

ONLY MIRACLE CAN PREVENT GENERAL EUROPEAN WAR

London Times Authority for Statement That Austria and Russia Have Severed Diplomatic Relations

Russia Already Has More Than 1,000,000 in Motion Along Austrian Frontier—France Guarding Frontier With Forces, Makes Every Preparation for War—British Fleets Under Sailing Orders—Sharp Engagement Before Servian Capital and One Report Says Bombardment is Going On.

London, July 29.—The day's events brought no relief to the suspense, nor any diplomatic achievement to restrict the Austro-Servian war to the two nations. The feeling throughout England, and the continental feeling, as reflected by the correspondents of the London papers, is tonight distinctly more anxious than yesterday.

Two events have made for pessimism. The direct negotiations between Austria and Russia, which gave the other governments hope of a compromise, have failed and are ended. Russia is mobilizing against the Austrian frontier, four army corps in each of four districts, consisting of 1,200,000 men. Russia's four army corps in each of four districts, consisting of 1,200,000 men. Russia's four army corps in each of four districts, consisting of 1,200,000 men.

There is the greatest anxiety, as to whether Russian mobilization will be confined to the Austrian boundary, or is proceeding secretly against Germany. But between mobilization and war there is a gap which the two nations bridged in 1909, and may again.

The first important fighting occurred before Belgrade, when the Servians blew up a bridge across the river. The Austrians attacked them, and the Servians retreated to the capital, which unconfirmed reports say is being bombarded.

THE FIRST ENGAGEMENT.

Vienna, July 29.—The Servians at 1.30 o'clock this morning blew up the bridge spanning the River Save between the Austrian towns of Semlin and Belgrade. The Austrian infantry and artillery stationed at Semlin, in conjunction with the Austrians on the Danube, fired on the Servian positions beyond the bridge. The Servians retreated, after a short engagement, with trifling losses of pioneers, in co-operation with the customs officers, yesterday captured two Servian steamers laden with ammunition and mines. The Austrians and revenue guards, after a short sharp encounter, overcame the Servian crews and took possession of the vessels and the cargoes.

The captured ships were towed away by one of the Danube steamers. Emperor Francis Joseph will return to Vienna from Lechl tomorrow, and may then go to Budapest, in order to be near the scene of action. Popular enthusiasm is growing since the emperor's manifesto, which announced that the crisis was being held all over the country. Rumor on the savings banks are diminishing.

News of the Fighting.

Athens, July 29.—The Servian legion has received the following telegram from Belgrade, dated July 29: "During the night Belgrade was bombarded. Shells fell in various quarters of the town, causing great damage. Several fell on the Franco-Servian and Anglo-Servian banks. M. Andrievich, the politician, was wounded. Both banks have lodged a protest at the German legation.

Britain Remains Calm.

London, July 29.—Councils of state were held today at St. Petersburg, Berlin and Paris. The British government continued the attitude that the crisis does not yet concern Great Britain, save as a spectator and peacemaker.

"No measures have been taken by the military authorities which are of the nature of mobilization. The only measures which have been given are of a purely precautionary and defensive character. The naval measures are also precautionary. No mobilization has been ordered."

In the face of what so calm-minded a statesman as Lord Montagu has said, the possibility of a vast catastrophe, the possibility of a vast catastrophe, the possibility of a vast catastrophe, the possibility of a vast catastrophe.

The Right Hon. James Henry D'Almeida, here tonight, in which the Irish League participated, and which was organized to stiffen the back of the Government on home rule, said:

"The threat of civil war in Ireland has been greatly magnified. It has a situation bearing on the present foreign policy of the British public has any conception of it."

The Earl of Plymouth, addressing the servants to support Sir Edward Grey and show a united Great Britain.

ONLY MIRACLE WILL AVERT WAR.

St. Petersburg, July 29.—In a Russian eye the die is cast. Only a political miracle can avert war.

Russia does not swerve from her determination to support Servia, and partial mobilization has already been ordered. There is every indication that the whole vast military machinery of Russia

first reservists recommended to return home now on the 27th, and will reach the city in about eight days.

"Thunderer" on Situation.

London, July 29.—The Times, in an editorial this morning on the war crisis, says: "If France is menaced, or the safety of the Belgian frontier which we guarantee with France and Russia, we shall know how to act. We can no more afford to see France crushed by Germany and the balance of power upset against France, than Germany can afford to see Austria-Hungary crushed by Russia. Upon this issue, should it have to be determined by arms, our friends and our enemies will find that we think and act with one accord."

Vienna, July 29.—The Bourse committee has decided to suspend all Bourse operations until further notice.

Vienna, July 29.—The city council and communal council, at a special war session today, voted large sums to start relief funds for the families of the soldiers at the front, and for Red Cross purposes.

