

Germany Declares "State of War"

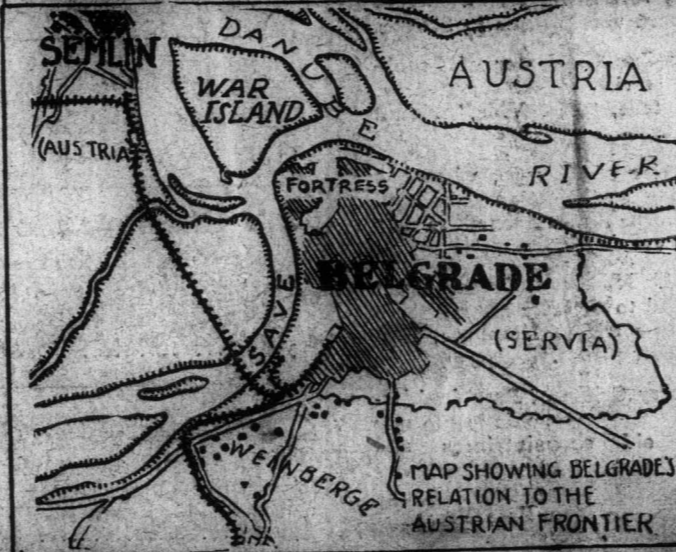
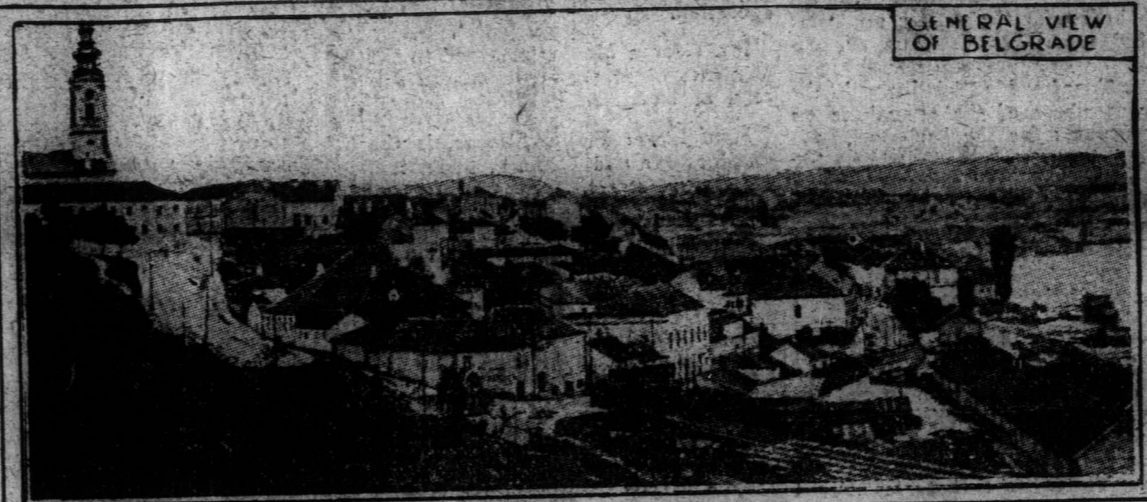
STATE OF WAR NOW DECLARED BY KAISER

As King of Prussia He Signed Document Today - Military Has Charge of Entire German Government

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, July 31.—A despatch from Berlin to Reuter's Telegram Company, says that a state of war has been proclaimed in Germany.

bear the brunt of the burden in case hostilities should be decided on. Meanwhile the German Government put forth the greatest exertions to prevent the spread of alarming rumors and false news.

SERVIAN CAPITAL WHICH IS IMPERILLED AND CHIEF OF STAFF WHO WAS ARRESTED IN FIRST WAR MOVE



Declaration of war between Austria-Hungary and Serbia, which threatens the peace of all Europe, has been announced in despatches from Vienna. Now that war actually exists, every chancellery of Europe is striving frantically to confine the struggle to the two principals and avoid the embroilment of France, Russia and England on the one side and Germany and Italy on the other.

RUSSIA IS ALL AGLOW WITH SPIRIT OF WAR

Crowds Parade Streets All Night and People of All Classes Rush to Mobilization Offices.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] ST. PETERSBURG, July 31.—The population of the Russian capital kept awake throughout the night, and the streets resounded with the din of patriotic demonstrations.

shouted for the emperor and the army. Impromptu meetings were held in all parts of the city and the suburbs, and orators roused their audiences to an unprecedented frenzy of enthusiasm.

