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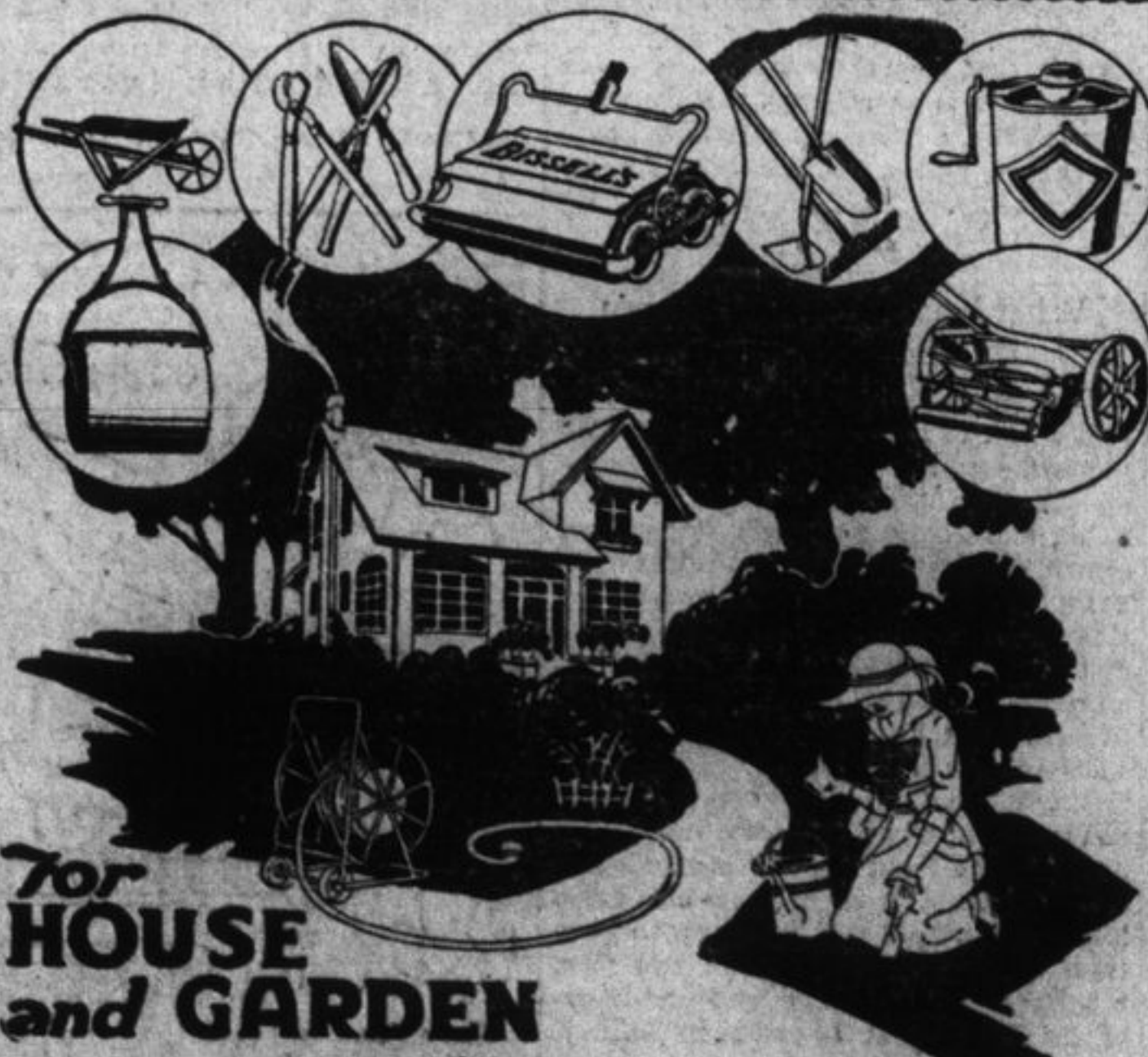
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TEN YEARS AGO ON AUGUST 2nd EUROPE WAS ON VERGE OF WAR

Vivid Description of Events Leading Up to Great Britain's Entrance into War by a Canadian Who Was in England During Those Momentous Days.

By Prof. W. T. Allison (University of Manitoba).

It is hard for us to believe that ten years have passed since our modern civilization began to slip into the abyss which historians have agreed to call the Great War.

Confidence in Sir Edward Grey. All day Sunday, Englishmen of all shades of politics speculated as to what the British Government would do. It was known generally that the Cabinet was sitting all day, trying to decide upon a policy on which would depend the destiny of the British Empire.

A Momentous Day for Europe. My expectation was realized, except for the fact that Germany did not deign to send even a curt reply to the ultimatum of the British Government. This meant that at midnight of August 4th, the British Empire was in a state of war with Germany.

Serious Thoughts in an English Garden. I wrote the following reflections on August 4th, a day ever memorable in the history of the world:

The Press of London Divided. The press of London was divided on the question of England's attitude in case of a war between her allies, Russia and France, against Germany. Great Liberal papers, such as the Chronicle and the Daily News, argued that Great Britain had no direct interest in the impending struggle.

Nature Never More Lovely. But how strange an experience it was to sit there and listen to talk about Armageddon! How unthinkable war seemed there, in that charming garden where the last roses of summer were still lingering, and where everything suggested ancient peace.

Waiting for Word From London. And while we were sitting there in the Ipswich garden, we knew that Sir Edward Grey was making his statement at Westminster, laying down, on behalf of the Cabinet, the policy which would either make of England an ignoble spectator or a belligerent in the coming conflict of the nations.

Great Britain will be fighting for their very lives—with the beautiful, peaceful, old Ipswich garden and that quiet little group of grave-faced Englishmen.

The Declaration of War. Late on the evening of that day I wrote the following:

News has come from London tonight that Germany, unmoved by Sir Edward Grey's speech in the House of Commons, in which he demanded the maintenance of the neutrality of Belgium, has declared war against that little country.

Further news is at hand to the effect that the British Government sent an ultimatum to Germany this afternoon demanding that she shall avoid the Belgium route to France. An answer must be returned by twelve o'clock to-night.

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I wrote this morning to find that Great Britain has declared war against Germany. The great news is announced in the morning papers. What a momentous day for Europe!

In the Name of Righteousness. The best of this awful business which has come upon us so suddenly is that it will be a war carried on in the name of righteousness. No nation could be enlisted in a more worthy cause; the ruthless violation of Belgium's treaty rights by Germany and her cynical devotion to a blood and iron policy, even though her appeal to the sword excite the contempt of the whole civilized world.

The South African War. There was great enthusiasm here when England declared war against Kruger and the Boers. Shouting crowds in London hailed the news with delight. It was thought that the British troops in South Africa would have an easy conquest.

In No Jestng Spirit. Consequently this war has been entered upon in no jestng spirit. There has been no horse-play, no cheering, no ebullition of feeling.

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a terrible war, but we have to go through with it. We bear no hatred to the German people, but we do hate kaiserism and the brute force of Potsdam.

A Game of Bowls. Owing to the fact that I had been invited several days ago, I played a game of bowls this afternoon on a private lawn. There were half a dozen Ipswich Englishmen there and it was good to hear their talk.

Kingston Markets

Friday, Aug. 1.

Fruit. Bananas, doz. \$25 to 40. Grapes, Cal., lb. \$35. Oranges, doz. \$25 to 60.

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Dairy Produce. Butter, creamery, lb. \$56 to 40. Butter, dairy, lb. \$35.

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