



## BERNSTORFF ENVOY REGARDED AS HOAX

### State Department Deceived by German.

## MANTLE OF RED CROSS USED

### Errand in America Is Connected With Munitions.

## SAFE CONDUCT NOT GIVEN

### Supposed Dr. Anton Meyer-Gerhard Said to Be in Reality Dr. Alfred Meyer, Privy Councillor and German Army Officer.

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NEW YORK, June 15.—(Special.)—Dr. Anton Meyer-Gerhard, German Red Cross lecturer, and Count von Bernstorff's special envoy to the imperial government, who landed yesterday in Christiania, Norway, has perpetrated a hoax on the State Department of the United States, according to evidence now in the hands of the Tribune.

He is none other than Dr. Alfred Meyer, privy councillor of the first rank, chief of the department of army supplies of the imperial German Ministry of War.

Name Assumed by Another. The real Dr. Anton Meyer-Gerhard has not been out of Germany since the beginning of the war and has been reported among the wounded on the eastern front. His name was assumed by Dr. Meyer and the protecting mantle of the Red Cross thrown about him that his identity and true mission to the United States were hidden.

His much-advertised Red Cross propaganda was a farce. He came here to buy such war supplies as he could obtain and incidentally to learn the condition of military preparedness in this country. He takes to the German War Office information of great importance which he has gathered in his dealings with various munition brokers and manufacturers.

Appearance Is Altered. Tall and erect, his excellency has graced the lecture platform while he made his pleas for contributions, wearing a toupee to change the appearance of his somewhat bald head, and gold-rimmed glasses to disguise his face; he has dickered with many dealers and done everything in his power to prevent the allies from obtaining war materials here. As a latter-day Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, he has been a noteworthy success.

His excellency's activities have been carried on with the knowledge and cooperation of Ambassador von Bernstorff. In fact, the German government is awaiting his report before replying to President Wilson's latest note.

State Department Deceived. The scheme worked perfectly, and the State Department apparently has not had the slightest suspicion that Meyer-Gerhard was not Dr. Meyer-Gerhard at all. It is a fact, however, that the French and British embassies at Washington did not issue a safe conduct guarantee, as in the case of Dr. Dernburg. They are said, however, to have made it plain that they would not interfere with an accredited representative of the Red Cross.

Dr. Meyer played his part well. The small, whispering group that knew all about it recognized that if the truth of his excellency's identity and business became known to the allies it would prove fatal to the German cause. The allies would be sure to notify the State Department, and this might interfere with the prompt return to Germany of a high war official.

Utmost Caution Observed. So the doctor flitted from lectures in behalf of the Red Cross to secret conferences with great speed and much caution. The utmost discretion was exercised in arranging the various meetings that took place. Telephone calls were made from public stations.

Dr. Meyer lived at the Hotel Astor only intermittently and never registered after his first appearance there. His other address was known to fewer than four persons, and each conference with him was attended by an amazing attention to preliminaries.

GERMAN EMISSARY IS NERVOUS. Bernstorff's Messenger Hastily Leaves Crowd at Copenhagen.

COPENHAGEN, via London, June 15.—Dr. Anton Meyer-Gerhard, the emissary of the German Ambassador at Washington, Count von Bernstorff to Emperor William and the German Foreign Office, arrived here tonight on the steamer United States. He was nervous on meeting at the pier a large crowd, including newspaper reporters and photographers, and disappeared in a motor car a minute after he had landed. He will proceed to the German capital tomorrow.

## MANY STARVED DIE DAILY IN MEXICO

### REFUGEES REACHING GALVESTON CONFIRM REPORTS.

### Grave Condition Exists in Capital and Hundreds of Smaller Towns of Republic.

GALVESTON, Tex., June 15.—Three hundred and ninety refugees, of whom 224 are Americans, were brought to Galveston today by the United States transport Buford from Vera Cruz, Tampico and Tuxpan.

They are comfortably quartered on the ship while she undergoes a five-days' quarantine.

Information from the refugees brought by a few Government officials who had charge of the expedition and who were allowed to land to make their reports, is to the effect that every story told of the starving population in Mexico has been a true one, and that men, women and children are dying daily of starvation, not only in Mexico City, but in hundreds of the smaller towns of the republic.

