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### A COMPETITION FOR GENTLEMEN

## WIN A REPLICA KAISER'S HELMET

and wear it down the pit



Before

Jolly good show

### Chaplin cancels his grand tour

FROM our New York bureau, Aug 3 - Esteemed actor Charles Chaplin expressed dismay over Europe's plans to destroy itself through the medium of war because it came less than four days before the cheeky chappie was due to embark on a Grand Tour of European Capitals in the manner of a Hanoverian Prince.

Mr Chaplin instead announced plans to go somewhere "a bit safer" like Scunthorpe.

### COAL GAS UP

LONDON, Aug 4 - Coal gas prices are expected to double as a result of war being announced and people were advised to seek alternative fuel sources such as loaves of stale bread.

The Minister of Coal James Bancroft said: "Coal gas is a diminishing fuel source that will run out by the end of the decade.

"This country needs to find alternative sources for its domestic conflagration insulation."

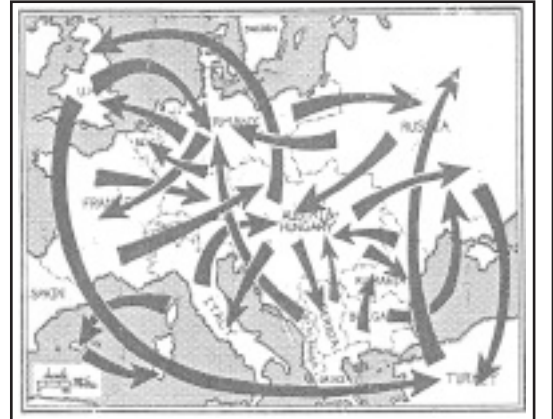
# EVERYONE DECLARES WAR ON EVERYONE ELSE

AUSTRIA'S FIGHTING SERBIA WHO IS FIGHTING GERMANY WHO IS FIGHTING FRANCE WHO IS FIGHTING TURKEY WHO IS FIGHTING RUSSIA WHO IS FIGHTING BULGARIA WHO IS FIGHTING BRITAIN

GREECE WANTS TO KNOW WHO IT IS FIGHTING

SPAIN DECLARES WAR ON ITSELF

NATIONS STRUGGLE TO REMEMBER ALLIES



From our London Bureau, Aug 4 - The unbearable tension of the former weeks has finally come to pass and Britain and its Empire is at war in what could be a long and sanguinary battle which may even go on until Christmas.

The bitter struggle that is sure to be determined by war's end has been brought to pass by the assassination of the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, but why the over-reaction nobody seems to know.

The good and the great of His Majesty's upper classes are, even now, planning to wage tireless battles through the course of this conflict, expected to last between a month to sixteen weeks, without any knowledge of the reason why.

And they are calling on the

brave footsoldiers of Great Britain's mining industries and cotton mills to man the guns and bring home the bacon.

War Minister Sir Henry Boorman Moor proclaimed shortly after war was announced: "We are most likely fighting about something, but at the present time we are not sure what that something is."

He then added: "Crush the demon Frenchman."

It has since been pointed out to His Majesty's Government that our plucky nation is not in fact at war with France but is fighting Germany, Austria and possibly Russia although there is some confusion with regard to Russia because Germany has declared their intention to fight this country and diplomats are currently in negotiations to fight Turkey who declared war on Russia ten minutes before we did.

Millions of men from the lower classes, and quite a few

thousand children with early facial hair growth, are ready to march off and pay the ultimate price for Blighty's noble cause, which remained unclear as of press time.

There was talk yesterday of the mighty Triple Entente but as yet no-one can fathom out this one, although it may involve France, but then again it may not.

Our esteemed and noble Prime Minister Herbert Asquith has ordered cartoonists to start producing pictures of the evil Hun bayonetting babies, with great haste.

A trans-Atlantic cable was last night sent from the US consulate in London to the United States of America President Woodrow Wilson. It read:

**BLIMEY! WAR DECLARED BY GERMANY FRANCE BRITAIN AUSTRIA HUNGARY RUSSIA SERBIA OTTOMAN EMPIRE LUXEMBOURG BELGIUM MONTENEGRO ALBANIA YABBA YABBA YABBA STOP SHALL WE JOIN IN STOP**

Mr Wilson, in a statement read out to the press, said: "The US must remain apathetic. But we extend our blessing and best wishes to all European nations who wish to obliterate each other from the face of the earth."

