumanian prisoners were taken.

British After Bulgars. London, Aug. 28.—British gunners dispersed a Bulgarian party on the Struma river front and silenced Bulgarian artillery near Dolman. It was officially announced today. The Bulgarians shelled Mekis.

GERMANY DECLARES WAR. Berlin, Aug. 28.—The German minister to Bucharest has been ordered to demand his passports, declaring war on Rumania.

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### ITALY DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY MOVE IS POPULAR

German Leaders Say It Amounts to Nothing As Italy Is Helpless

HAS MADE NO ADVANCE IN 15 MONTHS FIGHTING

French Troops Evacuating Macedonia Before Bulgarian Advance

By John H. Hearley,  
(United Press staff correspondent.)

Rome, Aug. 28.—Italy declared war on Germany because Germany sent both land and sea forces to the aid of Austria, enabling her to concentrate her maximum effort against Italy, said an official statement issued here today.

A similar statement was forwarded to the German foreign office through the Swiss government, setting forth the reason for the declaration of war yesterday.

Excepting the capture of Goritz, no event of several months has so stirred the Italian public as the news of Italy's challenge to the Kaiser. Newspapers flashed the word to the Sunday holiday crowds and an enormous crowd quickly gathered in Piazza Colonna.

A great procession formed and paraded through the principal streets, shouting "down with Germany" and "long live the allies" until midnight.

The decision of war against Germany followed by but a few hours a royal decree confiscating the historic Palazzo Di Venezia, which for centuries had constituted virtually an Austrian province in the heart of Rome.

The Palazzo, a square of land with two ancient palaces, was the property of the pope, but in 1590 was presented to the republic of Venice by Pope Pius IV. It later came into the possession of Austria and was the home of the Austrian embassy. The embassy documents were sent to the Vatican for safe keeping.

Leaving Macedonia. Berlin, Aug. 28.—Anglo-French troops are evacuating all northeastern Macedonia before the Bulgarian advance, according to Sofia dispatches today.

A Bulgarian force which reached the Aegean sea is driving the British back upon their base at the head of the Gulf of Orfani. Important fighting is expected to develop around strongly fortified allied positions there.

The Bulgarians are extending their position in Macedonia and northwestern Greece, despite Serbian resistance.

Slavs Still Advance. Petrograd, Aug. 28.—Russian troops advancing on the Galician railway town of Halitz, have captured a wood east of Deliev, in the region north of Mariampol, it was officially announced today.

In the Stobyl zone, north of Stobylkhov, an Austrian field post was captured. In the Caucasus the Russians continued to push back the Turks.

### ALL IS UNCERTAIN SAVE THAT PEACE IS NOT IN SIGHT

President to Have Final Meeting With Both Sides During the Day

CONGRESS MAY ADOPT CANADIAN DISPUTE BILL

May Cause Passage of Eight Hour Day Law Covering Railway Employees

By Robert J. Bender  
(United Press staff correspondent.)

Washington, Aug. 28.—President Wilson today presented a new proposal to the railroads of the country by which he hopes to avert the threatened final break between the roads and railroad brotherhoods and the inevitable industrial crisis that would follow.

It was this new plan of the president's, it became known this afternoon that resulted in deferring the conference with the railroad presidents scheduled for 10 o'clock at the White House. It was likely to defer this conference again beyond the hour of 2:30, the new time set, it was indicated. It has become apparent the president did not intend to hear the so-called final terms of the railway heads, while he considered there was a possibility of obtaining radical changes in the terms.

If the present effort fails, the president will appeal to congress and if possible secure the passage of two laws that will delay and possibly avert the threatened strike, and prevent a recurrence of such a situation.

The president still stands pat on his demand for concession by the railroads of the principle of the eight hour day. He is willing, however, that sufficient time should elapse before it is put into effect to enable a commission of five men to investigate and work out all details regarding the application of the shorter hour day to railroad operation—a year if necessary.

Insists on Eight Hour Day. From the first the president has been insistent upon the eight hour day by the proposition communicated to the railroad executives today promises them all the time necessary to allow a thorough investigation of the so-called day operation. The president has been willing—and in this, it is learned today, he has been supported by the railroad employees—to let all details of the dispute with the exception of the eight hour day, be left to arbitration. Thus far, however, the roads have not acceded to this, or any other of a score of suggestions submitted to them.

Thus, it appears probable, according to the notes in immediate touch with the negotiations, that the railroads will not yield to today's suggestion.

The president has determined if negotiations fail to recommend the passage of the bill.

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### PAINTED LEGS NOW

Chicago, Aug. 28.—The painted leg craze has hit Chicago. A beach cop nearly went into hysterics yesterday when he saw one of a dozen girl bathers skipping toward the water with a snake entwined around her leg. Just as he was about to rescue the young woman, he discovered his mistake. The snake was painted on the leg. Forget me nots, hearts and awning stripes were the most popular designs.

### ISSUE ORDER FOR STRIKE SEPTEMBER 4 ON ALL RAILROADS

Railway Presidents Say Date Fixed—Brotherhood Leaders Silent

By Carl D. Groat,  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington Aug. 28.—September 4 is the date fixed by leaders of the railroad brotherhoods for the threatened nationwide railroad strike. Unless negotiations now being conducted by President Wilson succeed in averting the strike that is the date when the trainmen expect to stop the wheels.

This fact, first brought to light in a statement by a committee of railway presidents following a meeting with President Wilson, was later confirmed at the brotherhood headquarters.

A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the brotherhoods, stated a copy of the president's statement would only say: "Let them go on guessing. They don't know when the strike will be called. They'll have a lot of preparing to do when they get home."

Later the date was virtually admitted at brotherhood headquarters.

