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GERMANY HAD PLANNED WAR AGAINST U.S.

STATE DEPARTMENT HAS EVIDENCE SHOWING WAR PLANS

WOULD DEFEAT ENGLAND
AND FRANCE FIRST

Data Filed Away By Department Includes Attempts to Persuade Mexico and Japan to Fight U. S.

Washington, Aug. 27.—(United Press)—The state department has announced that evidence has been obtained showing that Germany planned to make war against the United States after defeating France and England. Secretary Lansing refused to give the specific evidence.

It is believed that the evidence which showed Germany's war plans on the United States were brought here by Gerard. Gerard frequently said that the Germans had their eyes on the United States. Lord Robert Cecil claimed to have definite proof. Vast amounts of data showing the net of intrigue that the Kaiser's agents wove about America are filed away by the state department, including Zimmermann's attempts to persuade Mexico and Japan to fight the United States.

ALLIES POUND GERMANS ON THREE FRONTS

ITALIANS CONTINUE UNINTERRUPTED DRIVE—CAPTURE 90 SQUARE MILES

London, Aug. 27.—(United Press)—Three great allied offensives have assailed the German lines on three fronts. The British and French have resumed the offensive. Italy has continued to drive uninterruptedly.

The Italians have captured in a week ninety square miles of territory, twenty-five thousand prisoners, a vast store of guns and munitions, and inflicted stupendous casualties, estimated at seventy-five thousand.

The French war office has reported that the most violent counter-attacks have failed to force the French to relinquish the ground gained yesterday at Verdun.

German attacks elsewhere have failed also.

WAR SHOULD HAVE NO TERRORS FOR HER

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 27.—(Special)—Harriet Owing, 9-year-old negro girl, would be safe at the front without a steel helmet. Hospital doctors extracted a bullet from her forehead which had not penetrated the skull. The bullet was a .22 and was mashed perfectly flat. It had been a stray shot. The girl at once returned to her home.

ALEXANDER LEEGE WILL HELP BUY MUNITIONS

Washington, Aug. 27.—(United Press)—Alexander Legee, general manager of the International Harvester company has been appointed as assistant to B. N. Baruch in purchasing war materials. Directors of steel and copper will be appointed under Legee.

GERMANS LOSE HEIGHTS TAKEN FROM RUSSIANS

Petrograd, Aug. 27.—(United Press)—The Russian troops on the Roumanian front, northeast of Soviet captured the height which the Teutonic assaults first forced them to relinquish, it is officially stated.

The Russian fleet in the Black Sea destroyed eleven motorboats and seven feluccas.

PLEADS NORWAY'S CAUSE.

Dr. Fridtjof Nansen Asks For Let Up of United States Embargo.



Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, here as head of Norway's mission to protest the United States embargo on neutral country shipments, has made a strong plea to President Wilson, pointing out heavy losses by U. boats to Norway's merchant fleet and the necessity of food from the United States. Dr. Nansen is well known as an arctic explorer and was once ambassador to London.

Will Soon Be Pagans

Kansas City, Aug. 27.—(United Press)—The United States is rapidly drifting toward paganism with all its accompanying vices, according to the report on morals of the committee of the American Confederation Catholic Societies.

Steamships Collide In Alaskan Waters

Seattle, Aug. 27.—(United Press)—The steamship Jefferson, of the Alaska Steamship company, collided with the Canadian Pacific steamer, Princess May, in Swanson bay, near Cone Island in southwestern Alaskan waters, this morning, according to a wireless from Captain Nord.

Details are lacking. The Jefferson carried a passenger list of seventy-five.

Kenneth Evans, of La Grande, is in Portland for a few days.

RED CROSS HEADS MEET HEAR REPORTS

REQUEST COMES FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FOR 250 SETS KNITTED ARTICLES

The executive committee of the Red Cross met today at 11 o'clock at the call of the chairman, Dr. M. K. Hall, and heard reports from committees. The committees are preparing for active work this fall.

