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# BRITAIN DECLARES WAR VOTES \$525,000,000 EMERGENCY NAVAL BATTLES IN PROGRESS

## SUMMARY

The British Government sent an ultimatum to Germany to withdraw her troops from Belgian territory, giving her twenty-four hours to reply. This expired at seven o'clock on Monday night, when a meeting of the Cabinet took place, the result of which is not known, but the Rt. Hon. John Burns, President of the Board of Trade resigned presumably because he did not favor the policy agreed upon by his conferees.

Italy which entered the Triple Alliance with Germany and Austria on a defensive agreement, has formally notified France that as the war now predicated is of an offensive character, she will remain neutral. This leaves Germany and Austria against France and Russia with the prospect of Britain throwing her weight actively with the latter.

Holland has been invaded by German troops at Limburg, and the Dutch are reported to have opened the dams flooding the country to prevent the passage of the enemy. Notwithstanding this the Hague claims that Germany promised to respect her neutrality.

Diplomatic relations were formally broken between Germany and France yesterday. This announcement was

followed by one to the effect that Germany had invaded French territory near Marsais Tour and at two points in Lorraine where cattle were commandeered.

Germany sent a second ultimatum to Brussels threatening to carry through by force any measures she considers necessary. The breach of diplomatic relations between Germany and Russia has been followed by great hardships to the Germans in St. Petersburg. The German Ambassador was recalled before arrangements could be made for the German subjects whose interests are being looked after by the American Ambassador, and many of the Kaiser's subjects are in dire distress. The Dowager Czarina of Russia who was returning to St. Petersburg from England was turned back at Berlin and proceeded to Copenhagen.

Japan has intimated that should England be involved in war, she may find it necessary to fulfil her treaty agreement by protecting India and Britain's interests in the Far East.

The general opinion favors Britain going to war in defence of France, and the neutral countries, Holland and Belgium. All the English morning papers, including the ultra pro-peace newspapers, are unanimous on this point. It is understood that in consequence of the resignation of Mr. John Burns, who as a representative of labor having socialistic tendencies is on principle antagonistic to war, there will be a rearrangement of the Cabinet, and that Field Marshal Lord Kitchener will accept the portfolio of Minister of War, thus relieving the Premier of the dual office.

The momentous meeting of the British Cabinet was resumed yesterday having been adjourned at midnight Monday. It was then learned that Viscount Morley, President of the Council, in addition to Mr. John Burns had tendered his resignation. The outcome of the meeting was an ultimatum to Germany to respect to Belgium's neutrality, failing a satisfactory reply to which the suspense would be ended and Britain would be at war.

As Belgium had reported to Sir Edward Grey, that German's reply to Sir Edward's speech in the House of Commons was the invasion of their territory, little hope was anticipated that Germany would respond favorably to Britain's ultimatum, and an early announcement of a declaration of war by Great Britain was expected. The Government's intentions would have been disclosed earlier, but as the Labour and Socialist parties in the House had arranged to meet to discuss the situation yesterday afternoon, it was considered advisable to wait the outcome of this conference.

Subsequently, the House met and there was an end of doubt. The Prime Minister submitted a vote for "Emergency purposes" of \$525,000,000 which was passed without a dissenting voice. This means that the Defence Forces of the Empire are now on a war footing, and at any moment we may hear of a critical naval engagement. Reuters, the most reliable newswriter in the world, reports that a state of war now exists between Britain and Germany, and confirmation of this comes from Berlin in a message which states that Germany had rejected Belgium's neutrality.

The severance of diplomatic relations between Germany and France occurred on Monday when Ambassador Cambon was handed his passport in Berlin. The same evening the German Ambassador was recalled and left Paris before midnight.

The British Empire is at last involved in war. The local forces were mobilized last night, one battery of the Fourth Regiment leaving today for duty on the mainland—Sydney, half at Canso and the other at Sydney.

The country being in a state of war, military requirements take precedence of civil convenience, and last night automobiles had free access to all parts of the Island, calling on the militia and making preparations for mobilization.

