# NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA. FRIDAY MORNING. JULY 31, 1914 PROBS-FAIR ENGLAND'S FORCES READY FOR FIGHT: CANADA WILL GO TO EMPIRE'S AID

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# BRITAIN'S FLEET MOST POWERFUL IN TO AID OF MOTHERLAND IF WORLD IS READY FIRST FLEET LEAVES PORTSMOUTH---STIR- Emergency Meeting of Militia Council Held General Situation Grows More Threatening

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Not For Years Has So Vast a Supply of Ammunition and Stores Been Ready For Immediate Use -The Details of the Squadrons.

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### DETAILS OF THE SQUADRON

It consists of the commander in chief's flagship Iron Duke with at-tached ships Oak and Sappho, and the following four battle-squadrons, namely, first battle squadron: Marlborough, flagship, Vice-admiral Sir Lewis Bayly, commanding the squadron: St. Vincent, second flagship, Rear Admiral Hugh Evan Thomas; other ships being the Collingwood, Collossus, Hercules, Neptune, Vanguard and Superb, and also attached the light cruiser Bellona and the repairship Cyclops.

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Second battle squadron—King George V., flagship Vice-admiral Sir George Warrenden commanding thesquadron: second flagship, Orion, Rear Admiral Sir R. Arbuthnot; theother ships being the Ada, Udacijus, Centurion, Conqueror, Monarch and Thunderer, with the flag cruiser Papadica

Third battle squadron—King Edward VII., flagship, Vice-Admiral E. C. Bradford commanding the squadron; Hibernia, second flagship, Rear-Admiral M. Browning; other ships being the African, Brittania, Common-wealth, Dominion, Hindustan, and Zealandia, with the light cruiser Blanch.

RING SCENES AS BLUEJACKETS EMBARK Yesterday With Col. Hughes Presiding------THOUSANDS GATHER ON PIER AND Contingent of 20,000 Can Be Ready Within CHEER JARS --- NAVY AT HEIGHT OF ITS Couple of Weeks After Call For Help Comes---Col. Hughes May Take Command.

EMPIRE JOINS IN FIGHT

CANADA PREPARES TO GO

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sary experience gained in South Africa, and has the energy and the willingness to lead Canadian troops to vic-

The active Canadian militia now numbers about 80,000, and on the reserve list, including officers and men tory. who have been trained in former years there are nearly half a million men.

The total available force, however, if full strength was called out would only be about 250.000, and such a could not be adequately equipped for active service without some considerable delay.

The militia department says that there will be no delay at all in mobilizing and adequately equipping at least 20,000 men. As an evidence, however, of the fact that no further active preparations for war are to be made at present

it may be noted that Col. Hughes left for Brace Bridge tonight where he will speak at a banquet tomorrow night. He does not expect to return to the capital until Monday.

Premier Borden will probably return to the capital from Muskoka early next week, but he has been advised that there is no immediate need for his presence here.



---All Europe Hastening Preparations for Conflict --- England's Land Forces getting in line---Asquith may Sanction a Vote of Credit---Definite news from Centre of War vague --- Japan likely to go to Britain's help, unless War

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is confined to Europe.

AUSTRIANS MAY

**DECLARE WAR ON** 

**RUSSIA TODAY** 

London, July 31.—Early this morning comes news that the German cabinet, presided over by the Emperor, sat at Potsdam until midnight, and that a censorship over the telegraph lines is being imposed at Ber-lin.

