

# WAR DECLARED!!

## The German Feudal Military System The Menace

Our mother country, England, and the republic of France, the two foremost nations of Europe, are being forced to take part in what may be the greatest war of history, and out of which they both may come dismantled, perhaps totally unfit to continue in the proud position of leaders of humanity and civilization. A position threatened is as bad as the actual experience. In fact we would prefer being degraded in the scale of nations to resting under the daily menace of it—as we have been for years.

And whence comes this menace? It comes from Germany, most of all from the German navy, modelled on our own. We are living in the twentieth century, under free government, supposed to be living at a time when enlightened public opinion must rule the destinies of Europe. Instead of that England and France have alongside of them a great and growing nation, highly civilized, highly organized, and yet under a feudal system of one-man government with a fighting machine that is the last word that science and all the knowledge and experience of the past can devise. That man is absolutely irresponsible—claims that he holds divine right, and therefore that he is entitled to control the destinies of his own people and by consequence those of his neighbors.

This is an intolerable condition and must come to an end, or British supremacy must come to an end. And therefore, if not gladly, the British people will of necessity be forced to seek by any and every means to end it. It is intolerable that a fourteenth century feudalism should, with the most highly organized and strongest fighting machine, rule the civilization of the twentieth century. That is the issue.

No matter how sensible the war lord may be, the risk is too great. The kaiser has grown into a homicidal egotist, and such a man in responsible position is highly dangerous. He is developing a son and successor on the same lines!

We not only, therefore, arraign the system and the man before the bar of the public opinion of the world, but we also advise our Canadian Government to join the mother country in taking up the sword, if we must, to end it.

We also arraign the people of Germany, before the public opinion of the world, for continuing this system and this menace. We concede to them the leadership in science, in criticism, in art, in industrial organization, and we recognize in them a strong sentiment for the uplift of humanity; but the English nations owe it to themselves to say to the German people that they must put modern responsible government in place of feudal military rule, and until it is done, and as long as we are menaced by it, we will not lay down the sword once it is unsheathed. And we believe what is a menace to us is equally a menace to the United States. They have a taste of the same kind of tyranny in another form in Mexico.

A mere postponement of this stupendous issue will not do. The menace will still be there. We have suffered because it was not settled earlier. It has helped to disrupt our home politics and the home politics of England; thousands and thousands of Canadians, of Englishmen, of Americans, are today financially ruined because of the present disturbance; many more are likely to be.

We have no hostility toward Germany or even toward its royal family, least of all toward the German people. We pledge to these people, every assistance in wiping out a military system that tyrannizes over them and aspires to world-wide domination. There must be room for Germany in the sun and we would offer only good wishes to any German democracy established in South America.

But henceforward the best efforts of the whole British Empire must be consecrated to the substitution of modern government for the obsolete and dangerous system that now rules Germany. If the German people can't do it, we will all turn in and help them. The die is cast against the German menace of one-man military rule. England will be craven if she fails to accept the challenge now thrown in front of her.

### IS THE KAISER BEATEN?

It is too early to infer that because Italy has notified the powers that she is not going to the support of Germany and Austria the Kaiser will find a means of heading off a world-wide conflagration and thereupon pose as an angel of peace!

England cannot accept any such explanation. It is for England to have it out, once for all, with the German navy and the menace that it implies. It is our turn now.

### WHEN WILL IT CLEAR?

What was it to live in the time of the Napoleonic wars—of Waterloo and Trafalgar! We know now, only more so; for the worldwide disturbance of the past week has affected, not only Europe, but America and Asia in a surprising way. A hundred years ago Europe was

everything; Japan, Australia, the United States, South America, Canada, South Africa, India and their many millions are now equally concerned with Europe over the war eruptions of the last-named continent.

The financial, commercial, manufacturing, farming interests of today are a thousand times greater than they were then, and all these are vitally concerned. Thousands have been ruined beyond recovery by the decline in the prices of securities.

And while there is no hope of peace there is a hope that the worst of the dislocation as far as we are concerned is over. Once we know whether it is peace or war, we will adapt ourselves to that condition and business will take on activity, perhaps increased activity, in many lines. But as long as fighting goes on it is unlikely that the stock exchange will be opened or that there will be much travel on the ocean.

