# THE SCOTSMAN

EDINBURGH, Saturday, July 25, 1914.

Sun. Moon (New Moon.)
Rises ... 4.12 a.m. 10.22 a.m.
Sets ... 9.55 p.m. 9.37 p.m.


The situation caused by the dispatch of the Austrian ultimatum to Servia in connection with the Sarajevo assassination is regarded in diplomatic circles as very grave. Servia has given until six o'clock this evening to reply. There was a long meeting of the Russian Cabinet, at which, it is understood, it was decided to intervene immediately, and go to Servia's assistance, the period allowed for her reply in order to give time for them. The Austrian Ambassador has left St. Petersburg, and is returning to Vienna. Austria-Hungary's refusing to accede to Russia's request extends reasons may be handed for in view of the feeling in Russia. Germany, doubtful to her ally, will, it is stated, also be glad party to intervene in a reasonable way. Great Britain's offer of her good offices to Austria is reported to be endeavouring to secure agreement of the Powers to localisation of the war should hostilities be begun against Servia. Hope that a peaceful settlement may be arranged does not appear to have been abandoned at Belgrade. (p. 12.)

Mr Asquith, speaking in the House of Commons on the motion for adjournment, said that the Home Rule Conference had failed of agreement on the question of the area of exclusion of the Ulster counties. He had there, the second reading of the Government of Ireland Bill would be moved next week. Mr Bonar Law announced that he hoped that, the House, which met next week, would bring debate on the second reading of the Housing Bill. The Government were charged with bringing in a large measure without the hope of passing it, but merely for election purposes. Mr Harcourt pleaded for the passing of several clauses at least, in view of pressing social and industrial questions. Mr Asquith, he said that, as to rapid passing in general, the grant of three millions was only a beginning. The second reading was passed, and the House rose at a quarter-past five. (p. 7.)

Mr Hughes, speaking at Melbourne, Cambridgeshire, on the failure of the Conference on Home Rule, said the Government would go forward with the proposals they had already made—proposals which enabled every Irishman to take his position in Ulster to vote himself out of the area of the Home Rule Bill. They might now proceed to pass the Franchise and Cattle's population clauses in order to lay a daughter son smaller, to meet the broader duty of the Government of the country to interfere. Their duty was now to see that the Premier was not interfered with by a disobedient, until the Home Rule Bill, which was the public confidence, became the law of the land. (p. 12.)

In a dinner to Earl Beauchamp at the City Liberal Club, London, Lord Haldane re-called the failure of the Conference, and said the duty of the Liberal party was to go forward and not backward. He had to Mr Asquith a plan who had always framed calm, reasonable, and irreparable of helping out difficulties as the left. Lord Beauchamp said it seemed incredible that a solution of the Home Rule question could not have been found by sensible men sitting round a table. (p. 10.)

Cordial speeches were exchanged between President Poincaré and the Czar at the banquet given by the President on the battleship France shortly before he sailed from Kronstadt for Stockholm. (p. 10.)

The Albanian crisis is acute. The reorganisation of the Great Powers have broken down of negotiations with the rebel Essad Pasha, Prince William of Wied are again current. (p. 10.)

The verdict in the Guillotex trial is not expected to be given before Monday evening, or even Tuesday. (p. 10.)

War strike movement in St Petersburg is reported. Work has been practically resumed at High. (p. 10.)

Attendance to a Washington telegram officials there are more hopeful than ever of peace in Mexico. (p. 10.)

It is announced that the Panama Canal will be opened to traffic the month drawing one more than 30 feet of water on the 15th. The official opening of the Canal will take place in March next. (p. 10.)

Captain Wenger, of the Wiltshire Regiment, has killed while playing polo at Gillingham. (p. 10.)

The Prime Minister has refused to see a deputation at working-men on the question of Insurance Act, and the objections of the Australian Government to call an 10 Downing Street to-day. Mr Asquith, in a letter to the international leaders and others, said that he was not interfered by the police." (p. 10.)

The Select Committee of the House of Commons presided over by Sir Edwin Cornwall appointed of the Glasgow Corporation Tramways Bill. (p. 10.)

The Lord Chancellor, with a view to obtaining a wider representation and advice on questions affecting the Public Trustee, has constituted an Advisory Committee for the purpose.

Lena Ashwell, in speaking the Napier Testimonial Lecture in Edinburgh, gave her address to the possible manner in which the evolution of theatre-going might be brought about. A number of foreign delegates took part in the meeting. In the evening a reception in honour of the event was given by the Corporation of Edinburgh. (p. 12.)

Sir Robert Duncan, one of the ministers of Ayr Parish Church, died at Ayr in his eighty-fourth year. He refused the Moderatorship of the General Assembly a number of times. (p. 8.)

The Rev. John Kerr, parish minister of Methven, who happened to be on his holiday on the occasion of the recent visit to the island of the Rev. Neil Sinclair, Moderator of the United Free Church, gives an interesting account of "a red letter day" in St Kilda's history. On Saturday then the Moderator and ex-Moderator, with a party of friends, left Oban for St Kilda's Church, which was burned down by incendiaries in 1912. Sunday was a day of rest, but it has been possible since to obtain a site to prepare plans and estimates for the new Church. Messrs Robert Lorimer, A.R.S.A., has been selected. (p. 8.)

