

STAKES AT ISSUE IN CONFLICT VERY GREAT: AND INVOLVE NO LESS THAN THE EXISTENCE OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND ALSO OF FRANCE

The Only Safety For an Empire Was in Maintaining its Alliance With Russia and France and in Fighting Any Power or Group of Powers Attempting to Infringe it

BRITAIN WOULD LOSE INDEPENDENCE
IF TRIPLE ALLIANCE WERE ALL POWERFUL

In Such Case, the Various Forces of Russia and France Would Be Used in Humbling the Pride of the British Empire and This Our Statesmen Are Sure Not to Risk

There need not be the smallest doubt that now a general European War has come the existence of the British Empire is one of the stakes on the table!

Any casual opinion from British sources to the effect that Britain could stand aside, is either a dying gasp of that insular ignorance which imagines that Britain has no need to concern herself with the quarrels of the Continent, or a calculated attempt to give Russia pause in her steady movement toward war.

But any such opinion has no effect on the action of Britain in this—nor does it reflect any serious and informed judgment in the United Kingdom.

Inevitable
The developments are relentlessly inevitable. Russia fights and Germany must fight; and so France and Britain must go to help Russia. As the London Times puts it—"We can no more afford to see France crushed by Germany, or the balance of power upset against France, than Germany can afford to see Austria-Hungary crushed by Russia."

A Necessity
This challenge drove Britain into the arms of her old rivals, France and Russia. How necessary the "entente" with France became, was illustrated when we practically withdrew our battalions from the sea-lane of the Mediterranean—our vital link with India and Egypt—leaving its defence to the Navy of France. This "entente" was no mere matter of choice with us, but a stern necessity. By it we lived. With France and Britain, it became a choice between hanging together or hanging separately.

The value of the French "entente" is not to be measured by simple subtraction. We cannot subtract French naval power from the present total of our combined fleets, and look upon the result, i.e., the British navy confronting alone the German navies—as the whole story. We must remember that France, too, desires to live; and that, if she cannot live in our camp, finding protection there against her possible foes, she will come to terms with those foes and live in the German camp. Germany, indeed would be very willing to pay a very handsome price for a French alliance; for it would make her master of the world.

Must Reckon It
We must reckon the French navy in the "sum," on one side or the other. It will be either for us or against us. It dare not be neutral. We must remember that a German victory means that French power will be added to the strength of the Triple Alliance—and the French fleet will be compelled to join with those of Germany, Austria and Italy against us. For, in that case, Italy, too, would have no choice, but must go with the unchallenged masters of her fate.

And that combination would seal the fate of the British Empire. With France taking orders from Berlin, and Russia offered India in lieu of the Dardanelles—both of them realizing that they had no future, save as the friends of Germany—the British Empire would become a tempting and helpless "grab-bag" into which every hungry nation would dip a greedy hand: Britain would sink to the status of another Holland, exist-

fectly legitimate dream of a great world-empire. The first step toward such an Empire was obviously to secure sea-power—sea-power which must be a challenge to the then Mistress of the Sea. The Germans undertook this task with true German thoroughness and skill. For a time, their battleship-building programme threatened to surpass ours. Moreover, Austria, almost a land-locked Power, was induced to enter the naval race; and Italy with her very considerable navy, was a formal ally of Germany.

SPAIN FAVORS THE SERVIANS

Barcelona, Spain, Aug. 3.—Street manifestations in favor of Serbia were organized here today but were dispersed by the police.

SUSPENDED SHIPMENTS

Vigo, Spain, Aug. 3.—The agents instructions of German export houses here have received instructions that shipments were suspended until further notice.

PUT GARRISON IN WAR SHAPE

Crackow, Austria, Aug. 2.—The garrison here is on a war footing. All officers have been recalled from leave and precautions are being taken against a sudden raid by Cossacks across the Russian frontier, only ten miles off.

CENSORSHIP IS VERY STRICT

Berlin, Aug. 2.—The most rigid censorship since the present crisis arose was put into effect today. The Government refused to pass any message dealing with the movement of the troops or orders of the navy. Many despatches were held up.

All despatches received by the authorities as objectionable are now being returned to the senders and a rigid censorship on telegrams to all parts of the world has been put into operation.

BRITISH PAPERS ALL WANT WAR

London, Aug. 4.—All the morning papers, even those representing the peace party, are unanimous in support of the Government's view that England is bound to fight on behalf of France and in defence of Belgian and Dutch neutrality.

According to The Times some Cabinet changes are immediately expected and it is virtually settled that Premier Asquith will entrust portfolio of war to other hands, probably to Field Marshal Lord Kitchener.

TREATMENT WAS INCONSIDERATE

London, Aug. 4.—A despatch to the Morning Post from St. Petersburg represents the Germans in the Russian capital as incensed at the conduct of their Government which to the last pretended surprise at the Russian policy and then withdrew its Ambassador, suddenly leaving its people in the lurch, as the American Embassy to whose care German interests were entrusted was quite unprepared to deal with such a complex question.

As a result, the correspondent says the Germans were unable to leave Russia and having lost employment found themselves in a pitiful state.

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NEW ZEALAND READY TO AID MOTHERLAND

New Zealand Government Offers Its Services if Necessary.

Wellington, New Zealand, Aug. 4.—William F. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand, today announced to parliament that the Government proposed to offer the services of an expeditionary force to the Imperial Government if events necessitated it. All the members thereupon stood and sang God Save the King.

HALIFAX MAKES PREPARATIONS

Halifax, Aug. 4.—That Halifax leads the Dominion in war preparations to aid the Mother country, when a call to arms comes, was fully demonstrated at the armories this morning.

Orders were issued last night from military headquarters and brought out a large number of volunteers, and from the ranks of 63 regiments one hundred able bodied men were selected to at once take their part in defense of this Province.