In. This is interpreted here as implying preparation for German mobi-lization, and a few hours probably will decide whether Europe is to be involved in universal warfare. It is tuily expected both at London and Berlin that the Russian for-elgn minister. Sergius Sazonoff, will reply to Germany's demand for an explanation to the effect that Russian mobilization has already been ordered, and cannot be cancelled. In the event of Germany mobilizing, it is expected that Premier Agouth will immediately ask parliament to sanction a large vote of cre-lin the event of cready in the sanction and large vote of cre-lin the event of the sanction and large vote of cre-lin the event of the sanction and large vote of cre-lin the event of the sanction and large vote of cre-lin the sanction of the sanction and the sanction of the sa

Asguith will immediately ask particulate to subtrom a large tote of dit as a necessary precaution. With the exception of official reports from Vienna, given in briefest form, and thus far dealing with the bombardment of Belgi and the capture of several Servian vessels on the Danube, little reli of Belgrade and the capture of several servian reasons of the Danbox, inter-news has been received in London concerning the course of hos Numerous reports are current that battles are in progress at points, including one from Milan tonight that a heavy engagem raging south of Belgrade tonight, but according to Servia offic counts all attempts on the part of the Austrians to cross the rivu-been repulsed, and the reports of the occupation of Belgrade are ered premature.

been repulsed, and the reports of the occupation of Bergrade are considered premature. While the news of the actual developments in the Austro-Servian war is unsatisfactory, the general situation is one of growing menace. There is a vague report that Austria and Russia are still engaged in dip-lomatic negotiations through the medium of Berlin, diplomatic inter-course between these two countries having been suspended, but slender hopes are entertained of success in this direction. Germany has addressed a note to Russia requiring an explanation of Russia's mobilization, and in the absence of a satisfactory reply it is feared that Germany may take stepsto mobilize also. In the meantime, every nation in Europe is taking active steps to be prepared for any eventualities. London, July 30-A despatch from St. Petersburg to Seuter's Telegram Company says it is believed in St. Petersburg that Austria will declare war against Russia tomorrow. The despatch adds that if this should be the case it is understood that Emperon Nicholas will go to Moscow to deliver a pronouncement in the Ushensky Cathedral. JAPAN WITH ENGLAND

Four battle squadron—Dreadnought, flagship, Vice-Admiral Sir D. Gamble, commanding the squadron, other ships being the Agamemnon and the Temeraire, with the light cruiser Blonde. Four cruiser squadrons, namely—First battle cruiser squadron, Lion, flagship, Rear-Admiral Beatty, the other ships being the Queen Mary, Princess Royal and New Zealand.

cess Royal and New Zeatand. Second cruiser squadron—Shannon, flagship. Rear-Admiral Gough horpe, with the Achilles, Cochrane and Natal.

Third cruiser squadron—Antrim, flagship, Rear-Admiral Pakenham, with the Argyli and Devonshire. First light cruiser squadron—The Southampton and the Birming-

Vast stores of ammunition-For months past men at the Royal Arbeen busy replenishing stores. Not for years past senal, woolwich, have been busy replenishing stores. Not for years has so vast a supply of ammunition and other stores been ready for



There were stirring scenes at Portsmouth when the first fleet left. Large numbers of officers and men were at the Pavilian Theatre and Pic-ture Palace when the commander-in-chief's orders were announced from the stage that every man must be aboard at ten o'clock. The ex-cited audience rose in their seats as officers and bluejackets left the theatre and cheered heartily, the orchestra playing "Rule Brittania."

theatre and cheered heartily, the orcnessra playing "Rule Brittania." Similar scenes were witnessed at other places of amusement. Thou-sands of people congregated about the pler, Jack-tars arrived arm in arm with their sweethearts; some of the tearful farewells might almost have suggested that the whole fleet was going into action straight away. Ladies in evening dress were driven to the pier in taxis to wish hus-bands and sweethearts good-bye, some scenes were most affecting, but apart from these feminine displays of emotion there was the wildest enthusiasm and excitement amongst the crowd, which cheered itself hoarse for the British navy.

FLEETS ARE READY FOR ACTION WHENEVER THE WORD IS GIVEN

Fleets are ready for action. All the ships of the second fleet are fully manned, the crews having been kept aboard since the King's in-section last week. The ships are all coaled and otherwise prepared for sec.

ses. Most of the ships of the third fleet are having their bunkers filled with coal. They have only reduced nucleus crews aboard, as the men of two divisions of the fleet reserve were demobilized and paid off at the (Continued on page 2)

The naval correspondent of the Daily Telegraph gives the naval strength of the two European groups, namely, Germany, Italy and Austria, 59 battleships, 51 cruisers, 130,500 personnel; Britain, France and Russia, 97 battleships, 154 cruisers, 264,000 personnel.

