

# GREAT BRITAIN AT WAR WITH AUSTRIA

Official Statement Issued by  
London Foreign Office  
Yesterday.

STARTED AT MIDNIGHT

Ambassador and Staff to Leave  
Today—Personal Friend of  
Royal Family.

London, Aug. 12.—The foreign office announces that a state of war exists between Austria-Hungary and Britain, as from midnight, and official arrangements have been made for the Austro-Hungarian ambassador and staff to leave London tomorrow.

The foreign office states that diplomatic relations between France and Austria being broken off, the French government has requested his majesty's government to communicate to the Austro-Hungarian ambassador at London a declaration outlining the steps which preceded the rupture with France.

The foreign office statement continues:

"Communicating this declaration accordingly to the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, his majesty's government have declared to his excellency that the rupture with France having been brought about in this way, they feel themselves obliged to announce that a state of war exists between Great Britain and Austro-Hungary as from midnight."

Official arrangements have been made with the Austro-Hungarian ambassador and his personal staff to leave London tomorrow.

Count Amensdorff-Pouilly-Dietrichstein, the ambassador, has been in England for eighteen years as secretary, minister and ambassador, respectively, and is one of the most intimate friends of the royal family.

A Paris despatch received at midnight said the United States ambassador, Mr. Herrick, has taken over the Austrian embassy.

Cruisers to Protect Atlantic Trade.

London, Aug. 12.—7.07 p.m.—The admiralty has sent out cruisers which will ply the Atlantic for the purpose of protecting trade routes. The French government has also sent out warships to search for German cruisers known to be in the Atlantic.

"The enemy's ships," says the official admiralty report, "will be hunted continually, and, although some time may elapse before they are run down, they will be kept too busy to do much mischief."

"A number of fast merchant vessels, fitted and armed at British arsenals, also are patrolling the routes and keeping them clear of German commerce raiders. With every day that passes British control of trade routes, especially those of the Atlantic, becomes stronger. In the North Sea, where the Germans have scattered mines indiscriminately, and where the most formidable operations of the navy are proceeding, the admiralty can give no reassurance."

Invasion of Bosnia.

London, Aug. 12 (8.30 p.m.) — The Exchange Telegraph's Nish Serbia correspondent says a combined Serbian and Montenegrin invasion of Bosnia from Pljevlje (Tashlija) northwest of Novibazar, has begun in three columns. General Radimiro Putnik, chief of the Serbian general staff being ill, General Jankovitch of the Serbian army, has taken supreme command of the forces.

Austrian Ambassador to Leave.

London, Aug. 12.—11.45 p.m.—Arrangements have been made for the departure tomorrow of the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, Count Amensdorff-Pouilly-Dietrichstein, who has been in England for 18 years as secretary, minister and ambassador, respectively, and who is one of the most intimate friends of the British royal family.

Duchess in Charge of Work.

London, Aug. 12 (2.15 a.m.)—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Brussels says the Duchess of Sutherland has been placed in charge of the Red Cross work in Brussels.

Heavy Loss on Russian Frontier.

London, Aug. 12.—2 a.m.—A Berlin despatch to the Daily Telegraph says the German staff admits heavy losses on the Russian frontier.

Austrians Receive Check.

Paris, Aug. 12.—11 p.m.—A despatch from St. Petersburg to the Matin says: "The Austrians have suffered a check on the Dniester river. Four regiments of Austrian infantry and eight regiments of Ulians were routed. The approaching big battle will probably be a decisive one."

Fail to Capture Eydtkuheven.

St. Petersburg, via London, Aug. 12.—An attempt by Germans to occupy Eydtkuheven, east Prussia, one of the points to which Russian troops were despatched early in the war, has failed. The Germans, consisting of a detachment of infantry with artillery, were repulsed with loss.