The hospital supplies committee of which Mrs. E. T. Andrews is chairman reported that a great quantity of supplies were ready to be shipped. An exhibit will be arranged soon so that the public may see the work that has been done.

Mrs. E. P. Mossman reported on the work of the ladies who are knitting, etc.

Chairman Meyers, of the finance committee, reported that his committee would welcome suggestions from organizations which would be willing to give dances or entertainments for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Mrs. George T. Cochran, of the membership committee, announced that a new campaign for members would be made in La Grande. It is desired to have 1000 members in La Grande.

The state of Oregon has been asked to furnish 15,000 knitted sets for the soldiers and sailors, consisting of 1 sleeveless sweater, 1 pair of socks, 1 pair wristlet, 1 muffler in each set. La Grande Chapter and auxiliaries have been asked to furnish 250 sets, and the ladies of the chapter and various auxiliaries will be asked to start this work at once.

The following cablegram has been received by National Red Cross headquarters from Major Grayson, in

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CONGRESSIONAL FIGHT ON OVER INSURANCE BILL

FEARED BILL MAY WEAKEN DEPENDENCY EXEMPTION CLAIMS

Washington, Aug. 27.—(United Press)—Fearing that the soldiers' insurance bill would be regarded as sufficient grounds for nullifying the dependency claims, a congressional fight is developing to preserve the rights of married men.

The Provost Marshal General's office holds that the insurance law weakens the dependency exemption claims. Senator Weeks announced he would attempt to amend the insurance bill so it would not affect the dependency claims.

News Of La Grande

Transferred to City Market—Ed Moon of the Fir St. Market has been transferred to the City Market and took up his duties there this morning.

Another Recruit—Richard R. Hopper left last night for Vancouver Barracks where he will be examined for enlistment in the Aviation Corps.

Returns Home—Mrs. B. B. Nutter, who has been visiting for the last ten days at the Swaberg home, leaves tonight for her home in Pendleton. She will be accompanied by Miss Gertrude Swaberg who will visit there for a short time.

Go Huckleberrying—Postmaster and Mrs. E. E. Bragg, also Mr. and Mrs. Rhea Luper have gone to Mt. Emily on a huckleberry trip. Mr. Bragg expects to stay long enough to get the rest of them settled, but the others expect to stay a week or more.

Picnics Start Fires—J. T. Williamson, who was fighting fires yesterday, reports that there is a quite serious fire about six miles south of Kamela. He also states that more fires are started over Sunday by people going to the hills than all during the remainder of the week.

Go Huckleberrying—W. H. Wilson, Frank George, Chas. Duffy and Homer Wilson went huckleberrying on Mt. Emily yesterday. Although there was quite a bit of fun at Mr. Duffy's expense on account of his having taken an egg basket for his berries, he brought back some dandy huckleberries, just the same.

Returns From Clackamas—Jim McLaughlin returned Thursday night from Clackamas where he had been in training with Co. B of Engineers. He was rejected on account of his weight being insufficient. However, he expects to be able to return to the Army by September 20th.

AMERICAN AIR BOMB.

New War Device Designed to Hang From Aeroplanes.



The bomb shown here is lowered from the airplane by a cable and catches on to the object aimed at by prongs fastened to its top. These prongs explode the missile.

SHIPS TO HIDE IN CLOUDS OF BLACK SMOKE

VESSELS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE PORT UNLESS EQUIPPED

Washington, Aug. 27.—(United Press)—Thousands of smoke producers to protect the American ships are being made. After October 1st no ship of any description may sail from American ports unless equipped and painted by a system of camouflage. Each ship will carry a smoke funnel and twelve smoke producers.

The smoke producers are thrown into the water when the submarine approaches, instantly throwing off great clouds of heavy smoke which hides the ship.

COMMANDS CANADIANS.

Sir Arthur Currie Succeeds General Byng in France.



The new commander of the Canadians in France, Sir Arthur Currie, has won his way by hard fighting. He succeeds General Sir Julian Byng and is the first Canadian to command the contingent.

