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SAYS THE WAR WAS FORCED ON AUSTRIA

Quarrel, Says Sydney Missionary, is the Result of an Ancient Grudge

SERVIA HAS GIVEN LOTS OF TROUBLE

And Was a Nursing-Place For Conspirators Against Austria-Hungary

Sydney, N.S., July 30.—Rev. Mr. Kinsale, missionary to the foreigners, is naturally taking a deep interest in the present war situation in Europe, together with a number of Auto-Hungarians in Cape Breton.

An Ancient Grudge

"The Austrians," said Mr. Kinsale to The Record, "have suffered too long from the intrigues of their Serbian neighbors. The trouble began with the assassination of King Alexander in 1903. Peter, who was the instigator of the crime, was then called to the throne, but no European nation would at first recognize him, and he called himself 'Kralj Jugoslavanski' (King of the Southern Slavs), meaning thereby that he was not only King of the Serbia Slavs, but sovereign of those who were settled in Southern Austria.

A Conspiracy

"In a conspiracy formed among the students, lawyers, and other prominent residents of Serbia, King Peter aimed to detach from the Austro-Hungarian empire the whole of the southern region, including Croatia, Slavonia, Dalmatia, Istria, Krain, Carnithia, Southern Styria, and last but not least, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Montenegro. A conspiracy was discovered in 1906 by Austrian customs on the Montenegrin frontier, wherein the Serbian king intended to blow up the Prince of Montenegro and extirpate the whole reigning family and then proclaim himself Prince of Montenegro and thus take another step to complete his title of King of the Southern Slavs.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

"Bosnia and Herzegovina, which were formerly Turkish territory, were claimed by Austria-Hungary until the Ottoman empire had satisfied certain claims and investments held by the former. Austria was later found itself obliged, by reason of failure of payment, to annex these provinces, which have flourished since the transfer.

Determined to End It

"The constant disorder on the Serbian border has caused great anxiety and expense to Austria and the people of that country have reached the determination to settle the matter for good. Austro-Hungary has no desire to annex Serbian territory, but sees future security only in war. If nobody interferes the Serbian bad-boy will get a good spanking from his bigger brother.

FRANCE READY BUT WAITING

Can Mobilise Troops at a Moment's Notice

Paris, Aug. 1.—Germany is mobilizing tremendous forces on the French border.

While no mobilization orders have yet been issued to the French Army the barracks and rendezvous are crowded with reservists, momentarily expecting a call to arms.

GERMAN PRINCE GIVEN COMMAND

Berlin, Aug. 1.—Prince Frederick William of Germany, was today appointed to the command of the first division of the Imperial Army Corps.

CANADA KEEPS WARSHIP HOME

Vancouver, Aug. 1.—Sir Robert Borden issued an order to-day to the Commander of H.M.C.S. Rainbow, now lying in Esquimalt Harbor, to cancel his Behring Sea trip for the present and remain ready for duty in the vicinity of Victoria, Vancouver.

OTHER CABLE NEWS ON PAGE FOUR

More Hopeful Tone Is Now Manifested In The Most Recent Official Messages From The Russian Capital To-Day

SERVIA HOLDS ENEMY IN CHECK

Austrians Repulsed When They Attempt to Open up the Road to Nish, the Military Capital of the Servians

London, July 31.—A exchange Telegraph Company's despatch from Nish via Saloniki says that up till last night the Austrian invaders at Semendry had not succeeded in forcing the pass held by Serbian troops, whose possession would give them access to the Moravi River Valley, and thus open up a direct road to Nish.

Another despatch from Nish says that desperate fighting continues along the River Drina and that both Austrians and Servians have sustained heavy losses.

BRITAIN ARMS IN THE FAR EAST

Gets Ships and Forces Ready to Fight—Threatens German Garrison at Tsing Tan Gunboats Dismantled

Pekin, July 31.—Hong Kong is to be made a British naval barracks, and in case of war the German possession of Tsing Tau is to be blockaded. Wei Hai Wei has no fortifications, while Tsing Tau is fortified both by land and sea. The Germans believe their fortifications will afford them complete protection.

British vessels leaving Wei Hai Wei took every effective man. Gunboats Dismantled. The crews from the British river gunboats dismantled at Hankow yesterday are to be taken on board the battleship Triumph, which hitherto has been manned by only one nucleus crew.

