

ISSUES WAR DECLARATION

EUROPE FACING GREATEST WAR IN HISTORY.

FRANCE MAY TAKE NEXT STEP

England Uncertain What Course to Pursue, but is Awaiting Developments in International Crisis.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Berlin.—Germany and Russia are at war. Formal declaration of hostilities was made by the kaiser Saturday.

Orders were wired at once to the commanding officers of the army and navy to be prepared to move at once.

Berlin is wildly excited. The streets are jammed with madly cheering throngs.

The populace is in a frenzy of patriotic fervor, quotations from the speeches of illustrious war generals of the past are bandied about.

German Ambassador Has Departed.

London.—Events in the European crisis developed with startling rapidity. The German ultimatum to Russia, demanding that Russia cease the mobilization of her army, expired at noon.

Although, after the warlike speeches delivered by the German emperor and the imperial chancellor at Berlin on Friday, no other result could be expected.

Must Oppose a United France.

Paris.—Announcement of important changes in the French cabinet has been made. These include the appointment of M. Delcasse as minister of war, and the appointment of Georges Clemenceau to one of the other important portfolios.

London Filling with Americans.

London.—London is fast filling with Americans, who have been compelled to forego their continental tours.

German Attack Repelled.

London.—A late dispatch from Paris says that two officers and twenty men of a German patrol were killed at Longway and that the German attack was repelled.

Berlin.—The emperor, speaking from a window of the castle to the crowds beneath, said:

"I thank you for the love and loyalty shown me. When I enter upon a fight let us cease all party strife. We are German brothers and nothing else.

Copenhagen.—German warships, chiefly destroyers, are reported in the Fehmarn belt.

Japan is Watchful Waiting. Tokyo.—Japan's attitude may be described as one of watchful waiting.

The Danish parliament Saturday night at an extraordinary session ratified a decree of neutrality and authorized the crown to mobilize the army to protect the integrity of the Danish territory.

Fervor at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg.—Germany's declaration of war against Russia has provoked in the Russian capital a wonderful demonstration of patriotic enthusiasm.

The German ambassador, Count Pourtales, in the name of his government, sent to the Russian minister of foreign affairs a formal declaration of war and a few hours later an announcement to this effect was made to the people.

The capital presents a spectacle of extraordinary animation. The Nevsky prospect and all the leading thoroughfares are filled with war frenzied people, marching in processions carrying portraits of the emperor, with flags waving, torches blazing.

Speakers fired with patriotic fervor harangued the crowds. In front of the Kazan cathedral each procession halts and a sudden hush falls over the processionists; then the strain of the national anthem, sung in perfect harmony by a section of the procession, rises in the air; the crowds listen silently with bared heads.

War Developments Sole Topic.

Washington.—War developments in Europe overshadow all else in the attention of Washington. Steps to prevent a financial stringency in this country as a result of Europe's sudden need of gold were followed by a series of precautionary measures designed to protect Americans and their interests abroad as well as at home.

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan studied a mass of dispatches from American embassies, legations and consulates in Europe. While no formal tender of good offices has been made to any power, American diplomats abroad are keeping the state department closely advised so that if an opportunity presents itself the influence of the United States for a settlement of the war problem by pacific means will be actively exerted.

Concentrating on French Frontiers.

Arion, Belgium.—According to advices received here 100,000 German troops are crossing the grand duchy of Luxemburg and concentrating on the French frontier near Liege.

Frontier engagements are reported in which the Germans are said to have lost.

More than 25,000 men are engaged in digging trenches in front of the German and French positions. The strategic line from Malmedy, Rhenish Prussia to Liege, is guarded by military on both the German and Belgian sides.

Four Great Powers Engaged.

London.—Four great powers of Europe, Austria-Hungary, Russia, France and Germany are now engaged in actual warfare, but two of them, Germany and France, not only have not declared war against each other, as far as is known here, but have not even severed diplomatic relations.

The explanation of this would appear to be that Germany and France each seek to throw upon the other the responsibility of the war.

Emperor Delivers War Declaration.

Paris.—The Russian ambassador, M. Iswolsky, called on Premier Viviani at 11 o'clock Saturday night and informed him that Germany had declared war on Russia.

St. Petersburg.—The German emperor, in the name of his government, sent to the Russian minister of foreign affairs at 7:30 o'clock a declaration of war. The announcement is made by the St. Petersburg telegraph agency, which is considered the official news agency in Russia.

Vienna.—The Servians have blown up the bridge spanning the River Save, between the Austrian town of Semlin and Belgrade.

The Austrian infantry and artillery stationed at Semlin, in conjunction with monitors on the Danube, fired on the Servian positions beyond the bridge. The Servians retreated after a short engagement with trifling losses.

Vienna.—All Servians liable to military service residing in Austria-Hungary are being arrested and handed over to the military as prisoners of war.

Territory Not Wanted.

Paris.—The Temps says Russia has been officially informed that Austria-Hungary would respect the territorial integrity of Serbia and wished even to abstain from occupying Belgrade, the Servian capital.

British Fleet Sails.

