

CHINA DECLARES WAR ON TEUTONS---ARGENTINA NEXT

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PEACE SUBMITS PEACE PROPOSALS TO BELLIGERENTS

CHINESE REPUBLIC TAKES ITS STAND BESIDE ENTENTE

Peking Declares War On Germany and Austria, and Will Participate Actively—Argentina Next To Fall In Line With Allies.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

London, Aug. 14.—Reuter's, Limited, has been officially informed that China has declared war upon Germany and Austria-Hungary, the declaration dating from 10 o'clock this morning.

ARGENTINA ALSO?

Washington, Aug. 14.—Two more nations—Argentina and China—appeared today nearly ready to plunge into the caldron of war.

The time limit given Germany to answer Argentina's submarine demands has ended. Unofficial advice indicated that Argentina, as well as the far eastern nation, might enter the struggle against Germany—Argentina perhaps passively, China actively.

This development was supplemented by the possibility of closer co-operative war arrangements next week with Japan as a result of the visit of her mission.

FORCING SWISS TO AID TEUTONS, BERLIN'S LATEST

Campaign Is Launched With Object of Intimidating the Swiss Government.

PRO-HUN PRESS ACTIVE

Papers Favorable to Entente Suppressed at Germany's Request.

New York, Aug. 14.—A Washington dispatch to the Sun says: Indications that Germany, backed by pro-German elements in Switzerland, has launched a campaign to intimidate the Swiss government and the Swiss people into actively assisting the Teuton cause, are embodied in latest official reports to the state department.

Secretary Lansing stated today that the policy of Bern and the radio plant of the Freie Zeitung, a Swiss semi-weekly, because it indulged President Wilson's cause in the war, the belief here is that Germany forced the Bern authorities to take this action.

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THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night. Highest, 82; lowest, 62.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 82; lowest, 62.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.

Forecasts.

Today—Light to moderate winds; a few scattered showers, but mostly fair.

Wednesday—Fair and moderately warm.

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Stations. Low Weather.

Victoria ... 68 54 Fair

Vancouver ... 74 44 Fair

Calgary ... 74 44 Fair

Edmonton ... 74 44 Fair

Winnipeg ... 74 44 Fair

Regina ... 74 44 Fair

Saskatoon ... 74 44 Fair

Brandon ... 74 44 Fair

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MANY NORSE VESSELS DESTROYED BY BOMBS PLANTED IN BUNKERS

Investigation Shows Germany Principal in Another Despicable Plot.

Christiania, Norway, Aug. 14.—Investigation of the conspiracy having for an object the sinking of German ships has been completed according to the Tidensteng and action taken against seven Finlanders and two Germans. They are accused of having transported many explosives from Germany to Norway, and stored them in places in Christiania. The accused were paid by the German espionage headquarters at Stockholm.

Christiania dispatches recently said that the leader of these arrested called himself Baron von Reutenfels. It is doubtful whether he really is a baron. According to the Tidensteng 1,000 kilograms of explosives were seized, including a number of infernal machines. These were inclosed in cases resembling lumps of coal, and were to have been transported in coal bunkers aboard Norwegian ships. The newspaper said the discovery of the plot probably explains the loss of many Norwegian ships, which were supposed to have been mined or torpedoed.

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CANADIANS PUSH POSTS CLOSER TO CENTRE OF LENS

Dominion Troops Now Only 800 Yards From Heart of City.

GOOD WORK BY GUNNERS

German Gun Positions and Pits Destroyed—Haig Reports Night Raids.

(By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent of the Canadian Forces in France)

Canadian Army Headquarters, Aug. 13.—Posts were pushed out on a front of about six hundred yards into ruined houses, from which enemy snipers have been annoying our men in the advanced line in the region to the north of the Lens-levin road, early last night. Little resistance was experienced, and only one prisoner was captured.

The posts put out by us last night are only 800 yards west of the centre of the city, but a belt of razed houses between our men and Lens. Over the open space thus secured the enemy is able to direct a heavy machine gun fire, from the strongly fortified houses on the other side.

The artillery duel rages with unabated violence. In the counter battery actions yesterday Canadian gunners caused eight explosions in enemy gun positions, and destroyed their gun pits entirely.

