## ALL EUROPE IS ALIVE TO POSSIBILITY OF POWERS **BEING DRAGGED INTO WAR**

Chancellories of Old World Are Deeply Concerned Over Gravity of Situation Which All Concede Is Fraught With Imminent munication that the localization of a Danger-Italy Finds Herself in Perilous Position as Result of Alliance-Foreign Stock Markets Reflect War Fever-Roumania Is Prepared to Attack Bulgaria If Latter Seeks to Interfere—France and England Are Playing Role of Spectators Pending Developments.

Vienna, July 27-A message from Belgrade says orders for the mobilization of the Servian army were given at three o'clock this afternoon. The king of Servia, with his court and the garrison are leaving the Servian capital.

London, July 27-An unconfirmed dispatch from Vienna to the Central New says the Servian minister announced after six o'clock that he had received a telegram from Belgrade accepting all the Austrian demands.

Vienna, July 27-Shortly before 6 o'clock the Austro-Hungarian minister at Belgrade presented a note to the Servian foreign office saying the Servian reply was unsatisfactory. The Austro-Hungarian minister and the staff of the legation then left Belgrade.

The Austro-Hungarian government refused all the requests of Servia to extend the time limit for the reply to its note.

Paris, July 27-The French government, according to the semiofficial Temps is in accord with the government of Russia in asking Austria to extend Servia's time limit.

London, July 27-The Austro-Servian imbroglio today occupied the attention of every chancellory in Europe, where the situation was recognized as fraught with possibilities of a general conflict. The condition of the stock exchanges gave a strong indication of the fears felt by the general public and stocks of all kinds suffered a MARKETS ARE PARALYZED collapse.

The hope was widely expressed that armed contact between the nations would be avoided and the Russian view of the coercion exercised on a slav nation was watched closely, as it was felt that on the decision of St. Petersburg as to whether Russia would actively support Servia in resisting Austria's demands depended the final outcome of the controversy.

Many rumors were current, some asserting that Austria had given Servia further time in which to reply to her peremptory note, others that she had refused to do so, and still others that Servia maintained an attitude of defiance and was preparing for the worst

### Servia Asks For More Time In Which To Formulate Her Reply

Belgrade, July 27.—Servia, acording to sources usually in close touch with government bearing on the relations

vian parliament has been postponed and the members of the old parliament and confessions of the perpetrators to

and the members of the old parliament have been ordered to meet in special session tomorrow to discuss the situation between Servia and Austria.

The government newspaper, Samouprava publishes the following, which is generally accepted as indicating the tone of Servia's reply to Austria:

"Servia desires sincere and correct neighborly relations with the dual monarchy. Convinced of the necessity of maintaining such relations, the

monarchy. Convinced of the necessity of maintaining such relations, the Servian government will readily comply with all the demands of Austria-Hungary, which will serve to suppress all criminal acts, manifestations and discord in neighboring countries.

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"Besides the Servian government considers it is thereby fulfilling the obvious duty of a civilized state the government will in all sincerity do everything to prove its intense desire for friendly relations with the dual monarchy."

Trieste, Austria, dent of the countries of t

to sources usually in close touch with the foreign office in Belgrade, has requested Austria for an extension of time in which to reply to the note asking for a delay until the Servian parliament, which has been summoned to an extraordinary session, shall have been consulted. It is also stated in authoritative circles that Servia is ready to grant the Austrian demands as far as possible, without damage to her national prestige.

The election of mebers of the Servian parliament has been postponed givernment bearing on the relations between the two countries and dealing directly with the assassination at Sarajevo on June 28 of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austrian throne, reviews relations with Servia since 1909 and complains that, although the Servian government promised loyalty to the Austrian demands as far as possible, without damage to her national prestige.

The election of mebers of the Servian parliament has been postponed have been hatched at Belgrade, the arms and explosives having been sup-plied by connivance of Servian officers and functionaries.

