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AN OLD ALLY.

When in his great speech Sir Edward Grey stated with regard to Belgium that the relations of Great Britain with that country were as strong to-day as in 1870, he emphasized a fact perhaps lost sight of that the two peoples have long been on the most friendly terms.

The little State in question, owing to its situation directly across from Portsmouth, the chief naval arsenal of Great Britain, has great strategic value for the Old Land. It is by far the most densely populated country of Europe, having a population of 650 people to the square mile. Holland, the adjoining country, comes next with 407, England third with 374. Germany has 311 in the same regard. The rural population as to that of the towns is about 4 to 1. It is on the whole a level country, and in Flanders the land becomes so low that dykes have had to be constructed. The once impassable morasses which stayed the progress of Caesar's legions are now drained and converted into fertile fields, surrounded by dense plantations. The natural waterways are enhanced by a system of canals. The climate in the plains near the sea is cool and somewhat unhealthy, but in the higher districts hot summers alternate with cold winters. These varieties of climate lead to a great variety of products. It is rich in minerals, and these, next to its abundant agriculture, are the source of much national prosperity. There is a superabundance of coal, from anthracite to the richest coal gas, and iron is also in abundance. There are very large linen manufacturing.

Brussels, the capital, is built partly on the side of a hill and partly on a fertile plain. French is spoken in the upper part and in the lower portion Flemish is prevalent, while English is also very common, owing to the large number of Britishers who reside there for economical reasons.

THE WAR.

The clear-cut remarks of the British Foreign Secretary with regard to the present situation are said to have electrified all Europe as well as the British Isles and well they might. The address was tolerant yet forceful, vigorous yet not defiant. It was a masterpiece of its kind, such as probably no other man at Westminster could have equalled. It demonstrated with what patience and diplomacy the British Government, through Sir Edward, has sought to avert the threatened general conflict, and even now is prepared to remain neutral if Germany will withhold her hand, or, more correctly speaking, mailed fist. At the same time he intimated most clearly and unequivocally that John Bull will stand by his allies, France and Belgium, and is quite ready to face all consequences with them and Russia. That freedom-loving Britons should thus have their fortunes linked with those of a despotic Czar is one of those anomalies which serve to show that times of need bring about strange friendships. The Mother Land, if a general war does take place, has at least the proud consciousness of knowing that she did her very best to avert the same, while on the other hand fully prepared to take her part should eventualities demand such action.

As for the Kaiser, he has placed himself between the horns of a first-class dilemma. If he backs down now he will lose in prestige and have to make reparations; if he fights he is almost sure to receive a beautiful wall-to-wall and have his country set back years, both materially and in the eyes of the world. Most people incline to the belief that something is most decidedly coming to him. He has always possessed the fanatical conviction that he is a ruler of rulers by divine right, and he has been walking around with a chip on each shoulder for quite a while. Sooner or later gentlemen of that description find somebody to accommodate them. How he expects to get away with the job of successfully fighting Great Britain, Russia and France at one and the same time is a decided mystery. The Germans are a great race, no doubt of that, and that they are splendid fighters and military tacticians was abundantly demonstrated when they thrashed France in such short order in the time of Von Moltke and Bismarck. They are just as plucky now and much better equipped, and

in addition have built up the second largest fleet in the world, but the others have been just as progressive with regard to the latest devices for fighting on sea and under sea, on land and over land. For instance, it is quite generally believed that Britain has quietly built and guarded the fact with jealous care, the greatest airship flotilla in the world. As a matter of course, if the clash comes, it won't be an easy task to teach William a lesson, but the job will have to be done, even despite the horrors attending upon it.

Meanwhile the situation has done some good things. It has brought the warring factions in Ireland together as one man in place of getting ready to fly at each other's throats. It has ended bitter and acrimonious political feelings in the Old Country arena not good for any land. It has even led Mrs. Pankhurst to call off for a while the devilish operations of the crazed militant suffragettes.

WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

[By Special Wire to the Courier.] Great Britain sent a virtual ultimatum to Germany demanding a reply by midnight to-night on the subject of Belgian neutrality.

King George proclaimed to-day the mobilization of the British army and the reading of the proclamation was cheered by huge crowds in London.

Germany is reported to have declared war on Belgium and threatening to annex the Belgian Congo. Germany invaded Belgium to-day.

