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[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

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Three hundred Hanovarians have volunteered for the French service.

Turkey offers France two hundred thousand soldiers for pay.

The first fleet passed through the sound and entered the baltic.

The steamer of the Liverpool and Baltic line have stopped running.

Rumored Attack on Prussian Fleet.

PARIS, July 21, A. M.—A rumor is afloat here of an attack being made by the French on the Prussian fleet at Schevesslingen, and the French again made an advance into Prussian territory. It is also said that France gives Italy the sovereignty of Rome.

News from Berlin.

BERLIN, July 21.—The Reichstag voted unanimously a loyal address in reply to the King's speech. On reading the address the members of the Reichstag and entire assemblage of persons, including Prince Bismarck, Mr. Bancroft, the American Minister, and other notable persons, arose and remained standing until the reading ended. The scene was one of deep enthusiasm.

A Berlin correspondent says: Thanks to organization, Prussia will in a few days be equal to France. All points national enthusiasm is unbounded. Colleges and schools are closed, and students thronging to recruiting offices to be enrolled. The scenes of 1811 are repeated. The same is true of South Germany.

German Reports.

The French Government has been notified that the Kingdom of Wurtemberg joins Prussia. Saxony also announces her adherence to the national cause.

The Grand Duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt has voted a large war loan.

The mouth of the river Weser has been closed with sunken hulks to prevent the entrance of the French navy.

An enthusiastic German in Illinois has sent a cable telegram to Count von Bismarck, promising to pay two hundred dollars in the capitor of the first French flag.

The vote in the North German Parliament yesterday for the extraordinary credit of 12,000,000 thalers, was unanimous at first and second readings.

Bismarck informed the North German Parliament yesterday that the declaration of war was the first and only document officially received from France, provingconclusively that a surprise was intended.

Spirit of the French Prey.

Le Temps has the following information relative to the distribution of the Italian forces. It says: "Italy will mass fifteen thousand troops in the direction of the Swiss frontier and six divisions on the river Po. A large number of troops will be concentrated in Tuscany between Florence, Leghorn and Bologna."

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Napoleon Still at St. Cloud—Closing Session of the Corps Legislatif.

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La Liberte says that the Government has decided to dissolve the Corps Legislatif, if necessary, to-morrow, in a strong opposition to the closing of the session.

The Explosive Bullet.

The same paper states that the Government has raised the Baden Cabinet whether, in case of hostilities, they should permit the use of the explosive bullet, and notified them that should they do so, France would not hesitate to follow the example. The answer of the Baden Cabinet was that they never intended to resort to such method of warfare.

Official Announcements by France.

PARIS, July 21.—The *Journal Officiel* makes the following announcement:

The Emperor has decided on the proposition of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. All subjects of Prussia, or of States allied with Prussia, now in France or the French colonies, will be permitted to remain so long as their conduct furnishes no cause for complaint. The admission from this date to the territory of France of subjects of Prussia, or allied States, will be subject to special permission, given only exceptionally.

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The Probable Result of the War.

BERLIN, July 21.—The *Official Gazette* declares before the war closes Germany and Europe will effect from France guarantees for the observance of peace hereafter, and in case of refusal will so cripple France as to prevent her from making more mischief.

Russia's Intention—Napoleon Demands of Austria and Italy that They Stand by France, as They Have Offered.

PARIS, July 21.—*Evening*.—Rumors of Russia's intention of joining Prussia gain greater credence hourly. Couriers left to-day with dispatches for the Cabinet of Austria and Italy. It is believed the Emperor demands the fulfillment by these powers of the agreement already made to stand by France.

Withdrawal of the French from Rome.

It is said the order for the withdrawal of the French troops from Rome will be issued on Monday.

American Legion for France.

LONDON, July 21.—A Paris correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette* says a foreign legion is proposed and four hundred Americans have volunteered to fight against Prusia. Other Americans subscribe liberally to the hospital fund.

Lying in Wait for Steamers.

It is thought the French frigate of Eldystone is lying in wait for the German steamer Hibzatia. The Admiralty declines to detail vessels to watch French cruisers. The Hamburg steamers, however, will continue to run.

The Germans are raising patriotic hospital funds in Liverpool and elsewhere.

England Actively Preparing.

