## **ISSUES WAR** DECLARATION

EUROPE FACING GREATEST WAR IN HISTORY.

### FRANCE MAY TAKE NEXT STEP

England Uncertain What Course to Pusue, 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 kalser Saturday. His hand was forced by France's action in calling for the mobilization of her army.

Orders were wired at once to the commanding officers of the army and navy to be prepared to move at once. The kalser is expected to assume his position as commander-in-chief as the land operations open.

Berlin is wildly excited. The streets are jammed with madly cheering throngs. Word of fighting on the boundary is expected momentarily.

The populace is in a frenzy of patriotic fervor, quotations from the speeches of illustrious war generals of the past are bandled about, evoking cheers and patriotic songs. The imperial chancellor touched a popular chord when in addressing a vast crowd that clamored outside - his office, he quoted Prince Charles' words to his troops from Brandenburg: "Our hearts beat for God and our

fists on the enemy."

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, and at 5:15 o'clock in the afternoon the German emperor signed a mobilization order. At 7:30 o'clock the German ambassador at St. Petersburg, Count von Bourtales, delivered a declaration of war in the name of his government to the Russian government, and the entire staff of the embassy immediately left St. Peters-

Although, after the warlike speeches delivered by the German emperor and the imperial chancellor at Berlin on Friday, no other result could be expected, hopes that the dreaded event might be averted had been raised by the intervention of King George in St. Petersburg and the fact that the German reichstag was not to be convened until Tuesday. Hence the actual declaration of war had not been expected for another day or two.

Must Oppose a United France.

Paris.-Announcement of important been made. These include the appointment of M. Delcasse as minister diplomatic relations. This is desp of war, and the appointment of Georges Clemenceau to one of the other important portfolios. Clemenceau was prime minister at the time of the Casa Blanca incident, and with Delcasse is an especial enemy of Germany. That these two men, with present views widely at variance with those entertained by the Viviani ministry, have consented to enter the cabinet, is considered proof that Germany must oppose a united France.

London Filling with Americans. London.-London is fast filling with Americans, who have been compelled to forego their continental tours. Every cross-channel steamer from France and Belgium is filled with American tourists, who, on the advice of their ambassadors, ministers or consuls, have left the continental cities and various resorts on a minute's notice to England, which country affords them their only chance of reaching home. Inability to get money is another incentive for their desire to leave the continent. Express companies' checks, which Americans universally use on foreign tours, cannot be converted into cash, except at a high rate of exchange.

#### 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. All parties have attacked me in times of peace. I forgive them with all my heart. I hope and wish that the good German sword will emerge victorious in the right."

The emperor's speech was greeted with tumultuous cheering.

Copenhagen. - German warships, chiefly destroyers, are reported in the Fehmarn belt. It is believed that they are watching Russian war craft reported in that vicinity. It is reported that an unsuccessful attempt was made by the Germans to destroy the cable running from Russia to Den-

mark. 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 east would afford Japan an opportunity Danish territory.

Fervor at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg.-Germany's declaration of war against Russia has provoked in the Russian capital a won-derful demonstration of patriotic en thusiasm.

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. From time to time there is an outburst of cheering and singing.

Speakers fired with patriotic fervor harrangued the crowds. In front of the Kazan cathedral each procession halts and a sudden bush 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. Then the procession moves forward and the demonstrations are resumed with renewed ardor.

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.

Arlon, 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

More than 25,000 men are engaged in digging trenches in front of the German and French positions,

The strategical 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 changes in the French cabinet has war against each other, as far as is known here, but have not even severed the fact that Germany's ultimatum to France has neither been ignored nor rejected.

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 Russ'an embassador, 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 Austran 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 militar; as prisoners of

## Territory Not Wanted.

Paris.-The Temps says Russia has been officially informed that Austria-Hungary would respect the territorial integrity of Servia 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 Watchfully Walting. Tokfo.—Japan's attitude may be de scribed 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. However, if the war is limited to Europe, Japan probably will remain neutral. Newspapers say the withdrawal of Russia's forces from the far to extend her influence in Asia.

## **RURAL SKYSCRAPERS**



## AMERICANS IN SORRY PLIGHT PROSPECTS GOOD FOR PEACE

IN DISTRESS FOR LACK OF MEANS TO GET HOME.

Will Prevent Financial Unsettlement In United States as Result of War in Europe.