"The Austro-Hungarian govern-ment," continues the note, "is unable longer to pursue an attitude of for-bearance and sees the duty imposed upon it to put an end to the intrigues which form a perpetual menace to the monarchy's tranquility. Therefore, it monarchy's tranquility. Therefore, it demands from the Servian government formal assurance that it condemns the dangerous propaganda whose aim is to detach from the monarchy a portion of

Trieste, Austria, July 25.—The president of the council of ministers of Montenegro, in a dispatch to a local newspaper, says that his country will support Servia in the controversy with

# Russia Prepares to Go Any

St. Petersburg, July 27.—Orders for her fate. Russia, it was stated, was in the prompt mobilization of the Russian far better military condition than she army were looked for today as a result of the calling of the council of ministers, presided over by the emperor of the general council of the same of the council of the council of ministers, presided over by the emperor of the general council or the russian was in 1902, prior to the Japanese war. She has now 31 army corps and the most modern artillery and equipment.

Peterhof early this morning. From present indications Russia appears prepared to go to any extremes a friendly state and that Austria's rather than tolerate the downfall of

Servia.

The Austro-Servian situation was considered at a four hours' meeting of the cabinet. It is understood that as a result Russia immediately will intervene in the controversy by asking Austria to prolong the period she has given Servia to reply to her ultimatum, so that European diplomats may have time to act.

action could be regarded as only a challenge to Russia. To this latter opinion that Sazonoff added there could be but one answer.

It was the opinion of the ministers that should Bulgaria venture to assist Austria she would be attacked by Roumania.

The offical view is that should Austria refuse to prolong the term of the ultimatum, Russia may take extreme measures. It is considered here that the dispute should have been submitted to the European powers to whose decision Servia is willing to de-

Another cabinet council will be held under the presidency of Emperor Nicholas before final decision is taken. It was decided that the internal situation was not weighty enough to warrant Russia abandoning Servia to staken. The disturbers of the peace have not to deal with Servia only, but also with Russia. Unless the Austrian ultimatum is withdrawn, Russia will not remain alone.

"The disturbers of federal reserve banks:

L. B. Hanna, Fargo, N. D., class A, group 2, and Norman B. Holter, Helena, Mont., class B, group 3, both Minneapolis districts.

cers and special agents of the railroads

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POLICE SEEK BANDITS

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Russia and held at the palace of ministers that a nation with flourishing finances and such an army could not afford to permit the humiliation of action could be regarded as only a

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Already part of the Russia press has taken a defiant attitude, demanding taken to prolong the term of imatum, Russia may take extended to the protection of Servia.

"The Russian government clearly recognizes that the Austrian ultimatum is particularly directed against it and recognizes that the Austrian ultimatum is particularly directed against it and Russia is replying not only by words but by the requisite actions. Servia is being subjected to an unlawful attack their districts in groups for directors and well not remain along with the following named had received a majority of votes of bankers in the desard reserve banks:

#### ATTEMPTS TO SHOOT KHEDIVE OF EGYPT

Constantinople, July 25.—As Khedive of Egypt was leaving the grand vizierate this afternoon an Egyptian attempted to shoot him. The assailant was promptly shot down by a member of the Khedive's suite. cers and special agents of the railroads today resumed their search for the two masked men who last night killed Tom Elgin, a flagman, in an attempted holdup of the New York limited, Louis-

holdup of the New York limited, Louisville & Nashville passenger train, a few miles east of here. The officers believe the bandits followed the Louisville & Nashville tracks back to New Orleans. Operators at towers near the scene of the radium in the interior of the earth is in any way equal to that in the rocks at the surface the world will grow hotter in time instead of colder.