ANOTHER GERMAN ULTIMATUM SENT

London, Aug. 4.—A second ultimatum, sent by Germany to Belgium, declared Germany was prepared to carry through by force of arms, if necessary, any measures she considers necessary.

SWISS TROOPS ARE MOBILISED

Berne, Switzerland, Aug. 4.—Military mobilization in Switzerland has been completed. Every able-bodied man has responded to the call to the colors and every railway bridge and mountain pass is occupied.

The precautions have extended to the commandeering of all available provisions and all means of locomotion, even bicycles being requisitioned.

EMPRESS MARIE MAKES FOR HOME

London, Aug. 4.—Dowager Empress Marie Ferodorowna of Russia is reported to have reached Copenhagen from where she will try to get to St. Petersburg by way of Sweden and Finland. She was on her way to the Russian capital from a visit to England when she stopped in Berlin and was turned back by German authorities.

The Dowager Empress had gone to England intending to pass some weeks with her sister the Queen Mother, Alexandra. She also had made arrangements to visit Denmark but cancelled them when the war broke out.

CABINET HELD MANY SESSIONS

London, Aug. 4.—While the greater part of London was sleeping, having retired in the belief that today would bring a declaration of war, the Cabinet was in session with Premier Asquith in Downing Street.

The telephone line was in operation between the Premier's residence and Buckingham Palace.

BUSINESS NOW AT STANDSTILL

Tokio, Aug. 4.—Business between China, Japan, and Europe, has been brought to a standstill by the cessation of exchange, while trade between Japan and America will probably be greatly affected.

French warships and liners in the Far East are concentrating at Saimo, while all the British Naval reserves have been called out.

German reservists are leaving for Tsing Tau, and exchanged their bank notes for gold at the Bank of Japan.

Sensational Offering!

LADIES' COATS

Owing to a backward season in the Old Country, many manufacturers and wholesalers have been caught with heavy stocks, which they are forced to clear out at a sacrifice.

Our representative being on the spot early, has had his pick of several exceptionally good values, some of which have just arrived.

As a sample we are now offering a small lot of

LADIES' TAILOR-MADE SUMMER COATS

at Less Than a Third of the original Values.

There are only 50 in the lot, so if you wish to get an early choice, come in TODAY.

6 only Navy & Black Serge & Tweed Values up to \$10.00 for	\$3.00
9 only Navy & Black Fine Serge Values up to \$12.00 for	3.50
12 only Navy & Black Serge & a few Colored Values up to \$14.00 for	4.00
17 only Navy & Black Serge & Col'd. Broadcloth Values up to \$16.00 for	4.50
6 only Black Broadcloth Values up to \$18.00 for	5.00

SKIRTS—JUST OPENED
Dress Skirts in Tweed, Serge and Venetian
\$1.80 to \$4.00

SHOW ROOM
IN OUR
Upper Building.

Britain's Allies Will Stand By Nation Which Has Stood By Them

Portugal and Japan Grateful For Services Done Them In Their Hour of Need—Announce That They Will Be Faithful To Great Britain—Italy Is Making Every Effort To Avoid Being Dragged Into a General European War

Rome, Aug. 3.—Dr. Van Morri, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, was called on by the Marchese Di San Giuliano to consult him on the present warlike situation. M. Krufensky, the Russian Ambassador, also called, and left later in a rather pessimistic mood.

Mr. Michaelovich, the Servian Minister, here drew attention to the danger to Italy in case Serbia was crushed by the dual monarchy. He said that for a long time a movement had existed in Austria-Hungary for the establishment of a triple monarchy, and Serbia, if beaten, would probably be forced to enter the existing dual monarchy, and form the third monarchy on the same basis that Hungary is composed of—Bosnia, Herzegovina and Croatia.

The Tribune in an editorial on a possible European conflict, says: "Italy's interest is to locally and fully observe the compact she has concluded with Germany and Austria-Hungary. The power of this alliance constitutes part of Italy's strength."

It is learned on the best of authority that every effort is being made by the Italian Government to prevent Italy being dragged into a European war.

Japan Is Britain's Ally
St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—The official Agency here published 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.

Portugal Faithful to Britain
Lisbon, Aug. 3.—Premier Machado has authorized the Central News to state that in the event of a general European war Portugal will use her best efforts to preserve friendly relations with all the powers, but that she stands ready in the event of an emergency to discharge all the obligations of her alliance with Great Britain.

GERMAN LINER BACK TO THE U.S.
Bar Harbor, Aug. 4.—The North German Lloyd steamer Kronz Prinzessin Cecilie, carrying more than \$10,000,000 in gold, and whose whereabouts have been more or less of a mystery since she sailed from New York last Tuesday, arrived in the harbor here today.

The Cecilie dropped anchor after a forced run of four days, her officers fearing capture.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

BELGIANS SEIZE THE WIRELESS

Brussels, Aug. 4.—The Belgian newspaper Chronique announces that the Belgian authorities have seized the wireless installation set up by the German school in the Belgian Capital.

VLADIVOSTOCK CABLES ARE CUT

Vladivostock, Aug. 4.—Maritime law has been proclaimed here. All the cables between the British and the German and Chinese harbors have been cut.

Excursion to Ferryland

SPECIAL TRAIN, AUGUST 24.

A Garden Party will be held at this delightful place, proceeds in aid of the New Convent.

No more beautiful spot could be chosen as the objective of an outing than the historic town of Ferryland, the first settlement of Lord Baltimore.

A great many have already signified their intention of going. Particulars will be furnished later on—aug. 24.

BEATS THE CIRCUS

The only and first attraction of its kind in Newfoundland, also the leading one in all prominent amusement centres. The first tent at head-of lake is Laughland. You smile! You laugh! You Scream.