

ARMAGEDDON IN EUROPE

Situation is Very Grave—British Statesmen Confer—Japan May Help Britain—France Regards War as Certain—Austrians Defeated in First Battle—Wheat Jumps Seven Cents in Chicago.

NATIONS PREPARE FOR GENERAL EUROPEAN WAR

Russia is Getting Army Ready and So is Germany.

Britain Gets Ships of the Line Assembled Together.

[By Special Wire to The Courier.] LONDON, July 30.—While Austrian invaders and Serbian troops were fighting the opening stages of their war on Serbian territory to-day, European statesmen and rulers were engaged in what they regarded as the almost hopeless task of trying to avert a general clash of the millions of opposing armies of the great European powers.

Sir Edward Grey, a central figure in the controversy owing to his strong efforts to keep the powers of the Triple Alliance and the Triple Entente from flying at each others throat, was not able to give any cheering news when he spoke about the crisis to the House of Commons. The British foreign secretary said: "I regret that cannot say the situation is less grave than it was yesterday. The outstanding facts are much the same. Austria-Hungary has begun war against Serbia and Russia has ordered a partial mobilization of her troops. This has not hitherto led to corresponding steps being taken by the other powers so far as our information goes.

"We continue to pursue our one great object of preserving the European peace and for this purpose we are keeping in close touch with the other powers. It is touching in touch we have, I am glad to say, had no difficulties so far with the other powers, although it has not been possible for those powers to join in diplomatic action as was proposed on Monday last."

Premier Asquith also spoke of the extreme gravity of the situation. When announcing to the House of Commons the postponement of the second reading of the bill to amend the Irish Home Rule bill, he said: "We meet to-day under conditions of gravity which are almost unparalleled in the experience of any one of us.

"The issues of peace and war are hanging in the balance and with us is the risk of a catastrophe of which it is possible to measure either the dimensions or the effort."

"In these circumstances it is of vital importance in the interests of the whole world that this country which has no interests of its own directly at stake should present a united front and be able to speak and act with authority as an individual nation.

"If we were to proceed to-day with the amending bill we should inevitably—unless the debate were concluded in an artificial tone—be involved in acute controversies in regard to domestic differences whose importance to ourselves none is disposed to belittle."

"I need not say more than such a moment may have an injurious and lastingly injurious effect on the international situation."

"Mr. Bonar Law, leader of the opposition shares to the full the views I have expressed. We therefore propose to postpone for the present the second reading of the amending bill without prejudice to its future in the hope that by the postponement of this discussion the patriotism will contribute to what lies in our power if not to avert to at least circumscribe, the calamity which threatens the whole world."

Bulletins On War Flashed Over Wire

RUMOR UNFOUNDED LONDON, July 30.—The British war office to-day declared there was no truth in the report published in the United States that the British territorial troops had been ordered to mobilize.

TROOPS ADVANCE NISH, Serbia, July 30.—The invading Austrian troops advanced to-day some twenty miles to the southward of Belgrade and an artillery duel was in progress this morning near Kirznic and Semendria.

STILL MAKING EFFORT BERLIN, July 30.—At the German foreign office it was stated to-day that efforts towards the maintenance of peace were still in progress and that Germany had not yet ordered the mobilization of her forces.

SHARP RESISTANCE LONDON, July 30.—A newspaper despatch from Rome says sharp resistance is being offered to the Austrian advance from the northwest by small detachments of Serbian troops left to impede their progress. This news comes from Nish, Serbia, by way of Saloniki.

JAPAN MAY HELP ST. PETERSBURG, July 30.—The official agency here to-day publishes a despatch from Tokio quoting a newspaper there as expressing the view that in case of a general European war the participation of Japan as the ally of Great Britain is possible.

WHEAT JUMPS 7 CENTS CHICAGO, July 30.—Wheat to-day jumped up seven cents a bushel, its first minute of trading. The December option which closed at 54 cents last night sold immediately to-day at 98. There were two cents apart in different sections of the pit at the same moment.

AUSTRIANS ENTHUSIASTIC ISCL, Austria, July 30.—Emperor Francis Joseph left here to-day amid scenes of the wildest enthusiasm for Vienna. A great crowd gathered at the station and cheered the aged monarch again and again. Archduke Charles, the heir to the throne, accompanied his majesty.

ALL HOPE ABANDONED ROME, July 30.—Official circles here appeared to-day to have abandoned all hope of the efficacy of mediation in the European conflict. It was stated that the moment had now come for Germany to show whether she wanted and still wants war, and it was argued that she alone could influence Austria for peace.