Managers See President. Washington, Aug. 28.—The committee of eight railway presidents, representing the more than sixty executives with whom President Wilson has been negotiating, reached the White House at 2:30 p. m. with their "final" proposal regarding settlement of the dispute with the brotherhood employees.

The president already had received their proposal privately and they already had been apprised of the plan which he has worked out, modifying his original proposal to them.

At the conclusion of the conference President Holden of the Burlington said the executives would issue a statement in a short time.

"It will not be a final statement," he said, but beyond this declined to throw any light on developments.

It was officially stated that negotiations between the president and the railway presidents have not been broken off.

Managers Issue Statement. The committee statement follows: "At a conference at the White House between the president and the committee of eight a suggestion was laid before the president in the nature of proposition for progress toward a solution of the questions at issue and

### WEDDING GUESTS ARE HOME AGAIN TIRED BUT HAPPY

Cherrians Bring Home Magnificent Myrtle Table Won In Drill Contest

RESOURCES OF COUNTRY SURPRISE TO EVERYONE

Great Sawmill Slices Up Car Load of Logs Every Six Minutes of Day

SOME WEDDING NOTES

The Cherrians won first prize in competitive drill over Eugene's Radiators and Portland Rosarians. The prize is a beautiful Coos Bay myrtle table which will be exhibited for Salem's benefit, probably in the Meyer's store.

Don't call up any of those Coos Bay visitors to inquire about the trip, not before tomorrow, they need a rest.

Eugene's Radiators' drum corps of 60 boys, was a pleasing feature of parade.

The Southern Pacific outdid itself in taking care of and feeding the visitors and Agent A. A. Mickel's attention and watchfulness added much to the enjoyment of the trip.

Between 25,000 and 30,000 in Marshfield Saturday.

"I feel like one who trends alone. Some banquet hall deserted. Whose guests are fled, whose garlands dead, And all but he departed."

That is the way Tom Hood wrote of "surfeited satiety" which is what all those who attended the wedding ceremonies when Miss Myrtle Wood Coos was united by the bonds of steel to that excellent young gentleman, Mr. Eugene Lane, experienced.

The Cherrians are certainly a live wire in every way. From the time the wedding special pulled down Trade street on its way to Coos Bay last Friday until its return to the same spot Sunday afternoon that bunch was busy. When they were not doing something to someone worth while they were practicing on each other.

Individual depravity is bad enough but when you run up against collective cussedness you have struck the limit. That is the kind the Cherrian special carried. It was this brand of depravity that caused Tom Billingsley to have the surprise of his life, at Eugene, for when he was pointing out the beauties of the place to his much better half, a handsome young lady rushed up to him, threw her arms around his neck and with a gurgling: "Why, you dear old Tom, I haven't seen you for so long," kissed him over and over again. He didn't resist but the look on his face of "so help me I don't know her," which he turned on Mrs. B. was pathetic. He did not realize a job was put up on him until the same thing happened to him again at North Bend.

This Only a Sample. This is given simply as a sample of the day's doings on the way over. The first place where the wedding ceremonies became evident was North Bend. Got there at 5:30 and left at 8, but it was a busy 150 minutes. The day before had been North Bend day and practically all Coos Bay as well as visitors from all points except Salem were there. Mr. Simpson had presented the city a beautiful park of about 50 acres adjoining

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### Rumania Being Cautious Expert Predicts Course She Wants Transylvania

By J. W. T. Mason,  
(Written for the United Press.)

New York, Aug. 28.—Rumania's entrance into the European conflict emphasized as its most significant fact the judgment of the Bucharest government that the tide of the war is turning, at least in the eastern front.

Rumania has waited with unusual patience for two years before deciding the central empires cannot gain a victory in the Balkans; and the information in possession of Bucharest authorities must now be fairly conclusive, or the old policy of caution would continue to dictate Rumania's attitude.

Romania's limitation of her declaration of war to Austro-Hungary is a bold bid to Bulgaria to remain passive before Rumania's territorial ambitions.

In effect, it is an intimation to the Bulgars that Rumania will not interfere with Bulgarian designs against Serbia if the Bulgars do not hamper Rumania's desire to conquer the Hungarian province of Transylvania. The central empires will bring strong pressure to bear on Bulgaria to reject this proposal, but there is a chance that

### Wheat Drops On Receipt of War News

Chicago, Aug. 28.—September wheat dropped 3 1/4 in the local grain market today on declarations of war by Italy and Rumania. December and May dropped 2 cents and 1 cent respectively.

The market theory is that this means the opening of the Dardanelles at no distant date, letting Russian wheat into the world markets.

### EUROPEAN DECLARATIONS OF WAR

- July 28, 1914, Austria declared war on Serbia.
- August 1, Germany declared war on Russia.
- August 3, Germany declared war on France.
- August 4 Germany declared war on Belgium and England declared war on Germany.
- August 6, Austria declared war on Russia.
- August 7, Montenegro declared war on Austria.
- August 10, France declared war on Austria.
- August 12, Montenegro declared war on Germany.
- August 12, England declared war on Austria.
- August 20, Japan declared war on Germany.
- August 25, Austria declared war on Japan.
- November 5, England declared war on Turkey.
- May 23, 1915, Italy declared war on Austria.
- June 3, San Marino declared war on Austria.
- August 21, Italy declared war on Turkey.
- October 15, Serbia declared war on Bulgaria.
- October 15-19, England, France, Italy and Russia declared war on Bulgaria.
- March 9, 1916, Germany declared war on Portugal.
- August 27, Italy declared war on Germany.
- August 27, Rumania declared war on Austria.
- (Paris dispatches say declaration against Central Powers.)

### THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Tuesday partly cloudy and occasionally threatening, cooler east portion Tuesday; westerly winds.