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AMBASSADOR GERARD.

We have read Ambassador Gerard's two articles in The Oregonian, and we congratulate that newspaper on its enterprise in getting the articles.

The most interesting revelation in the copyrighted articles so far published is the autograph note of the Kaiser to President Wilson, giving the Kaiser's own version of the events leading up to the war and a confession that Belgium was invaded for strategic reasons.

But in addition to receiving revelations as to the character of the Kaiser we receive revelations as to the character of our American Ambassador. Nowhere in Ambassador Gerard's story do we receive any intimation that America was doing anything toward preventing the great war, nowhere do we receive any suggestion that Ambassador Gerard made any effort to persuade German militarism not to involve the world in war, nowhere do we hear of any plea to save the innocents, France and Belgium.

What a picture! The Ambassador of a great democratic nation trying to cheer up the world's greatest autocrat. Cheering him up by holding out the false hope that his troops would soon enter Paris, encouraging him in his dream of wicked conquest; as the boys would say "kidding" him along.

The whole episode indicates to us that the war might have been avoided. Supposing that a strong man like Root had been Ambassador to Germany. Supposing that David Lloyd George had been Premier of England. The Kaiser built up his whole war upon the theory that the United States and England would not interfere.

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avert the world war, it might have been avoided. The fact that it came shows that Great Britain's diplomacy failed. And from all appearances the United States had no one with any brains at the post of Ambassador in Berlin.

The Kaiser's letter to President Wilson is a public document. No ex-Ambassador should be allowed to sell such a document to the American people to his own profit or that of any syndicate of newspapers.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Inclusive.

This from J. E. House, in the Topeka Capital, is as well done as if Henry Watterson had written it for the Louisville Courier-Journal: The German ruling classes have the instincts of the barbarian, the venom of the rattlesnake and the easy conscience of the devil-fish.—Atchison Globe.

Spending Not Investing.

Congress may not appropriate any funds for the reclamations of arid lands in the west. The cost of one new battleship would make fertile many hundred thousand acres of now non-productive land. These lands would annually produce more than enough products to repay the cost of constructing the irrigation systems.

KAISER SUPPRESSED CABLE MESSAGE OF AUGUST 10, 1914, IS REPORTED.

(The following is the text of the suppressed cable message from the Kaiser to the President, written in the Palace Garden at Berlin on August 10, 1914. It was published for the first time in The Oregonian Sunday.)

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES PERSONALLY: 10-VIII-14.

1. H. R. H. Prince Henry was received by his Majesty King George V in London, who, empowered him to transmit to me verbally that England would remain neutral if war broke out on the Continent involving Germany and France, Austria and Russia. This message was telegraphed to me by my brother from London after his conversation with H. M. the King, and repeated verbally on the twenty-ninth of July.

2. My Ambassador in London transmitted a message from Sir E. Grey to Berlin saying that only in case France was likely to be crushed England would interfere.

3. On the thirtieth my Ambassador in London reported that Sir Edward Grey in course of a "private" conversation told him that if the conflict remained localized between Russia—not Serbia—and Austria, England would not move, but if we "mixed" in the fray she would take quick decisions and grave measures; i. e., if I left my ally Austria in the lurch to fight alone England would not touch me.

4. This communication being directly counter to the King's message to me, I telegraphed to H. M. on the twenty-ninth or thirtieth, thanking him for kind messages through my brother and begging him to use all his power to keep France and Russia—his allies—from making any warlike preparations calculated to disturb my work of mediation, stating that I was in constant communication with H. M. the Czar. In the evening the King kindly answered that he had ordered his government to use every possible influence with his allies to refrain from taking any provocative military measures. At the same time H. M. asked me if I would transmit to Vienna the British proposal that Austria was to take Belgrade and a few other Serbian towns and a strip of country as a "main-mise" to make sure that the Serbian promises on paper should be fulfilled in reality. This proposal was in the same moment telegraphed to me from Vienna for London, quite in conjunction with the British proposal; besides, I had telegraphed to H. M. the Czar the same as an idea of mine before I received the two communications from Vienna and London, as both were of the same opinion.

5. I immediately transmitted the telegrams vice versa to Vienna and London. I felt that I was able to tide the question over and was happy at the peaceful outlook.

6. While I was preparing a note to H. M. the Czar the next morning to inform him that Vienna, London and Berlin were agreed about the treatment of affairs, I received the telephones from H. E. the Chancellor that in the night before the Czar had given the order to mobilize the whole of the Russian army, which was, of course, also meant against Germany; whereas, up till then the southern armies had been mobilized against Austria.

7. In a telegram from London my Ambassador informed me he understood the British government would guarantee neutrality of France and wished to know whether Germany would refrain from attack. I telegraphed to H. M. the King personally that mobilization being already carried out could not be stopped, but if H. M. could guarantee with his armed forces the neutrality of France I would refrain from attacking her, leave her alone and employ my troops elsewhere. H. M. answered that he thought my offer was based on a misunderstanding; and as far as I can make out, Sir E. Grey never took my offer into serious consideration. He never answered it. Instead he declared England had to defend Belgian neutrality, which had to be violated by Germany on strategical grounds, news having been received that France was already preparing to enter Belgium, and the King of Belgians having refused my petition for a free passage under

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guarantee of his country's freedom. I am most grateful for the President's message.

WILLIAM, H. R.

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