At a meeting at Aberdeen of the Superannuation Committee of the British Medical Association, the question of the Association becoming also a Federation for other medical bodies was discussed.

An application made to the Board of Agriculture for the constitution of a small holding on the farm of Glenfarg, Parish, Perthshire, was opposed at a sitting of the Scottish Land Court in Edinburgh. Argument also took there in regard to another small holding in the Crieff held that the landlord was entitled to oppose the intention with application. (p. 12.)

In our Natives Note column will be found an article on "Bird Life on the Faroe Islands." (p. 8.)

A. G. Fitzer, 16th London, was the fifteenth to the annual siege of the King's Prize at Bisley, with 250, the next highest having been 247's. Fifteen was the King's Prize two years ago, and on Thursday carried off Queen Mary's gold medal and £10 prize. The English Twenty had a decisive victory in the Inter-National Match, which they scored. To-day the King's £250 prize is shot for. Twenty-five Scottish have qualified, the hundred who shoot for it, the same pared with twenty-four last year. (p. 14.)

At the battlefield of Bosbre a memorial tablet was unveiled on Thursday by Lieut.-Colonel R. Bruce, D.S.O., grandson of the Prescott Davidson who was killed at Bosbre Ford 2 years ago, performed the inaugural ceremony. (p. 12.)

"Glorious Flood and Norwegian Floods" (by Mr E. A. Reynolds-Ball) is the subject of a letter to the Editor. (p. 11.)

In an appeal case from Newcastle applied a conviction by Sir John Hutchinson, at Sheriff Court, for a breach of the Licensing Act, Sheriff Mackie Morris, Act by selling Navigation Spirit to a person under 18 years of age, description, accordingly the conviction was applied, the London Business quashed the conviction. (p. 11.)

The weekly reports by the Scottish Agricultural Gazette show the roots in Mid-Lothian and Perthshire to be making good progress. (p. 12.)

Dr London Stock Exchange dealers were marked in practically every department, the exception to some cases being attributed to Stevens steels continued firm, but elsewhere there was scarcely any movement. (p. 4.)

On New York stock market weakness increased, with sharp declines throughout the list. (p. 11.)

The semi-final stage in the Scottish Lawn Tennis Championships' Tournaments is now to have started. (p. 7.)

There was an entry of 346 in the Annual Bowling Tournament at Leith. (p. 13.)

In English county cricket, Essex beat Kent by seven wickets, and 110 runs, Surrey defeated a combined team Worcestershire by 37 runs, and Kent stopped Middlesex's run-getting at 141 runs. (p. 14.)

In a field of nine Mr P. Nelle's Chita Cock was the Liverpool Cup. (p. 13.)

Weather forecast.—Scotland — Westerly and north-westerly squally winds, strong, or fresh at times; changeable, some rain; very cool. During the week-end cool, variable weather, with some showers, is expected in general. (p. 7.)

The following are ranges of temperature and weather reports for the twenty-four hours ended yesterday morning:—

| | Max. | Min. | |
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| Edinburgh | 62 | 50 | Cloudy. |
| Leuchars | 66 | 46 | Mist, light sky, rain. |
| Glasgow | 62 | 50 | Cloudy, overcast. |
| Paris | — | — | Overcast. |
| Berlin | — | — | Shower, overcast. |
| Perpignan | 75 | 49 | Blue sky. |
| Nice | 78 | 61 | Overcast. |
| Lisbon | 82 | 64 | Blue sky. |

Moscow threw most be general regret, no decision can be had at the failure of Irish Conference. Its inability to find a basis of agreement was announced yesterday by the House of Commons by the Prime Minister in the most summary terms. With longer pass had it its decision not to offer any concessions work, he stated that the possibility of defeating the area to be excluded was considered, "and the Government, being unable to agree either in detail or in principle, brought the meeting to a conclusion." A remarkable contrast is furnished by the impressive appeal with which the King opened the Conference—an appeal addressed in regular constitutional form by the Government—and the almost abrupt manner in which the statement by their majority to receive an Act of Asquith. If this were to be all that is to be told to the country there would be cause for protest. All classes of opinion, and whatever shade of opinion, were keen to know more about the conflict of principle, and whether any new schemes or compromises were under consideration. This Government should come next week. The Government are to take the Amending Bill on Tuesday. If this decision is found to imply that the failure of the Conference before, the Government are adding to their long record of error. This has been so bad it not a vacuo, week for the Government, and the manner in which their majority to and brought the Cabinet to the verge of resignation. The position of the Prime Minister has been undermined by Radical resentment. Without bargaining away Ulster's fate of the party's debt to Mr Asquith, we say frankly that this sort of leadership is "inadequate." This is the judgment of a London Radical newspaper which till now has been a zealous eulogist of every thing the Government does or fails to do, "inept," it is added, "a good deal sometimes is the virtue of leaving well a loose rein and it is a virtue, but not at danger—points of the road." This is sentiment to things that