Dogs To Serve U.S.

Washington, Aug. 27.—(United Press)—Secretary of War Baker has approved a bill accepting the gift of a thousand dogs for service abroad. The United States will send the regiment of dogs to France.

MORE NEGRO TROOPS SENT TO HOUSTON

Houston, Aug. 27.—(United Press)—More negro troops will be sent here despite the rioting last week. Major General Bell announced today.

Mrs. T. E. Parks returned to her home in Elgin Saturday after several days at Hot Lake.

Eileen Pearce returned this morning from a two weeks' vacation in Portland and Salem.

ENDEAVOR TO BLOCK REVENUE BILL ACTION

Washington, Aug. 27.—(United Press)—The wealth conservationists blocked the efforts to hasten the action on the revenue bill. The new closure rule may be used.

The circulation of a petition has been started. Johnson and Borah vigorously oppose the closure.

ACCUSED BY MISS RANKIN.

Woman Representative Criticizes John D. Ryan, Copper Magnate.



Standing up before the house of representatives, Miss Jeannette Rankin, the first woman representative in the United States, made a speech in which she attacked the copper men for mining conditions in Montana and Arizona. She blamed John D. Ryan for much of the recent labor trouble.

RUSSIA WILL MAINTAIN HER DEMOCRACY

WILL NOT RETURN TO AUTOCRACY AT ANY COST SAYS KERENSKY

NEW NATION PASSING THROUGH NAVAL DANGER

Government Will Crush With Blood and Iron All Attempts Against People's Power.

BY WM. G. SHEPHERD
Moscow, Aug. 27.—(United Press)—Russia will maintain her democracy at all costs. She intends to use the weapons of the old regime against those wishing the old autocracy to overthrow the republic.

This declaration by Premier Kerensky was outstanding in importance at all the Russian conferences. He insisted that the new nation was passing through a period of moral danger and he warned its enemies within that the government henceforth would be implacable in pursuing and crushing with blood and iron all attempts against the people's power.

Kerensky's speech was wildly cheered. The issue is tightly drawn between free democracy against constricted reactionism.

Washington, Aug. 27.—(United Press)—Expressing confidence in the ultimate triumph of democracy, the President cabled a message to the National Russian assembly at Moscow.

Dinneen, a Portland boy, formerly city editor of The Observer, who usually spends his summers at Long Beach, was down to Long Beach, Wash., for the week-end last week visiting his aunt, Mrs. William Carney. He is a member of the 3d Oregon at Clackamas and had a four days' furlough.

R. L. Norris is making repairs on his house on E. Pennsylvania Ave.

Alfred and Oscar Johnson spent Sunday in Pendleton.

Ray Sullivan returned this morning from a week-end visit to Portland.

Grant Geddes, office boy at the O. W. R. & N. Co. offices in the New Foley Building, has resigned his position preparatory to attending school.

F. G. Horton, manager of the La Grande Fruit Co. went to Enterprise this morning on business.

BAD FIRES THREATEN DARK AND LADD CANYONS

Bad fires in Dark and Ladd Canyons are reported today by District Fire Warden Lowell Williamson. The fire in Dark Canyon is just inside the government reserve at the head of Spring creek and is burning on a front a mile long. The Ladd Canyon fire is very serious, according to residents of the district.

Fire Warden Williamson took cardloads of men out to fight fires today. The fire-fighters go provisioned and prepared to stay until the fires are under control.

The Kamela fire is still burning but is well in charge. Five men are watching it. The rest of the men who have been fighting the fire in this district have been transferred to other points.

WILL ASK FOR \$350,000,000 FOR DESTROYERS

Washington, Aug. 27.—(United Press)—A new appropriation of three hundred and fifty million dollars for destroyers will be asked for this week by Secretary Daniels.

Special plants must be built for the destroyers' construction, Mr. Daniels said. He declined to say how many destroyers are to be constructed.