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GERMANY IS DECLARED IN STATE OF WAR BARRACKS MEN IN LONDON SCOUTS OF GERMANS CROSS BORDER BY MISTAKE CENSORSHIP OF NEWS BY POWERS

CZAR RECEIVES GERMAN MINISTER

(Canadian Press.)

St. Petersburg, July 31.—The Emperor of Russia today gave an audience to the German ambassador and subsequently presided over a full council of ministers attended by the chief of the army general staff.

The mail train for Germany will not leave St. Petersburg tonight, and the line of boats running to Stockholm, Sweden, has been stopped.

Kaiser's Land Is Now In "State of War"

Military Authorities Take Entire Charge of Situation—None Must Come Within One Hundred Yards of Railways.

(Canadian Press.)

London, July 31.—A dispatch from Berlin to Reuter's Telegraph Company says that a state of war has been proclaimed in Germany.

The "state of war" proclaimed in Germany means, in other words, martial law, under which the military authorities take charge of the situation in conformity with paragraph 68 of the constitution of the German Empire. The kingdom of Bavaria, however, is excluded from the operation of today's proclamation, and will have to issue a similar decree if it desires to do so, as it is an independent kingdom.

Today's proclamation was signed by the German Emperor as King of Prussia.

RAILWAYS UNDER GUARD.

(Canadian Press.)

Koenigsberg, Germany, July 31.—The German military authorities have posted notices that the railroad station and tracks here have been placed under guard.

WAIT TO LAST BEFORE ORDER TO CALL ARMY

France and Germany Postpone Action to the Last Possible Moment.

EXHAUST ALL RESOURCES

Diplomats Appear To Be Using Every Effort To Keep Peace.

RUSH TO THE VAULTS

(Canadian Press.)

Berlin, July 31.—The morning passed without the heavy cloud over the European horizon breaking, and there was no relief to the almost despairing uncertainty existing in the German capital, where the excitement continued to increase.

It was admitted that the situation had become worse during the last 24 hours, but the fact that both Germany and France issued official denials of their intention to mobilize was regarded as a favorable sign that everything possible was being done to prevent a clash.

It was evident everywhere today that the military authorities were quietly preparing for the speedy moving of troops in case the order for mobilization should be given.

A Rush to Safety Vaults.

At many of the banks in Berlin this morning army officers were seen making financial preparations for their families while many women were there to deposit their valuables in the safety vaults.

Members of the various royal families of Germany spending their vacations away from their homes hurried back today. The crown princess returned from Mecklenburg and the King of Saxony came back to Dresden from Switzerland.

FEW GERMANS ENTER FRANCE ACCIDENTALLY

But No Considerable Force Comes Within Six Miles of the Frontier.

FRANCE IS VERY CAREFUL

Foregoes Advantage of Early Mobilization Rather Than Be Provocative.

HOPES REST ON GERMANY

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, July 31.—Military movements on the German side of the frontier were very active today, and the French covering troops sent out outposts. A German patrol at one point actually crossed the frontier, probably owing to a mistake.

In no case has any considerable force of French troops advanced closer to the German frontier than a distance of six miles.

More Pessimistic.

The French foreign office officials were considerably more pessimistic today, as they explained the gravity of the situation was increasing with the lapse of each day.

At the same time it was said that all hope of a peaceful solution had vanished. The French Government, it was asserted, would leave nothing undone to further this object.

France Strives For Peace.

France, it was pointed out, rather than seem to be in the least provocative, is foregoing the justifiable advantage of an early mobilization of her army would give her, and will not make any move until after Germany has done so.

The slight amount of hope perceptible is based on problematical contingencies.

Up to Germany.

There has been much talk of Germany approaching Austria and Russia, it is explained, but the fact is, according to official information, that Germany has done nothing, and clear and definite action on the part of Germany alone will open a way out of the crisis.

ON THEIR WAY TO EUROPE



GERMANY WILL MOBILIZE ARMY AT ONCE FOLLOWING DETERMINED ACTION OF RUSSIA

(Canadian Press.)

