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Refusal of Germany and Austria to Accede to Sir Edward Grey's Request Was Followed Immediately by the Declaration of Hostilities.

LONDON, July 28.—Announcement of the declaration of war by Austria-Hungary on Serbia came to-day almost immediately after Germany and Austria had notified Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Minister, of their refusal to join in a mediation conference.

It is assumed here that the efforts of the European nations will now be directed toward localizing the area of hostilities.

The actual cause of Austria-Hungary's determination to enter into hostile conflict with Serbia was the reply sent by the Balkan State to the note from Vienna demanding that Serbia take steps to put a stop to the pan-Serbian propaganda on Austrian territory, and also punish those Servians indirectly concerned in the assassination in Bosnia on June 28 of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne.

The response of Serbia was considered by the Foreign Office in Vienna "unsatisfactory," and in a semi-official communication, made public yesterday, the Austro-Hungarian Government said that the reply was "filled with the spirit of dishonesty."

In the meantime Sir Edward Grey took the initiative of requesting the European powers to permit their ambassadors in London to confer with a view to a peaceful solution of the controversy. Italy and France at once consented to join their efforts to those of Great Britain, but Germany and Austria refused, Germany supporting her ally in the like Austria to appear before a tribunal of the European contention that it would be prejudicial for a great power powers on the same status as the little Balkan nation.

Austria-Hungary in the interval had proceeded rapidly with the mobilization of her great army. The entire railroad system was utilized for the movement of troop trains, the telegraph system was virtually monopolized for Government business, and a strict censorship was imposed.

Serbia also had mobilized her forces and had withdrawn the garrison of Belgrade, the capital, to the interior, as the chief city of Serbia occupied a position too vulnerable to be held.

Every war office and admiralty in Europe was occupied in preparations for eventualities, even the smaller countries, such as Holland, Belgium and Switzerland taking precautionary measures.

Then to-day came the formal declaration of war by Austria-Hungary, one of the members of the Triple Alliance, the other two countries in which are Germany and Italy. The notification of the fact was sent this afternoon to the Servian Government, which has its temporary headquarters at Kraguevatz. It was anticipated here that a declaration of the beginning of hostilities would follow quickly on Germany's decision to hold aloof from any scheme of mediation. The German Foreign Office had said that a conference of ambassadors would in its opinion serve no useful purpose, while "conversations" between Vienna and St. Petersburg were still in progress.

The attitude of Russia was watched carefully to-day in official circles here, and the firm belief was expressed that Russia would enter the lists in support of the little Slav kingdom as soon as fighting started in earnest.

Here is the Official War Declaration

VIENNA, July 28.—The declaration of war was gazetted here late this afternoon. The text is as follows: "The royal government of Serbia not having replied in a satisfactory manner to the note remitted to it by the Austro-Hungarian minister in Belgrade on July 23, 1914, the imperial and royal government finds itself compelled to proceed itself to safeguard its rights and interests and to have recourse for this purpose to force of arms. "Austria-Hungary considers itself therefore from this moment in a state of war with Serbia. (Signed) "COUNT BERCHTHOLD, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Austria-Hungary."

Six Million Feet Of Lumber Was Totally Destroyed

[By Special Wire to the Courier] OTTAWA, July 28.—About six million feet of lumber, several hundred cords of wood and one frame house were destroyed in the fire which broke out in the Gilmore and Hughson yards at Hull last night and raged until this morning. The loss will be over \$250,000, nearly all covered by insurance.

As is the case frequently with lumber mills, the cut, though piled in the Gilmore and Hughson yard, had been sold some time ago. Gilmore and Hughson had very little of their own lumber burned, the amount destroyed practically all belonging to the Hughson Company, Albany, and Thomas Macarrell of Ottawa. The exact value of the lumber is not known but it will amount to probably about \$200,000, which is covered by insurance. The Gilmore and Hughson mill is not located near the yard where the lumber was burned, and it was not endangered. The Hull brigade was assisted by a section of the Ottawa brigade.

War is Now the Only Course

[By Special Wire to the Courier] VIENNA, July 28.—The Imperial Austro-Hungarian Foreign Office declared to-day that even should Serbia now comply with the demands contained in the Austrian note, the government of the dual monarchy would not be satisfied. Officials at the ministry stated that Serbia's reply had made it impossible for Austria-Hungary to adhere to her former standpoint, and compliance by Serbia with the demands made on her could no longer influence the course of action of the Austro-Hungarian empire.

