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THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

At this writing the die would seem to have been largely cast for a general European war.

The embers of the recent Balkan contest, bad enough in itself, were still slumbering, when, as by magic, almost in the twinkling of an eye, the greatest conflagration the world has ever known threatened grimly and with awful menace to life and property and national and private interests.

There has been no such situation since Napoleon was putting brothers upon thrones and had practically every power apprehensive as to his next move. Great Britain was the main instrument in the humbling of that undoubted genius, on water at Trafalgar Bay and on land at Waterloo.

What are the possible hostilities about, and why?

It is necessary in this regard to first go back to history. The word Slav is the general name of a group of peoples who almost exclusively occupy Eastern and Northern Europe, and at one time were all-powerful in the sections named.

Those included in the tribe, so to speak, are Russians, the Roumanians, Poles, Servians, etc., etc. It is not too much to say that hope of a restoration of pre-dominance has for generations been latent in all their breasts, and that they are of good fighting strain has frequently been demonstrated.

As before related in these columns, it was practically owing to Russia that the Servians threw off the Turkish yoke in 1877 and were recognized as a nation in 1878. The relations and the ties of the two countries are thus naturally very great and much interwoven.

So much for this phase of the matter; Germany supplies the next link.

She hasn't, considering her area, very much of a coast line to look after, and practically the only ocean in which she has a large interest is the North Sea, which exists between herself and Great Britain. She doesn't begin to have such an all-coast line as that which John Bull has to protect at home, or the tens of thousands of coast lines of overseas dominions, or the guarding of trade routes, and yet, with grim persistency, she has built up the second largest navy in the world.

Why?

There can only be one answer, and British statesmen of all shades of politics have never deduced themselves with regard to it. Perhaps a personal incident may not be out of place. The writer, during a holiday jaunt a couple of years ago, formed the acquaintance of a well-known German professor then visiting Canada. A delightful man he proved to be, scholarly, affable, and altogether a most agreeable companion. One day the remark was innocently made that it was to be hoped that Germany and Britain would never come to blows.

The change in the Professor was startling. All of the Teuton blazed up in him with fierce intensity, and he became almost incoherent. After a while he calmed down, apologized, and quietly explained the cause of his ebullition. He said in effect: "The British Empire is great, she has lusty sons and daughters, of whom she ought to be proud. Germany also is great, and she, in the natural course of events, would like to have a family of her own. England has practically denied her that; has by intrigue and coalitions thwarted almost her every move. The Fatherland desires a big household, and will strike for it just as soon as opportunity seems to offer."

Here, then, an illustration is presented of the hope for expansion, and part of the design of the Kaiser and his advisers in this essential is to spread towards the Adriatic Sea. They have Austro-Hungary, with an area of 140,000 square miles, as an ally in that direction, and without doubt Austria was thoroughly in touch with

Stratford Lad Was Killed in Auto Accident

STRATFORD, Ont., Aug. 1.—Gordon Miller, son of Mrs. J. H. Miller, aged about 22 years, was fatally injured in a motor accident at 2 o'clock on the St. Marys road, Miller dying at six this morning. Robby McDonald, Jack Brantford, Gordon Colquhoun and William Riehl, the driver of the car, were also injured, but not fatally.

MERELY MATTER OF

(Continued from Page 1) certain this neutrality will last until the end of the war, but Italy will stand aloof from hostilities as long as she is convinced that her interests are not being infringed.

WHAT KAISER DID. BERLIN, Aug. 1.—An official communication published to-day in the North German Gazette says the Russian Emperor on July 9 telegraphed to Emperor William urgently requesting him to help in averting the misfortune of an European war and to try to restrain his ally Austria-Hungary from going too far.

Emperor William replied that he would willingly take up the task of mediator and accordingly diplomatic action was initiated in Vienna. While this was in progress the news that Russia was mobilizing arrived in Berlin and Emperor William telegraphed to the Emperor of Russia that his role as mediator was by this action endangered if not made impossible.

The communication adds that a decision was to have been taken in Vienna to-day in regard to the mediation proposals in which Great Britain had joined Germany, but that meanwhile Russia had ordered the full mobilization of her forces. Upon this Emperor William addressed a last telegram to Emperor Nicholas emphatically declaring that his own responsibility for the safety of the German Empire had forced him to take defensive measures.

CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS. The German Imperial Chancellor to-day addressed a huge procession of demonstrators from the window of his official residence, making a stirring speech, in which he said: "At this serious hour, in order to give expression to your feeling for your Fatherland, you have come to the house of Bismarck who, with Emperor William the Great, and Field Marshal Von Moltke, welded the German empire for us.

"We wished to go on living in peace in the empire which we have developed in forty-four years of successful labor. "The whole work of Emperor William has been devoted to the maintenance of peace. To the last hour he has worked for peace in Europe, and he is still working for it. Should all his efforts prove vain, and should the sword be forced into our hands, we will take the field with a clear conscience in the knowledge that we did not seek war. We shall then drop our blood."

"In the gravity of this hour, I remind you of the words of Prince Frederick Charles to the men of Brandenburg: "Let your hearts beat for God and your fists on the enemy. Enthusiastic cheers and the singing of the national anthem greeted the close of the imperial chancellor's speech.

This paper inclines to the belief that the only way in which hostilities can be averted is for Germany to back down. She saw what looked like the commencement of a civil war in Ireland, and knew of threatening murmurs in India. If these were inciting causes for action the events of the past few hours must have given her pause.

As one man the contending forces in connection with Home Rule have said when the Empire is threatened we are all shoulder to shoulder in the front fighting line. It is a grand, and an impressive illustration, together with immediate offers of aid from overseas dominions, of the loyalty and the solidarity of the great British race; of those who are proud to owe allegiance to the grand old Union Jack and what that emblem typifies.

War News Briefly Told

Ultimatums were sent to-day by Germany to France and Russia. Russia was ordered by Emperor William to stop mobilization within 12 hours expiring at noon, while France was given 18 hours to declare her attitude in certain contingencies.

Italy will probably remain neutral, as she regards the campaign of her allies, Germany and Austria, as an aggressive war in which case she is not called upon to intervene.

King George made a final effort to-day to maintain peace by telegraphing to Emperor Nicholas of Russia. The Bank of England discount rate went up to 10 per cent. to-day, the highest level it has ever had. Continental banks also raised their rates.

France was reported to have ordered general mobilization of her forces, as the prospects of peace are thought hopeless.

Strict censorship in all European countries prevented news of military movements leaking out. Communication by telephone between France and England is interrupted, the governments being desirous of preventing leakages of information.

Japan will not intervene unless British interests in the Far East are endangered. The German ambassador was reported to have left St. Petersburg.

Bulletins On War Flashed Over Wire

THE KING APPEALS. LONDON, Aug. 1.—King George has sent an urgent message to the Russian Emperor in an effort to avert war.

RAISES RATE AGAIN. LONDON, Aug. 1.—The Bank of England to-day raised its discount rate to 10 per cent.

A BANK FAILS. LONDON, Aug. 1.—The National Penny Bank, an institution with many ranches where small deposits are received, was closed to-day.

LEAVES FOR ENGLAND. CAPE TOWN, Aug. 1.—The German consul-general with his entire staff left to-day for England on board the Steamer Saxton. The offices of the consulate-general have been closed.

CENSORING NEWS. LONDON, Aug. 1.—The British telegraph authorities are exercising a censorship over incoming press despatches from the continent.

BUYS ALL WHEAT. BRUSSELS, Aug. 1.—The daily newspaper Ettoile announces that the government has bought the entire wheat supply in Antwerp after announcing to the holders that the cereal would be seized if they failed to agree to the government's terms.

VOTES A MILLION. MOSCOW, Aug. 1.—The Municipal council has voted a million rubles about (\$500,000) for the service of Russia and friendly powers.

RESERVES RUSHED IN. SHANGHAI, Aug. 1.—German reserves throughout China are proceeding with all haste to Esing Tau the fortified port in the German Territory at Kiao Chau.

NOTHING UNUSUAL. VIENNA, Aug. 1.—It was semi-officially announced this morning that nothing of importance occurred at the seat of war during yesterday. The statement denies that Austrian artillery bombarded the town of Belgrade declaring that such a bombardment would be contrary to the usages of international law. Fire was only opened on combatant troops, it says, who used private houses as firing positions. The mayor of Vienna, at the request of the government, has issued an ordinance forbidding shopkeepers to hold their provisions for speculative purposes.

Minor Powers of Europe Calling Out Forces. LONDON, Aug. 1.—The extent of the conflagration that at present is threatening Europe is shown in the fact that in addition to the extensive war preparations of the greater powers all the minor countries are also mobilizing their armies with all haste.