The Austrian cruiser Kaiserin Elizabeth, on which a guard from the Austrian Legation embarked a few days ago, will not attempt the voyage homeward, but will remain at Tsing Tau.

The Italian gunboat Caboto also is sailing towards Tsing Tau. German bluejackets to-day dismantled the gunboat Vaterland at Hankow.

Active Preparations. Most active preparations are going on at Hong Kong in view of eventualities. The C.P.R. steamer Empire of Asia, has been chartered by the Government and guns are being mounted on board at the dockyard. Work is proceeding night and day and double guards have been placed on duty. All troops are confined to barracks and leave has been stopped. The British battleship Triumph took on her war stores and is prepared for action.

All boundaries of the Colony are guarded by outposts.

SAYS BELGRADE HAS NOT FALLEN

Servian Legation at Athens, Greece, Receives Official Denial of the Report That Austria Has Captured Servian Capital

Athens, Aug. 1.—A denial of the announcement of the fall of Belgrade was made in a despatch received by the Servian legation last night, from Nish.

It stated the Austrian forces had renewed their bombardment of the capital, and several shells had fallen before the Royal Palace.

The Servians did not reply.

MAKE CRUISERS OF OCEAN LINERS

Paris, July 31.—La Province, of the French trans-Atlantic line was to-day requisitioned by the French Minister of Marine for service. LaFrance, which is not an auxiliary cruiser, will sail Tuesday.

The Council to-day ordered out all men between 20 and 48 years of age bearing arms.

LINERS CANCEL SAILINGS WEST

New York, July 31.—The North-German-Lloyds steamship line to-day announced that none of its steamers would sail from New York until further notice.

SITUATION IS MORE HOPEFUL

London, Aug. 1.—An extraordinary Council of Ministers was held at Peterhoff, according to a St. Petersburg despatch to The Times, and was confronted last night with a modified situation resulting from assurances by the German Ambassador following upon messages exchanged between the Russian Emperor, the German Emperor and King George.

RUSSIA MAKES PREPARATION

Imperial Proclamation Issued Calling the Reservists to the Colors—Emperor Confers With German Ambassador

St. Petersburg, Aug. 1.—An Imperial proclamation, calling all Army Reservists in St. Petersburg, to the colors, was posted today.

The Emperor of Russia had an audience with the German Ambassador yesterday, and subsequently presided over a full council of ministers, which was attended by the Chief of the Army General Staff.

The mail train for Germany was ordered not to leave St. Petersburg last evening. The line of boats running to Stockholm were also stopped from running.

GERMAN EMPEROR VERY DEFIANT

Thinks Envious Powers Are Attempting to Force Hostilities on the German Empire—The Fatherland Is Ready

Berlin, Aug. 1.—Five thousand persons assembled in front of the palace yesterday afternoon and cheered the Emperor and the Empress.

During the demonstration, Emperor William appeared in a window and addressed his subjects as follows: "A fateful hour has fallen for Germany; envious people everywhere are compelling us to our just defence, and the sword has been forced into our hands."

"I hope that if my efforts at the last hour do not succeed in bringing our opponents to see eye to eye with us, and in maintaining peace, we shall restore it to its sheath again with honor."

"War would demand of us an enormous sacrifice in property and life, but we should show our enemies what it means to provoke Germany. And now I commend you to God. Go to church and kneel before God and pray for his help for our gallant army."

WILL THIS CAUSE GENERAL WAR?

St. Petersburg, Aug. 1.—Russian troops today blew up the frontier railroad bridge of the Warsaw-Vienna railroad.

BRITAIN CALM BUT PREPARED

Nation is Not Unduly Excited Over the Crisis But is Permeated With Grim Determination to Fight, if Required, to the End

London, Aug. 1.—Facing the most perilous epoch in their history since they shivered before the spectre of a Napoleonic invasion, the English people are the calmest nation in Europe.

Yesterday they felt that the decision whether Britain was to be drawn into a general European war was hanging in the balance; today they believe it is a probability rather than a possibility.

Ready for War.