A Russian warship went aground on the Aland Islands after a naval battle between Russian and German fleets.

Vircout Morley is understood to have resigned from the British Cabinet.

A German "White Book" throws responsibility for war on Russia and France.

German troops have penetrated French territory near Metz-La-Tour, the scene of a bloody battle in 1870.

General Joffre, French commander in chief, at once left for the front.

Austrian troops reported to have been defeated with heavy loss by the Serbs.

German army aviators dropped bombs last night on the French fortress of Lunéville, causing little damage and no loss of life.

Japan officially declares she may join the war if England be involved in the Far East.

The North German Lloyd Liner Kron Prinzessin Cecilie returned to American waters at Bar Harbor, Maine, allaying anxiety as to the fate of the large amount of gold on board.

A German cruiser bombarded a French naval station in Algeria and then retired.

To The Editor

THE DUST NUISANCE.

To the Editor of The Courier:

Sir—The dust on the Hamilton road is something terrible. How people living on that road can keep their health and breathe the atmosphere which is filled with dust, is a mystery. Something should be done to abate this nuisance. I understand that oil can be purchased and applied to the road for one cent per foot frontage for each application, and one application would be sufficient for this year.

I was just out for two hours one night last week and got covered with dust caused by the autos flying past at the rate of thirty or forty miles an hour. I think it is a disgrace to the populace to have such roads. I think that this is the most important matter for the Echo Place Improvement Association to look into, and I also think that this should be looked into immediately.

Thanking you for this valuable space in your paper, I remain,

Yours truly,

AN ECHOITE.

FRENCH BANKS PAY IN FULL

Americans Crowd Them and Will Sail for New York To-morrow

[By Special Wire to the Courier.]

PARIS, Aug. 4.—The steamship offices, with the exception of those of the French Line, were closed this morning, but the American line announced that its offices would be opened at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The French Liner France will sail for New York to-morrow with every possible place for the accommodation of passengers taken. When the local branches of American banking houses opened to-day, long lines of Americans were waiting to withdraw their own deposits or cash checks given them by depositors. None of these banking agencies so far as can be learned is taking advantage of the moratorium decreed for the government. They are paying depositors in full.

BIG LINER WITH MILLIONS HAS MADE PORT

Came Back to United States Reaching Bar Harbor Today.

[By Special Wire to the Courier.]

BAR HARBOR, Maine, Aug. 4.—The North German Lloyd Steamer Kron Prinzessin Cecilie, carrying more than \$10,000,000 in gold and whose whereabouts have been more or less of a mystery since she sailed from New York last Tuesday arrived in the harbor here to-day.

The Cecilie dropped anchor here at 6 o'clock this morning after a forced run of four days, her officers fearing capture.

With a cargo of ten millions in gold and a million in silver consigned to English and French bankers with an estimated value of over five millions in herself, the Kron Prinzessin Cecilie has constituted probably the finest sea prize ever open to capture.

As she crept along the Maine coast and into the harbor under the cover of night, each deck and every port hole was blanketed with canvas so that not a gleam of light betrayed her whereabouts. Her four stout stacks had been tipped with black paint so that she resembled an English steamship.

At one time capture seemed imminent. Captain Charles Polack reported on Sunday that he had intercepted a wireless message from one French vessel to another giving warning of the Cecilie's proximity, but under the protection of a providential fog, the North German Lloyd liner escaped.

Speculation Over Her NE WYORK, N. Y., Aug. 4.—The destination of the Steamer Kron Prinz Wilhelm of the North German Lloyd Line which left this port last night with a cargo of coal and miscellaneous stores was a subject of speculation in marine circles to-day.

The steamer, after clearing Sandy Hook had only her running lights burning and was headed in a southerly direction instead of northward, which is the usual course for steamships bound for Europe. Her agents earlier in the day said she would sail for a German port under hurry orders from the German Government to be used for military purposes.

The southerly route taken by the liner, which is a steamer built about 2,000 tons more than she would need to cross the Atlantic besides sea stores, led to reports that she was going to sea to transfer supplies and fuel to the German Cruisers Dresden, Strassburg and Karlsruhe, which have been reported as hovering in American waters.

