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RUSSIA HOLDS THE KEY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN EUROPE

Attitude of the Russian and German Emperors is Being Closely Watched and General Conviction is That They Can Embroil all Europe in War or Save her from it

TO PREVENT GREAT CALAMITOUS WAR

Meanwhile the Various Great Powers are Making all Necessary Preparations for War and Armies are Being Massed in Strategic Posi-

London, July 29.—Reports of the massing of armies in strategic positions came from all parts of Europe today, but no actual clashes are registered. Diplomats have concentrated their attention on efforts to confine the war to Austria and Servia. The attitude of the Germna and Russian Emperors has been closely watched. It is learned that telegrams have been exchanged between them. Attention has been strained to obtain the nature of their contents, but it was the general conviction that the salvation of Europe from a great calamitous war was in the hands of these two monarchs.

Prime Minster Asquith referred to the international situation in an antion, for the Empire, in the the House of Commons, but all the information that he was able to first place, is composed of two prin- Though proud, quick-tempered impart was contained in a few words. He said the situation was one of extreme gravity.

I can only say that the British Government is not relaxing its common and that are mutually dis-tercourse, and cling to old customs efforts to do everything in its power to circumscribe the area of the trustful of each other, while there and beliefs.

In reply to a question, the Premier said, that the Britsh Govern- all of them of different racial charkind, consisting merely of mudhuts, ment had received no information as to an alleged revolutionary outbreak in Russian Poland. The British Chancellor of the Exchequer common monarchy. made the tranquilizng statement in the Commons, that the Bank of England saw nothing in the present financial situation to make it tween Austria and Hungary was afford a more pretentious house if olic Church. The supreme head of necessary to call a meeting of bankers to deal with it.

While the Cabinet was in session it was learned that the Austrian Government had notified the Britsh Foreign Office that no further consideration would be given to the proposal for an ambassadori- ence al conference. This was the sharpest rebuff that British diplomacy has ever received in its relations with other European Powers.

It will not lessen England's efforts to divert the catastrophe, however. The conversations will be continued with the purpose of localizing the Balkan conflict.

NO ACTIVE HOSTILITIES YET BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND SERVIA

London, July 29.—The Chronicles Correspondent at Semlin, telegraphing on Tuesday, says that there have been no active hostilities between Servia and Austria beyond an exchange of shots between the its own Parliament, or Diet, and to gather in all the produce of his

The last foreign residents at Belgrade, he says, have just crossed jealously between the two. the river in a steamer flying the Russian flag. Meanwhile the Servian army gives no sign of life, and no trace can be found of any such Austria-Hungary is 240,456 square army, searching parties having been unable to locate the elusive Serbs. It seems as if the campaign is to be carried on under revised war . rules, of hide and seek. Belgrade is now at the mercy of the enemy.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT QUIETLY PREPARING FOR HOSTILITIES

Paris, July 29.—The French Government and people appear to be quietly preparing for war. The government is simply awaiting the decision of Russia. Troops, and trains are ready; representatives and sive mining industries, still over two- better-educated official. army are on duty; telegraphs, telephones and post offices are active.

The average citzen reads of what is transpiring in his newspaper, cultural pursuits, although of recent the general instructions concerning mobilizing, but he has long had years there has been a marked tendorders instructing him precisely when and where to report for service. ency for the population to concen-Large posters on bulletin boards at the post offices, city halls and other public buildings will apprise him exactly at what hour his instructions are to become effective.

The Cabinet met late this afternoon and received reports from the ministers. If any decisons have been taken they have been kept closely guarded. According to what is believed to be responsible opinion, there remains the possibility that when Austria has occupied some FIRST BRITISH FLEET HAS SAILED Servian territory she will in a day or two announce her intention not to proceed further, but to hold what she has taken until Servia gives competent guarantees that she will observe Austria's wishes.

Russia would not then be likely to intervene, it is argued, except time between Austria and Russia.

