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Russia Mobilizes Great Force; Decision Now Seems To Rest With Germany; The First Battle

Austrians Said to Have Defeated Servians; 1,000 Men Killed, 4,000 Prisoners

If There is General War, Japan May Take Part as Britain's Ally—Bank of England Rate Advances—Wheat Jumps Seven Cents in Chicago

THE CRISIS REACHED

Berlin, July 30—The foreign office, late this afternoon, authorized the following statement: Germany has taken decisive steps at St. Petersburg, Paris and other capitals, within the last hour, the results of which will determine the issue of war or peace.

OUTBREAK BY TOMORROW IS POSSIBLE

Berlin, July 30—Germany is today prepared to declare war upon Russia unless the czar furnishes a satisfactory explanation of the mobilization of his troops along the frontier. With the situation now in the hands of the general staff there was an ominous silence about the foreign office today. It was evident that Germany was preparing for action rather than further diplomatic negotiations.

RUSSIA MOBILIZES 1,200,000 MEN IN ANSWER TO ULTIMATUM FROM GERMANY

St. Petersburg, July 30—Russia today officially notified Germany and Austria of the mobilization of fourteen army corps, numbering 1,200,000 men. The czar is said to have expressed the intention of taking the field as commander in chief in event of hostilities.

This is Russia's answer to the virtual ultimatum which came from the German foreign office in an unofficial statement that the Kaiser would order the mobilization of his forces unless Russia ceased her military activities within twenty-four hours. With the 1,200,000 men mobilized, Russia will have more than 2,000,000 in the field. The number of officers necessary for the reserves have been notified to report to their stations immediately. The medical service of the entire army has been placed on a war footing. Surgeons and nurses have been gathered and the necessary horses and vehicles have been requisitioned.

FIRST BATTLE FOUGHT; AUSTRIA CLAIMS THE VICTORY; THOUSAND MEN ARE KILLED

Vienna, July 30—Reports here declare that the first battle of the Austro-Serbian war has been fought at Foca, and resulted in a complete victory for the Austrians. One thousand men are reported killed. Two Serbian divisions were routed by the Austrians. One entire division was captured and the other retreated in disorder. The reports here declare 800 Serbians were killed. The Austrian loss was placed at 200.

Berlin, July 30—A special says the Austrians took four thousand Serbian prisoners at Foca. The battle began when the Austro-Hungarian troops began to cross the Drina River. Serbian cavalry opposed their advance, but were driven back upon the position occupied by the infantry. This point was shelled by Austrian Artillery, on the Bosnian side of the river, and when the Serbians were compelled to retreat, they were attacked by the Austrians in force. Foca, the scene of battle, is in Bosnia, located on the Drina River, thirty miles southeast of Sarajevo. Serbians have been concentrating along the Drina since war with Austria was first threatened. Austrian forces in this district also mobilized along the Drina.

NEXT 24 HOURS LIKELY TO DECIDE FOR PEACE OR WAR

Major-General Erich Von Falkenhayn, German minister of war, and Lieut. General Count Helmuth Von Moltke, chief of the German general staff, had a long conference today with Dr. Von Bethmann Hollweg, the imperial chancellor.

Phelix and Perdinand WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The area of high pressure has spread from the Great Lakes region eastward to the maritime provinces and the barometer is now high in all the provinces with no indication of much change. The weather is fine throughout the dominion with a tendency towards somewhat lower temperature in the west and higher temperature in Ontario and Quebec.

New England forecasts—Cloudy tonight; Friday, fair, fresh to strong easterly winds.

Today's War News

Russia assembling 1,200,000 soldiers. Bank of England rate is advanced. Austria claims victory in first battle with Servians—1,000 men killed. If there is general war, Japan may be in it, as an ally of England. The latest word seems to threaten general war perhaps tomorrow.

ANOTHER ARREST IN RIOT CASE

Another arrest in connection with the riot was made this morning when William Day, twenty-two years of age, was taken in charge by Policeman Dykeman. He was brought before the court, and after the charge was read over to him, was remanded and asked to be allowed to send for a lawyer. Percy Wain, an Australian, was also before the court, having been arrested last evening by Detective Lucas and Policeman James Ross. He was charged with taking part in the riot by throwing stones at the car sheds in Westworth street. "I plead not guilty, Your Honor," said the prisoner. The magistrate told him he was not asked to plead, and said it was not a matter he could deal with and told the prisoner he would have to stand a preliminary examination, and would probably be sent before the grand jury.

LOCAL NEWS

THE BATTLE LINE Battle line assembly S. S. Tangars, Captain Dalton, bound from Santa Cruz for Gloucester passed Las Palmas yesterday.

MATINEE DRIVING CLUB The members of the Matinee Driving Club have changed the date of their next meet from Saturday of this week to Thursday of next. There will be events in two classes.