CHARIVARI OF BLUEVALE COUPLE ENDS IN RIOTING

Stones Thrown and Bride is Injured When Demand for Money is Refused.

WINGHAM, July 28.—Prosecutions will follow as the result of a charivari near Bluevale, about ten miles from here, that developed into a riot when the demand of the mob for \$5 was refused.

Mr. Joseph Smith, aged 60, living near Bluevale, was married a week ago to Mrs Bothwell of Lucknow. The couple returned last night from a week's honeymoon and a gang of men from the neighborhood gathered to charivari them. Members of the mob were armed with circular saws, tin boilers and every other form of noisemaker. They demanded \$5, which the elderly bridegroom refused. They then began to stone the house. One stone hit Mrs Smith in the back between the shoulder blades. So great was the noise raised by the rowdies that neighbors for over a mile around were aroused and a hurry call was sent in about 10 o'clock for High Constable George Phippen, of Wingham, who was informed that a riot was in progress. He immediately secured an automobile and hurried to the scene of the disturbance. As soon as the mob caught sight of the constable as he stepped from the motor, however, it hurriedly dispersed, many going into an outfield opposite Mr. Smith's house, belonging to Mr. Wm Diamond, who now threatens action for the damage thus done.

Everyone escaped in the darkness but one young man named Churchill who returned to Mr. Diamond's where he was captured by Constable Phippen. The names of a number of the other members of the gang were also secured and prosecution will follow. The neighbors are greatly incensed over the affair.

About a week ago a similar occurrence near Wingham was cut short by the production of the \$5 by the bridegroom, Mr. James Fowler, who married Miss Finlay, of Lower Wingham.

WOODSTOCK, July 28.—North Oxford license commissioners in session yesterday decided to grant licenses to the Royal and Arlington hotels, of this city, and to the Burns hotel at Bright for the balance of the year. The granting of these licenses was deferred at the regular meeting of the commissioners held in April, the two local hotels being given a three months' extension with a warning to keep better hotels, while the proprietor of the hotel at Bright, Mr. Thomas Burns, was given three months to transfer the hotel to some other party.

To-day Mr Burns reported that he had not yet sold out, but intimated that he would dispose of the business before the next meeting of the commission. The granting of the license for the two local hotels was based upon the report of the inspector, who has had his eye on the houses in question since the annual meeting.

LICENSES GRANTED TO HOTELS AT WOODSTOCK

Inspectors' Report Favors Royal and Arlington, and Also the Burns House at Bright.

TROOPS ARE RUSHED OVER ALL ROADS

Warlike Activity is Noticed, Particularly in Bohemia.

No Traffic Except for Soldiers Towards Servia.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] BELIN, July 28.—Reports from the Austrian border to-day state that the transport of the 8th and 9th Austrian army corps from Bohemia toward the Servian frontier began yesterday, and that there was no other traffic on the Bohemian railroads except troop trains. The two army corps in Bohemia consist of 32 battalions of infantry, with a large number of quick-firing machine guns, six regiments of cavalry, two regiments of field artillery and two regiments of the army service corps.

Telegraphic communication with Carlsbad and Marienbad was still open to-day, but only by one direct line from the Saxon frontier. The telegraphic service between Berlin and Vienna was demoralized and on some lines was completely interrupted.

The Militar-Wochenblatt, the official military weekly newspaper, prints a noteworthy article comparing the Austro-Hungarian and Russian armies to the disadvantage of the latter. It says the fighting strength of the Russian army is usually over-estimated, and that numbers alone are not decisive. More important factors, it points out, are morale, higher leadership and armament. The writer says it may well be remembered that in recent times Russia alone never defeated any army of equal rank, and would not have been successful in defeating the Turks in the war of 1877 if she had not been aided by Rumania. It says in conclusion that the five new army corps reported to have been added to the Russian army are still non-existent.

One of the newspapers here to-day received a despatch declaring that Russia had declared war on Austria, but declined to print it, as there was no confirmation.