## FOOTBALL CONTRACT MADE

### Berkeley, in Return to Old Game, Takes Washington as Opponent.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 15.—A tentative contract for two American football games between the University of Washington and the University of California was signed here today. Manager Stroud, of California, who is in Seattle, will have to obtain the approval of the faculty and student committees of California.

California, which has hitherto contested with Leland Stanford University in rugby football, recently broke off athletic relations with Stanford.

## LONE ROBBER HOLDS UP 2

### Bartenders Allow Highwayman to Rifle Till of Saloon.

When a masked robber, armed with a blue-black revolver, entered the saloon at Twenty-fourth and Vaughn streets shortly after midnight last night, Mike D. O'Shea, the night bartender, and Ed Thorndahl, day bartender, who was visiting there, both reached for the ceiling with both hands and let the marauder help himself to \$7 from the till.

Police obtained a good description of the man, who escaped.

## KING'S RECOVERY SLOW

### Worst Phase of Constantine's Illness, However, Is Passed.

LONDON, June 15.—An Athens dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company says the surgeons who operated on King Constantine issued a statement prior to their departure that the worst phase of the King's illness was over and that all immediate danger had been removed.

The hope, they added, was justified that the King would soon become convalescent, although complete recovery necessarily would be slow.

## KING LUDWIG DENOUNCED

### German Socialists Declare Belgium Must Be Independent.

INNBRUCK, Austria, via London, Geneva and Paris, June 15.—German Socialists at a meeting in Munich yesterday are reported to have denounced King Ludwig of Bavaria, because of the speech recently made by him concerning the annexation of Belgium.

According to dispatches received here the Socialists are reported to have said that Belgium must be independent again no matter how the war results.

## WEST POINT CLASS SMALL

### Chinese Among "Plebes," but There Are Several Vacancies.

WEST POINT, N. Y., June 15.—One hundred and forty-two new cadets were admitted today to the Military Academy, the new men comprising the "plebe" class. One Chinese, K. Wang, reported among the number.

Today's entering class is the smallest that has been admitted in some years and there are numerous vacancies in the corps yet unfilled.

## TOWN RAZED BY TORNADO

### Six Injured, Two Fatally, by South Dakota Twister.

HIGHMORE, S. D., June 15.—Six were injured, two fatally, by a tornado which swept this vicinity today. Thirty buildings were razed by the twister in the city of Blunt, near Highmore. North of Blunt crops suffered and a heavy loss of livestock was registered.

Telephone and telegraph lines are down in the rural districts and details of the storm are not available.

## 13,547 BRITISH TARS LOST

### More Than 8000 of Naval Casualties Are Killed.

LONDON, June 15.—Thirteen thousand five hundred and forty-seven officers and men of the British navy, including marines and members of the naval division, have been killed or wounded or reported missing from the beginning of the war up to May 31, according to announcement made in London today.

Of this total 9245 were killed.

## VILLA AND ZAPATA AGREE ON LEADER

### Carranza Chief, However, Is Aloof.

## BATTLE FOR CAPITAL BREWS

### Foreigners Prepare Against Change in Mexico City.

## WILSON RESERVES PLANS

### Manuel Vasquez Tagle, Only Madero Minister Who Did Not Resign, Regarded as Possible Provisional President.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Manuel Vasquez Tagle, Minister of Justice in the Cabinet of Madero, who has taken no part in revolutionary activity in Mexico since Huerta's coup in February, 1913, has been practically agreed on by leaders of the Villa-Zapata coalition as acceptable to them for the provisional presidency, should an agreement with the Carranza faction be possible.

Tagle was the only Cabinet Minister who did not resign when Huerta overthrew the legally-elected Madero administration. He left Mexico City then and has since lived in the United States. In official and diplomatic quarters there has been much discussion of Tagle, especially because the United States has been desirous of according recognition not only to a provisional president agreed on by the factions, but one who could be brought into power by a continuation of the legal machinery existing before the Huerta regime.