The correspondent says: "This suggests that the time is hardly favorable for Austria and her friends. They are engaged in great schemes of naval expansion which will not reach the point of culmination for five or six years, owing to increased number of conscripts and volunteers now under training, a larger proportion than ever before. The efficiency of their fleets for action certainly has not been increased during the past five or six years, judged by any available means of computation."

## **REVIEW OF DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS**

The gravity of the international situation was recognized in all European capitals today.

Premier Asquith and Sir Edward Grey called on all parties in the British Isles to join together in efforts to avert the immeasurable, calam-ity of an extension of hostilities to other countries.

The German Emperor conferredd lengthily with the Imperial Chan-

cellor and the ministers of war and marine, and later reserve officers received orders to mobilize.

Russia proceeded with her mobilization of a large number of troops President Poincare and the French cabinet decided to meet daily,

and the French defensive forces took extensive precautions. Austrian invaders and Servian troops came into contact on Servian

territory and hundreds of casualties were said to have resulted.

The wheeabouts of the main British fleet is unknown, since its de-

parture yesterday from Portland under sealed orders. The German battle squadrons are concentrated at Kiel, and Wil-

mshaven. The French fleet has taken steps to prepare for eventualities. Japan is said to have declared its readiness to join its ally, Great Britai

In outlying British colonies, the troops have been prepared for instant service

stant service. A German gunboat hurriedly quit Capetown today, and went to sea. The German and British fleets in the Far East have been concentrat-ed at their chief stations. All foreign students were ordered to leave Germany. Stock markets everywhere in Europe have virtually eased opera-

Stock markets everywhere in Europe have virtually eased opera-tions and the leading banking institutions have taken measures to pre-serve their stocks of gold.

MR. CARVELL REPUDIATES

TELEGRAPH

Prosecution leader forced to take back water twice yesterday-Scored by Mr. T. J. Carter.



OF FIRST FLEET'S MOVEMENTS Mr. T. J. Carter, K. C., of the Flem ming counsel found it necessary again take Mr. Carvell severely to task at the enquiry into the Valle Railway charges yesterday afternon and Railway charges yesterday afternon and forced the Carleton County Blusterer to repudiate a question containing a nasty insinuation against Hon. H. F. McLeod, as it appeared in the Tele-graph. Mr. Carvell in a heated out burst said that the Telegraph was wrong. A general laugh ran around the court room and Mr. Carter remark-ed that everyone would know the statement was untrue because Mr. Car-vell made it. Mr. Carter then asked Mr. Carvel

Tokio, July 30-Japan's attitude on the European crisis may be described as one of watchful waiting. Should Great Britain become involved in the war and Birtish rights and interests in eastern Asia or India be menaced or attacked, it is said that Japan, in fulfilment of the terms of her alliance with Great Britain, will assist that country. However, if the war is limited to Europe, Japan probably will remain neutral.

neutral. London, July 30.—The British army is guietly and swiftly preparing.

London, July 30.—The British army is guietly and swiftly preparing. The war office throws cold water on the word "mobilization." and has issued another carefully framed official notice to the newspapers that only "the usual precautions" are being taken. Every step necessary to place the land forces on a war footing, ex-cept the summoning of the territorials to arms, has been taken. All the territorial officers received orders today to be prepared for a call to duty. A large section of the engineers' staff of the territorials has been or-dered on duty. Every officer and private of the regular army and some

dered on duty. Every officer on leave have been recalled. ADMIRALTY GUARDS SECRET