AMERICA IS NOW POURING GOLD INTO EUROPE

War Scare is Responsible for the Despatch of Twenty Millions in Few Days.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, July 28.—The latest gold movement to Europe, which began on last Friday when \$2,000,000 was sent to Paris, was further increased to-day by a shipment of \$6,000,000 aboard the liner Kron Prinzessin Cecilie. This is said to be the largest single gold shipment ever made from America to Europe. Of to-day's shipment \$6,000,000 is consigned to London bankers and \$4,000,000 to Paris.

In addition to this sum, \$2,750,000 in gold bars has been engaged for shipment to Paris by the Carmania, which is due to sail to-morrow. Bankers laid the new demand for gold export almost entirely to the war scare in Europe, although they admitted that the fortnightly settlement on the London Stock Exchange, which began yesterday might have had something to do with it. Other important engagements will be made to-day, it was said, making the amount to go by the Carmania at least \$8,000,000, and the total of the movement since Friday of more than twenty millions.

GERMANY'S REQUEST. ROME, July 28.—Authoritative advice received here from Bucharest, state that Germany has asked for positive assurances from Rumania of her intentions in connection with the Austro-Servian situation.

GERMANY REFUSES THE SUGGESTION MADE BY SIR EDWARD GREY

Cannot Ask Two Powers to Come Before Tribunal as Accused—Cabinets, and Not Ambassadors Should Settle It

[By Special Wire to the Courier] BERLIN, July 28.—The German Government to-day returned an unfavorable reply to the British proposal for a conference of the ambassadors in London of the European powers in an endeavor to bring about a settlement of the Austro-Servian difficulty.

In its communication Germany declares that it considers the suggestion of Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, as well meant and good in principle, but not feasible in practice and impossible to carry out.

It says that it cannot be expected that a great power having a dispute with a smaller neighbor will submit the matter to the decision of an European Aroq Pagus. Nor can it be hoped that two great powers will submit to be summoned in the role of accused before such a tribunal.

Germany makes the counter-suggestion that the grounds for peace be conducted between the cabinets instead of by a conference. Germany, however, is prepared to welcome any further suggestions to localize the conflict as far as they are consistent with her duty to her ally.

SERVIANS ARE LEAVING CITY FOR COUNTRY

While Austrians Are Getting Out as Fast as They Can.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] BELGRADE, July 28.—(By indirect route.) Many Servian families left the capital for the country districts in spite of the advice of the authorities while there has been a great exodus of Austrians and Hungarians from Belgrade and other parts of the capital, the police duties having been undertaken by a corps of volunteers composed of students.

Military preparations are being carried out with feverish activity. The troops have been concentrated in fortified positions, the headquarters of the army being established at Kraguevatz, but in the event of necessity they will be transferred at Krushewatz 90 miles southeast of Belgrade.

Hostilities Start Today

[By Special Wire to the Courier] PARIS, July 28.—The Austrian ambassador to France to-day said it was probable that active hostilities between Austria-Hungary and Servia began this morning, but that at 11 o'clock he had not received any telegram to that effect from Vienna.

BUSSES AT STRATFORD HAVE NO SET ROUTES

New Passenger Lines Will Go On Streets to Make Most Money—Machines Arrive To-day

[By Special Wire to the Courier] STRATFORD, July 28.—Everything is set for the coming of the motor bus service to the city. The contract between the city and the Bus Company has been signed. Mr. Thompson has sent word to his solicitor, Mr. J. A. Davidson, that the terms of the contract are perfectly satisfactory to him. He will likely be in the city to-morrow, and with him will come the motor busses.

Concerning the matter of fares, the company has made it clear that the fare between any two points in the city will be not more than the specified five cents. A passenger will be able to proceed from one route to another by means of a transfer slip providing he makes his trip in one continuous journey. But the company is not held down to any set routes and will go on the streets where it can make the most money.

Amos Stonehouse, of Enniskillen township one of the best known cattle breeders in western Ontario, is dead as the result of being kicked by cattle.

RAISING MONEY FOR REDMOND IN UNITED STATES

Large Contributions Are Made in Philadelphia—Money, Not Men, Needed.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] PHILADELPHIA, July 28.—Leaders of the factions in this city engaged in securing funds to assist the cause of home rule in Ireland reported large contributions at meetings held last night. More than \$4,000 was pledged at a meeting of the United Irish League. Michael J. Ryan, President of the league, declared that there is no necessity of anyone going from this country to fight as there are plenty of men in Ireland. "The sinews of war," he said, "are the dollars."