Portland, Eng.—The British fleet has sailed from here for an unknown destination. No information could be obtained from naval officials as to the movements of the war vessels.

Japan is Watchful Waiting.

Tokyo.—Japan's attitude may be described as one of watchful waiting. Should Great Britain become involved and British rights and interests in eastern Asia or India be menaced, it is stated that Japan, in fulfillment of her alliance, will assist that country.

RURAL SKYSCRAPERS



AMERICANS IN SORRY PLIGHT PROSPECTS GOOD FOR PEACE

IN DISTRESS FOR LACK OF MEANS TO GET HOME. OUTLOOK GOOD FOR TRANQUILITY IN MEXICO.

Will Prevent Financial Unsettling in United States as Result of War in Europe. United States Can Easily Meet Demand for Gold—French Socialist Leader Assassinated in Paris.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Active measures for the relief of many thousands of Americans in distress in Europe for lack of money or means to return home have been begun by President Wilson and Secretary Bryan.

To Prevent Financial Unrest. New York.—Extraordinary action was taken by the leading financial interests of America today to avert a financial unsettlement in this country, as a result of the European war.

Emergency currency probably will be put into circulation during the week. If occasion requires this currency, issuance of which is provided for by the Aldrich-Vreeland act passed after the 1907 panic, may be supplemented here and elsewhere by clearing house certificates such as were used in 1907.

Indians Own Oil Lands.

Muskogee, Okla.—The Creek Indian nation is the owner of the river beds in that territory and the state of Oklahoma has no right to the oil and gas leases thereon, according to an opinion handed down by Justice Carland of the United States court of appeals at St. Louis Wednesday, reversing the former decision of Judge Ralph S. Campbell of the United States district.

Many Drown in Chinese Floods.

Washington.—Drowning of more than 3,000 persons and property losses of \$4,000,000 resulting from great floods sweeping through twenty-nine districts in the province of Kwano-Tung, China, are reported in consular advices to the state department from Canton. Eight million persons are in want, the report added, crops having been destroyed and the country is still under water.

No Reason for Business Agitation.

Chicago, Ill.—There is no foundation for much of the agitation about business conditions in the United States, George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental and Commercial National bank, and John Shedd, president of Marshall Field & Co., asserted in their testimony before the federal commission on industrial relations. The witnesses said much of the pessimism expressed could be traced to politics.

Largest Gold Shipment Ever Made.

New York.—The latest gold movement to Europe which began Friday has been further increased by a shipment of \$10,600,000 aboard the liner Kronprinzessin Cecilie. This is said to be the largest single gold shipment ever made from America to Europe.

Seize Weevil Infected Corn.

Seattle.—The state department of agriculture has seized 125,000 sacks of thirty-four carloads of Manchuria corn that had just arrived on a Japanese steamer, infected with weevils.

Patriot Trouble at South Omaha.

Omaha, Neb.—The first serious local trouble between Austrians and Servians occurred Friday evening in South Omaha. It was quickly quelled by police officers. Three Servians and two Austrians were locked up and charged with fighting. News of the fight reached the station before the trouble had proceeded far, and arrival of officers put an end to what threatened to be a general fight between the people of the two countries.

NEWS FROM STATE HOUSE

Decreases of from \$300,000 to \$450,000 assessed valuation of property in the state are looked for over last year's figures, according to estimates made by Secretary Seymour of the state assessment board.

A. G. Wolfenbarger, for twenty-seven years a member of the national prohibition committee for Nebraska, has resigned. Pressure of private business and advancing years are given as his reasons.

Because the flow of water is below normal in the North Platte river, State Engineer Price has ordered many irrigation ditches closed so that those users having priority rights may get their share of water.

Extensive plans are being made for the university exhibit at the state fair in September. The old horticultural building has been assigned to the use

NEBRASKANS IN THE PUBLIC EYE



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of the university and will be known as university hall. Exhibits will be arranged in the four wings of the building.

C. H. Hohmann of Lincoln has a hundred-year-old trunk, shaped like an undersized steamer trunk of today and covered with undressed horsehide, which he has presented to the State Historical society. The article is a family heirloom and was originally the property of Dutch ancestors of Mr. Hohmann in Pennsylvania.

W. A. Lloyd, in charge of farm demonstration work for the north central states of the department of agriculture was a recent visitor at the state farm, for the purpose of gathering data to be used in the encouragement of the Smith-Lever bill before congress. This bill is for the purpose of appropriating money for farm demonstration purposes.

Adjutant General Hall of the Nebraska national guard has received notice that the war department has allotted \$40,000 to defray the expenses of the annual encampment of the guard. General Hall has gone to Ashland to prepare the camp grounds. The camp this year will not be a state camp, but will be under control of an officer of the regular army and several companies of regulars will be present.

With no report from Gage county the records of the state board of assessment show that the assessed value of state banks has decreased \$324,347 and the assessed value of national banks has decreased \$382,235, a total decrease of \$706,582 in the assessed value of all banks in Nebraska during the past year. As the assessed value is one-fifth the actual value of property, the total decrease, actual value, is \$3,532,910, with no report from Gage county.