## THE DIE IS CAST

### Emergency Vote of Five Hundred and Twenty-five Million.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—Britain officially declared war on Germany at 7.30 tonight.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—The House of Commons today voted \$525,000,000 for emergency purposes, and passed several bills in five minutes without a dissenting voice.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—Reuter's cablegram announces that a state of war exists between Britain and Germany.

BERLIN, Aug. 4.—It is semi-officially stated that Germany decided to reject the ultimatum from England demanding assurances of Belgium's neutrality.

## PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE

(Canadian Press)

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The House of Commons adjourned tonight without decision on the war question. The quill did not speak. His speech will not be delivered until every other member speaks.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—While all Europe waits for Asquith's word in the debate on the Commons, Sir Edward Grey at the conclusion of his speech practically left the declaration of war in the hands of the House.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The only peace-at-any-price newspaper left the House, the Daily News and Reynolds newspapers.

The former even writes cravenly that violation of the Belgian neutrality guaranteed by Britain is no crime. The Daily Chronicle reprinted and accepts the view of Britain being involved as is inevitable.

PARIS, Aug. 3.—Correspondent of the Exchange Telegraphique tonight confirms the story of French aviator Garrow, deliberately crashing in an attempt to wreck the big German Zeppelin dirigible, which was reconnoitering over Toulon. Garrow tried to make the Zeppelin a glancing blow but failed. Then he deliberately steered his machine against the structure of the dirigible at full speed and wrecked it. He is said to have been burned to death in the wreckage when the gasoline tanks exploded.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—Belgium has declared war on Germany in the House of Commons tonight. Sir Edward Grey announced that Germany had notified Belgium that she was an enemy unless Belgium consented to maintain all through friendly relations. Belgium refused, and announced that she was prepared to resist by every means in her power.

A London despatch from Brussels says the King has left for the front to take command of Belgium army. The report states Belgium will oppose any advance of Germany across her territory.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRIA, Aug. 3.—The Government in the event of war to furnish an expeditionary force of twenty thousand to any district decided by the Imperial Government at the call of the British authorities.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—Rt. Hon. John Burns, president of the Board of Trade, resigned from the Cabinet as he is in disagreement with the Government's war policy. It is declared in unofficial circles that war will be declared within twenty-four hours.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—From private unofficial sources in the House of Commons it is learned exclusively that the British Government presented ultimatum to Germany demanding instant withdrawal of German troops from Belgian territory. It is generally believed among members of Parliament that England will declare war before twenty-four hours pass.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The Lords passed without discussion the Bill to suspend temporary payment of bills, giving the Government power to de-

clare a moratorium. The Bill immediately received the royal assent.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, Leader of the Opposition, said the Opposition was willing to support the Government in any difficulties in which it might find itself.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—Great satisfaction is expressed on all sides over the loyalty to the Mother Country shown by the Overseas Dominions. Daily Telegraph says Dominions are with her heart and soul.

It would seem our attitude has been interpreted by the German Government as one of craven apprehension. They will see from now on, the only peace-at-any-price newspapers left the House.

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to an end at seven o'clock tonight, without a favorable reply having been received from Germany.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—The North German Lloyd liner, Kronprinz Wilhelm, superstructure painted gray, carrying no passengers, slipped quietly out of her pier last night and put to sea. She is ostensibly sailing for Bremen, but guesses hazarded here is that she is carrying a cargo of coal, superstructure which recently left the West Indian waters, which, rumour says, are now somewhere off this coast.

THE CABINET'S MOMENTOUS MEETING

The meeting of the cabinet lasted until dawn, and then ministers went to their homes for a few hours' sleep. They were again summoned into session shortly before noon by Premier Asquith.

Viscount Morley of Blackburn, President of the Council, was not present at this meeting and a protest announced he resigned as a protest against his colleagues' determination to embark upon a course of action which he considered to be a course of self-sacrifice.

After the ministers had been conferring for an hour Winston Churchill, First Lord of Admiralty, left and went to Buckingham Palace to see the King.

In an attempt to prevent a declaration of war by England the German Embassy issued a denial of dispatches, saying the Kaiser's troops had invaded Belgium.