TIMES MAKES NEW SUGGESTION FOR SETTLEMENT OF IRISH AFFAIRS

London, July 29.—That the Government should take up the Irish problem where the Buckingham Palace Conference collapsed at once and exclude Tyrone and Fermanagh from the operation of the Home Rule Bill on the distinct understanding that such an arrangement is Times.

ment of the Times being "It is imperative that we patch up our Do- for war. mestic differences without delay in order to strengthen Britain in Europe. A general election as a remedy for the Irish difficulty is out SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION of the question, when the Great Powers are burnishing their armour. With equal candour, The Times admits that it prefers Sir Edward

Greyto continue at the Foreign Office. "The mere postponement of the Irish Bill will not suffice after Sun the nation at his back, during the troublous time ahead".

Giant and the Pygmy Of European States Now Involved In War

Comparison of the Standing of the Two Nations Now at Each Other's Throat in Europe -Servia and Austria--Hungary Differ in Many Respects as to National Standing and Racial Characteristics

HISTORY OF BOTH OF THE NATIONS HAS BEEN MOST TROUBLED

Austria is an Empire by Virtue of its Conquest of Hungary and Other States Who Have Little in Common, While Servia is a Brave, United Nation Which has Won its Independence After a Long Struggle

AUSTRIA

A USTRIA-HUNGARY is the name THE Servians are physically for a nation that is not a cipal states that are populated by apt to fight on comparatively slight distinct races that have but little in occasion, they are fond of social incipal states that are populated by apt to fight on comparatively slight are numerous lesser states included, Their dwellings are of the poorest

Separate Administrations

arrangement affairs common to the manner of living. two states are handled by a single ministry, while each provides, assesses and collects its own revenues. The voting of moneys for the common purpose of the Empire is done by the Delegations, consisting of two bodies of sixty members each, and meeting alternately at Vienna and at

Each of the two chief states has there is a great deal of mutual

The total area of the Dominions of miles, and excepting Russia, this is the largest state in Europe. The combined population is 45,500,000. The Empire has six cities with over 100,000 inhabitants each and Vienna, the Imperial capital, has a population of a million and a half.

Agriculturists

While the Empire is very rich in mineral wealth and possesses extenthirds of the population follow agritrate in the great cities. Military service is compulsory

throughout the Austro-Hungarian

SERVIA

stalwart race. They are hospitable, energetic and brave.

acter and held together solely by a which are usually small, low, and devoid of anything in the way of lar to that of Russia, being that of The present dual arrangement be- ornament. The Servian farmer could the Greek Orthodox, or Eastern Cathbrought about by the Agreement of he chose. Centuries of oppression this Church is the Patriarch of Con-1867, prior to which time Hungary under Turkish rule drove the people stantinople, and the local head is the had struggled bravely for independ- to conceal whatever wealth they Archbishop of Belgrade, who is aspossesses; and this habit, now be- sisted by the Bishops of Nish, Timok come a second nature, acounts for the Shabatz and Zisha. Under the existing administrative lack of ostenation in the Servian

Thoroughly Democratic

The Servians are thoroughly democratic in their institutions; each family owns the ground it tills, so that in the country day-laborers are scarce. Few will consent to become household servants, and cooks and man servants for the greater part come from Hungary. When a farmer land, he applies to his neighbors, who will readily come to his assistance, but would be insulted by the offer of money in payment for their services. They act on the principle of service for service, and expect in similar emergency to receive help in decorated with branches and flowers

No Pauperism

There is no pauperism in the country. The old and sick are maintained by their neighbors in the rural districts, and in the towns by the commune or by the workmen's

Education is compulsory and free,

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NORTH SEA SAID TO BE DESTINATION

Portland, July 29.—The first British fleet sailed today, under 18,650 square miles. Agriculture is ing. The streets of Vienna last night diplomatically. Negotiations appear to be going on at the present secret orders from the Admiralty. Its destination is believed to be the principle occupation of the peo-

All patients were removed from the ships' hospitals before the fleet's departure. Admiral Callaghan is in command.