Carranza Adverse to Conference. At present officials are watching closely political developments in Mexico. Carranza, commander who is approaching Mexico City, had refused to entertain peace proposals from a delegation sent by the Villa-Zapata convention government reached here today. The possibility that the Zapata forces will engage the Carranza army for possession of Mexico City has made foreigners apprehensive and already efforts are being made through diplomatic channels by some of the foreign missions in Mexico City to secure pro-

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Treaty Protection Doubted. The preamble to the resolution read, in part, as follows: "Events of the past year have demonstrated the fact that war, no matter how greatly it may be deplored, may suddenly and unexpectedly occur, notwithstanding the existence of treaties of peace and unity, and they have shown that nations unprepared have paid and are paying the price of their lack of foresight."

The reports of our military and naval experts have made it clear that the defensive forces of the country are inadequate for the proper protection of our coasts, to enable our government to maintain its accepted policies, to fulfill obligations to other states and to exert in the adjustment of international questions the influence to which the republic is entitled."

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## SUFFRAGE GETS \$1,500,000

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## WILSON ASKED TO REQUEST DEFENSES

### Early Message to Congress Is Urged.

## NEED IS DECLARED PRESSING

### Treaties Proved Valueless, Is View of Security League.

## RECENT VIOLATIONS CITED

### Germany and England Both Are Accused by ex-Secretary of War, Who Hints Lord, Alone, Protects United States.

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## Tuesday's War Moves

THE Austro-German rush in Galicia is on again. Both Berlin and Vienna officially lay claim to progress along virtually the entire southeastern front, and Lemberg, seems again to be in danger.

Mosciska, to the east of Przemyel, has been captured by the Austro-Germans and according to the German contention the Russians are falling back south of the railroad connecting Przemyel and Lemberg. All the Russian counter-attacks have been repulsed, with gains for the Teutons from a point north of Przemyel into Besarabia.

Far off as this front is from England and France, it is being watched more closely than the western front because it would appear that these operations are being pressed in an attempt to clear Galicia of the Russians, preparatory to a breathing spell in the East, which is likely to be followed by a crushing blow aimed at Italy.

The fighting is growing harder daily along the Austro-Italian frontier and, in view of past performances, it is considered reasonable to assume that Germany will throw great masses of troops on this front and endeavor to sweep into Italy and hold ground there, just as she has done in Poland, Belgium and France.

The fighting in France around Arras, while bitter and marked by daily attack and counter-attack, has reached the stage where the German and French official communications flatly contradict each other. On the whole, it is believed, the advantage has been with the French.

That England is prepared for long siege operations in the Dardanelles is indicated in an official statement just issued, explaining the nature of the tedious trench warfare prevailing, although adding that the Turkish offensive is not so sharp as it was formerly.

Almost complete returns for the general elections assure a war chamber for Greece, although with the King still in a precarious condition and the chamber not due to meet for more than a month, no immediate events affecting Greece's neutrality are expected.

An allied air raid on Karlsruhe resulted in considerable damage, although the nature of it has not been given in detail. These aviators reached a point in Germany farther from their lines than any point previously reached by French or British airmen.

## KLAMATH MAYOR QUILTS

### F. J. Nichols Resigns in Midst of Trouble With Council.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—After a row with the Council in which the Mayor struck O. D. Mathews, acting president, and made charges that the Councilmen were in league against him, Thomas F. Nichols, Mayor, today presented his resignation and those of several of the police force.

The trouble grew out of the appointment of the Council to confirm the appointment of Joseph Smith as chief of police, and the resignation of that official, together with those of Patrolmen Sam Walker and Hank Wilson, was presented.

J. H. Carnahan, City Attorney, also resigned, saying that \$1000 a year is not enough salary. Mr. Williams named committees and a special police force. A special election may have to be called.

## MRS. RAY BARKHURST HURT

### Wife of Portland Tailor Injured in Automobile Collision.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ray Barkhurst, wife of a prominent Portland tailor, was injured in an automobile collision near Santa Ana here tonight. The machine was driven by D. G. Cole and carried four passengers, all of whom were badly hurt.

Mrs. Barkhurst's collar-bone was broken and her body was badly bruised. She was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Shaw, at Santa Ana.

Mr. Barkhurst said last night that his wife had gone to visit her parents two days ago, but that he planned to meet her in the south in about a month for a trip to the exposition.