## ALL EUROPE FACES FAMINE OF FOOD

Special Cable to the Sunday World. LONDON, Aug. 1.—The pressure of food shortage is already evident throughout all Europe. Prices of foodstuffs have soared beyond the purses of the poor. England alone has taken no steps to prohibit the exportation of food or war supplies. It has none to export, however, and within the borders is not much more than a month's supply. Dealers everywhere have already

trebled prices, but their stocks cannot last long, and commerce is already seriously hampered. The problem of feeding the people is dividing attention with the war plans in the minds of the ministers. Legitimate as well as speculative business is interfered with, every one is hoarding resources. Even the countries not affected by the war preparations are suffering. Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and even Switzerland are feeling the pressure.

## Germany to Fight Russia

### France Mobilizes Her Army; 48 Hours to Reply to Germany

LONDON, August 1.—A central news despatch from Paris says: By common agreement, the time limit of Germany's ultimatum to France has been extended for 48 hours, until noon on Monday.

#### FRENCH ARMY ORDERED TO MOBILIZE.

PARIS, August 1.—An official decree orders a general mobilization of the French army, beginning tomorrow.

#### GERMAN MOBILIZATION IS ON.

LONDON, August 1.—A Berlin despatch to The Central News says: It is officially confirmed that German mobilization is in progress.

#### BELGRADE BOMBARDMENT RENEWED.

ATHENS, Greece, August 1.—Austrian monitors on the Danube have renewed bombardment of Belgrade and its surroundings according to a telegram from Nish, Servia.

#### SWEDEN WILL BE NEUTRAL.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, August 1.—The Swedish Government today issued an official notice of its strict neutrality during the threatened European conflict.

## RUSSIA GIVES NEWS

St. Petersburg, Aug. 1.—Announcement is made by St. Petersburg Telegraph Agency, which is considered the official news agency of Russia: "The German ambassador, in the name of his government, sent to the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, at 7.30 o'clock, a declaration of war."

## FOUR CANADIAN REGIMENTS OFFER TO GO TO THE FRONT

Cabinet Meets at Ottawa and Discusses Supply of Horses and Other Supplies in Case of War Busy—May Call Special Session of Parliament

OTTAWA, August 1.—The Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden, arrived back in Ottawa this morning, and the cabinet met for two hours this morning and also late again this afternoon to discuss the war situation and Canada's action in case Britain is drawn into the contest.

Communications are passing between the government and the imperial authorities, but the prime minister said he would have no statement to make before Monday. It is understood that replies have been sent as to what Canada could do in the way of supplying Britain with wheat, horses and other supplies, but before the full cabinet meeting on Monday no definite statement is likely to be made as to the number of men Canada would send. It is believed, however, that when the government does reply it will be in a manner that will satisfy the pride of Canadians and their enthusiastic desire to stand firmly behind the mother country in such a crisis.

The ministers present this morning besides Sir Robert Borden were Hon. Messrs. Doherty, Hazen, Crothers, Colborne and Reid.

There was also a conference this morning between Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of naval affairs, Mr. George J. Desbarats, deputy minister, and Admiral Kingsmill. It is understood

that they discussed connection with the for constant defence of the Empire and the disposition of the Imperial force.

The return of the contingent from East on Monday morning is looked for. Col. the Hon. E. Peckham, who will be the prime minister's representative for mobilization contingents of the Imperial force, ordered to the front for Quebec this morning.

Col. Flint, commander of the 78th Highlanders, and other officers, are also expected to be present at the full meeting.

Besides many officers and men of the 78th Highlanders, Col. H. E. A. Colborne, Col. Hugh McLean, Field Battery of the Regiment of York, and Col. H. F. Mc

## GIRL, 19, DIES AFTER OPERATION ST. CLAIR AVE. DOCTOR WANTED

Miss Dorothy Leonard, 17 West Bloor Street, Succumbs to Blood Poisoning and Illegal Operation is Given as Cause—Father Has Not Been Consulted by Either Police or Hospital Authorities and Did Not Know Body Was at Morgue

Local detectives and police were searching Saturday afternoon for a St. Clair avenue physician said to be responsible for the death from blood poisoning of Miss Dorothy Leonard, 19 years old, of 17 West Bloor street, at the General Hospital, early Saturday morning. Death, it is said, resulted from an illegal operation, said to have been performed upon Miss Leonard several weeks ago by the man sought by the police. An inquest was held at the city morgue Saturday night, Dr. W. A. Young presiding.

Considerable mystery surrounds the case which, in many respects, appears to be similar to that of Miss York, of Tamworth. Police and hospital authorities declined to discuss details, while

the girl's father, Frank Leonard, told The Sunday World that he had not been consulted by either police or hospital authorities. Mr. Leonard said he was told the girl's death resulted from heart failure. He declared that he was ignorant of the fact that the body had been taken to the morgue and that an inquest was to be held.