LINEN SHOWER Friends of Miss M. Belyea tendered her a linen shower at the home of Mrs. James Kennedy, 57 Douglas avenue, last night. The shower was given in honor of the near future in which Miss Belyea will be a principal. She received a nice assortment of linen. The evening was very pleasantly spent in games and music.

PART RECOVERED In connection with the theft of a few hundred dollars' worth of furniture from the cottage of J. W. Gibson at Segwa, as noted in The Times on last Tuesday, today that last night articles valued at about \$80 had been brought back to him. He had trace of other pieces of furniture and bric-a-brac and expected to get most of what was stolen back again.

BAND CONCERT The following programme will be played by the Sons of England Band on the King Edward band stand, King Square, tonight. March—Pestal. Selection—Tones Tranquil. Selection—Gems of Scotia. Value—Chiribith. Selection—Faints Gnomed. Barn dance—Georgia. Euphonium solo—George Blacksmith. Value—Be. Selection—Little March—British Sailor. O Canada. The King. T. H. Horsman is conductor.

MRS. F. J. MAHER, BRIDE OF TWO MONTHS, DEAD IN EDMONTON A telegram from Edmonton, Alta., to the home of Martin McGuire, Esq., on Main street, brought news which caused many heartfelt expressions of sorrow amongst the people and esteemed by many. Little Mrs. Frederick J. Maher, a bride of only about two months, she was formerly Miss Katie McGuire, daughter of the late Cornelius McGuire, of Black River, popular and esteemed by many. She died at her home in Edmonton, where Mr. Maher is in the real estate business. A few days ago the bride became ill, and she was deemed advisable that an operation be performed, although it was not thought that her condition was at all serious. Yesterday, however, she became weaker and died. Besides her husband, she was survived by two brothers, Robert McGuire, of Boston, and Frank McGuire, of Vancouver. Mr. McGuire, to whom word of the death was sent, is an uncle. All in St. John who knew her are saddened by the news and sincere sympathy is felt for her bereaved husband and brothers.

FIRST OCEAN VESSEL THROUGH PANAMA CANAL Panama, July 30—Col. Geo. W. Goethals, governor of the Panama Canal zone, announced today that the first sailing of an ocean-going vessel through the canal would take place on next Monday, when the steamer Cristobal would make the trip from Colon to Balboa to test the lock operations and the handling of large vessels at turns in the canal, and at places where there are strong currents.

HUERTA TO EUROPE Kingston, Jamaica, July 30—Ex-Provisional President Huerta completed arrangements today to sail for Europe on next Sunday.

Washington, D. C., July 30—Reports to the Constitutional agency in Washington, announce that Zapata will cooperate with Carranza in southern Mexico. Carranza has declared that if Carral offered to surrender unconditionally, he believes the situation soon would be satisfactorily solved.

FLOUR HIGHER Ontario flour is back at its former price, having advanced fifteen cents this morning. It was only this week that Ontario went down fifteen cents.

Difference of Opinion About The \$2,000,000 Extra Aid Subject Of Argument at Railway Inquiry This Morning

"Company Would Have Got it All if it Had Not Been For Inquiry" Says Mr. Carvell—Ross Thompson on Stand All Morning—A. R. Gould Not Available; Detained in Fredericton—A Correction in Justice to Mr. McLeod

"If it had not been for the \$2,000,000 additional assistance there would have been no investigation into the railway and if there had been no investigation the company would have got every cent of the \$2,000,000." This was F. B. Carvell's summary of the situation this morning in reply to an objection raised by Mr. Teed during the course of the inquiry into the Dugal charges regarding the Valley Railway. Mr. Teed contended that various amounts which had been transferred from the accounts showing the cost of the railway, in the construction company's books and charged against the railway company were beyond the scope of the commission. Mr. Carvell said that they would be taken into consideration when the \$2,000,000 was to be split up, but Mr. Teed asserted that the additional aid would be used only as the cost of the road showed the need.

Ross Thompson, managing director of the construction company, was on the stand all morning and his evidence was largely supplementary to testimony already given. The \$1,000 payment for stock of the Fredericton Gleaser cropped up again, but the witness said that although he authorized the payment, on Mr. Gould's instructions, he did not know why it was paid. An hour was spent tracing the stock issue of the railway company. Considerable stock was issued but not paid for, and this was afterwards cancelled by act of legislature. The witness said that he paid \$5,000 for his stock, but afterwards handed it over to Mr. Gould and received 2,000 shares of stock in the construction company. When the court adjourned Mr. Thompson had given evidence of the payment of about \$25,000. That was all so far shown as the cash capital of the two companies.