The American volunteer fund committee, headed by Joseph McGarrity held an executive meeting and arranged for a mass meeting, the date of which will be announced later. Chairman McGarrity announced that one club in this city has pledged to raise \$50,000 within thirty days while other promises of contributions had been received by telephone, messenger and letter.

Poor People Are After Deposits At the Banks

BERLIN, July 28.—The public in the German capital was very nervous to-day and alarmed as the rumors continued to come in. The run on the savings banks, where the poorer classes deposited their money, was resumed this morning. At five o'clock depositors outside the municipal savings banks and the people insisted on having their money regardless of the reassuring statements by the officials. The stock market was discouraged as its hopes of a speedy mitigation of the tension disappointed by Germany's failure to agree to Sir Edward Grey's suggestions.

Runaway Was A Fierce One

A bad runaway occurred on Market street this morning about 10.30 when a horse driven by N. S. Maynard, 48 Ontario St. attached to a rural route mail cart, frightened at a passing street car, on Erie avenue, and made a sudden dash for Market street, throwing Mr. Maynard out of the rig just around the corner on Market St. The frightened beast continued up Market street at a terrific pace, smashing the rig to pieces on a telegraph pole. Constable Pickels on duty at the corner of Market and Colborne streets saw the horse coming up Market street and succeeded in stopping it at the corner. The rig was smashed to pieces, and the harness ripped off the animal. Fortunately, although Mr. Maynard was thrown heavily to the ground, he escaped unhurt.

DUBLIN RIOT HAS STOPPED MR. ASQUITH

Plans For the Home Rule Amending Bill Given a Jolt.

LONDON, July 28.—The first effect of the Dublin tragedy has been to smash Premier Asquith's plans for taking up the amending bill to-day. The premier announced to-day that the matter had been indefinitely postponed. The Irish members are so exasperated over the killing of four persons and the wounding of many others in the clash yesterday between the regular troops and the Nationalist volunteers that they are in no frame of mind to grant any concession to Ulster. The Laborites and many Liberal support them.

The Government announced in the House of Commons to-day that Deputy Police Commissioner Harrell, who ordered out the troops, had been suspended and that his superior commissioner, Sir John Ross, who expressed a desire to share the responsibility, had resigned his office.

A special inquiry will be held, probably by judicial commission. In the meantime the demand for the removal of the Scottish Borderers from Dublin has not been granted, largely because an attempt to march them out would be the signal for attacks by the mobs. They will remain prisoners in barracks until the anger of the people has cooled.

Aberdeen Blamed. The Nationalist members of Parliament held a meeting this afternoon and showed more animus against the castle than the Government; they consider Viceroy Aberdeen's official family prejudiced against the Nationalists.

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PARIS WANTS TO GET AWAY FROM COUNTY

Costs Too Much in Taxes—Council Meeting Held Last Evening.

Paris, July 28.—Following a discussion in which it was conceded that Paris pays too much in taxes to the County of Brant, the Town Council last night appointed a committee to investigate the matter and report as to the necessary procedure which must be taken to obtain an act of separation. The idea of separating for municipal purposes has been an issue for some time, but last night's action is the first towards the consummation of the plan. The committee, which is working in conjunction with the town solicitor is composed of Messrs. Pitts, Sinclair and Rehder.

Mrs. George Goodall recently quietly celebrated the 86th anniversary of her birthday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Broughton, Dundas street.

In Saturday's baseball match the Galt Amity Club defeated Paris by a score of 18 runs to 15. Parties around town would do well to securely fasten all lower windows around their house. During Sunday night some party entered the home of Mrs. Annie Lamb, West River st. and stole over \$37 in money, besides taking food from the pantry and making a meal in the kitchen. Entrance was gained through a screen window in the pantry.

The robbery has a rather suspicious aspect as Mrs. Lamb drew money from the bank on Friday afternoon to use on Monday. There was nothing disturbed in the house. Simply her handbag taken from the dining room to the kitchen and the money taken out. Parties have been heard prowling around houses of late at different parts of the town. At the junction a quantity of vegetables has been taken from different gardens. The police have no trace of the thieves. Last week a horse and buggy were stolen from the Baptist church sheds and has not yet been found.

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