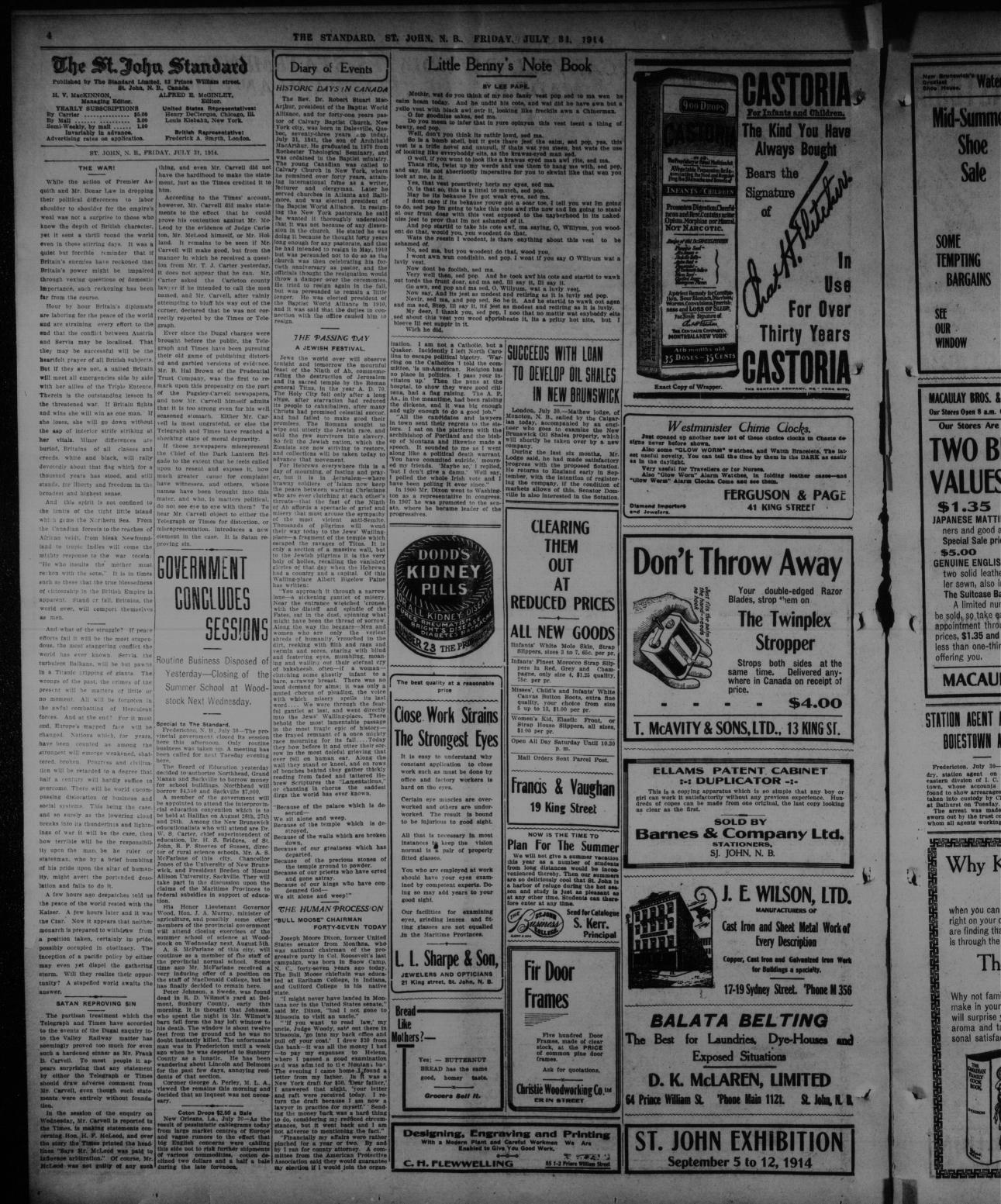
The forces at Aldershot have been reinforced by numerous detach-ments from other points, and a battalion of the Duke of Cornwall's re-giment, which was about to embark for Hong Kong, has been detained. The searchlight stations, on the eastern coast are now fully manned. largely by territorials, and coastwise steamers report the lights all along the coast as being in operation all last night, playing their shafts on every incoming and every outgoing vessel. None but the Admiralty, which is in eonstant touch through wireless at Whitehall, knows the whereabouts of the first fleet, which left Ports-mouth yesterday, but it is a safe presumption that the fleet is in a position close to the channel where it can strike the North Sea in the event of hostilities.