Neutral observers like Switzerland are calling this the war to end all Europe. But it will be fought with untested weapons which are likely to render the casualty count negligible.

Admiral Jellicoe told this newspaper: "The introduction of modern technology in the theatre of war will change the face of warfare forever.

"The clean and efficient use of war machines will make the fighting safer and the duration of the war shorter."

He expects no more than twenty two people need lose their lives in what the Sunday Sport has termed the Great War.

The nation's children aged between four and eight will man the mines and till the soil while the menfolk are away.

### AREA DRUNKARD DECLARES WAR ON WALES

Manchester, Lancashire, Aug 4 - As war is prepared to be ravaged throughout Europe with dozens of casualties expected, Simon Deanworth, a drunkard of many years' experience declared war on Wales Friday evening.

"Consarn every' one of 'em to damnation," Deanworth stated over a mug of porter at the Smithfield Ale House in the Shudehill area of Manchester.

"I'll have them, every one of them. I be mad for it."

Two gentlemen assembled with Deanworth at Smithfield

Ale House tacitly fell in with him as allies.

They are Archibald Johnson, 38, and Samuel Stoolbarton, 36, both of Manchester.

The Ministry of War has been alerted to Deanworth's declaration and Prime Minister Herbert Asquith called the drunkard to his weekend retreat Chequers for an emergency session.

Mr Asquith also discussed tactical matters with the inebriated bale pusher. "Ave 'em, nrrggghhh!" Deanworth advised the Prime Minister.

### New fashion trend for George Bernard Shaw beards

from OUR PARIS BUREAU THE well-dressed man about town hath taken to sporting a beard in the manner of playwright and controversialist, Mr George Bernard Shaw.

So say those in the know hereabout this most modish of cities.

M Marcel Dauphine, proprietor of the Boutique du Homme on the famed Champs Elysees quoth: "The beard of Monsieur Shaw is both stylish and easy to be cleaned of broth.

"I wear one now - regarde!"

### SCIENTIST PROVES HUNS HAVE MONKEY'S TAILS

EXPERTS in the field of the natural sciences last night announced that the verminous Hun sport tails - like so many monkeys or apes.

After months of research using such wonders as the magnifying glass and recently-developed measuring tape, Professor Julius Betterman told gathered newsmen of his momentous find.

Quoth he: "Call him what you like, the Bosch, the Hun or as more genteel elements would have it, the German, has more in common with the beasts of the forest and field than with the Godly Englishman.

"I would imagine that let loose in the arena of Europe the Hun would adorn himself with a spiked helmet and behave in an unspeakable manner towards the nuns of Belgium - mustache abristle."



### Prime Minister Asquith speaks to the nation 'Tanks will prove useless in modern warfare'

LONDON, Aug 4 - Prime Minister Herbert Asquith has answered questions on how effatious and effective the land ironclads would be in a situation where they were being fired on by a rifle, revolver or the new machines that go rat-a-tat-tat.

He told Britain's most patriotic broadsheet: "First may say that the land ironclads performed badly in tests which we codenamed Operation Tank.

"The men found it very difficult to push them, they kept falling into holes and our man in the land ironclad could get no effective sighting when pushing his gun through the little hole in the front.



Asquith

"We may experiment further with the humble bike. A prototype of the land ironclad is being developed along the lines of the penny farthing. It isn't very effective but looks absolutely topper."

He refused to answer questions on the 'Zeppelin Gap' that has developed between Britain and Germany and when pressed further by a cap doffing journalist exited the room via the entry/exit door.

### NEW GUN TO BE USED THAT GOES RAT-A-TAT-TAT

Officers ejaculated a spontaneous "huzzah!" on taking delivery of a new gun that issues the imperious noise of "rat-a-tat-tat".

The patented Tommy Gun, a manufacture of the Birmingham Small Arms factory, was hailed as a great advance by General Haig.

The bewildered militaryman told a throng

Wednesday last: "Until now our guns have issued the standard report of 'bang' - no better than that of the Hun, the Dervish or the more advanced Coolie.

"Now with our armies marching with the 'rat-a-tat-tat' of our Tommy guns the women of Empire can sleep unafraid at the nightly march of the Brown Man."