# in connection with the Austrian note with the greatest composure, although the people know it to be a question of peace or war. A number of patriotic demonstrations have been held, but there is no sign of nervousness. No supprise was caused here by the there is no sign of nervousness. No surprise was caused here by the communication published in the Official Journal, of the Russian government, stating that the St. Petersburg government was seriously preoccupied by the ultimatum advanced to Servia by Austria-Hungary and that Russia by Austria-Hungary and that Russia

Vienna, July 27.—The general public here looks forward to Servia's decision

STRIKE QUICK BLOW

AUSTRIA PREPARED TO

y Austria-Hungary and that Russia ould not remain indifferent to the dis-ute. It was inferred from this compossible war would be prevented by Russia.

The relations between Servia and Austria were felt to have become in-tolerable. The attitude of Servia to-ward Austria since Servia's success in

the last Balkan war has been unbear-able in its arrogance. It is believed in Servia that the time was ripe for the distintegration of the Austro-Hungarian empire, and that Austria would suffer anything rather than run the risk of a European war. Hence Servian statemen aspired to bring Bosnia and other Austrian Slav provinces under Servian rule.

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Germans and Austrians have for several years attributed the bad trade in the monarchy and the crushing tax-ation caused by repeated mobilization to Servian hostile intrigues, and there is a feeling of relief, therefore, that matters now have been brought to a head and that Servia will be settled

with once for all.

It is believed here that the Servian crown prince, who is now acting regent during the king's absence, is under the influence of the war party and will reject the ultimatum. The Servian government has not un-

The Servian government has not until this movning given any hint as to what its reply to Austria's note would be, but in quarters which are not official no hope is held out that the answer will be favorable. Should this turn out to be the fact, unless Russia should be successful in her efforts to have the time extended in favor of Servia, Austria will, it is pointed out, before many hours have passed take

Servia, Austria will, it is pointed out, before many hours have passed take steps to enforce her demands.

It is argued in authoritative quarters that Austria-Hungary, if left alone, could crush her diminutive neighbor in short order, but it is feared that Russia may find herself unable to stand idly by and see a Slav nation practically extinguished.

#### BY PROSPECTS OF WAR

London, July 27.-In all the European capitals today a grave view is taken of the Austro-Servian situation arising out of the presentation to Servia by

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the Austrian government of a virtual
ultimatum demanding the suppression
of the Pan-Servian movement and the
punishment of those concerned in the
assassination in Boston of the heir to
the Austrian imperial throne.
Diplomatic circles see in the dispute
and in the added possibility of Russian
interference on behalf of the "little
slav nation" the danger of a general
European war. On the London stock
exchange demorialization set in at the
opening of business this morning owing to a rumor that Russia had begun
to mobilize her great army in preparaing to a rumor that Russia had begun to mobilize her great army in prepara-tion for eventualities. Dealers offered everything and British consols fell 1 1-4 per cent to 73 3-4. Rio Tintos lost 3 points, Russian bonds 2 1-2, Austrian and Hungarian bonds 2 points, while the leading American stocks were quot-ed at from 1 to 3 below parity. Cana-dian Pacific, however, showed the most loss. A fractional hardening occurred loss. A fractional hardening occurred before noon, but the market remained nervous and excited.

Paris, July 25.—As an indication of the gravity with which the Austro-Servian situation is regarded here, French 3 per cent rentes fell to 78 at the opening of the bourse at noon today. This was further point and a half below yesterday's closing price.

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French financiers seem to have abandoned their usual week-end holiday and the square fronting the stock exchange was packed with automobiles. The French cabinet, in the absence of Premier Rene Viviani, who is in company with President Poincare on a visit to various European courts, has not yet met to consider the situation.

#### UNCLE SAM TO REMAIN IN NEUTRAL ATTITUDE

Washington, July 27.—In accord with a policy of absolute neutrality should the Austro-Servian crisis develop into war, any attempt by any of the interested powers to purchase American warships would be prompt-ly turned down by the United States, in the opinion of officials here today. It was pointed out that the recent sale

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Ident of the council of ministers of latinesses desired out that the recent sale of the battleships Mississippi and Idaho to Greece could in no manner serve as a precedent for further sale of ships to any European government. President Wilson might issue a proclamation of neutrality, which clearly set forth just what commerce would be permitted between this country and the parties to the conflict, which European chancellories fear is imminent.

