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ENGLAND ISSUES ULTIMATUM TO GERMANY

(Continued from page one.)

Business is at a complete standstill and all the large shops and offices are shut.

In every public place notices have been posted, signed by the burgomaster, declaring Antwerp in a state of siege and appealing to his fellow-citizens to provide order.

There are no signs of panic here, though every family has the flower of its manhood at the front.

Paris, Aug. 3.—French arms have scored a victory in a sharp and bloody engagement at Petite Croix. A corps of Uhlans attacked the French forces entrenched just beyond the town. The defenders replied with machine guns and mowed down the advance guard of the Germans.

The Uhlans charged several times but were unable to withstand the withering fire of the defenders and finally retired in disorder, leaving a number of dead on the field. Among the wounded were some officers. The French also took a number of prisoners.

THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

London, Aug. 3.—Great Britain has mobilized her forces and awaits events. Today she is not a belligerent power, nor is she a neutral one.

The government has given France assurance that the British fleet will not permit the German fleet to attack the French coast. It has not yet pledged itself to contribute an army to the continental war.

The British government regards with the deepest distrust Germany's violation of Belgium's neutrality, but makes no declaration as to whether it considers that measure provocation for war.

This pronouncement of government policy—the result of two days almost continuous deliberations, was made to the House of Commons this afternoon by Sir Edward Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs.

The House of Commons, after a stormy session in which the war party was always in the ascendancy, adjourned late tonight until tomorrow.

Mr. Asquith did not speak. His speech will not be delivered until the debate is completed and until after every member of the house has had ample opportunity to be heard.

Therefore the trying hour of suspense for the British people is prolonged indefinitely. Meanwhile the German embassy in London is exerting every effort of diplomacy to induce Great Britain to hold aloof from the conflict, and to bring public opinion to Germany's side. The counselor of the German embassy issued a strong appeal for the neutrality of Great Britain, asserting that Germany would agree to keep her fleet from attacking the northern and western coasts of France if England would pledge neutrality and argued that England would gain more in the end by standing outside the European war, and using her influence as mediator when the moment was ripe. Referring to this suggestion in the House today, the British foreign secretary said:

"I have only heard that shortly before I came to the House."

He raised his voice and rapped the table before him sharply, declaring: "But that is far too narrow an engagement."

Sir Edward Grey dispelled the shadows of doubt which flickered over the Triple Entente in the minds of many Liberals by exposing some milestones in the history of the approachment, revealing it as essentially a national one with France, without definite obligations.

Finally, on the one tremendously vital question—a question upon the answer to which the British empire and the whole world are hanging—whether the government considers that Germany's policy compels Great Britain to war, the foreign secretary left an impression of doubt. That doubt may reflect the mind of a cabinet not wholly unanimous and the interpretation drawn by many is that Sir Edward Grey's speech to Germany was a hint that if she will keep her soldiers off Belgian soil and her battleships away from the coast of France, that will be the price of Great Britain's armed neutrality.

London, Aug. 4.—All the great European powers except Italy, are mobilizing with all their energy, and most of the secondary powers. Mobilization has not yet reached a stage where any of the armies have met in battle.

Italy will begin to mobilize officially tomorrow, although the process is probably well under way, but Italy declares her neutrality.

Great Britain's mobilization is nearly completed, but she has not announced war.

Until tonight war officially existed between Austria and Germany, on one side, and Russia, Serbia and Montenegro on the other. There had been no official declaration of war between Germany and France, on either side. But tonight the German ambassador in Paris received orders to demand his passports.

The most important event in the last twenty-four hours was Germany's demand upon Belgium in the form of a twelve-hour ultimatum, that the German troops be permitted to cross Belgium to the French frontier, coupled with the promise that Belgian integrity remain unimpaired after the war, and that Belgium should be compensated.

To this Belgium refused to accede, on the ground of her rights and honor.

Sir Edward Grey British Secretary in the house, intimating that England for foreign affairs, made a statement obligating, and promises, could not permit her to submit to the violation of Belgium territory. This practically left the decision as to whether Great Britain should make war to public opinion.

There is absolutely no doubt that British sentiment is for war. The appeals of the pacifists get no hearing. Not one man in a hundred in London seemingly wants England to remain neutral.

SIR EDWARD GREY'S SPEECH

London, Aug. 3.—Tremendous cheering and applause broke out when Sir Edward Grey spoke in the Commons today. He asked the house to consider the possible consequences of a European conflagration.

"Italy neutral?" Radical cheers.

"Yes," said Grey turning to the benches, whence the cheers came. "Italy is neutral, because she regards this as an aggressive war."

(Loud applause.) "But suppose Italy departs from her attitude of neutrality? She might depart from it at a moment when the keeping open of the trade routes of the Mediterranean might be of vital use to us. A negative by us at this moment would expose Great Britain to a most appalling risk. France was entitled to know at once whether or not, in the event of an attack on her northern or western coasts could she depend upon British support."

Therefore, on Sunday afternoon Grey gave a written assurance to the French Ambassador that if the German fleet came through the channel, or through the North Sea, to undertake operations against the French coast or French shipping, the British fleet would give all the protection in its power.

This is not a declaration of war, Grey carefully added. This afternoon (Aug. 3) he received from the German government assurance that if Great Britain would pledge herself to neutrality, the German fleet would not attack the northern coasts of France, "I only heard that shortly before I came to the house," said Sir Edward Grey. But that, he said, "is far too narrow an engagement."

He next turned to the question of the neutrality of Belgium. If the independence of Belgium goes, the independence of Holland follows. If France is beaten to her knees, which assuredly Sir Edward Grey does not anticipate, and if Belgium, Holland and Denmark fell under the same domination, then assuredly, in Gladstone's words, the world would see the unmeasured aggrandizement of a single power.

In conclusion Sir Edward Grey said that though no final decision to resort to force had been reached, Great Britain was ready. The efficiency and readiness of her army and navy was never at a higher mark.

"Never have we been more justified in reposing in the confidence of the power of our navy to defend our commerce and shores."

"Suffering and misery will follow in the train of war. Yes, but no neutrality will protect us from that. The situation ahead developed with such startling rapidity that the British people do not realize all that is involved, but when it does realize the issue at stake and the magnitude of danger in Western Europe, then I am confident the government will be supported by the determination, courage, resolution and endurance of the whole country."

ANNUAL VISIT.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben H. Hoben and their family of five children were in the city today on their annual visit.

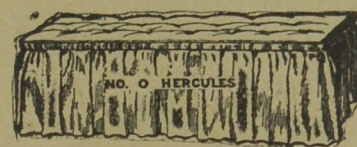
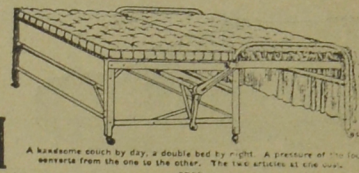
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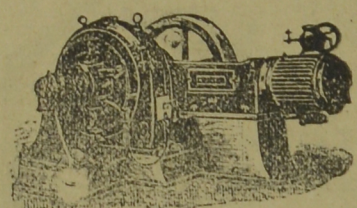
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