LONDON, July 21.—Large orders have been issued by the Government for naval supplies. There is great activity at all naval stations. Several war vessels have been ordered to cut-

News of Paradol's Death.

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Adjournment of the Reichstag.

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Reported Battle—French Defeated.

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MARINE NEWS.

SOUTHAMPTON, July 21.—The steam-ships Lepsic, Maine and New York will not leave here until officially notified that it is safe to do so.

GLASGOW, July 21.—The steamship Europa, from New York, has arrived.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

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LIVERPOOL, July 21.—Cotton market dull and irregular; middling uplands at 8¾, middling Orleans at 8¾; sales 10,000 bales; exports 1,000 bales. California white wheat 12s; red western 9s. Corn, 30s. Western flour 26s. Peas, 39s. Provisions—Beef 113s. Pork 82s. Cheese, 62s. Bacon, 54s. Lard, 57s. Tallow, 41s. Spirits petroleum 1d, refined 1s 2d. Linseed cakes 9l.

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LONDON, July 21.—The weekly returns of the Bank of England show a decrease of 3,000,000 in bullion.

The Government's bought consols largely to-day.

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THE CAPITAL.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

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AGRICULTURAL REPORT.

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Madame Nilson, at the Grand Opera House last evening, in the third act of Massanillo, sang the "Marseillaise." The scene of excitement and enthusiasm on the occasion was indescribable. The audience arose en masse and joined in the song which terminated amid deafening shouts of "Vive la France."

The News at London.

LONDON, July 21.—The statement made yesterday that the English government intended to dispatch a fleet to the Baltic to protect Belgium is generally discredited.

The officers of the Bank of England, at noon to-day, announced an advance in the rate of discount one-half of one per cent. The minimum rate is now three per cent. The advance had been anticipated in monied circles for several days, and it is generally supposed that the effect has been discounted.

Freights for the Mediterranean are taken only at war rates.

The English Cabinet, after a stormy session, ordered ten thousand troops to be held in readiness to depart for Antwerp, if necessary, for the protection of the neutrality of Belgium.

The market and all classes of people in this city are excited over the prospect that England will become involved in a general European war.

The *Full Mall Gazette* deprecates the exhibition of partisan spirit in the Parliamentary discussions on a war between France and England.

It is believed here that the Prussians are short of ammunition and that the French know it, and hence the great activity in their movements. Military men affirm that the Prussian Kurelsoritz is equivalent to the French Mitrailleuse. The ditches around the forts of Mayence have been filled with water, and the works around that place are considered impregnable.

Men-of-War Aground—Marine Disaster.

The men-of-war Avis and Hirondelle, accompanying the French fleet, got aground on the island of Vrieland, off the Dutch coast. When lightened of their guns they may get afloat.

The bark Berkshire was run into and sunk on the east coast of England by an American vessel whose name could not be ascertained. All on board were lost.

Position of Other Powers.

The *Eastern Budget*, a semi-official journal, denies the sympathy of Austria with Germany.

According to accounts from Rome, the Pope openly favors Prussia.

It is still believed that Austria will maintain a passive neutrality, without arming.

Madrid journals advise the neutrality of Spain.

The Levant *Herald* announces that the first class of reserves has been called under arms. Thus, with the regular force, makes the Turkish army 200,000 strong. The policy of Turkey is absolute neutrality.

German Immigrants Returning.

Upon the arrival of the steamship Cambria at Havre, yesterday, on her regular trip from Hamburg to New York, five hundred Germans, who had said their voyage to America, hearing of the declaration of war, left the ship, returned to Prussia and enlisted in her armies.

Another Effort at Mediation.

PARIS, July 21.—The representatives of the powers here made another united effort to-day to prevent the war, but were unsuccessful.

A Skirmish—Two Hundred Frenchmen Captured.

LONDON, July 21.—A detachment of two hundred French soldiers crossed the frontier into Prussia on Tuesday for a reconnaissance, and had a skirmish with a small Prussian force. The French were finally surrounded and all made prisoners. None were killed and only a few wounded.

Exciting Rumor.

There was great excitement in Berlin yesterday over the report that Russia had declared war against France, but the report has not been confirmed.

Notice to Merchantmen.