GERMANY'S RESERVES BERLIN, July 30.—Preliminary instructions were sent to-day by the German war department to all officers and soldiers of the reserve to hold themselves in readiness to join the colors. The officers of the regular army had received instructions yesterday to hold themselves in readiness for the mobilization of their units.

SERVIANS DEFEATED LONDON, July 30.—Unconfirmed reports reached here from Berlin that the Servians had been defeated by the Austrians at Fochta in Bosnia, losing 800 men, while the Austrian casualties numbered 200. Fochta is far within the boundaries of Bosnia and thus on a firm report says the Austrian troops attacked the Montenegrin's on Mount Lovchen.

ACTIVITY AT MALTA VALETTA, Malta, July 30.—Incessant preparations proceeded among the large British garrison and also among the vessels of the British fleet here throughout the night. All leave for officers and men have been stopped.

WAR GOD HOVERS OVER EUROPE AS AUSTRIA AND SERBIA BREAK



SERBIAN RESERVISTS

The darkest war cloud which has appeared on the European horizon since Germany sent war ships to Agadir in 1911 has arisen. The Serbian government has refused to comply with Austria's demands for the explanation of the Sarajevo murders, for which Austria holds anti-Austrian conspirators in Serbia responsible, and for guarantees of future good behavior of the most humiliating kind ever asked of an independent nation.



OFFICERS OF THE SERBIAN ARMY IN CONFERENCE

WAR PANIC ACUTE IN CITY OF PARIS

Crowds Surround Banks and People Are Hoarding Their Money—Conflict is Viewed as a Certainty—Troops Guard All Railways.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] PARIS, July 30.—Every military preparation short of mobilization has now been made in France. The principal railroad stations and all the signal bodies and switches were to-day guarded by troops.

Rumors of the gravest nature were in circulation to the effect that President Poincare after an all night session of the council of war, had decided to call up 800,000 men of the French army reserves. A strongly worded official denial of this was issued, together with assurances that drastic measures would be taken against those spreading such reports. The government is working in close co-operation with the principal newspapers to reassure the public.

At the same time a veil is being kept over military operations as during the war in 1870, the Germans are said to have obtained a great advantage from the information printed in the French press.

The French minister of finance declared to-day that he was resolutely opposed to a moratorium which had been advocated in some quarters. He said a state of war alone would justify such a measure, and even then only in the case of imperious necessity.

A line of several thousand storekeepers waited outside the Bank of France to-day in the hope of getting silver for their notes, as their inability to make change is paralyzing retail business.

Statesmen Of Britain Confer Privately

[By Special Wire to The Courier.] LONDON, July 30.—The leaders of all the political parties in the United Kingdom were in conference to-day at the residence of Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, where the international situation was under discussion. Premier Asquith and Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the opposition, were together in the meeting in Mr. Law's car. It was said that an agreement had been reached between parties in reference to Irish home rule.

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WARRANT IS OUT FOR ARREST OF DOCTOR

Mme. Thebes And the War

PARIS, July 30.—The European war situation was foretold last winter by Madame Thebes, world-famous seer, in the following words:

RUSSIA will bring order out of disorder in the Balkans, unless German intrigue causes the Russian power to topple. St. Petersburg's greatest enemy is Berlin.

GERMANY: What I see fills me with fear. The Kaiser's future looms dark and foreboding. In the south, many victims of riots and war.

AUSTRIA: Unhappy country. In Vienna, riots, fire and blood. The country will pass through dark days—grave conflicts, financial embarrassments, street fighting and worse still. Open hostility between the Slavs and the Germans is approaching.

ENGLAND: War at home and war outside, with a revolution or something approaching it over Ireland.

Mme. Thebes' predictions regarding France made no mention of war, the whole condition of the country being summed up in the prediction that it would be "a happy year for France."

Mme. Thebes claims to have predicted the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, when she wrote regarding Austria: "Who thinks he will reign, will not reign and a young man who was not to have reigned, will reign."

Ghastly Discovery in House in Tamworth Village.

An Inquest Reveals How Miss Yorke Met Her Death.