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. The president and Secretary Bryan are considering means of getting money to citizens abroad. The administration has under consideration sending army and navy transports to carry American refugees and a special report to congress for an appropriation is expected.

To Prevent Financial Uneasiness.

New York.-Extraordinary action was taken by the leading financial interests of America today to aver a financial unsettlement in this country, as a result of the European war. Relief measures are under way which, in the opinion of the bankers, will preserve the public confidence,

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. Representatives of New York foreign exchange houses held a Sunday conference with President Wilson. They suggested the unprecedentel procedure of advancing \$100,000,000 credit to England.

. 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 5. Campbell of the United States district. The opinion affects leases of oil and gas lands worth millions of dollars.

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 twentynine districts in the province of Kwano-Tungk, 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 or thirty-four carloads of Manchuria corn that had just arrived on a Japanese steamer, infected with weevils.

Patrial 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.

OUTLOOK GOOD FOR TRANQUIL ITY IN MEXICO.

United States Can Easily Meet De mand for Gold-French Socialist Leader Assassinated

in Paris.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.-Referring to the Mexcan situation generally, President Wilson describes the outlook for peace as "entirely encouraging." Advices from every quarter to the Washington government show a trend toward the restoration of tranquility throughout the republic. The Zapata faction is now working in harmony with the constitutionalists, and an agreement has been consummated through which the support of the southern revolutionary forces is promised to the new constitutionalist government. With the arrival at Saltillo of President Carbajal's peace delegates it is expected that General Carranza will order an armistice. The peace parleys are not expected to last more than a few days and Washington government officials believe a peace agreement will be signed in a short time.

#### Socialist Leader Assassinated.

Paris.-Jean Leon Juares, the noted socialist leader, was assassinated here while dining in a small restaurant near the bourse. The assassin was arrested, but refused to disclose his identity. Later he was identified as Raoul Villain, twenty-nine years old, and said to be the son of a clerk of the civil court at Rheims. The minister of the interior, Louis Malvy, on learning of the crime, left the meeting of the council and ordered precautions to be taken to prevent demonstrations.

CAN MEET DRAIN ON GOLD.

United States in Splendid Shape to Protect Itself.

Washington. - European demands upon New York for gold will be met by transfers from the United States sug-treasuries so as to keep the metropolis always sufficiently supplied to meet all calls. Treasury officials say it would be against public policy to make known details of such shipments, but they emphasized the preparedness of the United States for taking care without inconvenience to itself of almost any demand, which even in event of war, Europe reasonably might be expected to make on the gold supply of this country It was declared the United States now has more gold than almost any two other nations combined.

Bar Liquor in Dry State Clubs.

Milwaukee .- All further incorporations of Moose club houses must be with the consent of the supreme distator and no liquor can be sold in club houses in dry states, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Loyal Order of Moose convention. Another resolution adopted provides that the "Call of the Moose," the official paper of the order, which is now sent free to members at an annual expense to the order of over \$100,000, be discontinued and the money be given to the tuberculosis fund.

Bad Fire in Newspaper Plant.

Lincoln, Neb .- A fire that caused damages mounting into the tens of thousands of dollars started in the fourth floor of the State Journal build ing Friday afternoon. The fire originated in the camera room of the photo-engraving department, and within an instant it was ablaze. So rapidly did the flames spread that six men working in adjoining rooms to the rear were forced to leap out of the windows onto the roof to the west.

Planning for Big Railroad Strike. Chicago.—A strike of 55,000 firemen and engineers on ninety-eight railroads operating west of Chicago has been set for Friday, August 7. William S. Stone, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, declared the order would be put into effect unless the general managers' committee of the railroads accepted the plan of settlement proposed by the federal board of medi-

## NEWS FROM STATE HOUSE

Decreases of from \$300,000 to \$450, 000 assessed valuation of property in :he 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 twentyseven 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 build-

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 Neallotted \$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 recrease 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 Ne braska 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 or 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 ery, 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 Ititle 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 employes together and told them he brasga national guard has received had lost \$20,000. He said he would notice that the war department has pay each of them one day's salary for the past week's work.

Ready for Tomatoes. Peru.—The Pery Canning company expects to star running about August 1 and is now lining up the tomoto 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 be ing erected at Exeter, at a cost of \$40,000.

STATE BASEBALL NEWS Hastings lost at Kearney, Thursday,

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, 2 to 8. Superior was defeated at Columbus

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