## GERMANS USE LIQUID FIRE

### Heavy Guns and Reinforcements Are Sent to Baltic Region.

LONDON, June 15.—Telegraphing from Petrograd, the Times correspondent says: "The bombardment of Shavli (Baltic region) by heavy artillery is seen to foreshadow the adoption of tactics which proved successful on the San, in Galicia. It is noted that the Germans are now assembling in the Baltic region not only heavy artillery, but considerable reinforcements, which they perhaps removed from the San. The Germans on the Buzza River are employing liquid fire in hand-to-hand encounters."

## MOUNT HOOD LILIES BLOOM

### Auto Parties Revel Mid Vast Fields of Beautiful Flower.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—The Mount Hood lily is now at its best. Many fields of this beautiful flower, some of them almost an acre in extent, are now in full blossom at the base of Mount Hood, and motor parties journey out and return with gorgeous bouquets.

The flowers exhale a rich perfume. They are also laden with honey and hundreds of gaudily-plumed humming birds may be seen hovering over the flowers.

## O.-W. R. & N. TO TAP LAND WEST OF VALE

### Line to Corvallis to Be Made Electric.

## CHANGE PROMISED THIS YEAR

### Central Oregon Line to Go 30 Miles Past Riverside.

## PLAN IS TO CROSS STATE

### Officials Leave on Trip Over Proposed Route; Southern Pacific Has Material on Hand Ready for Change From Steam.

TWO important development projects are provided for by two Oregon railroads in their plans for the remaining months of the present year—one each by the O.-W. R. & N. and by the Southern Pacific.

The O.-W. R. & N. Company will build a 30-mile extension to its line recently completed from Vale to Riverside, and the Southern Pacific will electrify the line between Whiteason and Corvallis as an extension of the existing electric unit between Portland and Whiteason.

## TWO EXTENSIONS OF RAIL PROJECTS ANNOUNCED.

J. D. Farrell, president of O.-W. R. & N., and party go to Vale to plan extension of line from Riverside to Crane Creek Gap, 30 miles west.

Robert E. Strahorn, president of Portland, Eugene & Eastern, subsidiary of Southern Pacific, returns from San Francisco with plans for electrification of line from Whiteason to Corvallis, 43 miles.

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The western terminus of the proposed extension will be Crane Creek Gap, near the northern shore of Malheur Lake, in Harney County. Portland contractors have been asked to submit estimates on the cost of this work, and several of them now are sending men into the interior to look over the ground.

It is understood that Mr. Farrell and his party will continue through Central Oregon and return to Portland via either Condon or Bend.

## Road Will Cross State.

The new line now is being operated from Vale to Riverside, a distance of 80 miles. It connects with the Oregon Short Line at Ontario, but is a part of the O.-W. R. & N. system. It is intended eventually to extend the line across the state to a connection with the Deschutes line now terminating at Bend. This route then will offer the company a new main line between Portland and the East.

Mr. Strahorn, in discussing the Southern Pacific's proposed electrification of the Whiteason-Corvallis unit, said yesterday that definite plans for this undertaking have not been completed, but he pointed out that most of the material already has been assembled and that it is the intention of the company to do the work in "the very near future."

## Work Is Expected to Begin Soon.

"Just how soon will that be?" Mr. Strahorn was asked. "I can't say definitely," he replied, "but it certainly will be within a very short time."

Mr. and Mrs. Strahorn returned yesterday from a two-months' visit to New York and Washington, D. C., and a month each in Florida and California, where Mr. Strahorn has been assisting in the transfer to the Southern Pacific Company of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern and the other Southern Pacific subsidiary in Oregon. Besides the Portland, Eugene & Eastern, this, about July 1, will wipe out of existence the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company; Corvallis & Eastern Railroad Company; Salem, 1 1/2 City & Western Railway Company, and the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Railroad & Navigation Company. The positions of all such executive officers as Mr. Strahorn will be abolished.

## Mr. Strahorn Outlines Plan.

Asked about the change and his future plans, Mr. Strahorn said: "Well, as this has been under way for about a year it is rather a threadbare story. So far as the steam lines are concerned, it was inevitable from the moment of their completion and acquisition by the Southern Pacific that they would be finally amalgamated for more economical operation. After the parent company began operating them the only justification for maintaining a local organization was the advantage

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