TAMWORTH, July 30.—The mystery of the unnatural death of Blanche Yorke on July 8th, which has attracted attention over the whole Province, is being solved, and the blame attached. It is now held that Dr. C. K. Robinson was implicated in the crime and a warrant was issued for his arrest last evening. Detective Inspector Miller left Tamworth hurriedly, and it is believed he is on Dr. Robinson's trail. A coroner's jury sat through two crowded sessions, afternoon and evening, listening to the evidence of a large number of witnesses, first with a view to properly identifying the decomposed remains as those of Blanche Yorke, then to finding how or by what means she came to her death, but at a late hour an adjournment was made until this morning.

Finding of Remains A ghastly sight confronted Coroner Cowan, Provincial Inspectors Greer and Miller, and the Yorke brothers, when they unearthed the remains in the cellar of Dr. C. K. Robinson's home yesterday morning. The body was nude and badly decomposed. The legs were cut off just below the knees. Nearby lay the dead body of a fully formed child. Alongside were several practitioner's instruments. Further search brought to light the two members in sections which were hidden in the furnace, though badly burned.

The theory advanced The theory offered after the discovery is that Miss Yorke died while undergoing an illegal operation, and Dr. Robinson, who it is alleged, attended her, endeavored to hide his crime by burning the remains, which were sewn in a mattress, but the size of the body prevented this, and he was forced to have recourse to temporary burial. Not possessing the required implements he is said to have scooped out a six inch hole with his hands, afterwards throwing the earth back and covering the protruding portions with pieces of wood. It is affirmed that Dr. Robinson managed to mislead the men who searched his house some time ago by sewing the remains up in the mattress, which was afterwards destroyed. To-day was a day of mourning in the village. Nobody worked, the

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SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Leslie Wilkes Grabbed Hydro Wire After He Climbed Tree.

Leslie Wilkes, eleven year old son of George Wilkes, 23 Brighton Row, met with a very serious accident at noon to-day when he received a bad shock from a hydro electric line, having a close call to being electrocuted. Young Wilkes was playing with some other boys on Gordon street, near Reache's factory, and while climbing an apple tree touched a hydro wire. Immediately he was suspended beneath the wire, while fire blazed from the little chap's hands. John Nokes, 13 Gordon street, who was passing at the time, with great presence of mind climbed the tree and pulled the boy down by the legs, and in so doing he received a bad shock himself, and both fell to the ground. The lad was unconscious, and the firemen were called for to bring the pulmotor and Chief Lewis and Fireman Bolton immediately hurried down to the scene. The lad had regained consciousness when they arrived, and he was removed to his home on Brighton Row where Drs Phillip and Robinson attended him. Both hands were very badly burned and the doctors think that he will lose the little finger of his right hand. He was afterwards taken to the general hospital for treatment where he is getting along nicely.

RUSSIA'S STRICT ORDERS

RIGA, Russia, July 30.—Martial law was proclaimed to-day over Boldera and the mouth of the river and its vicinity. Steamers have to obtain special permission to pass in and out. The field of submarine mines outside the entrance to the harbor is to be completed to-night.

AUSTRIANS REPULSED

LONDON, July 30.—A telegram received by the Serbian legation says the Austrians attempting to cross the Danube twenty miles east of Belgrade were repulsed by the Servians, and that a big artillery engagement was in progress.

BUSINESS PARALYZED

LONDON, July 30.—Taking a gloomier view of the home and continental financial positions, two more failures occurred this morning, making ten so far this week.

Several Hundred Slain In the First Real Battle Austrian Have Losses

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, July 30.—The story of the first battle of the war came through to-day. The Austro-Hungarian soldiers followed the valley of the River Morava and first encountered a body of Serbian troops at Semendria, on the Serbian side of the Danube. The Servians held their ground until night-fall and then retired. Both Austrians and Servians sustained heavy losses, the several hundred soldiers being killed in the engagement. On the western side of the Morava, an Austrian column came in contact with a Serbian

DUBLINITES SILENT AS CORTEGE PASSED

Council and Other Public Bodies Represented at Funeral of Victims

DUBLIN, July 30.—More than 200,000 persons, standing and silent in the streets, last night witnessed the funeral procession of the three persons killed last Sunday when the King's Own Scottish Borderers fired into a mob during an attempt by the police and the soldiers to seize arms which were being brought into Dublin for use by the Irish Nationalist volunteers. All shops were closed for the occasion. The procession, which started from the cathedral, was a mile and a half long. The mayor and the city council and other public bodies and deputations of Nationalist volunteers followed the hearse. As the funeral cortege passed the scene of the shooting the bands played dirges. Burial was in Glasnevin cemetery, and the volunteers fired a volley over the graves.

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