London, July 31.—The momentous announcement was made by Premier Asquith in House of Commons today that Russia had proclaimed the general mobilization of army and fleet, and, in consequence, martial law had been proclaimed in Germany, as follows:

"We have just heard not from St. Petersburg but from Germany, that she has proclaimed the general mobilization of her army and her fleet and in consequence of this martial law is to be proclaimed in Germany."

"We understand this to mean that mobilization will follow in Germany if Russian mobilization is general and is proceeded with."

"In these circumstances I prefer not to answer any further questions till day."

Austria and Russia Rew Conversations

Are Carried On At St. Petersburg and Vienna

(Canadian Press.)

London, July 31.—It was officially announced today that "conversations" had been carried on between the Russian and Austrian Governments.

These "conversations" are being carried on in St. Petersburg and Vienna simultaneously, and the fact aroused another flicker of hope in London that the opportunity for mutual explanation may form a starting point toward an improvement in the situation.

A report stating that Prince Henry of Prussia had gone to St. Petersburg was regarded as a strongly favorable sign, as Emperor William's brother is believed to have more influence over the Emperor of Russia than any one else.

May Suspend Act.

The opinion was general that the bank act would be suspended, as it was argued that when the gold once got out of the hands of the bank there was nothing to prevent it being sent abroad.

I was also understood that the bank was preparing to issue £1 notes to take the place of sovereigns.

SEVENTH COMMANDER

READY TO VOLUNTEER

Declares His Willingness To Head Local Corps in Event of Declaration of War.

(Canadian Press.)

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THE WAR SITUATION

"Conversations" were resumed today by the Russian and Austrian Governments.

Martial law was proclaimed throughout Germany.

Stock exchanges were closed everywhere.

Several encounters between Austrian and Serbian troops resulted in the Serbians successfully resisting the invaders' advance.

The great German liners Imperator and Vaterland were taken off the transatlantic service.

Wild patriotic enthusiasm prevailed all night in St. Petersburg.

Vienna has been kept in ignorance of events at the front, and Germany has imposed a rigid censorship on dispatches, which are greatly delayed.

Where Blanche Yorke Died

(Canadian Press.)

Chicago, Ill., July 31.—A strike of 55,000 firemen and engineers on 38 railroads operating west of Chicago has been set for Friday, August 7, it was officially announced today.

William S. Stone, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, declared the order would be put into effect unless the general managers' committee of the railroads accepted a plan of settlement proposed by the federal board of mediation.

Frontier Bridge Has Been Destroyed

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War Flashes

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OTTAWA IN WAR FEVER; 20,000 MEN TO BE SENT IF BRITAIN IS INVOLVED

BARRACKS MEN ARE PREPARING FOR WAR CALL

Despite Denial of Mobilization Orders Preparations Are Going On Locally.

READY FOR SUMMONS

Believed That Headquarters Have Been Advised To Have Everything in Readiness.

(Canadian Press.)

Preparations looking to a possible war contingency are being made at Wolsley Barracks' divisional headquarters of the R. C. R. Equipment is being overhauled and although regimental and headquarters' officers make no statement, a well defined rumor that the local company is likely to be sent to Halifax to help in garrisoning the coast city is going the rounds.

At present, so far as can be learned, no general orders for mobilization have been received here, but it is believed that headquarters has received instructions to hold itself in readiness to send troops to Halifax, if necessary.

Up to the present the militia units in the city have not been affected by the war scare. Nevertheless the militia is composed of contingents from different militia regiments. In this way the various units are not disorganized completely.

The permanent force here, which would be the first to be called upon, consists of about 65 officers and men. The whole Dominion the permanent force is composed of 2,110 men of all ranks, including officers, warrant officers, staff sergeants, and sergeants, and rank and file. The mounted troops number about 700.

Transmission of News Greatly Delayed While News Is Filtered Through Official Sieves.

Editors of papers on the Associated Press received the following dispatch this morning:

New York, July 31.—For your information, close censorship has been imposed on all news from Germany, Austria and Russia, and probably will be imposed in France, Italy and Serbia today.

The British foreign office has requested correspondents and newspapers to refrain from publishing any news relating to military activities.

Official news from the continent may be authorized by some of the continental governments, but to how great an extent it is yet impossible to determine.

The existing censorship on the continent is greatly delaying the transmission of such dispatches as are permitted to come through.

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