It was said to-day that the Kron Prinz Wilhelm will return to New York in a few days after supplying the needs of the cruisers, with work probably that she had been ordered back to avoid capture.

The departure of the Wilhelm it was feared in some quarters might involve the United States in a neutrality controversy, but authorities agreed that gross negligence would have to be shown; also that the ship carried war materials.

The Kron Prinzessin Cecilie left New York early last Tuesday morning bound for Bremen via Plymouth and Cherbourg with 350 first class, 130 second class and 736 steerage passengers. About a third of the first class are Germans who sailed to anticipate the war crisis whose sudden outbreak drove them back to America.

Friday while a dance was in progress one of the passengers noticed that the position of the moon had undoubtedly shifted to the port side of the ship. Before the meaning of this was realized the Captain called the men into the smoking room.

"Gentlemen," he said, "war has been declared between England, France Germany and Austria we are going back to America. We have enough coal for our return and it is my earnest hope that we shall not be intercepted by foreign war vessels."

There was nervous laughter, applause, oaths, congratulations which gave way to a grave state of apprehension as the seriousness of the situation became apparent. Electric lights were turned off and the ship was covered from prow to stern in a shroud of canvas. This smothered whatever beams of light escaped through chinks in the state room windows. According to the ship's log she was then 56°46' north latitude, 30°21' west longitude. In two days she would have docked at Plymouth.

A group of financiers on board offered to buy the ship and sail her under American colors. But to all proposals the captain replied that his duty was spelled by his orders from Berlin, which instructed him to turn back and save his ship. There was a stampede for the wireless, but the captain announced that no messages would be sent for fear of betraying the ship's location.

The port which the captain would try to make was a matter for countless speculation. It was not until the passengers awoke this morning in sight of the green Maine hills that the liner's destination became certain.

For two nights, with her head and side lights extinguished, and every other illumination blotted out with canvas, the Kron Prinzessin Cecilie

plunged through the fog with unreluctant speed and without sounding her fog horn.

Captain Polack's explanation to a delegation of passengers who protested against fast running under such conditions was that it was his motive to save his ship from capture. He added that he did not consider the danger appreciable as he was not on the usual path.

When the vessel steamed safely into Bar Harbor to-day he received a long line of passengers who congratulated him on his achievement. Captain Polack is lieutenant commander of the naval reserves in Germany.

Will Stay Here.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—The Kron Prinzessin Cecilie is the finest ship of the North German Lloyd fleet. News of her safe arrival at Bar Harbor was received at the line offices here in a telegram from Capt. Polack. Until his message was received the line was apparently in the dark as to the vessel's movements since steaming out of New York harbor.

The gold aboard the vessel (more than ten million dollars), was consigned by New York bankers to London and Paris. Officers of one of the great international banks concerned to-day said that the metal would not probably be landed at Bar Harbor and returned to New York by Express. Captain Polack is reported to have said he could see no possibility of

taking his ship to New York from Bar Harbor with safety.

NOT SAME SHIP.

FALMOUTH, Eng., Aug. 4.—The Kron Prinzessin Cecilie of the Hamburg-American line which left New York, July 25, for Hamburg put in here to-day.

The steamer Kron Prinzessin Cecilie of the Hamburg-American line should not be confused with the Kron Prinzessin Cecilie of the North German Lloyd, which arrived at Bar Harbor, Maine, to-day.

Let Them Have It

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she obeyed the call, God would defend the right. Canon Mason, preaching at Canterbury Cathedral, declared that the Austrian policy towards Serbia was one of selfishness without any trace of magnanimity, generosity or even common fairness. If England were involved she would enter on the war with clean hands.

GERMANY'S THREAT.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—According to the Daily Mail, the German ultimatum to Belgium threatened to treat that country as an enemy and carried the implied intention of Germany to seize the Belgian Congo in the event of a refusal to permit the passing of the German forces through Belgium.

OGILVIE, LOCHEAD & COMPANY

Wednesday Morning Bargains

Phone orders will be executed and sent on the only express Wednesday at 10.30 a.m.

Store closes Wednesday at 1 o'clock during July and August

THERE are some interesting bargains here for you this Wednesday. Bargains that will keep us busy right up to closing time. Many bargains there are that are not advertised. SHOP EARLY.

