

# DESCART; FRENCH PLUGGED INTO GENERAL WAR

## BRITAIN MAY NOT BE FORCED TO ADD POWERS IN ALLIANCE GREEK MINISTER GIVES VIEWS

Conditions Under Which Triple Entente was Created May Specify that France and Russia Must Be Placed in Defensive Attitude by Other Powers.

Special Copyrighted Cable. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2.—The treaty obligations involved in the pending European war are secret to the last degree and based on a vast and complicated system of contingencies known only to the highest executive and diplomatic officials of the countries concerned, according to a statement made here tonight by Agamemnon Schliemann, the new minister of Greece, who called on Secretary Bryan at the state department today to arrange an appointment, at which time he will present his credentials.

Minister Schliemann was seen at the Greek legation. In response to questions involving the formation, obligations and provisions of the triple entente, he declared there were, perhaps, not half-dozen diplomats in the world who could issue an authoritative statement on such a subject. "The European public and the world at large know but one fact concerning the triple entente, the triple alliance, the dual alliance or any other part of the gigantic treaties fabric which surrounds European diplomacy," said Minister Schliemann. "The triple entente includes Russia, France and England, the triple alliance includes Germany, Austria and Italy and the dual alliance was an understanding between France and Russia."

Complex Treaties. "In the United States," he said, "you form treaties upon circumstances and contingencies which are reasonably constant, but treaties and alliances formed between European powers are treaties composed of a complex series of premises and conclusions, given force from such certain anticipated conditions and the absolute understanding of what action will be taken under a certain given set of circumstances. "France and Russia formed an understanding which was originally called the dual alliance. The prime ministers of Russia and France and the diplomats directly concerned knew the provisions of that alliance but not one else knew them. Then came the inclusion of Great Britain in the treaty which became known as the triple entente. It can be said with more than an authority, basing such speculation upon the action of the prime ministers, that the provisions of the triple entente, as they are known to the last degree, are not made known."

Britain's Obligations. "For instance, Great Britain may be a party to the triple entente and yet may not be obliged to fight if a given set of circumstances arises. The treaty may specify that Great Britain is obliged to ally herself with France and Russia only in case either country is attacked and has assumed a de-

fensive attitude. Great Britain may also be obliged to fight only if France and Russia, or either, carries a war to a fourth power.

"We will say as an example that Greece wishes to make an alliance with the triple entente and the latter is willing to form such a pact. If that alliance is made at Washington, I as Greek minister to the United States will be informed of the terms of the alliance. "The American secretary of state and myself will know the obligations of that treaty and my foreign office at home will know it, but the United States minister at Athens will not be informed of a single provision of that treaty. There is no need for him to know it, unless a breach of the treaty occurs. In that case, he might be informed of the details.

Italy's Neutrality. "Reports say that Italy will remain neutral in this matter. Perhaps so. There is nothing to show that Italy is forced to assist either Germany or Austria, with Germany and Austria assuming the position of aggressors in the matter. France may not be forced to fight with Russia, nor may England be forced to fight with either. "It is inferred by diplomats, and this is not a diplomatic secret, that the alliance between France and Russia is stronger than the alliance between France and Great Britain. This opinion among diplomats is simply the consequence of individual opinion, the only way in which it is possible to even draw an inference on such a subject is when the toasts to visiting monarchs are spoken.

Significance of Toasts. "The French toast to the Czar might be a toast to the continuation of the alliance between Russia and England, whereas the toast to the King of France, whereas the toast to the King of England might speak of the friendship which exists between these two countries. "No European treaty of any importance formed in the last hundred years has been made public as far as its obligations are concerned. Greece has a treaty with Serbia at the present time and although the Greek minister to the United States I do not know one of the provisions of that treaty. I do not know whether Greece is obliged to cast her lot with Russia in the event of certain happenings, or whether she is obliged to cast her lot with Serbia at all.

The report which is said to have issued from the Greek minister at Constantinople several days ago, that Greece would send an army of 100,000 men to Serbia's assistance without foundation except in the Greek mind, is the lightest means of conveying the provisions of the Greek-Serbian treaty, and I do not believe he ever serves such a statement.

## CANADA TO SEND VERY LARGE FORCE

If Call Is Received from Britain, Quick Action Will Follow.

## GOVERNMENT WAITING

No Definite Statement Will Be Issued for Few Hours.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Aug. 1.—Altho no declaration has been reached by the government as to the extent of the aid Canada will send to Britain in case of her being involved in the European struggle, it is certain that a very considerable force will be sent from the Canadian regulars and militia if the call is received. The government is waiting for definite information as to whether Britain is involved. Until Canada's aid is actually requested, no statement can be secured as to what the government will do. Four regiments have offered to go already, besides many individual offers from officers and men from the Atlantic to the Pacific. A contingent of 25,000 men at least would in all probability be sent within about a fortnight if the imperial authorities give the word, and thousands more would follow as soon as they could be equipped and other arrangements completed. The government, however, delays any definite statement as long as possible so as not to unnecessarily increase the war feeling.

## WASHINGTON ADVISED OF WAR DECLARATION

Early Sunday Despatches Described the Situation as Unchanged.

Special to The Toronto World. WASHINGTON, August 2.—Diplomatic despatches received here early today reported Germany's declaration of war on Russia, but made no mention of German hostilities toward France. The situation was described as unchanged since midnight.

## LONDON'S READY FOR CATAclysm

Hope of Averting a General War Was Short Lived.

## ALL 'BUSES' TAKEN OVER

Territorials Called Out for Duty to Protect Railroads.

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This was taken as the sure portent of the European cataclysm. Hope of peace was cast aside; people gathered in gloomy groups wondering when the bolt would fall. At seven o'clock the momentous news that Italy had declared neutrality so long as her interests remained untouched, came. The cabinet immediately summoned after the Italian ambassador had had an interview with Sir Edward Grey. The cabinet is said to have decided that Britain should also declare itself neutral on the same terms as Italy. On top of this came word from Paris that the German ambassador had handed their passports both in Paris and St. Petersburg. Hope dropped to zero again. Both in London and Paris it seemed Italy's action had not stayed the hands of Germany or Russia, while with pessimism that more rampant intelligence arrived that Germany's twelve-hour ultimatum had been extended to twenty-four hours.

More Despair. It looked as if reason were beginning to assert itself and hope once more raised its stricken head. But its life was short-lived for quickly followed the official news from Paris and Berlin that both countries were mobilizing, and once more friends of peace were plunged into despair. The sea was then immediately summoned after the Italian ambassador had had an interview with Sir Edward Grey. The cabinet is said to have decided that Britain should also declare itself neutral on the same terms as Italy. On top of this came word from Paris that the German ambassador had handed their passports both in Paris and St. Petersburg. Hope dropped to zero again. Both in London and Paris it seemed Italy's action had not stayed the hands of Germany or Russia, while with pessimism that more rampant intelligence arrived that Germany's twelve-hour ultimatum had been extended to twenty-four hours.

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Retired Judge Unable to Pay for Dinner, Tho Laden with Cash.

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British Public Await Orders from War Office Any Minute.

## WORKING FOR PEACE, Newspapers Want Some Declaration from the Government at Once.

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