PARIS, July 21, 2 P. M.—The French government has issued a notice that merchantmen sailing under the enemy's flag, now in French ports, shall be allowed thirty days to leave. A safe conduct shall be given to vessels bound to France with cargoes on French account; or indicated for neutral ports, or which left the enemy's port before the declaration of war. If these vessels are exempt from capture and can disembark their cargoes at a French port, and will receive a safe conduct for their return.

Battle Expected—Where the First Fighting will Likely Be.

LONDON, July 21.—6 P. M.—There is no news as yet of a battle, although a collision is momentarily expected. The picket guards on the frontier exchange shots now and then, which have been reported as skirmishes, but beyond this nothing like a fight has occurred.

The first battle will take place on the Moselle, the frontier of France and Prussia proper, a few miles south of Metz, which place is the present headquarters of a portion of the French army.

The battle will be waged on the side of France by what is termed the Army of the Moselle, composed of the Second, Third and Fourth Corps, and commanded by Marshal Bazaine. They will be met by the Prussian forces under command of the Crown Prince in person.

The supposition here is that it will be a most disastrous conflict, as both sides will fight with desperation, and maintain their stands almost to the last man, knowing as they do that much of the prestige of war depends on the first engagements.

The papers of London, this morning, are less defiant and belligerent in their tone than at first. They have studied the profit that strict neutrality will produce, and the newspaper journals even hints that Belgium may go to the dogs before England will interfere.

The supremacy of France on the ocean is acknowledged by Prussia, and no naval engagement of any magnitude is expected to take place.

The German steamers on this side are all locked up in neutral ports where they will probably remain until they can legally venture out under the flag of some other nation.

Summary of News.

News from Paris to noon makes no mention of any engagement.

France has made some important concessions to German merchantman in French ports which may come in hereafter, not knowing of the declaration of war. The concessions will be made known immediately.

The London *Times* deplores the death of Prevost Paradol.

It is said a still further advance in the rate of interest on discounts will be made in England.

One of the journals of Paris accepts the war between France and Prussia as God's intervention to check Protestantism.

The fact that Austria is ordering extensive field maneuvers in Hungary is accepted as proving the sincerity of her neutrality.

Patriotic subscriptions in Paris continue. The Empress has given one-third of her household have given a month's salary.

The French Government has issued a circular declaring that French ships have interned Bavaria.

The *Francais* says Italy promises to maintain a friendly attitude to France. The latter desires none for aid.

France has favorable reports from Denmark and Spain, but Russia is inclined to favor the Germans.

The *Journal Officiel* denies that there is any truth in the charge of espionage against M. Ollivier in the Prussian journals, because he stated that the King of Prussia insulted the French Minister and then gave notice of the act to Europe in circular note. Ollivier was simply announcing a fact, and his act was not actually a telegram sent in hot haste to all foreign courts.

The North German Government offers a reward of three pounds sterling on the first notification of the declaration of war given of any German vessel at sea, the money to go to the captain of the ship giving the notification.

Prince Napoleon has arrived at London. There was an absurd rumor that he had been captured while crossing the channel.

In the North German Parliament yesterday, Dr. Simon read a dispatch from American, announcing that the Germans of San Francisco offered a million dollars in aid of the wounded and widows and orphans of the war.

North German Steamers Unable to Return.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Baron Gerolt this evening received the following answer from the French Government:

The French Government refuses to exempt North German steamers from capture except those unknown at the ports when the hostilities enter French ports."

The Baron immediately telegraphed to the Consul General of North Germany at New York.

Watchful Neutrality of Austria.

BRUSSELS, July 21.—A council of ministers was held to-day at which a dispatch was received that Austria should maintain a position of watchful neutrality. The Austrian troops on the frontier will receive accumulating supplies. Her uttering policy is dependent upon that of the Czar.

The American Fleet in Europe on the Alert.

ANTWERP, July 21.—It is reported that the Admiral of the European fleet of the United States has received orders to keep his vessels well together and ready for action. General Sickles has broken out on the flagship Franklin but no deaths.

The Exact Disposition of Opposing Forces.

LONDON, July 21.—It is reported the French army on the Prussian frontier will make Sirk the base of operations. Gen. Frossard's division is cruising off Ridgstone Light, and French cruisers are reported off Lowestoft.

It is reported the French War Department is negotiating with Compagnie Transatlantique and Messageries Imperiales for the charter of their steamers as transports.

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