#### ITALY IS PLACED IN BAD PLIGHT BY WAR PROSPECT

Rome, July 27.-La Vittoria, a naionalist newspaper, considers war between Austria, Servia and Russia possible, but sees no reason why Italy should engage in it. It adds: "Austria is our ally, but Russia and Servia are our friends. We have plenty to occupy our attention in the future.

#### SERVIAN TROOPS PLAN TO EVACUATE BELGRADE

London, July 27.—An Exchange Telegraph company's dispatch from Vienna says news was received there today that the Servian government was making preparations to evacuate Belgrade, the capital. It adds that many of the troops already have left the city, which is considered untenable and are retiring toward the south.

#### DIRECTORS NAMED.

#### FACING CHARGES, QUITS BECAUSE OF ILL HEALTH

Chicago, July 25 .- Michael Ryan, the police captain formerly in charge of the district which contained the old south side levee, resigned from the force today. His resignation, which was made, he said, on the ground of ill health, was accepted by Chief Gleason, who said that charges prepared against the captain following the killing of a detective in the red light castrict now would not be filed.

## GENERALLY BELIEVED MEXICO IS ABOUT TO **ENTER ERA OF PEACE**

Carranza and Carbajal's Envoy Arranging Terms of Federal Surrender.

#### WASHINGTON IS CONFIDENT

Leaders Are Expected to Reach an Early Agreement-Villa Sends Word He Won't Balk

Program.

Washington, D. C., July 27 .- Con fident that peace was at hand in Mexico, administration officials today awaited the outcome of the meeting at Tampico between Carranza and Reginaldo Cepeda, envoy of the Carbajal government to arrange for the transfer of administrations in Mexico City. Belief was expressed that they would speedily reach an understand-

ing.

All that the Carbajal government seeks is a amnesty for political offenders and general guarantees for the people living in the territory once controlled by Huerta. Carranza is ready to grant that, but he will not give immunity to men involved in the plot that resulted in Madero assassination. Probably Provisional President Probably Provisional President Carbajal will not object to that exception.

Anxiety over the position that Villa might take during the period of Mexico's reconstruction was considerably relieved by word from the northern general that he would do all in his power to inaugurate an era of peace, and would co-operate with other considerable. and would co-operate with other con-stitutionalist leaders.

#### CATTLE OF TERRAZAS WILL

BE SHIPPED FROM MEXICO El Paso, Tex., July 27.—A concession to export from Chihuahua state all the cattle owned by Luis Terrazas, sr., was consummated with General Villa today, according to a report by J. E. Garrett, of Corpus Christi, Tex. It was said the first shipment would total approximately 200,000 head and that most of the cattle would be marketed at Kansas City, Fort Worth and Chicago, the remainder being taken to ranges in southwestern United States. Close Mexican observers here predicted that this deal ultimately would result that this deal ultimately would result in the release of Luis Terrazas, jr., who has been held a prisoner by Gen-eral Villa on account of his alleged Huerta sympathies.

## LIQUOR QUESTION IS **BIG ISSUE IN TEXAS**

State-Wide Prohibition Is Being Voted on Today-Candidates to Be Chosen.

Dallas, Tex., July 27.—Whether state wide prohibition shall be voted on by Texas citizens in the summer of 1915 and whether the next governor shall be a prohibitionist or an anti-prohibitionist, were the main issues in today's democratic state primary election. The primary was to nominate 18 candidates for congress, candidates for

candidates for congress, candidates for the legislature and state and county officials from governor down. In all the important offices nomina-tion today was equivalent to election. This was a "white" primary, negroes not being qualified.