TEN PER CENT. FOR ADVANCES IS CHARGED

A BIG REDUCTION

Unprecedented State of Affairs in London Banking Situation.

Was Made in Assessment of Stratford Property by the Judge.

[By Special Wire to the Courier.] LONDON, July 31.—The banking situation in London has become so abnormal that it is understood the British cabinet at its meeting to-day discussed the possibility of taking measures to prevent a possible panic.

His Honor Judge Hardy reduced the assessment placed upon the property of the Joseph Stratford estate by the Brantford township from \$48,000 to \$18,000 when the appeal against assessment was heard at the county court house yesterday.

IT MEANS WAR

LONDON, JULY 31.—THE MOMENTOUS ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY PREMIER ASQUITH IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY THAT RUSSIA HAD PROCLAIMED THE GENERAL MOBILIZATION OF HER ARMY AND FLEET AND IN CONSEQUENCE, MARTIAL LAW HAD BEEN PROCLAIMED IN GERMANY AND A GENERAL MOBILIZATION IN GERMANY WOULD FOLLOW.

PREMIER ASQUITH'S STATEMENT WAS AS FOLLOWS: "WE HAVE JUST HEARD, NOT FROM ST. PETERSBURG, BUT FROM GERMANY, THAT RUSSIA HAS PROCLAIMED THE GENERAL MOBILIZATION OF HER ARMY AND HER FLEET AND THAT IN CONSEQUENCE OF THIS, MARTIAL LAW IS TO BE PROCLAIMED IN GERMANY.

Crisis Has Now Reached Its Most Acute Stage

Declaration of War by Russia and Germany May Come at Any Moment, Although Conversations Are in Progress for Peace.

[By Special Wire to the Courier.] "Conversations" were resumed by the Russian and Austrian Governments. Martial law was proclaimed throughout Germany.

LONDON, July 31.—Official announcement of the resumption of the "conversations" at St. Petersburg and Vienna came at the moment when pessimism had taken entire possession of the whole of Europe and the hope that it might lead to a peaceable solution, but the news was offset later in the day by the proclamation of martial law in Germany which was regarded as a preliminary to the mobilization of the German forces for war.

EXPORT STOPPED OF ALL FOOD STUFFS

Germany Takes Drastic Measure Today for Protection of Her Population.

[By Special Wire to the Courier.] BERLIN, July 31.—The German federal council to-day issued a decree prohibiting exports of grain, flour, foodstuffs, meats, animal products, automobile trucks, motor cycles, petroleum, coal tar and coal oils.

ACTIVE AT HONG KONG HONG KONG, China, July 31.—Most active preparations are going on here in view of eventualities. The Canadian Pacific Steamer Empress of Asia has been chartered by the government and guns are being mounted on board.

MUST HELP BRITAIN

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

WHY RAILWAY BOARD REFUSED THE L. E. & N.

Judgment is Received by the Parks Board—Proposed Site for Station Was Inconvenient for Public.

The judgment of the Dominion Railway Board in refusing the request of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway for a station at Jubilee Terrace, has been received by the Parks Board.

JURY BLAMES DOCTOR IN TAMWORTH CASE

Verdict at the Inquest Declares That Blanche Yorke Succumbed to Criminal Operation.

TAMWORTH, July 31.—Dr. Clifford K. Robinson, the young Kingston physician, who attempted to establish a practice in Tamworth about five months ago, was declared by a coroner's jury yesterday afternoon to have caused the death of Blanche Lillian Yorke, the young dressmaker who disappeared on the night of July 8th, and whose mutilated body was found in the cellar of the doctor's residence on Tuesday last.

performed by Dr. C. K. Robinson. All the testimony at yesterday's sitting of the inquest tended to make the free departure of Dr. Robinson for parts unknown, after his house had been examined by Government officers, appear as an event unique in the history of criminal investigation.

and the big provincial cities as well as those on the continent were closed owing to the break down of the credit system which was made complete by the postponement of the Paris settlement.

at noon to clear up the belated business before it and the king gave his assent to the bill already passed including the finance bill so that should the necessity arise the members of the House will be free to deal with any proposals or extraordinary measures financial or otherwise.

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