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THREE FIRE ALARMS ANSWERED WITHIN SPACE OF SIXTEEN HOURS

Family on West Mill Street Had a Very Close Call, Mother and Children Just Escaping—Slight Damage Resulted in All Three Fires.

Three fires within sixteen hours is a pretty fair average for the local fire departments and again bore out the old rule that fires always come in bunches of three, in Brantford. A fire last evening at six o'clock in the core room at Gould Shapley and Muir's factory, was the first of the three; an alarm from Box 25, corner of Nelson and Clarence streets bringing the Central station firemen to the scene. The blaze had started from an overheated oven and the roof and sides of the building were going at a good clip when the firemen arrived. The employees of the factory had fought the fire and were holding it pretty well in check with buckets, but had not the firemen got the line of hose on, the fire would certainly have reached the moulding department and the damage would have been serious. After a stubborn fight the firemen succeeded in confining the blaze to the roof and walls of the core room, and the total damage should not exceed \$200.

Family Nearly Suffocated.
The second alarm at 1.45 this morning from Box 52 brought the firemen to a more serious blaze at 231 West Mill where fire had started beneath the stairs in the dwelling owned and occupied by George Little and family. Mr. Little was away from home and Mrs. Little and the children were alone in the house, sleeping, when one of the little girls was awakened by smoke. Awakened, Mrs. Little attempted two or three times to get down stairs through the blinding smoke pouring up stairs from

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Situation Very Grave Austria Ready to Strike

Diplomats in London Are Hopeful That a General European War May be Averted—Both Serbia and Austria Actively Engaged in Moving Troops—Report That Warsaw is Blown Up

LONDON, July 29.—Reports of the massing of armies in strategic positions came from all points of Europe to-day, but no actual clash of opposing forces was registered. Diplomats concentrated their attention on efforts to confine the war to Austria-Hungary and Serbia, the two nations immediately concerned in the quarrel and the attitude of the German and Russian Emperors was closely watched owing to their new relationship to the countries engaged.

It was learned that telegrams had been exchanged between the Imperial rulers in Berlin and St. Petersburg, and attention was strained to obtain a hint of the nature of their contents as it was the general conviction that the salvation of Europe from a great calamitous war was in the hands of these two powerful monarchs.

Premier Asquith, referred to the international situation in the House of Commons, but all the information that he was able to impart was contained in a few words. He said: "The situation at this moment is one of extreme gravity and I can only usefully say that the British Government is not relaxing its efforts to do anything in its power to circumscribe the area of conflict."

The British Premier then in reply to a question said: "The British Government has received no information as to an alleged revolutionary outbreak in Russian Poland"

Austria-Hungary and Serbia resounded to the march of troops towards positions of attack and defence, while military aviators on both sides flitted through the air along the frontier in an effort to discover their opponents positions. No idea of the plan of campaign could be obtained by the general public, however, owing to the rigidity of the censorship in regard to military movements. It has been known that the Austro-Hungarian Government had requisitioned the entire train service, and that private transportation in the dual monarchy had ceased and it was gleaned from Serbian points that the Bosnian frontier was looked upon as the most likely point of attack of the Austrian troops and thither the soldiers of King Peter were hurried in great numbers.

The Montenegrin soldiery evidently prepared to support their brother Serbs, also concentrated along the Bosnian frontier.

The stock exchanges everywhere in Europe were demoralized and where they were not closed, business was almost at a standstill.

David Lyod George, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, to-day made the financially tranquilizing statement in the House of Commons that the Bank of England saw nothing in the present financial situation to make it necessary to call a meeting of bankers to deal with it.

Baron Rothschild speaking of the European situation to an interviewer to-day said: "I think the situation looks rather better to-day, but I do not know personally of any developments. At the same time it looks as if there were more chance of the war being localized. Yesterday was a blacker day than to-day. I think things look a little brighter. I do not quite know why but I have the feeling that they are" Baron Rothschild then reiterated his opinion that the war would be confined to Austria-Hungary and Serbia.

BODY OF MISSING TAMWORTH GIRL FOUND IN DOCTOR'S HOUSE

Blanch Yorke, Pretty Tamworth Girl Died During Operation and Was Buried in the Cellar—Warrant Issued for the Arrest of Dr. Robinson.