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The prohibitionist candidate for governor, Thomas H. Ball, a Houston attorney, has announced for the strictest saloon regulation, but against all forms of prohibition except by state constitutional amendment. stitutional amendment.

stitutional amendment.

The anti-prohibitionist candidate is James E. Ferguson, a banker and farmer of Temple, Tex., whose platform has been to enforce saloon laws, but stop liquor agitation.

Leopold Morris, of Victoria, is a candidate for governor, running independent of the prohibitionists and "antis"

Texas voted on constitutional pro-hibition in 1911, the state remaining wet then by about 6,000 votes.

#### AMERICAN TO UNRAVEL DOMINICAN FINANCES

Washington, July 27.—Charles M. Johnson, of Indianapolis, has been designated by the state department, and accepted by the Dominican republic, as a financial expert to untangle the complications which involve Euragement ean interests and threaten American

At the request of Acting Secretary Phillips, of the state department, the navy department today ordered the gunboat Marietta at Sanchez, Dominican republic, to proceed at once to San Pedro De Macoris, where new disorders have broken out with deaths of two natives on an American owned sugar plantation. The request for pro-tection came from New York agency of the plantation owners.

#### WORKMAN MUST SUBMIT TO SURGICAL OPERATION

Providence, R. I., July 27.—A decree, said to be the first of its kind in this country, was entered by Judge Sterns in the supreme court when he ordered R. Leander Rabitaille to submit to an operation at once. Rabitaille was injured while at work in a mill and, under the workman's compensation act, was entitled to \$6.21 weekly for 500 weekly. weeks. After paying 51 weeks the company declined to make further pay-ments on the grounds that the employe had refused to submit to a surgical op-eration that probably would cure him. Under the court's order the company must pay the expenses of the opera

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* THE HUMAN ZERO.

It is better to be a fool than to be dead. It is better to emit a scream \* than to be entirely insensible to the jars and incongruities of life, and take everything as it comes in a forlorn stupidity. Some people swallow the universe like a pill, they travel on through the world like smiling images pushed from behind. For God's sake, give me the young man who has brains enough to make a fool of himself! the world like smiling images
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The no worse for congress to have to
work than for the rest of us to have to
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work. Besides, the remedy is in the hands
of the congressmen themselves. If they
would finish the business in hand and
clean up the desk, they could quit.

## ATTACK IS MADE ON KANSAS GRAIN RATES

Company Takes Claim Before Interstate Commerce Commission on Kansas Shipment.

Washington, D. C., July 27.-The Anchor Grain company, of Omaha, with branch offices at Sioux City, Minneapolis and other centers, filed complain with the Interstate Commerce commission against the Burlington and Milwaukee railroads. It attacks rates on coarse grain between South Dakota points and St. Joseph, Mo. Reparation on part shipments is asked.

#### MEDIATION FAILS IN RAIL DISPUTE

Chicago, July 27.-Mediation has failed to settle the wage differences between the 98 western railroads and their 55,000 enginemen. After a week of sessions the federal board of media-tion and conciliation today announced that it was trying to effect a working basis by which both sides would con-sent to arbitrate their differences. The announcement of the crisis in the negotiations between the media-

the negotiations between the mediators and the warring employes and managers was made by G. W. W. Hanger, member of the federal board of mediation and conciliation, who said:
"It has been apparent for the last three or four days that the question could not be settled by mediation and the board, therefore, is trying to effect a working basis by which both sides will consent to arbitration."

New proposals to both the representatives of the enginemen and firemen and to the committee of railway managers were submitted today by the

men and to the committee of railway managers were submitted today by the mediators and the board is awaiting replies to its proposal.

Neither W. S. Stone, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, nor W. C. Carter, head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen would discuss the nature of the proposal submitted by the mediators. Equal silence was observed by the officials of the railway managers committee which has conducted negotiations with the employes ducted negotiations with the employes

since last October.

