

England and Germany at War

Kaiser's Ships, Without Waiting For Declaration, Hit Foul and Sink Small British Vessels—Early Morning Despatches

"Capture or destroy the enemy" Such is King George's orders to the British fleet. "I have every confidence that the British fleet will revive the old glories of the navy. I am sure that the navy will again shield Britain in this hour of trial. It will prove the bulwark of the empire."

THE DECLARATION

London, Aug. 4.—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 in respect to Belgian 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.

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 German demand that the Belgian government should 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.

Treacherous Work of Germany

London, Aug. 4.—Germany has violated the law of nations once again. Before war was declared between Germany and England, the German North Sea fleet assumed the offensive and attacked scattered units of the British fleet.

When the news became known in London the indignation of the populace knew no bounds. An attempt was made to wreck the German embassy by thousands of infuriated citizens and thousands of Metropolitan police, including the whole of the mounted force, struggled for over an hour and a half against overwhelming odds. The building was partially wrecked, but nobody was seriously hurt among its occupants, though scores of people in the crowd were trampled by the police who repeatedly charged the mob.

News of a naval engagement in the North Sea is confirmed tonight. Wounded from the battle have landed at Comary, in Scotland, and are now being cared for by a special corps of doctors and nurses rushed from Aberdeen in a troop train on an emergency call.

No word can express the rage of the British public. News received in London from the provincial cities and towns report the most violent demonstrations in all quarters.

The admiralty offices were a blaze of light all the evening and shortly after midnight the first lord, Winston Churchill, moved to Buckingham Palace with Sir Edward Grey. High admiralty and naval officers were going and coming, and it is known that wireless signals were sent to the first fleet under Admiral Calthorpe.

BRITISH VESSEL DESTROYED.

London, Aug. 4.—The admiralty tonight received a report that the German fleet in the North Sea had destroyed a British mine-laying vessel. The identity of the vessel is not yet known.

London, Aug. 4.—A despatch to the Central News from Amsterdam says the German fleet has sailed from the River Meuse, eight miles northeast of Liege.

GERMAN FLEET BOTTLED UP?

London, Aug. 4.—It is learned on high authority that the admiralty has received a wireless message from the German fleet that has been bottled up by an English fleet north of Denmark.

Dover harbor was closed tonight at the order of the admiralty. Dover is directly across the channel from the principal ports of communication between England and the continent.

LIEGE AND NAMUR UNDER FIRE.

Brussels, Aug. 4.—News has reached here that the Germans are shelling Liege and Namur.

TWO CRUISERS CAPTURED.

Algiers, Aug. 4.—According to an unofficial report, a French fleet has captured two German cruisers, the Goeben and Breslau.

PRIEST KILLED BY GERMANS.

Paris, Aug. 4.—A German detachment today entered the village of Marnes-la-Mairie, in the Department of Meurthe et Moselle. A parish priest was killed.

RUSSIANS REPULSED.

Berlin, Aug. 4.—The German detaching force tonight repulsed an attack in force of the Russian army at Marnas, the most northerly town in Prussia. The Russian army penetrated the empire at the railway and advanced on Marnas. The frontier guards interposed no resistance until the fortification outside the town was reached.

Here the German commander had his men supported by a battery of artillery and the Russians when they attempted to charge were raked by a cross-fire and retreated in confusion. The Russian loss is said to have been heavy.

Asquith's Speech

London, Aug. 4.—Premier Asquith in the house of commons this afternoon, confirmed the sending to Germany of a request that she should give the same assurance of neutrality of Belgium as France had done, and that her reply should be sent to England before midnight.

Continuing his speech, Premier Asquith stated that Germany only this morning had renewed her assurance to England that she would respect Belgium's territorial integrity. This announcement drew a chorus of derisive cheers from every corner of the chamber.

Mr. Asquith continued: "Immediately after we received from the Belgian legation here the following telegram from the Belgian minister of foreign affairs:

"The Belgian general staff announces that Belgian territory has been violated at Verrières near Aix-La-Chapelle."

"Subsequent information tends to show that a German force has penetrated still farther into Belgian territory."

"We also received this note this morning from the German ambassador here:

"Please dispel any delusion that may exist on the part of the British government with regard to our intentions by repeating most positively, the formal assurance that even in case of armed conflict with Belgium, Germany will under no pretences whatsoever, annex Belgian territory. The sincerity of this declaration is borne out by the fact that we have solemnly pledged our word to Holland strictly to respect her neutrality. It is obvious that we could not probably annex Belgian territory without making territorial acquisition at the expense of Holland. Please impress upon Sir Edward Grey that the German army could not remain exposed to a French attack across Belgium which was planned according to absolutely unimpeachable information. Germany has at a consequence disregarded Belgian neutrality to prevent what means to her a question of life and death—a French advance through Belgium."

Premier Asquith then said:

"I have to add this on behalf of His Majesty's government. We cannot regard this as in any sense a satisfactory communication. We have in reply repeated the request made last week to the German government, that it should give us the same assurance regarding Belgian neutrality as was given to us by France last week."

"We have asked that the German reply to that request and a satisfactory answer to our telegram of this morning should be given before midnight tonight."

The premier concluded his grave statement amid a great outburst of cheering from all parts of the house.

Premier Asquith explained, during his speech, that all England had demanded of Germany was that she give the same assurance regarding respecting Belgium's neutrality as France had. This, he said, was refused.