The Belgian Government last night ordered general mobilization. Nearly a week ago Belgium called out 100,000 men. A further order on Thursday called out 65,000 more. The whole force of the country is now ready for emergencies.

Preparations for the mobilization of the Danish army were also completed yesterday. The Cabinet has decided to issue a declaration of neutrality to-day in conjunction with a similar declaration issued by the Governments of Sweden and Norway.

Similar action was taken by Switzerland, the federal council yesterday ordering the mobilization of all men between 20 and 48 years of age capable of bearing arms.

In Holland Queen Wilhelmina has issued an urgent decree ordering the general mobilization of the Dutch army.

Spain mobilization her navy some days ago.

The Roumanian legation at Paris yesterday received advices that Roumania had ordered all officers in the active army to the colors.

Cavalry detachments have been sent to the eastern and southern frontiers of Belgium. The National Bank of Belgium has had coined 20,000,000 francs in gold.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 1.—That the British Sloops of War Shearwater and Algerine will be interned at San Diego and their officers and men rushed overland to New York for passage to England to be used in manning the larger warships of the British reserve fleet was the report here to-day. The Algerine is reported to be steaming at full speed from Mazatlan to this port. The Shearwater fully coaled and provisioned is lying in the stream. It was at first believed the two ships would proceed to Esquimaux, the British naval station in British Columbia, but the gravity of European situation caused a sudden change in the British admiralty's plans. Neither the Shearwater or Algerine is capable of taking a place in line of battle and because of this fact their officers and crew, it is said, will be transferred to large ships of the fleet.

Under international maritime law, the two vessels will have the breach blocks of their guns and all ammunition and rifles taken off if they are interned here, in case of war.

Canada Awaits

(Continued from Page 1) raid of American buyers under the provisions of the Underwood tariff. A certain number of horses suitable as army remounts could be supplied by this country.

Preparing for a Wide Scale. When the last hope of peace or of British neutrality is removed, events will show that during the past few days a vast amount of quiet and effective preparation has been going on. Canada will be in a position to close the St. Lawrence against the departure of Austrian reservists and against the departure of ships belonging to the allies of Austria. It is still too far ahead to forecast with any certainty what the procedure of the government would be in regard to the sending of a contingent. There has been some talk of an extra session of Parliament to sanction the sending of a volunteer contingent. This is possible, but it is not necessary to as-

semble Parliament, constitutionally or otherwise, while it might afford an opportunity for persons who do not love the Empire to misuse their position in the national legislature.

The fact that the effects of a European war will be felt in Canada is well recognized here. All sea commerce will be to a very considerable extent demoralized, financial operations of the larger kind will be difficult or impossible and the financial situation will bring about automatically the cessation of large construction works, both public and private.

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Find Missing Limb

(Continued from Page 1) The funeral was one of the largest known in Tamworth. The Methodist church was crowded and the cortege was over a mile long.

The service was conducted by Rev. Joseph Barnes, the pastor, who spoke on the "deceit of sin." In concluding

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Building Permits. Building permits day to the Wood erection of a brick borne street at a cost to Lewis Parsons for costing \$1,000 on Wa

To Camp at Grimsby. Grimsby Beach visited by the Boy Scouts hold their annual camp pitched on the 17th of splendid time under ca promised.

May Go Back. Three Brantford p den, Blanchard and E event of a general war probably have to retu They are first class re are subject to recall, the same regiment.

Boy Knights Entertain. A pleasant social spent yesterday at the Armories when the a regular holiday session; rogramme of entertain ate took place and i that "Girls are better Boys." The special largely attended and pa sses.

T. H. and B. Employees. The annual excursion and B. employees will t toria Park Niagara Fall day August 8th. The charge has arranged a gram of sports for wh of prizes are offered. be a grand free draw first prize for which Morris chair. Hot a milk will be served to See advertisement in thi

Calvary Picnic. A most enjoyable picn the grounds of the O. Calvary Baptist S. S. o afternoon and evening, and games were well o occasioned keen com much fun. The day was be desired. Ice cream candies, fruit furnished, with delectable delights sumptuous supper and a tired but happy crowd children and grown ups cars homeward bound.

Thoughtful Acts. The loss by fire of to ing at the S. M. Thomas Children is being repla the kindness of friends gifts. Miss Gretchen He the children with eigh dressed dolls, which dea greatly. Also the schola tion bible school, c Prof. Hunt at the Boy sory, stormed the home a the children with two we mocks that had been w industrial class at the so is the first vacation sch ford, and is filling a lon and could well be copi parts of the city.

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