A. R. Gould was not on hand this morning, as had been promised, and word was received this afternoon that he had been detained in Fredericton by the government. In fairness to Hon. H. F. McLeod, Mr. F. B. Carvell said last evening that the headlines and introduction in last evening's Times conveyed a wrong impression as to the substance of his, Mr. Carvell's, statements, as he had no knowledge of Mr. McLeod having approached Judge Carleton for the purpose of influencing him in the appointment of third arbitrator. As a matter of fact it was another member of the government who did so.

When the court resumed Mr. Carvell asked if Mr. Gould was in the city. Mr. Guthrie said that he had been in Fredericton and would have been here yesterday but for the request of Acting Premier Clarke, who had asked him to stay over. He expected him at noon. Mr. Carvell asked if the books of the New York office had arrived. Mr. Guthrie said that Mr. Gould had wired Mr. Goodman to send the books and he had wired again this morning. Mr. Carvell—Do you wish the commission to believe that the president and the majority of the directors cannot get the books here? It is an insult to their intelligence. Not Mr. McLeod. At Mr. Guthrie's request Mr. Carvell mentioned Mr. McLeod's name. Mr. Carvell—Do you wish the commission to believe that the president and the majority of the directors cannot get the books here? It is an insult to their intelligence. Not Mr. McLeod.

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His Worship Mayor Frink returned this morning from Fredericton where he attended a meeting of the provincial government last night. An application for a license to sell liquor was presented to the Mayor by the New Brunswick Hydro-Electric Co for permission to sell liquor to the extent of \$10,000. After a careful consideration of the request, the government decided to give the license. The proper authority provided satisfactory assets were presented. It was explained that the company's objection was that the license would be on an equal basis and that issue would be made only if the license was granted. Besides Mayor Frink there were present from the city, Hon. John E. Wilson, Philip Grassman, M. P. P. and L. P. D. Tilley, M. P. P. and they supported the application which was made in behalf of the company by P. W. Thomson.

POLICE COURT George Mealey was fined \$20 for assaulting William Wallace in West St. John this morning while on his way to work. Mealey said Wallace had been watching him and that he struck him in self defence. The complainant said Mealey said something this morning and immediately struck him in the jaw, knocking four teeth out of place. Sentenced to 14 days in the workhouse. The \$2,000,000 Bonds Mr. Carvell—If it had not been for that issue there would have been no investigation and if it had not been for this investigation they would have got every cent of the \$2,000,000 bonds. Mr. Teed—Do you mean there would have been no diversion if it had not been for that issue? Mr. Carvell—Perhaps not; they might have had to put up some of their own money. Mr. Carvell then asked for the stock book but it was not to be found although Mr. Guthrie said it had been brought into court. Mr. Carvell—Who were the members of the legislature's investigating committee? A.—Messrs Carter, Tilley, Black and I think Mr. Jones. Q.—Was it Mr. Jones? A.—I don't remember. Q.—How many times did they visit your office? A.—I don't remember; different members came at various times. I know they took a good deal of my time. Q.—What are the payments to the

Foundation Company which appear on your books? A.—For investigation of sites for bridges for crossing the rivers. Q.—Would that be chargeable to the Government? A.—It would not. Q.—How much was their account? A.—About \$7,000. Q.—How will the charges in the expense account be divided to eliminate sections A and E which are not to be included in this investigation? A.—We are to divide the total of the account in the proportion of 120 to 214 miles. The government's bill for preliminary engineering expenses, \$80,000 is the largest item, the total is \$86,000. Q.—How much should be eliminated? A.—About \$29,000. The witness suggested that if the amount to be charged up should be received the amount of government aid received should also be reduced proportionately. Q.—Do you know anything of \$500 paid to A. H. Hamilton? A.—I believe that it has been paid in New York but I have not yet received a voucher for it or charged it up. Q.—Do you expect that it will be charged up to construction? A.—Yes, on account of legal advice he gave early in the promotion of the railway. Q.—Is it not a fact that he was a stockholder, that his stock was cancelled by act of legislature and this \$500 was paid in recompense? A.—I do not know. Q.—But his stock was returned with the \$500 draft attached. A.—Yes, I believe the payment of his bill for legal services was a condition of the return of the stock. In reply to Mr. Carvell the witness said that the construction company paid that it was done by the witness after conversation with Mr. Gould; that there were no instructions to that effect from the directors although it was understood by them that the construction company paid it as they paid all the bills of the railway company. The witness did not know when the government was first approached with regard to the issue of the second series of bonds. Mr. Gould conducted the negotiations. He did not know that Mr. Lisman informed them that he could not handle the second mortgage bonds. He thought it was some time in the summer of 1913. Q.—Do you know what Mr. Lisman had done up to December, 1911, toward placing these bonds? A.—I do not know. Q.—Do you know if he did anything? A.—I cannot say. Q.—Who is Mr. Lisman? A.—Of Lisman & Co. bond brokers, New York. Q.—He is a director of your company. A.—Of the construction company only. (Continued on page 7, sixth column)

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