"We only had promises from Germany," the premier continued, "and these promises were made simultaneously with the pressing of demands on Belgium herself by the German foreign office. Of course this was not satisfactory. Germany's attitude throughout in connection with Belgium has been entirely in opposition to British interests."

ARTILLERY TO DEFEND ST. JOHN

Local Battery To Man Guns At Fort Dufferin

OTHER BATTERIES ON CALL

Army Service Corps Ordered To Fort Dufferin and Halifax—Recruiting in Progress—Wireless Plant Dismantled—Official Announcements

The call for volunteers about St. John has been answered with a hearty and substantial response. Already every regiment which issued a call for recruits has received many applications while those already members have in most cases expressed their willingness to go to the front. One hundred recruits last night joined the 3rd Regt. C. A. while 150 are being raised to war strength, many of them former members or veterans of South Africa who re-enlisted.

Fort Dufferin has been selected as the recruiting centre for the local garrison and the battery selected will remain on duty with the 47 guns which reached the city last night from Petrevalva with the reserve party of the regiment who were turned back. A detachment from the Army Service Corps will supply rations for the men.

A detachment of the Army Service Corps, consisting of eight men: Sergt. Smith, Corporal H. Donovan and J. Naves; Private D. Barle, C. Barton, J. Mackin, T. Merritt, left last night at 11.30 for Halifax to assist in the work of the corps at the garrison there.

Employees of the Marconi Wireless Co. last night dismantled the wireless plant at Partridge Island; it was brought to the city and stored away. It is said that the plant at the Leuchers and other stations along the coast will be dismantled and that the Lansdowne will pick up all the boys and lights in the city. The crew of the C. G. S. Curlew now at Halifax, will be transferred to the cruiser in Canada.

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BUILDING AND ORNAMENTAL STONES OF NEW BRUNSWICK

(Montreal Gazette)

The building and ornamental stones of the maritime provinces are the subject of a report by William A. Parks, issued by the department of mines at Ottawa. While in Quebec limestone of the best quality for building purposes is abundant in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia it appears to be rare. The reliance of the builder and architect is on granite and sandstone. Quebec has granite of good quality, but has little or no sandstone. Its granite is made up of large blocks which are supplied largely from the United States, while some has been brought from Scotland.

What is said in Mr. Parks' report about the sandstones of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island suggests that its wants might well be supplied from nearer home. The colors of the stones have been used also in the construction of public and other buildings and have stood the test of time and the weather. They might well be more used if more was known about them. The report should help to this end.

THE HEIR TO AUSTRIA'S THRONE

Budapest, Hungary, Aug. 5.—While the new heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, the Archduke Charles Francis Joseph, is not so well known in Hungary as in Austria, his popularity has been spreading with the telling of numerous anecdotes illustrative of his democratic simplicity.

The story of his honeymoon, which came with his marriage to the Princess Zita of Parma in 1911, has it that from Warholts castle the young couple journeyed regularly to the village to see the moving picture shows. When the films lost their novelty they ordered new reels for the proprietor.

Again, while in Posony, the ancient coronation city of Hungary, they entered a barber shop to buy a comb. They were recognized by three officers being shaved, who jumped from their chairs and saluted with lathered faces, to the astonishment of the barbers.

The Archduke's sympathy for Hungary is well known, and both he and his princess speak the Hungarian language well. It is said the new heir and his consort have chosen the magnificent royal palace at Buda as their abode.

Missionary Conference

Acadia College, Wolfville (N. S.), has been the scene of much activity during the past few days.

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire at a meeting today decided to appeal to all women's organizations for subscriptions to a staff of earnest leaders, studied the problems of mission work the world over.

WEALTHY BANKER JOINS BENEDICTS

On Trip from Coast He Weds Belde of Seventy-two Years in Chicago

Chicago, Aug. 5.—J. M. Braly, a millionaire banker of Pasadena, Cal., and Mrs. Mary Howard Gidley of Glendale, Cal., married in Chicago long enough to get married. News of the marriage is not a surprise. They left the coast last Tuesday, each ostensibly on a pleasure trip. The bridegroom is 81 years old. His bride is 72.

The one who performed the ceremony is not known. Mr. and Mrs. Braly are on their way to Poughkeepsie and will go later to New York. They will sail for Europe to spend their honeymoon.

Mr. Braly decided all of his property except \$100,000 to his children before his marriage. They are under contract to pay him \$8,000 a month income as long as he lives.

TUG RESCUES MAJOR

Boston's Chief Magistrate Tossed About for Two Hours Off Minots

(Boston Globe)

Mayor James M. Curley, his wife, two children and a party of friends were rescued from a broken-down power boat between Haverling and Minots Light yesterday afternoon, after they had been tossed about in a heavy sea for nearly two hours. The mayor's secretary, the superintendent of Rainford Island, and two other men were also on board.

The party left Hull on the launch Rainford for an afternoon's outing, and had reached a point several miles below Boston light when the engine broke down. A strong southwesterly breeze was blowing and the tiny craft tossed and pitched in the turbulent seas until nearly the entire party, including the mayor, were seasick.

The gasoline yacht Donnie went to the assistance of the party, but was unable to take the boat in tow. The tugboat Juno, Capt. Benjamin Kemp, was lying off Boston Lightship waiting for a tow, and the Donnie hastened from the broken down boat to ask for her services. Captain Kemp immediately went to their aid and after taking Mayor Curley and his party on board, the crippled launch was taken in tow and the tug headed for Hull.

The accident happened before three p. m. and it was