



WAR DECLARED BY ALL

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OTTOMAN EMPIRE ALMOST DECLARES WAR ON ITSELF NATIONS STRUGGLE TO REMEMBER ALLIES

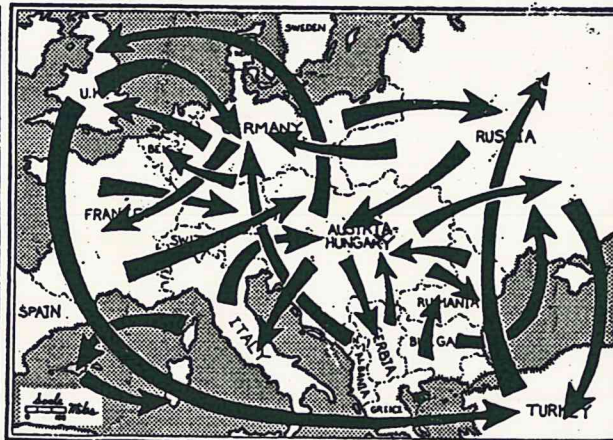
From the London and Washington Bureaus, Aug. 4.—After weeks of unbearable tension following the assassination of the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, the great European powers have declared war on one another in a bitter struggle for something that is sure to be determined by war's end. Enmeshed in a confusing string of rivalries and alliances, diplomats, politicians, and military leaders



President Wilson, who has vowed to maintain U.S. apathy.

expect to wage tireless battles through the course of the war without any knowledge of the reason why. "We are all idiots," said one Bulgarian official. "We are most likely fighting about something, but we're not exactly certain what that is."

"Crush the demon Frenchman!" the diplomat added. MEN ENLISTING FOR UNCLEAR BUT PATRIOTIC CAUSE Millions of troops from the nations and their respective colonies are marching off, prepared to pay the ultimate price for the Central Powers' noble cause, which remains unclear as of presstime, or that of the



mighty Triple Entente alliance, which no one can really put his finger on, either.

CABLE NOTIFIES WILSON President Woodrow Wilson received the fateful news via a trans-Atlantic cable communication from the U.S. consulate in London. The cable reads as follows:

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Indeed, a state of war did

not exist before the June 18th assassination of Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo, but some of the fast-mobilizing nations seem skeptical about crediting his death as the cause of this new and awesome world war.

NO EXPLANATION FOR WAR FOUND

French diplomats suggest that an obscure "Dead Archduke of Austria" clause that exists in the peace treaty signed by the French and the Prussians in 1871 could be to blame for the hostilities. Officials of the German Foreign Ministry, however, allege that the treaty was nullified by the "Kill Everybody" accord signed by the warring powers in 1912.

U.S. WILL ONLY WATCH "The U.S. must remain apathetic," Wilson said in a statement released to the press. "But we extend our blessing and best wishes to

all European nations who wish to obliterate each other from the face of the Earth." "WAR TO END ALL EUROPE" American observers are calling this great, worldwide war the "War to End All Europe," as new technological warfare, untested in actual combat, may render the region incapable of holding another war for generations.

A MODERN WAR

Not every military expert, however, speculates that the forthcoming war will be as destructive as is commonly believed. "The introduction of modern technology into the theater of war will change the face of warfare forever," Col. Andrew Waylan Horace said. "The clean, efficient use of war machines will make the fighting safer and the duration of the war shorter."

Horace expects no more than 22 people need lose their lives in this Great War.

ASSASSINATION OF ARCHDUKE SPREADS FEAR AT ARCHDUKE CONVENTION

The Hague, Netherlands, Aug. 4.—European archdukes attending their annual convention expressed alarm at the assassination of fellow aristocrat Archduke Franz Ferdinand, whose end came at the hand of a Serbian nationalist in Sarajevo several weeks ago.

Archdukes attending the convention expressed concern for the issue of nobleman safety, once considered a birthright. Most also claimed they had no knowledge of the Serbian demand for independence from Austria. "Could it be that the oppressed minority peoples in our own provinces are weary of centuries of authoritarian rule, as well?" asked Archduke Karl von Kremhelz, who cut short a month-long, fox-hunting jaunt to attend the convention.

The convention, held yearly since 1421, gives archdukes of diverse backgrounds an opportunity to get acquainted, exchange archduke ideas, and purchase special archdukes-only notions and effects, most of a commercial nature. This year's convention included such notables as the Archduke of Badenherz-am-Geschildenschliess, the Archduke of Slochholz, and the Archduke of Lower Polony, who gave a special talk on the proper maintenance of monies. The panel discussions "Coping with Genetic Hemophilia," "Dueling Pistol Best Buys," and "Putting the 'Happy' Back in 'Hapsburg'" were canceled due to the year's grave occurrence.

AREA DRUNKARD DECLARES WAR ON IRELAND

ALE-HOUSE PEERS FALL IN AS ALLIES

Davenport, Iowa, Aug. 4.—As bloody conflict rages throughout Europe, Orvald Brunvald, a drunkard of many years' experience, declared war on Ireland Friday evening.

A REBOUNDING DECLARATION "Consarn ever" one of 'em to damnation," Brunvald stated over a mug of porter at Quigle's Ale House in Davenport. "I'll lick 'em all to death!" he said. "Filthy potato-eating Papists, they are."

ALLIES 'HALF BEAS OVER'

Two gentlemen assembled with Brunvald at Quigle's Ale House tacitly fell in as allies. They are Archibald Johnson, 38, and Samuel Neubaumant, 36, both of Davenport.

WILSON MEETS WITH DRUNKARD

The Department of War has been alerted to Brunvald's declaration. President Wilson, upon hearing of Brunvald's statements, called the drunkard to the Capitol building for an emergency session.

Wilson also discussed tactical matters with the drunkard. "Sock ever" last one of 'em in the chops, I say," Brunvald advised the president.