The anti-suffrage association of Nebraska, which recently filed an argument with the secretary of state to be incorporated in the referendum pamphlet for distribution among voters, have amended their argument to some extent and have paid the secretary of state \$125 to meet the expense of printing. No argument has been filed in support of the defeat of the Nebraska City armory appropriation of \$20,000 and the time limit has expired. Those who favor the appropriation have a few days left for filing an argument.

Four more national banks in Nebraska have left the national banking system and have become state institutions. Under their new names they are: The Citizens State bank of Diller, capital stock \$25,000; the Citizens State bank of Cedar Rapids, capital stock \$25,000; the Security State bank of Spalding, capital stock \$30,000, and the Sargent State bank of Sargent, capital stock \$25,000.

Wednesday, August 12, will be observed as hog cholera day at the university farm at Lincoln.

Warden Fenton is of the opinion that people may be inclined to forget the good that the abolishment of dope in the state prison has done. He read an article recently regarding ten returned convicts, all users of dope. He made no criticism of the article, but had this to say: "People should take into consideration that not all of those ten men were paroled from the institution. Probably half of them were paroled from the bench. It should also be considered that those men who returned to the drug habit when put on parole, never had been cured.

NECK BROKEN BY SLIGHT FALL

PROFITABLE EXPERIENCE IN THE CULTURE OF OATS

NEWS FROM OVER THE STATE

What is Going On Here and There That is of Interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska and Vicinity.

- Western Newspaper Union News Service. COMING EVENTS: State Tennis Tournament at Wayne, August 4 to 8. Annual Old Settlers' Reunion at Union, August 14 and 15. Primary election, August 18. Community fall festival at Harvard, August 19 and 20. The great Nebraska state fair at Lincoln, September 7 to 11.

Neck Broken by a Fall. Grand Island.—Robert Baumann, the four-year-old son of Mrs. Frank Leaper, residing near Wood River, went out into the yard to play. The mother soon thereafter heard the child's cry, as if in pain. She went out immediately to ascertain the cause of the trouble and found the little one prostrate and limp. Rushing to the well, she bathed the face with water, but there was no return of consciousness. A physician was immediately called and it was found that the child was dead, having broken its neck by the jolt caused by stepping into a small hole. The little boy gave but one or two gasps after his mother had taken him in her arms.

Treating Oats for Smut. Beatrice.—Treating oats for smut by Farm Demonstrator Liebers has proven a profitable experience on the farm of A. E. Classen, four miles southwest of Beatrice. The seed for 26.94 acres was treated and that for 4.19 acres was not. The ground for both pieces was prepared in the same manner, and the oats were sown under the same conditions. At the time of harvest they were carefully separated and after threshing it was shown that the treated oats yielded 53.20 bushels to the acre and the other 36.03 bushels. The cost for treating the seed will not exceed 2 cents an acre.

Wild West Show Stranded. Niobrara.—The wild west show which exhibited here during the three days pow-wow—a combination of the Circle B ranch show—has stranded on the rocks of adversity and disbanded. Fifty men and a number of women were left "broke" by the incident. Many of them are still in Niobrara, with no money to get out of town. The manager of the show called his employees together and told them he had lost \$20,000. He said he would pay each of them one day's salary for the past week's work.

Ready for Tomatoes. Peru.—The Pery Canning company expects to start running about August 1 and is now lining up the tomato peelers ready for work. The company is getting ready for a big run this year, and has a fine tomato crop coming on. If nothing happens there will be the biggest yield of tomatoes on the biggest acreage the factory has ever had.

Horse Disease Appears. Tecumseh.—A Vandeventer lost a valuable horse from a peculiar disease. A veterinarian who was called pronounced the trouble as being the same disease that was so prevalent last year in the state, when severe losses were experienced by farmers. No other cases have been reported in the county.

Nuckolls County Pioneer Drops Dead. Nora.—Harmon Kline, old soldier and for thirty years a resident of Nuckolls county, dropped dead near his barn at this place Friday afternoon. He had been ill but had recovered somewhat and had resumed his daily tasks. Mrs. Kline discovered the body.

A new high school building is being erected at Exeter, at a cost of \$40,000.

STATE BASEBALL NEWS

- Hastings lost at Kearney, Thursday, 16 to 9. Superior won Thursday's Columbus game, 6 to 4. Beatrice was shut out at Norfolk, Thursday, 6 to 0. York lost at Grand Island, Thursday, 5 to 4. In a nineteen-inning game at Norfolk, Friday, Beatrice was defeated, 2 to 1. Hastings lost at Kearney, Friday, 8 to 8. Superior was defeated at Columbus Friday, 9 to 5. York lost at Grand Island, Friday, 9 to 5. Norfolk was defeated at York Wednesday 6 to 2. Superior lost at Kearney Wednesday 5 to 4. Beatrice won at Grand Island Wednesday 5 to 4. Columbus was shut out at Hastings Wednesday 6 to 0. Columbus was shut out at Hastings Tuesday 4 to 0. Norfolk was shut out at York Tuesday 9 to 0.