Unbleached Sheeting

Two pieces only of 2 yard wide, extra fine quality Unbleached Sheeting, good weight. Housewives should pay particular attention here. Regular value 35c. Wednesday morning..... 25c

Black Silk Bargain

1 piece only 36-inch Black Silk Peau de Soie for coats and dresses. Here is a wonderful bargain. Remember we only have one piece. Regular value \$1.50. Wednesday morning..... 79c

LADIES -- Wednesday Morning will see bargains in Read-to-Wear -- You'll miss it if you don't visit this department Wednesday. -- COME

1 PIECE ONLY 36-IN. NAVY MESSALINE SILK, ALL PURE SILK.

73c

Glass Towelling

All Pure Linen Glass Towelling, 22 inches. Regular value 15c. Wednesday

10c

Crash Towelling

5 pieces of Crash Towelling. Wednesday..... 6c

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RIBBONS

1200 YARDS OF BEAUTIFUL SILK RIBBONS

Beautiful Roman striped Ottoman cord, Dresden and fancy ribbons. Just the thing for sashes, girdles and trimming. A large range of colorings to choose from. The regular values of these ribbons are 75c a yard. A quick clearance is the order.

Wednesday Morning the Price is 25c a yard

BABIES' STRAW BONNETS, ALL DAINTILY TRIMMED. WEDNESDAY

25c

WHITE COTTON

36-inch extra fine White Cotton, no dressing. Wednesday

81c 82c

Babies Bonnets

Babies' fine Muslin Bonnets. Wednesday... 19c

PILLOW CASES—An extra fine quality cotton, 42 and 44 inch. Wednesday, each..... 12c

TOWELS—Large size Turkish Bath Towels. Wednesday, pair..... 25c

ALL TRIMMED MILLINERY AT COST PRICE

SHANTUNG SILK—34-inch Natural Shantung Silk, free from dressing. Wednesday..... 33c

PARASOLS—Our entire stock of fancy Parasols..... 79c

HAMMOCKS—Final clearance takes place Wednesday on all Hammocks. GREAT BARGAINS.

WHITE SPREADS—6 only White Bed Spreads, 98c double bed size. Wednesday.....

LACE CURTAINS—10 pairs only fine Nottingham Lace Curtains, finished top and bottom. 75c Wednesday.....

BED SPREADS—9 only White Damask Bed Spreads, full double bed size. Regular \$2.25. \$1.65 Wednesday.....

Ogilvie, Lochhead & Co.

LOCAL

Meets on Thursday. The Public school boys' Thursday evening.

Not Same Man. Fred Holt, 220 Ch. wishes it clearly understood that the person mentioned in court yesterday.

Sergeants to Meet. A meeting of the 25th Brant Dragons will their headquarters, Georgetown.

Many Alter Licenses. On the approach of old there are numerous vendors balloons and other street plying for licenses at the

Realty Transfers. City Assessor Ludlow morning that there were transfers in the city during of July. Last year for month there were 76 transfers.

Picnic at Homestead. The choir of Wesley church will hold an outing at the Bell homestead 11:30 a.m. A good line of been arranged for and some prizes will be given.

Car of Oil Arrived. Another car of oil has city and is now being lowered streets Terrace Hill street, Rose Ave. and Ave., from Dufferin to hill.

Building Permits. George Heyd was granted permit this morning brick veneering of a house on Elgin street, at an cost of \$600. M. J. Kew was permit for the erection shed on Mohawk St.

Dog Days. According to the City parliament there are now dogs in the city and 64 ided up into the wards as follows: Ward One, 1 bitches; Ward Two, 1 bitches; Ward Three, 4 bitches; Ward Four, 103 ches; Ward Five, 113 dogs.

Efficient Service. Fire Chief D. J. Lew received a letter from Secretary of the local branch of the Aid Society expressing appreciation of the officers of the society for manner in which the fire the fire that occurred at here on the eleventh of

Poor Honey Crop. The honey crop in Ontario has proved, this very poor one, while the ern section gives promise pretty fair one, but not parison to what might be weather conditions favorable gathering. This was the annual meeting of the Committee of Ontario, held to yesterday at which W. Ham and Notts, was representative of Brantford.

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Women's regular \$2.50.

Boys' can sole, sizes 1 to

Men's D value, size 6

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