TAMWORTH, Ont., July 29.—The remains of Miss Blanch Yorke, found in the cellar of Dr. C. K. Robinson's house here last night, were in a gruesome condition. Both legs had been amputated at the knee, and the trunk was in an advanced stage of decomposition. The leg bones were discovered in the furnace. The body showed evidence of an illegal operation having been performed.

TAMWORTH, Ont., July 29.—At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the long search for Blanch Yorke, the young dressmaker, who mysteriously disappeared on the 8th of July, was ended. Her dead body was found buried in the cellar of the residence of Dr. C. K. Robinson, the physician who had been treating the girl, and whose office she was seen to leave on the night she disappeared. Three inches of earth covered the remains, and on top of this had been piled broken boxes and other debris.

To the fact that Dr. Robinson had purchased the furniture for his home on the instalment plan may be attributed the discovery of Miss Yorke's body. Yesterday afternoon Mr. J. Taylor, who furnished Dr. Robinson's house, obtained an order of seizure, and with the proper authorities went to the doctor's house. They were in the act of removing the contents, when, in one of the bedrooms, a blood stained mattress was found and the carpet in the room was also stained.

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RUSSIA ACTIVE GERMANY HAS CLOSE WATCH

None Too Reassuring Report From Berlin Officials Today.

BERLIN, July 29.—Military activity on the Russian side of the frontier is confirmed by many evidences which have reached the ears of German officials but it was stated here to-day that no mobilization order had been issued by the Russian war office.

Private reports from the Russian frontier say distinct indications of Russian military activity have been noted there. The Russian frontiers which have been moving towards occupy such important strategic points on the frontier as Wierbellen, Russian Poland, have been served out with 350 rounds of ammunition per man while hasty purchases of forage have been made for the cavalry.

A number of German regiments have been moved toward the frontier as a precautionary measure. The men wear the new gray service uniforms and carry their field equipment.

There was the most intense activity in diplomatic circles here to-day, but no tangible developments were reported. A French diplomat said he saw some ground for optimism, but the German foreign office declared there was nothing on which to base a judgment one way or the other.

The German Crown Prince arrived at Potsdam to-day and a family council was afterward held in the new palace. The emperor and empress, the crown prince and the other princes of the imperial family were present. They conferred for an hour.

HARRY PINGLE DEAD.
BELLEVILLE, Ont., July 29.—Mr. Harry Pingle, one of Belleville's most prominent and respected citizens died this morning after an extended illness at the age of 56 years. The deceased was twice the Liberal candidate for the Legislature in West Hastings. A widow and one daughter survives.

Money and Plenty of It

WASHINGTON, July 29.—With a billion and nearly three hundred million dollars in gold coin and bullion stored in treasury vaults and about \$600,000,000 more of coin in circulation, treasury officials say the United States has no cause for alarm over the tremendous shipments of gold from New York to war-cloaked Europe.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo explained that the country never was in a better position to send some of its millions abroad, and declared that there was nothing to fear from the drain to meet European demands.

VERDICT OF SHAME

So Says Paper Which Sold Itself Out to Influence of Foreign Country.

PARIS, July 29.—The Figaro bitterly comments on the acquittal of Mme. Caillaux, calling it "the verdict of shame and the greatest scandal of our epoch."

The paper follows this with an article on Gaston Calmette, headed "In memoriam."

BIG TRADE IN WHEAT.

CHICAGO, July 28.—Immense expansion of the trade in wheat followed announcement to-day that war had been officially declared. Within a few minutes the market touched a point about 3 cents a bushel higher than prices earlier in the session and 1 1/2 above last night. Wild fluctuations ensued. The rising in the market was soon more than doubled, the September delivery jumping up to 89 3/4 or above 6 1/2 above the minimum value near the opening of business.

SCORES OF AUSTRIAN OFFICERS BEING CALLED BACK BY CABLE

Preparations Made in New York to Transport Several Thousand Reservists When They Are Needed.

NEW YORK, July 29.—The announcement that Austria had declared war upon Serbia gave impetus to-day to the activities that for the last three days have kept the members of the two Consulates in this city working early and late transacting official business and keeping their respective countrymen informed as to the situation, and as to what is expected of them in the event of a call to arms.