"My daughter was visiting friends in the city and when she returned home three weeks ago she was taken seriously ill," said Mr. Leonard. "I summoned Dr. N. J. L. Yelloweas of 190 Spadina avenue, who attended her. Friday night she became very low and was taken to the General Hospital, where she died at 4.40 o'clock Saturday morning."

Asked if another physician had been consulted with the case, Mr. Leonard said he did not know. "There is something behind my daughter's death that I have not been informed of," he said. "I have not even been summoned to appear at the inquest tonight."

Dr. Yelloweas told The Sunday World that the police were investigating the case and declined to make any statement as to details of the case. He admitted that the girl died from poisoning and that another physician had been connected with the case before it came under his care. He refused to comment further.

Miss Leonard was a pretty girl and was said to have been in perfect health prior to returning home from her visit.

## 200,000 AMERICAN-AUSTRIANS MUST GET PAST GIBRALTAR

British Fortress May Prevent Huge Force Mobilized in America From Reaching Scene of War.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Official notice was received at the Austro-Hungarian consulate here today that the reserves had been called for general mobilization. Two hundred thousand Austrians and Hungarians, it was said at the consulate, would, therefore, immediately be called upon to return home from this country and join the colors. How to get the 200,000 men back to Austria-Hungary was a problem officials at the consulate were today trying to solve. It was at first planned to have the reservists sail from New York on Italian steamers. These steamers, however, it was said at the consulate, would have to pass Gibraltar, where they might be seized by England, and the reservists taken as prisoners of war.

### Reservists Leave Montreal.

Special to The Sunday World. MONTREAL, Aug. 1.—Three hundred Austrians and other foreigners called from Montreal this morning on various

### SECRETARY McADOO CALLS MEETING OF BIG FINANCIERS

WASHINGTON, August 1.—To consider what shall be done to protect the financial interests of the United States during the European crisis, Secretary McAdoo today called on clearing house associations in New York, Chicago and St. Louis to send representatives here Monday morning to discuss the situation with him.

liners for the war fields of Europe. Some of them were reservists responding to the call of their countries, others were adventurers returning for the love of the fight.

## ONLY PARTIAL RATE INCREASE IS ALLOWED

Five Per Cent. Advance Granted West of Pittsburg—Increase East of Pittsburg Denied by Commission

### SMALL ADDITION TO RAILWAY INCOME

WASHINGTON, August 1.—Five per cent. increase in freight rate between Buffalo and Pittsburg and the Mississippi River was granted today by the interstate commerce commission in a decision in the eastern advance rate case. All increases east of Pittsburg and Buffalo were denied. No increases were granted on lake and rail rates. All class rates within the central freight association territory were advanced five per cent. Commodity rates got a like advance except from the coal, coke, brick, tile, clay, starch, cement, iron ore and plaster.

The commission held the income of the railroads was smaller than is demanded in public interest, but that no showing had been made warranting a general increase in rates. The new rates are expected to increase the income of the railroads approximately one and one half per cent. All the principal east and west systems will benefit by the increases as their lines traverse the territory affected.

## REDUCE RESERVE AGAINST ALL NOTES IN NETHERLANDS

Dutch Parliament Frees Gold Which Will Allow Note Issue of Two Hundred Millions

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—A law has been passed by both houses of Congress in Holland allowing the Netherlands Bank to reduce its gold reserve against bank notes from 40 to 20 per cent. according to a private cablegram received here today. This means that the bank can issue an additional \$200,000,000, which will be available for loans against bills and stock as collateral, a margin of 20 per cent. being required. The change in the law also means the relief to the trading community of Holland and the stock exchange. A syndicate of banks and bankers has, according to the cable this morning, guaranteed the Netherlands banks against part of the eventual losses to be suffered thru the issuance of bank notes against stock exchange collateral.

### SUNDAY WEATHER

Fair and Warm

## ITALY TO GERMAN WILL

Formal Notification German to Rome That main Neutral

### PRESENT WITH HER FROM

PARIS, Aug. 1.—Rome says that Italy is the German Ambassador, evening that she will remain neutral. The text of the despatch says: "It is authentically stated that the Marquis Dizan Guila foreign minister, has informed main ambassador at Rome that will remain neutral between agreement with nations unless alliance applying only as a war."

Italy therefore considers herself neutral from her engagements, the war waged by Austria-Hungary supported by Germany being essentially an offensive war."