HAIG REPORTS RAIDS. London, Aug. 14.—Our raiding parties entered the German lines last night northeast of Guisevaucourt and at two points east of Vermelles, securing a few prisoners," says today's official account. "A number of the enemy were killed and his dugouts were bombed."

A hostile raid was successful repulsed north of Roux. During the night the enemy's artillery was more active than usual east and northeast of Lens, in the neighborhood of Lombaertzyde.

London, Aug. 14.—It was announced today by the House of Commons that 9,748 lives were lost on British merchantmen from the outbreak of the war to June 13, 1917, as a result of enemy action. Of these 3,828 were passengers, the remainder being officers or seamen.

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Kerensky Replies to George's Message

Petrograd, Aug. 14.—Premier Kerensky, in reply to a message of goodwill King George sent him at the beginning of the fourth year of the war, said: "I am certain the Russian people will find the necessary strength to surmount the serious trials of the present time, and conduct the world war to an end which will be worthy of the terrible sacrifices already made by every nation which is struggling for right against might."

ALL SPAIN UNDER MARTIAL LAW FOLLOWING DISORDER FROM STRIKE WHICH SPREADS TO ALL TRADES

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VATICAN ASKS WARRING POWERS TO CONSIDER PEACE PROPOSAL; MAY BE INSPIRED BY GERMANS

BRITISH CRISIS OVER HENDERSON IS BLOWING OVER

All But Small Faction of Labor Accepts the Refusal of Passports.

PRaise FOR MR. ASQUITH

Conciliatory Speech of Ex-Premier Held To Have Cleared the Air.

London, Aug. 14.—The strong feeling which led to the retirement of Arthur Henderson, labor representative on the cabinet, appears to be blowing over rapidly. Talk of a general election has ceased. The decision of the government to refuse passports for delegates to the International Socialist conference at Stockholm seemed to have been accepted by the labor elements, except for a small faction for which James Ramsay MacDonald and Philip Snowden, members of the House of Commons, are spokesmen.

The conciliatory speech in the House yesterday by former Premier Asquith had considerable effect. The newspapers praise his patriotism in again coming to the rescue of Premier Lloyd George's administration when it was in difficulties.

The executive committee of the general labor party is meeting today to discuss the situation created by the government's refusal to issue passports for the Stockholm conference. The London news agency says the committee decided on an unchanged attitude in regard to the conference.

The labor conference held at London last Friday voted by an overwhelming majority to send delegates to the Stockholm conference. At the close of the Stockholm conference, a Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons that the British government would not issue passports to delegates to the conference.

New York, Aug. 14.—A special cable dispatch to the New York World from London this morning says: "A crowd of excited listeners to Arthur Henderson yesterday afternoon, following a defence of his position in regard to the Stockholm conference, at the close of the speech many members shared the opinion of Premier Lloyd George that Henderson's attitude was a mistake."

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Would Restore Belgium, Serbia and Rumania, and Peacefully Solve Alsace-Lorraine and Trent Problems—Entente Diplomats Think Move Is New Peace Feeler By Teutons.

POPE'S PEACE PROPOSALS. Restore Serbia, Belgium and Rumania. Confer Over Alsace-Lorraine and Trent. Settle Disputes by Arbitration. Freedom of the Seas. No After-the-War Economic Struggle.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 14.—Reduction of armaments, settlement of all international disputes by arbitration, freedom of the seas, and no retaliatory after-the-war economic struggle for supremacy, are the foundation tones of Pope Benedict's peace proposals.

Rome, Aug. 14.—Peace proposals made by Pope Benedict have been delivered to all the belligerent governments.

The pope suggests restoration of Belgium, Serbia and Rumania, and peaceful solution of the problems of Alsace-Lorraine, Trent, Trieste and Poland, according to reports received from Vatican sources. It is expected the proposals will be published today by the Vatican.

INSPIRED BY GERMANY. Within the entente diplomatic circle the opinion was freely and promptly expressed that the peace proposal was inspired by Germany, and was an attempt to split the allies in a conflicting discussion of their war aims.

THIS SOUNDS TEUTONIC. London, Aug. 14.—The outline of the Vatican's peace proposals received here demands the restoration of all German colonies to Germany. Summed up, the proposals are for a restoration of the status quo ante bellum, with all questions as to readjustment of frontiers to be left to undefined "subsequent negotiations."