hostilities. Two Germans, suspected of being spies, were arrested in the Isle of Wight today, and are detained in jail

vell made it.
Mr. Carter then asked Mr. Carvell to call Mr. Holland to prove the mail ter, this Mr. Carvell refused to do and Mr. Carter intimated that he would deal with the matter in another man ner.
Mr. Carvell did not seem to have recovered from his shock of Wedness iay when he found the enquiry was imited to the Gasetown-Centreville section of the line and took up the at ternoon in a length examination of Ross Thompson of the Construction Company. Mr. Carvell tried to show that several payments were of a suspi-cious nature, but beyond proving that the money was used in the ordinary



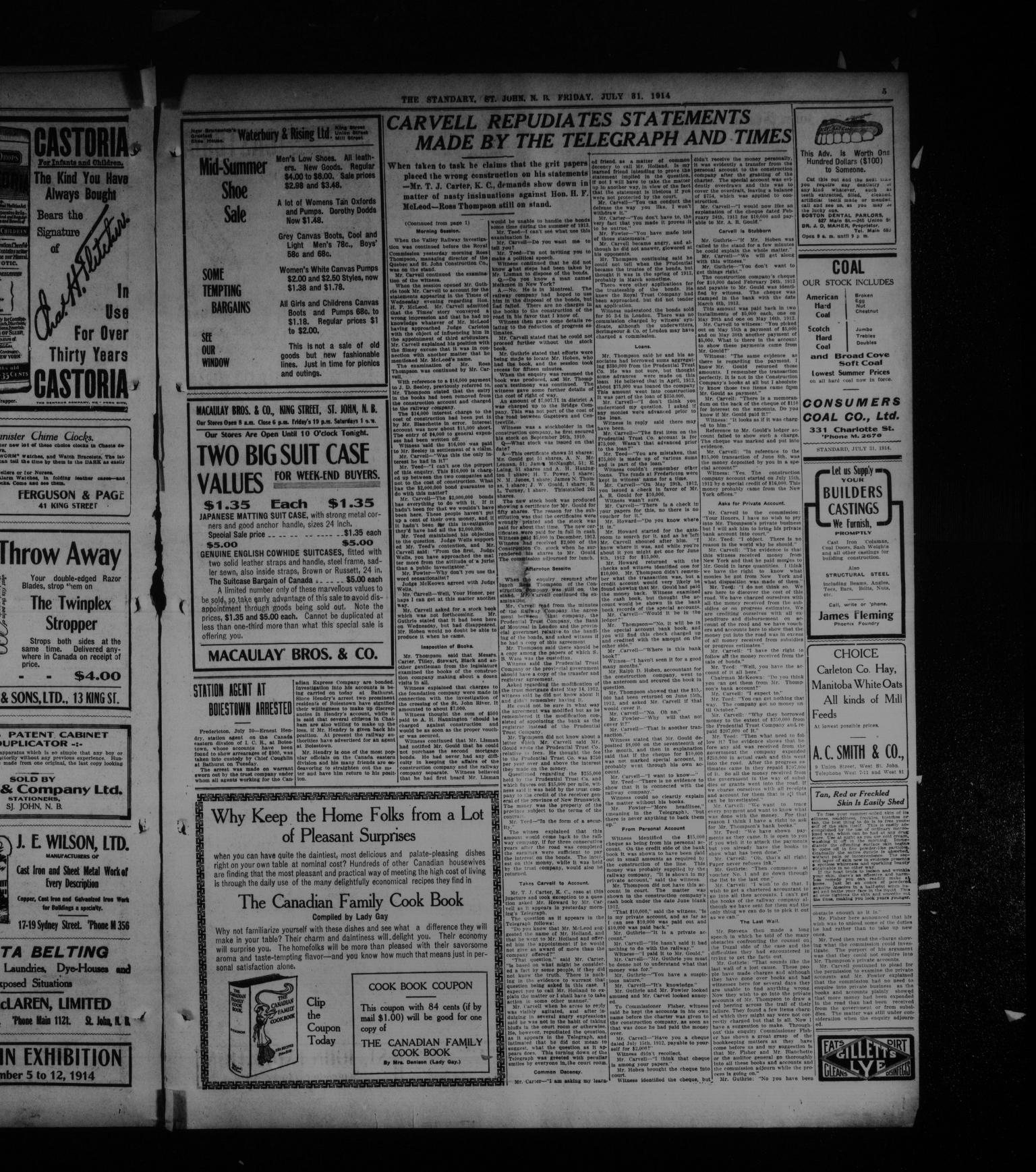


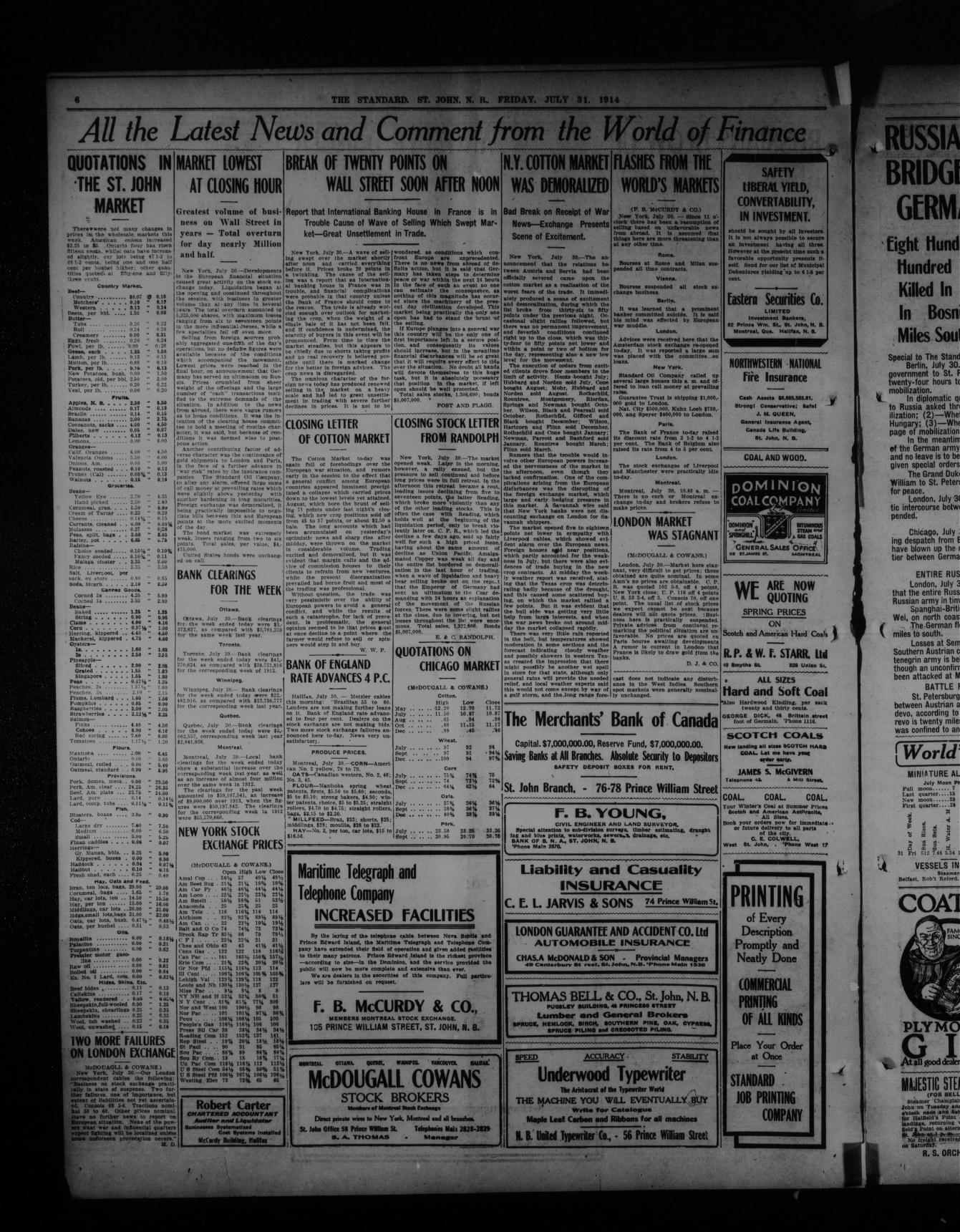






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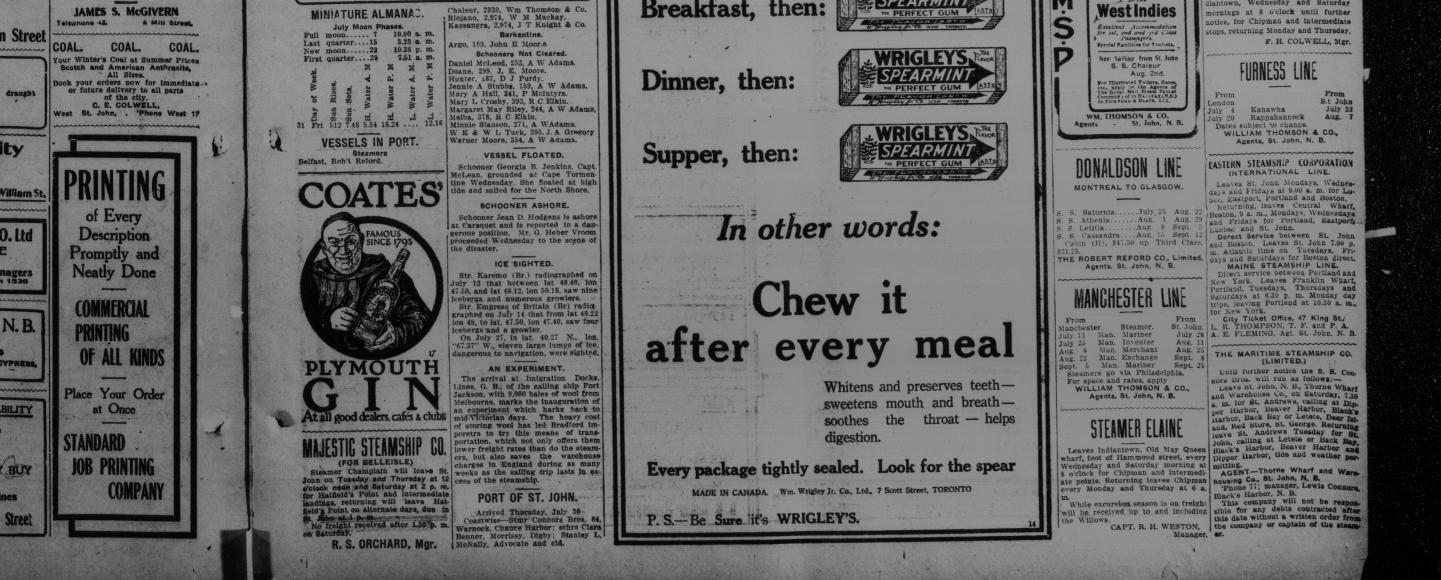
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ance, and with us is the risk of a catastrophe of which it is

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

we should inevitably,-unless the debate were conducted in an artificial tone,-be involved in acute controversies in regard to domestic differences, whose importance to ourselves none is disposed to believe.

at such a moment, may have an injurious, and lastingly injurious, effect on the International situation.

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 of all parties will contribute to what lies in our power if not to avert at least to circumscribe the calamity which threatens the whole world.'