RUSSIAN OFFICIALS BELIEVE COUNTRY WILL SOON BE INVOLVED

St. Petersburg, July 29.—Russian officials believe that their country will be at war within a short time. Prince Tubetzker, chief devised to meet temporary exigencies is the recommendation of the of the near eastern division at the Foreign Office, said today, that the ing has a total strength of 16,000 situation had reached the most dangerous point. It is known that all men, but in war time universal con-That proposal arises from the international situation, the argu- the members of the Crown Council have advised the Czar to prepare

REFLECTED ON STOCK EXCHANGES

London, July 29.—The seriousness of the European situation was the Turks of whose empire it formed day's events," continues the Times, "and whatever is done must be reflected today on the London stock exchange, where British Consols a province until the early years of tangible and concrete. If Asquith would take a statesmanlike step dropped at one time to 691/2, the lowest point reached since the early the nineteenth century. Then they of Teck, new Governor-General of including the Amending Bill and exclusion or six counties, he would years of last century. They opened at 71, or 34 below yesterday's gradually regained their independ- Canada, with the Princess Alexander, probably relieve Ireland from the immediate risk of strife, and have close. Soon they dropped to 70½, and then lost a full point, bringing ence, being ruled over by various sail on the Empress of Britain on Oct. them down to 691/2.

A COMPARISON.

Population 45,500,000 Standing of Army,

War Footing. . . 3,500,000

Servia. 18,650 sq. ml. Population. 2,750,000 Standing Army 16,000 Army on War Footing. 500,000

and is making rapid strides. There is a university at Belgrade and there are schools in every village. Not only do children of all classes receive education, but very poor children receive a small allowance from the government to support them dursecondary and higher schools. When Bay catch alone in 1912. they can do so, poor students eke and out this allowance by doing work of low birth and poverty are no barrier to the attainment of the highest ad-

Religion of Servia

ministrative and official positions.

The religion of the Servians is sim-

The Servians are an eminently pious race. The fasts of the Church are rigidly observed, and the peasant never fails in the morning to invoke a blessing on the coming day. Every family in Servia has its patron saint The care of this patron saint is committed to the sons, and not to the daughters, who concern themselves with the saints allotted to their future

The feast of the patron saint is a the earliest history of the people and it is observed everywhere, even in the present day, not excepting the busy towns, and it lasts several days

Time of Good Cheer

The particular house concerned is their turn. All Servians are proud and the nearest relations meet at a and are equal under the King. There banquet presided over by the head of is no aristocracy, and the middle- the family. A loaf, made of the finest class, merchants, shopkeepers, and wheaten flour, is set in the centre of others, are few. The Servian who the table. A cross is hollowed out works in the field does not recognise in the middle of the loaf, and in the superior in the better-dressed and centre is placed a candlestick with three branches, all of which are lighted in honor of the Trinity. A prayer is said, in which the blessing of God is invoked upon the whole family Dessert follows with toasts and songs and the party then give themselves up to merry-making.

The total population of the country is given as two and three quarter

millions of people. Situation and Occupations

The country is situated to the South-east of Hungary, from which it is separated by the rivers Danube and Save and it has a total area of ple and the land is very fertile.

and to the National Assembly-or anybody. Skupshtina, which consists of one hundred and sixty members, besides which there is also a State Council of sixteen members.

The Servian army on a peace footscription is enforced.

Chequered History

The history of the Servians begins in 638 A.D., from which time until 1389 they were more or less indeever, the country was conquered by (Continued on page 8)

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND FAMILY NARROWLY ESCAPE DROWNING

Their Motor Boat Struck a Floating Log And Rescue Boats Arrived in the Very Nick of Time

Ottawa, July 29.—The Duke of Connaught, the Duchess and Princess Patricia narrowly escaped drowning last Saturday when two motor boats in which they were passengers on the Lake of the Woods at Kenora struck floating logs with such speed that holes were driven through their tin sheeting.

The boats began to fill and other motor boats dashed to the rescue and succeeded in taking the Governor-General, his family and suite off the boats just before they sank.

GREEN BAY AND TREATY SHORE FISHERY IS ALMOST A BLANK

Catch From Quirpon to C. St. Francis Only 40,000 Qtls.