Acting under instructions from the War Office in Vienna, the Austrian Consul-General made preparations to transport the several thousand re-

servists in this country who are expected to answer the call to the colors within the next two weeks. More than a score of officers who have been called back by cable are expected to sail before the end of the week. No instructions came to the Serbian Consul and he was kept busy informing enquirers not to get excited until events have worked themselves out to some extent. Prof. Michael I. Pupin, of Columbia University, who is the acknowledged leader of the 100,000 Serbs in this country, motored to this town from his summer home in Connecticut and immediately entered into consultation with Paul M. Pavlovitch, who is in charge of the Serbian Consulate. It is understood that Prof. Pupin has already sent hundreds of telegrams to his countrymen asking them for funds to equip and maintain additional troops.

Cablegrams informed Acting Consul-General Charles Winter that the general mobilization of Austrian troops is contemplated at this time.

concerning the military movements prevented the exact destination of the troops from reaching the public ears. The Russian and Austro-Hungarian railways were taken over yesterday for military traffic and transportation for the general public was suspended.

Serbia, it was known, was just as active in moving her troops. Strong forces were despatched to the fortified towns of Valjevo and Uzhitzna on the Bosnian frontier and to Svilajantz in the eastern part of the country, while strong divisions of volunteers reinforced by regulars were gathering along the River Drina, near Bosnia.

The Montenegrins also were making preparations and had stationed a brigade with a mountain battery near Priboj, where women were busy building earth works.

Serbian and Austrian aviators at the same time were flying along the frontiers trying to locate the positions of the opposing forces.

As far as a general European war is concerned diplomats in London while they confess the situation to be most grave consider there is hope of averting so long as the Austro-Russian "conversations" continue at St. Petersburg.

Another danger has arisen owing to the uneasiness in Germany at the preparations being made by Russia along her frontier. Ordinarily it is pointed out Germany and Austria have the advantage over Russia in being able to mobilize more quickly and they do not wish to lose this advantage.

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FRENCH PEOPLE PREPARE FOR WAR

The Government is Awaiting the Decision of Russia.

PARIS, July 29.—The French government and people appear to be quietly preparing for war. The Government is simply awaiting the decision of Russia. Troop trains are ready, and representatives of the army are on duty in the telegraph, telephone and post offices. The average citizen has read in the newspapers his general instructions concerning mobilization; he long has had his orders instructing him precisely when and where to report for service. Large posters on the bulletin boards in the post offices, city halls and other public buildings will apprise him of exactly the hour when his instructions become effective.

The Cabinet met late yesterday and received the reports of the ministers. If any decisions were taken they have been kept closely guarded.

Abel Ferry, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who took part in the cabinet council is on his way to Dunkirk to meet President Poincare and Premier Viviani, who will arrive there at dawn.

According to what is believed to be responsible opinion there remains the possibility that when Austria has occupied some Serbian territory she will in a day or two announce her intention not to proceed further, but to hold what she has taken until Serbia gives competent guarantees that she will observe Austria's wishes. Russia for a similar offence and sentenced to four months.

POINCARE GOT A RECEPTION FROM PATRIOTS

French Premier Was Received by Big Throngs on the Streets.

PARIS, July 29.—President Poincare's return to Paris to-day from a visit to Russia, was made the opportunity for a manifestation of patriotic feeling by some thousands of young men belonging to the League of Patriots, of which Deputy Maurice Barres is president.

The demonstrators gathered at the railroad station and cheered the president on his arrival. They formed into columns and marched behind the president's carriage to the palace of the Elysee, immense crowds cheering them as they went by. The army, the president and French republic were all cheered enthusiastically by the people.

The windows along the route were crowded with women who showered flowers into the president's carriage as it passed.

The government to-day prohibited an anti-war meeting called by the revolutionary labor organizations.

GOT SIX MONTHS Mrs. Bingham Was Given Sentence by Judge Hardy Yesterday.

The County Criminal Court sat this morning, Judge Hardy presiding. The only case to come up for trial was that of Mrs. Bingham and she was found guilty upon a charge of keeping a bawdy house on Darling street and sentenced to six months in the mercer reformatory.

The evidence of Thomas Bramble of Hamilton was sufficiently strong to condemn her and when P. C. Blower and Sergeant Wallace had added their testimony as to the name of the woman and her house, and also as to the condition they found her in.

Pleading "Not Guilty" she said her troubles had been enough to break a woman's heart. A child had died, her husband left her and the rest of her children had been taken from her and she was refused permission to even see them.

His Honor remarked that she herself had caused her sorrows and that she would be allowed to see her children if she was fit to do so. It was better for the community that such a woman as she should not be floating around the city, and therefore the only thing she could do would be to send her away for six months.