Mr. Asquith's references to all parties rallying to the support of the government, were heartily cheered by all the members. The British foreign office whose suggestion of a conference of the ambassadors in London of the great powers failed to meet with the approval of Germany and Austria has now invited Germany to suggest some diplomatic way out of the difficulty, which will meet the approval of Austria-Hun-

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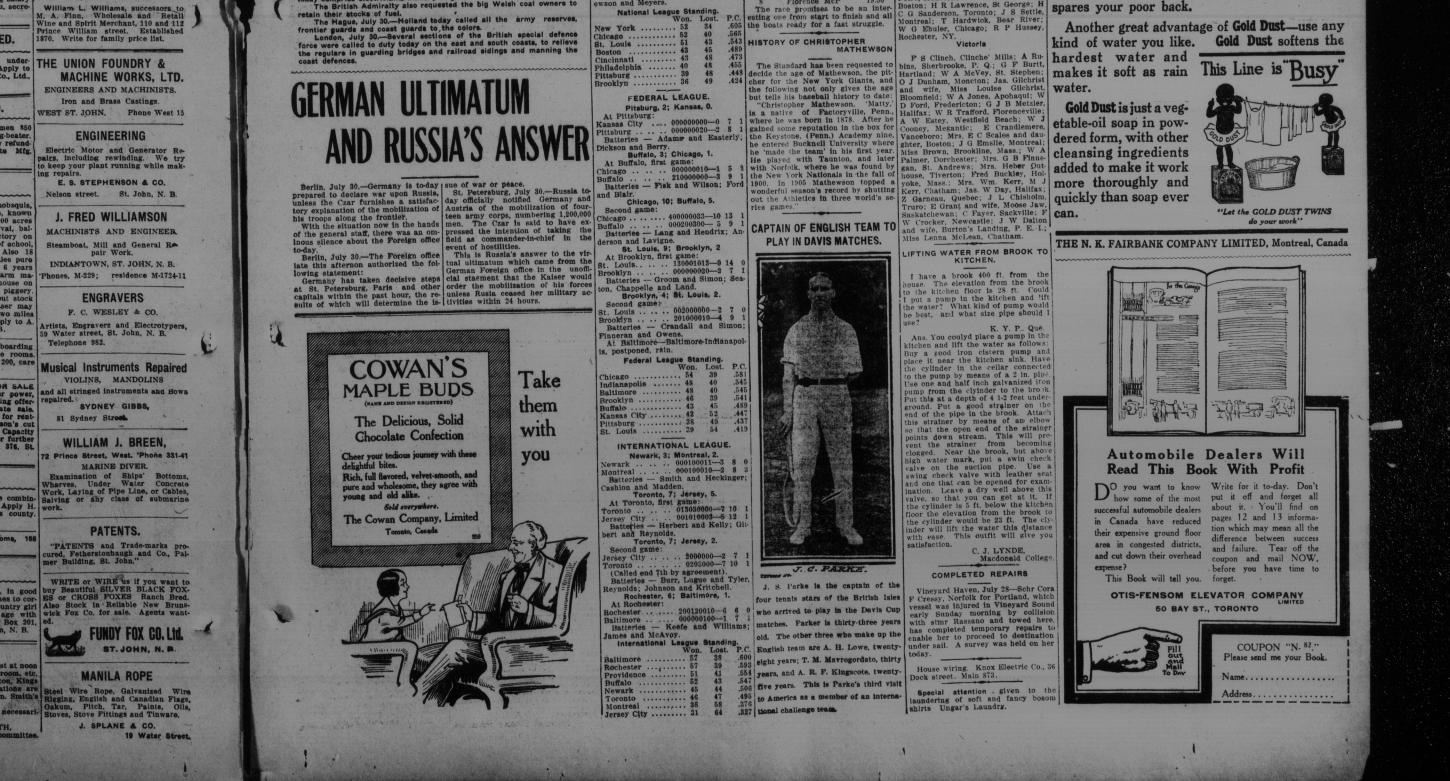
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