Vienna, July 29.—The war spirit in the Austrian capital is hourly increasing. The streets of Vienna tonight were crowded with enthusiastic processions, singing and shouting, and traffic in the leading thoroughfares was almost brought to a standstill. The patriotic demonstrations today surpassed in extent and fervor anything witnessed within memory.

Ottawa, July 29.—Crying revenge against the "tyranny and oppression of Russia, about 2,000 English and Ukrainian, members of the revolutionary parties of these former principalities, held a mass meeting here tonight.

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BRITISH FLEET PUTS TO SEA

Portland, Eng., July 29.—The British fleet sailed from here today for an unknown destination. No information could be obtained from naval officials as to the movements of the war vessels.

The destination is believed to be the North Sea. All patients were removed from the ship hospitals before the departure of the fleet. Admiral Callaghan is in command.

REAL EMERGENCY IF EUROPE NOW PLUNGED IN WAR

Premier Borden May Come Back to Capital With Ministers Received from the British Government.

Ottawa, July 29.—Code despatches from the British government were received late tonight bearing on the war situation in Europe, and it is possible that Sir Robert Borden and the other members of the cabinet may be hurriedly summoned back to the capital this week.

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PROSPECT OF WAR AROUSES INTENSE INTEREST IN CITY

Financial Panic Followed Anxiously by Local Investors Although Not Much Money Lost

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LAIRIER TO SPEAK AT MONCTON, AUG. 26 GRAND FALLS, 27TH

Sir Wilfrid has not yet had an opportunity to see the National Transcontinental railway in New Brunswick, and he will go over that new railway from Moncton to Grand Falls, in accordance with a promise to Mr. Carvell that when he next came to New Brunswick he would speak in the new federal constituency of Gasquet-Victoria.

Moncton is regarded as the central point in New Brunswick to which people from all parts of the province would have easy access in order to hear the Liberal chieftain speak, and it also fits in with the plan to go to Grand Falls over the Transcontinental.

Already there is great interest throughout New Brunswick in the coming tour of the great Liberal leader, and it is realized that Sir Wilfrid's visit comes at a critical time in the history of the whole dominion, but particularly of New Brunswick. It is anticipated that large numbers will flock to Moncton or Grand Falls from every constituency in the province, and that those two great meetings will take rank with the meetings held in this province before the great Liberal victory of 1896.

There is a feeling among New Brunswick Liberals that now is the time to prepare for another such sweep as that made in 1896, and it is felt that Sir Wilfrid's coming will properly pitch the vote for the great campaign that will follow from that time.

CLING TO WRECK AFTER CAPTAIN IS THROWN OVERBOARD

This is Said to Be Decision of Local Government Party in Session at Fredericton—Baxter as Attorney-General.

Fredericton, July 29.—The provincial government continued its session this afternoon and evening. The schedule was a lengthy one and a large amount of routine business was before the executive.

Tonight acting premier, George J. Clarke had a lengthy interview with the lieutenant-governor but the nature of it is not divulged. It is now announced that re-organization rather than dissolution has been decided upon. Ballast in the form of Hon. J. K. Fleming is to be thrown overboard in the hope that the governmental ship will right herself.

J. B. M. Baxter, of St. John, is to be the man to replace Clarke in the cabinet, according to report current here tonight and is to have the office of attorney-general. Hon. Mr. Clarke becomes premier and minister of education. Hon. John Morrisey is to be allowed to remain undisturbed as minister of public works. A large section of the government party would like to see him removed, but the government has trouble enough on its hands without looking for more.

It is expected that Mr. Fleming will make a loud protest against his shelving but the bulk of the government party are determined to get rid of him.

ISRAEL PURDY KILLED ON D. A. R. NEAR ANNAPOLIS

Aged Man Met Death While Walking Railway Track—Inquest Held—Survived by Wife and Adopted Son.

Digby, N. S., July 28.—(Special.)—Israel Purdy, aged seventy years, was struck by the D. A. R. east-bound express near Upper Clements station, about 2 o'clock this afternoon, and killed. His body was taken to Annapolis on the train, where an inquest was held. He is survived by his widow, and an adopted son, Randall Plino.

Joe Russell's Joke.

Joe Russell, the newly elected M. P. P. for a Toronto constituency, is a brick man. At the dinner of the Clay Producers Association, Joe got up to speak. "I suppose you people think there's only one thing that's all it cracked up to be?" said he.

"There was a general chorus of 'Clay, Clay.'"

"No," said Joe, "it's ice."

MORE EVIDENCE REQUIRED BEFORE JUDGEMENT IN SOUTHAMPTON R. R. CASE

Ottawa, July 28.—Before formal judgment is delivered in the Southampton Railway case, Commissioner R. A. Pringle will take further evidence. He stated to your correspondent today that he requires further evidence as to the cost of the rails which were laid.

Some witnesses who he desires to hear are not available at the present time. As soon as he can get them on the stand he will begin compilation of his report to the minister.