She has been previously convicted for a similar offence and sentenced to four months.

This Looks Like Business

NEW YORK, July 29.—A rumor current yesterday that the principal European powers likely to be involved in the Austro-Serbian war had placed orders in this country for large quantities of coal for their navies was confirmed by leading coal exporters to-day. The possibility of Germany, Austria, Italy, and France being shut off from the Welsh supply by England being drawn into the controversy is held here to be responsible for the orders placed with the American coal exporters.

NATIONALISTS LAND THOUSANDS OF GUNS

Successfully Evade Police and Gunboats and Weapons Reach Dublin.

DUBLIN, Ireland, July 29.—A consignment of 4000 rifles for the Irish Nationalist volunteers was landed during the night at Newcastle on the coast of County Wicklow. The gun-runners evaded the coast guards and police and conveyed the weapons to Dublin in motor cars. Two gunboats were in the bay at the time flashing their lights about.

Another 1000 rifles was landed near Killool, also in Wicklow.

The corner's inquest on the victims of Sunday's fighting between the King's Own Scottish Borderers and the mob was adjourned till Thursday at the request of the lawyers representing the soldiers, who asked for time to prepare their evidence.

Stole Documents At Montreal

MONTREAL, July 9.—Yesterday's discovery of the stealing of the official documents connected with the Notre Dame De Grace sewer scandal at the city hall was followed this morning by the announcement that other documents which relate to the Demonville street land deal have disappeared. In connection with the Notre Dame De Grace and the Demonville street affairs, serious charges are now being investigated by the courts.

As a result of the latest developments the charges against former Engineer Etienne Pelland, who was arrested some time ago and is now out on bail in connection with the Notre Dame De Grace scandal, may be interfered with again, and another case in which an alderman respecting the Demonville street deal, is affected.

Mayor Marin issued a proclamation to-day warning heads of departments of the need of keeping a strict eye on the documents placed in their charge. The police are working on both cases.

EXCHANGE CLOSED

MONTREAL, July 29.—Officials of the Montreal Stock Exchange this morning announced that the market will remain closed until there is some definite improvement in conditions in Europe.

MADAME CAILLAUX IS "NOT GUILTY"

Jury Returned a Verdict in Less Than an Hour—Wild Scenes.

PARIS, July 29.—Mme. Henriette Caillaux was last night acquitted by the jury in the Court of Assize of the willful murder on March 16 last of Gaston Valmette, editor of The Figaro. The jury brought in its verdict after fifty minutes deliberation, and the announcement was followed by the wildest tumult.

Mme. Caillaux tottered and fell upon the neck of her counsel, Bernard Labori, and embraced him. Her hair was undone and fell over her shoulders, her hat dropped to the floor. The spectators stood upon desks and chairs.

"Caillaux, Labori!" and cries of "Caillaux, assassin!" merged into one, Wild Scenes.

The din was deafening. Several groups of barristers came to blows, and the Republican guards, in an endeavor to separate them, joined in the melee. The spectacle of Labori and Chenu, the latter counsel for the Calmette family, embracing each other, calmed the tumult for a moment. But it was redoubled when they left with Mme. Caillaux.

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DRY WEATHER MEANS AN EARLY HARVEST

Reports From Saskatchewan State That Grain is Maturing Too Fast.

REGINA, July 29.—The official crop report of the Saskatchewan department of agriculture, based on conditions of July 25, as reported to it from all parts of the province by wire states that crops that were good at the date of the last report are now not so good, while those that previously were poor are now worse. Very hot and dry weather is the universal report and rain and cooler weather are needed.

A few districts report conditions as still being very good, while most state that crops are maturing too fast and in consequence are not filling well. Flax, on the whole, is standing the weather conditions and in some drier districts will be almost the only crop. Harvesting will commence in some districts by August 5 and will be general by August 10 to 15. Hill damage has been comparatively light, storms being reported from (Cnora, Vibank, Dubuc, Manor and Sheho. There is practically no damage from any cause other than drought and hail.

Reports from the southeastern crop district indicate an average yield of 18 bushels of wheat per acre, the east central district reports 17 bushels, the central district 15 bushels and the northern district 20 bushels.

These districts include most of the best crops.

ELECTED PRESIDENT

HALFAX, July 29.—A. J. Meiklejohn, of the Confederation Life Insurance Company, of Ottawa, was elected president of the Life Underwriters Association of Canada at this morning's session of the annual convention.