While the Cabinet was discussing the crisis the order provided for the mobilization of British army was being read in the streets of London and other cities of the country. It was announced that the mobilization of naval reserves had also been ordered.

While decision as to war or peace hung in the balance today eager offices waiting for announcements to be made. Great Britain sent pacific ultimatum to Germany today demanding a satisfactory reply by midnight tonight on the subject of Belgian neutrality.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 3.—The war office confirmed the report that a French army invaded Germany. In official statements from the foreign office it gives the lie to France's claim that Germany was the aggressor. The war office declared that Germany did not act until after the French troops crossed the German frontier.

WHAT VICTORY AT LIBAU MEANS

LONDON, Aug. 3.—In some quarters the report of the German-Russian naval engagement at Libau is regarded as conveying news of great importance. It is probably bottling up, crippling, the Russian fleet. With

the occupation of the Alland Islands Germany possesses a safe high road into Finland naval military base and could operate against St. Petersburg itself. Within shelter of these islands the fleet might lie in perfect security. It would command the entrance to the Gulf of Finland by sea route, St. Petersburg and the Russian naval stations Royal and Cronstadt.

RUSSIA ASSUMES THE OFFENSIVE

BERLIN, Aug. 3.—A strong Russian column of infantry and artillery crossed the German frontier at Schwiddel today. The commander thereof attacked and was apparently relying upon strong support from across the Russian line.

Russian patrols encroaching German territory were forced back into the Czar's territory at Eichreim and Tilsit by German frontier guards. According to word here, Germans attacked a Russian detachment, there was a brief skirmish and the Germans made the first capture of war-prisoners at Hohenzalza.

Fifty Cossacks were surprised and overwhelmed by a detachment of German guards. Russian outposts were driven back near Allenstein, a town in East-Prussia, situated on River Alle.

German border troops from Lublitz Silesia today, after short skirmish with Russians took possession of Czenstochowa, Russian Poland. Bendizig and Kalisch, Russian Poland also have been occupied by Germans.

## EFFECT LOCALLY OF WAR SITUATION

The march of events in the home country was attended with a quick movement of events locally, and as the result, a battery of the 4th Regiment, composed of a half-battery from No. Three Battery and a half-battery from No. Four Battery leave, fully armed and equipped, to-day for Canso and Sydney, N. S., in order to assist in the protection of the cable stations at those places.

At seven o'clock last evening, Colonel A. G. Peake, officer commanding the Fourth Regiment, received telephonic communication from Halifax to mobilise a battery of his men, to be selected from both batteries, and, with four guns, to be ready to leave for Sydney as rapidly as possible.

In very short time the men were notified and almost the entire battery had mustered at the Drill Shed by eight o'clock. Meantime in greatest excitement prevailed in every quarter of the city and large numbers flocked down to the Drill hall and were interested spectators of what was transpiring there.

When about half-past eight to nine o'clock Colonel Peake, attended by his Adjutant, Major Leigh, drove up into the Hall, there was an immediate rush from all sides of men eager to learn what was required of them.

Confirmation was then given of the telephonic message. A battery of the (Continued on page 3.)

## LATEST

### SUMMARY

Germans are shelling Belgian Ports. Reported capture of German cruisers Groben and Breslau, by French fleet.

A London despatch says the British fleet have the German fleet bottled in the North Sea, but before war was declared the German fleet broke international law and scattered some units of British fleet. Wounded sailors have been landed in Scotland give proof of naval action, but no details yet.

The King has addressed stirring messages to the fleet and to the colonies.

The Dominion Parliament is summoned to meet on the 18th inst.

The German ship Breslau is reported to be fighting British ships Mediterranean fleet.

On account of Germany's violation of the law of nations in the North Sea, angry London populace attacked German embassy and partially wrecked the building.

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## WARNING

(Special to the Guardian.)

Sir—We the undersigned residents of Winnipeg ask you especially to use all possible influence to prevent harvesters from coming West this year. Construction work is stopped on the C.N.R. and things are very dull. Letters to follow. Sgd, J. R. Scott, J. H. Waddell.

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