Fortune Hr., July 29.—The Green Bay and Treaty Shore fishery

Traps average 5 qtls. Hook and line1. No improvements anywhere during the last ten days and many traps have been taken up.

Price being paid locally is \$26.00 Price of fish locally \$7.50. Visited thirty ports and held ten meetings and am returning South from the Cape Shore.

The catch of fish for shoremen and floaters from Quirpoon to Cape ing the time they must study in the St. Francis doesn't exceed forty thousand quintals, or less than Green -W. F. COAKER.

WILL STAND BY

France is Menaced Then Great Britain Will Actively Assist Her

ALLIES WILL ALSO

ain Will Not Be Slow in Actively Protesting

on the war crisis says "If France is tary measures. menaced or the safety of the Belgian The French Embassey professes to frontier, which we guaranteed with have assurances from the German custom dating back to the days of France and Russia, we shall know how Government that Germany would not to act. We can no more afford to see regard a Russian mobilization on the France crushed by Germany or the bal Austria frontier as an absolute cause ance of power upset against France, of war, but the situation undoubtedly than Germany can afford to see Aus- is bad and the pessimism of the Banktria-Hungary crushed by Russia. "Upon that issue, should it have to

be determined by arms, our friends CANADA BUILDS think and act with one accord.' '

HAVE BROKEN OFF **ALL RELATIONS?**

London, July 30 .- According to The Times, direct diplomatic intercourse between Austria and Great Britain was suspended yesterday.

WAR SPIRIT NOW

With Declaration of War With Servia

Vienna, July 30.—The war spirit in the Austrian capital is hourly increaswere crowded with enthusiastic processions. Traffic was brought to a Servia is a constitutional kingdom. standstill. The patriotic demonstra-The executive power is in the hands tion surpassed in extent and favor any of ministers responsible to the King thing witnessed within the memory of

AUSTRIANS NOW

of the Exchange Telegraph Company at any time requires a special persays that after a heavy bombardment mit. by Danube Gunboats, Belgrade was occupied by the Austrian troops Wed-

TO GO TO CANADA

London, July 30.—Prince Alexander 16th for Quebec.

Was Never Worse, Says Mr. Coaker-Total

almost a blank; never worse.

The lobster fishery is not half of last year's catch.

BERLIN FOLK ARE WORRIED

As to the Result of Negotiations Between their Country and Russia

Berlin, July 20.-The public are anxiously awaiting the result of a Cabinet Council, held last evening, on the Austro-Servian situation, but nothing has transpired to relieve the suspense. Information was also anxi-PROTECT BELGIUM ously awaited concerning the telegrams exchanged between the Emperor William and Emperor Nicholas, but Times Says That Great Brit- here too hopes were blasted. The public nevertheless shall see a favorable augury in the interchange of

telegrams itself. Meanwhile news continues to pour London, July 30.—A Times editorial into Berlin regarding Russian Mili-

ers and the public is justified.

\$100,000 SAFE

Which is Safeguarded By An Elaborate System Of Burglar Alarms

Ottawa, July 26.—The strong box of the Dominion treasury has been made stronger still by the installation of an extensive system of vaults and safes in the new wing of the RULES AUSTRIA eastern black at Ottawa. The work has just been completed, and the The Populace Are Delighted vaults were used for the first time to-day. They cost upwards of \$100,-000. The entrance is through steel gates, which are watched night and day by armed Dominion policemen. When the door is opened a bell rings automatically. The floors, walls and ceilings are lined with steel plates of varying hardness, while inside the steel cases contain combination locks

It is in these new quarters that the Dominion treasury will hereafter be located, and the bullion, Dominion notes, bonds and specie deposited. No expense has been spared by the Gov-AT BELGRADE ernment to obtain a maximum of security, and the repository is one of London, July 30 .- A Vienna despatch the strongest in the world. To enter

with a burglar alarm device in each

Portia left Marystown at 9.20 a.m. She is due here to-morrow evening.

Prospero arrived at Wesleyville at 8 and left at 9.15 a.m.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)-Moderate Winds; fair today and Friday.