The employes' representatives The employes' representatives met today and the proposal of the mediators was considered at length. Similar action was taken by the managers' committee. The result of their deliberations is expected to be made known to mediators, who also remained in session.

mained in session.

The condition is admitted by both sides to be grave, but no word terminating the negotiations has yet been

spoken.

Rumors that the strike would be called Tuesday were denied by one of the enginemen who said: "It has not progressed that far yet." Unofficially, however, it was stated that today's would probably be the last of the meetings with the federal mediators. The enginemen have promised to give two days' notice of a strike.

#### PORTE WILL NOT TRY FLIGHT TILL OCTOBER

Hammondsport, N. Y., July 27 .-Lieut. John C. Porte will not attempt to fly across the Atlantic until October 1. This decision was reached today after a conference between Glenn H. Curtiss, Lieutenant Porte and Will Gash, the personal representative of Rodman Wanamaker.

Mr. Curtiss said that while it was ready to assemble the machine and

ready to assemble the machine and rush it to New York in time for the steamer sailing for Newfoundland August 1, it was advisable to take time to make changes suggested by the ex-periments of the past month.

#### GARST CLAIMS RIGHT TO **DESIGNATE PHYSICIANS**

Des Moines, Ia., July 27.—Industrial Commissioner Garst ruled today that he has the right to select a physician when employer and employe cannot agree upon one, and also to specify what fees a physician should charge under the workmen's compensation

This ruling is expected to reduce doctors' fees, will prevent the employer from hiring a doctor by the year to look after his employes. The latter practice, it is claimed, has not resulted the benefit of employes in other

#### LONGER PRISON TERMS UNDER PAROLE SYSTEM

Des Moines, Ia., July 27.—Iowa's parole law, instead of emptying the state prison, has actually lengthened the terms of convicts, according to a report completed today for the first seven years of the board's existence. The report shows that the average pentence served under the board of parole for the 582 prisoners it has re-leased was two years, three months and 11 days. Under the old system, with definite sentences and "good time" allowed the average term served was only one year, five months and 13

#### \* BEGIN NOW TO LIVE.

Michael Monahan, in "At the Sign of the Van."

After a long, stern chase I am convinced that the ingredients of happiness are very few and simple. The trouble with most of us is that we think we want too many things and so miss our true alm in the effort to obtain them. It is better to put beauty in your life than money in your purse. Gilt-edged stocks will not compensate you for the poverty of the mind. A city mansion and a country house, the seductions of society and the vain pursuit of the anise seed bag will not make up to you for a dearth of soul life. Cut out the superfluities—and begin to live. and begin to live.

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"Overworked" Congressmen.
From the New York World.
Did anybody ever hear of a congressman's refusing a renomination because he had been overworked? The World never lid. Some of the statesmen in Washington

who are bewailing the fate that keeps them in session after they had planned to adjourn may have forgotten that the average American has to work about 12 months in every year. If he adjourns, he goes hungry.

## **ENGLISH NOBLEWOMEN HELD FOR MILITANCY**

Lady Barclay and Lady Fitzgerald Arrested at the King's Palace.

London, July 25-Two suffragists belonging to the British nobility, Lady Barclay and the Hon. Miss Edith Fitzgerald, were arrested today at Bucking-

gerald, were arrested today at Buckingham palace, where they made persistent and unsuccessful attempts to present to King George, a letter written to his majesty by Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffraget leader.

The letter demanded a personal interview with the king and claimed that the suffragists should be given the same right to an interview as certain militant men, namely Sir Edward Carson, Capt. James Crai John Dillon and John E. Redmond, who had, it was pointed out, been invited to Buckingham palace by the king.

The two women announced their determination to remain at the palace until they were given an audience with the king. The police took the two women to the nearest police station.

#### **EFFORTS OF KING** TO SETTLE IRISH PROBLEM USELESS

London, July 25.—The fact that the conference at Buckingham palace between the leaders of the various political parties had been rendered abor-

tical parties had been rendered abortive by its failure to agree on the area of Ulster to be excluded from the control of the Dublin parliament was confirmed by Premier Asquith in the house of commons today.