There is no mistaking the fact that with the exception of a minority of peace advocates whose voice is hardly heard and seems to carry little weight, the nation's mind is reconciled to war. There have been no demonstrations, no flag waving, no music hall patriotism, but there is apparent among all classes a sober and grim determination that if the Government declares that the Nation's interest and obligations require it to take up arms side by side with Russia and France, to see the business through to the bitter end.

The belief of the average man is that existence of the whole of Europe as an armed camp, nervous and jealous, could have but one ending, and if the hour for a general settlement has struck, there will be no flinching.

Marvellous Change.

The change that has swept over the temper of the country within a week is marvellous. A week ago the people were wrapped up in prize fighting, Cowes Regatta, and vacations on the Continent. Today they are asking only can the British fleet play its part in protecting the island from invasion, which means in the first instance, can it destroy the German Emperor's Navy. They are concerned also as to whether food supplies can be maintained, and to what extent private fortunes will be impaired by the financial upheaval of war.

The mobilization of naval forces has been completed and the army is on a war footing, except for the calling out of the territorials and the machinery for their mobilization needs only a word to set it in motion.

INTERNATIONAL TRAINS STOPPED

Brussels, Belgium, Aug. 1.—The German Imperial Railway Administration yesterday informed the management of the Belgian State Railways, officially, that all international trains in Germany would be suspended.

LITTLE NEWS IS AVAILABLE

Censor in Germany Won't Pass Information About Army and Navy

Berlin, July 31.—The most rigid censorship since the present crisis arose was put into effect to-day when the Government refused to pass any message dealing with the movements of troops or orders to the Navy.

PORTUGAL TO HELP ENGLAND

Treaties Oblige Her to Supply Lather With 10,000 Soldiers

Lisbon, July 31.—The newspapers of the Portuguese capital to-day reminded the public that the Treaty Alliance between Portugal and Great Britain requires Portugal to furnish 10,000 troops to England when she is at war.

TO GO OUT OF PASSENGER BUSINESS ?

Impression Current at Sydney, N.S., that Black Diamond Line Will Do This

AND RUN BOATS AS FREIGHTERS

Would Pay Them Better To Run Ships as Freighters Purely and Simply

Sydney, N.S., July 29.—A strong impression is current in shipping circles that the Dominion Coal company are about to place their Black Diamond passenger service between Montreal and St. John's, Nfld., via Sydney, on the market, and rumors are afloat that the Red Cross line are likely to be in control of the service next season.

Generally Believed.

Credence is given to this in shipping circles by the fact that the Black Diamond line have not made extensive efforts to fill the place of the City of Sydney lost off the Nova Scotia coast this year, partly owing to the fact that it was impossible to secure a boat suitable to the trade and service. The transfer of the passenger service will not, it is said, include the general freight business being done by the Black Diamond line on which the Cacoona and other boats are running.

Needs Expansion.

It is also pointed out among passenger service men that while the Black Diamond line has been giving an excellent service and one which has become increasingly popular under their management, the Black Diamond line may not desire to undertake the expansion in passenger service, which the near future will warrant on the route, and one that could be more advantageously handled by a line making passenger business more of a special feature.

The transfer of the passenger service to another company would also enable the Black Diamond line to prosecute its freight service more diligently and undertake the big expansion in this branch of the trade that is continually taking place. An announcement is expected before the present season is closed.

RUN ON BANK OF ENGLAND

Started by the Noteholders—London and Other Stock Exchanges Closed—Continent Was Pouring Stocks Into England

Halifax, July 31.—A run on the Bank of England has been started by note holders and the London Stock Exchange has been closed until further notice. The chief reason for this unprecedented action was the fact that the system of credit had practically broken down and it was impossible to carry on business in an ordinary way.

This situation did not arise through over speculation, but because the bankers could not collect the margins which had been gradually shrinking, while at the same time the Continent continued to pour stock into London.

The Exchanges at Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow and Edinburgh are also closed.

PROF. DUNSTAN COMING HERE

London, Aug. 1.—Prof. Dunstan, Director of the Imperial Institute, sails by the steamer Digby for Newfoundland to investigate the Colony's coal, oil and other mineral resources, on behalf of the Imperial Government.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Strong Easterly and Southerly winds, cool and showery. Sunday: Changing with Westerly winds.

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