The premier's statement on the subject of today's meeting of the conference was very brief. He said: "The possibility of finding an area to be excluded from the operation of the Irigh home rule bill was considered, but the conferences, unable to agree in conferences, unable to agree in principle or in detail on such an area, prought its meeting to a close."

Mr. Asquith then announced that the second reading of the bill to amount of the lrish home rule bill would be taken up on July 28

up on July 28.

The premier was invited to inform the house as to exact differences of opinion which had prevented the attainment of a settlement by the conference and in reply said:

"I can make no statement on the

"I can make no statement on the subject at the present moment."

Conference is Brief.

The Buckingham palace conference today was the shortest of its four sessions. The chairman, the Right Hon. James Lowther, Premier Asquith and Chancellor of the Exchequer David Lloyd-George, representing the liberals; Andrey Bonar Law and the Marquis of Lansdowne of the regular conservation opposition. Sir Edward Carson and Capt. James Craig, Ulster unionists, John Dillon, Irish nationalist arrived at the palace at 11 o'clock, but the business session did not begin until 11:30 as John E. Redmond, through a misunderstanding, was half an hour late. Conference Is Brief.

Discussion of the Ulster situation

Discussion of the Ulster situation lasted only 40 minutes and the members then left the palace.

No statement was given out as to the result of the meeting, but it was expected that Premier Asquith would make an announcement in the house

of commons during the day.

The feeling was general in the lobbles of the house of commons that the
Ulster conference had failed of its immediate purpose and that no definite
agreement had been reached. Members awaited anxiously the announcement as to the actual situation to be made by Premier Asquith.

Think Good Resulted. Except among the extreme radicals and labor members, who are opposed to a conference of any kind and think the matter should have been fought out on the floor of the house of commons, it is felt in parliamentary circles that the meetings of the political leaders in Buckingham palace have done much

good.

It was pointed out that they had shown how far the opposing Irish parties were prepared to go and that this would assist the government in reframing its bill to amend the Irish home rule bill.

Sir Edward Carson and his followers Sir Edward Carson and his followers during the conference, had, it was understood, abandoned their demand for "clean cut" elimination of the province of Ulster from the control of the Dublin parliament and were prepared to accept the exclusion of six counties. The nationalists on the other hand, agreed to leave the four northeastern counties of Ulster out of the control of Dublin and to allow the counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh to take a vote on the question whether they should be included or not. Neither party, however, would consent to go a step further.

#### STRIKE MEDIATION HANGS BY THREAD

Chicago, July 25.—Continuance of ne-gotiations by the federal board of me-diation and conciliation in the attempt to compose the wage differences between the engineers and firemen of 98 western railroads and the managers' committee hung in the balance today. Since Monday there have been daily meetings of the board with the labor officials and railroad managers, each meeting separately.

As matters now stand the federal board is awaiting word from the engi-

neers and firemen and on their message depends the continuance of the meet-ings of the board. The men seek changes in service rules and increases in pay, principally in the overtime schedule and declare their requests are just and reasonable. The railroad managers insist that to comply with the requests would be to

increase the present pay rolls by \$33,-Arbitration of the differences has been repeatedly refused by the heads of the unions on the contention that in previous cases the railroads have not held themselves bound by the arbitra-

Nearly 55,000 men are directly con-cerned in the outcome of the dispute and a much greater number would be affected should the differences lead to a strike of the employes.

#### **DRY-GOODS IMPORTERS** MAKE AN ASSIGNMENT

New York, July 24.—Boessneck, Broesel & Co., importers and dealers in dry goods, made a general assignment today for the benefit of credi-Attorneys for the firm declared that liabilities were approximately \$1,-500,000 and assets in excess of that sum. The assignment according to the attorneys, was caused by the curtailment of the firm's foreign credits.