

BERNSTORFF ENVOY TO BE INVESTIGATED

Reported Hoax Stirs State Department.

DISAVOWAL IS TO BE SOUGHT

Time to Be Given Bernstorff for Voluntary Action.

DISCOURTESY IS INVOLVED

Diplomats of Allies Consider Making Restrictions on Travel More Strict If It Is Proved "Spy" Obtained Guarantee.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—(Special.)—Publication of the story that Dr. Meyer-Gerhard, Red Cross lecturer and also special emissary of the German ambassador, and Dr. A. Meyer, of the German War Office, were the same man created a sensation here today. Measures were taken by the State Department at once to obtain from Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, a disavowal of the story.

Pending this, no other action will be taken, as it is the intention of the Secretary of State to give the German ambassador an opportunity first to clear himself of what, if true, is regarded the most flagrant breach of diplomatic etiquette that has been committed here for many a day.

Von Bernstorff Is Absent.

The one man, however, who could clear up the whole situation was missing from his accustomed haunts. This was Count von Bernstorff, and all efforts to find him at the embassy, or to find out where he had gone, proved unavailing. Employees at the embassy said he was in the country, probably in Virginia, and they knew nothing about when he would return.

Reasonable time will be given to Count von Bernstorff to disavow the statement that Red Cross lecturer and the War Office agent were the same man. If he fails to produce this explanation, the story will be called to the attention of the German ambassador. What the next step will be no one in authority would say, but it is not improbable that if the state is not displeased Count von Bernstorff's usefulness in this country will come to a speedy end.

Allies' Diplomats Deeply Interested.

Diplomats of the allies were intensely interested in the publication of the account of the reported Meyer-Gerhard hoax on the State Department. The view was generally taken that the United States Government, by its assurances to the embassies of allies, had obtained what practically amounted to a safe conduct, though none was given officially, for a German spy.

Contract Signed "A. MEYER"

Mr. Metz Told Plan Was to Buy American Rifles and Buy Them.

NEW YORK, June 16.—Herman A. Metz, ex-Representative in Congress from New York, mentioned in published stories as having been approached by Mrs. Selma Lewis for assistance in negotiating the purchase from the Government of 350,000 old-style Krag-Jorgensen rifles in Government arsenals, said today that instead of seeing Secretary Bryan about the purchase of rifles he declined to have anything to do with the matter.

Early in the Spring Mrs. Lewis came to me," he said, "and told me that she had information that the discarded rifles could be bought. She said that Dr. Alfred Meyer would buy them and that they would be buried to keep them from falling into the hands of the allies. She then showed me a typewritten document which she said was a contract for the purchase of the rifles, signed by Dr. A. Meyer.

HUGE EXPLOSIVE CARGO IS GUARDED

BIG SHIPMENT FROM SAN FRANCISCO IS MYSTERY.

METAL HELMETS ADOPTED

French to Wear Headgear Giving Protection Against Missiles.

PARIS, June 16.—French soldiers in the field soon are to begin wearing light steel helmets suggesting in their design the antique headpieces of men at arms. In color they will be a gray-blue, harmonizing with the service uniforms which French soldiers have been wearing for several months.

HOMEOPATHY ON EQUALITY

University of California Absorbs Hahnemann Medical College.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 16.—Establishment of homeopathy in the University of California, on an equality with the allopathic school, was announced today at the 39th session of the California State Homeopathic Medical Society by Dr. James W. Ward, dean of the Hahnemann Medical College of the Pacific. The introduction of homeopathy into the California curriculum was accomplished by the absorption of the Hahnemann College.

MASONS AID WAR VICTIMS

Greatest Need, However, Predicted After Peace Has Been Made.

CINCINNATI, June 16.—The Masonic War Relief Association of the United States in a report issued today, announces that \$55,852 has been collected from grand lodges, commanderies, chapters, temples and Scottish rite bodies for the relief of Masons in the European war.

BIG CASES NEAR DECISION

Trust Suits and Oregon Minimum Wage Cases May Be Settled Soon.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Only 30 cases remain to be decided by the Supreme Court at the present term, and should all of these be disposed of next Monday, the final decision day of the year, a new record in the disposition of work will have been accomplished.

ZEPPELIN IS GRAVELY ILL

Count Unable to Keep Appointment at Imperial Headquarters.

LONDON, June 16.—The Exchange Telegraph Company has received a dispatch from its Amsterdam correspondent, who says a message has been received in Amsterdam from Berlin giving the information that Count Zeppelin, inventor of the famous dirigible balloon, is seriously ill with bronchitis and confined to his bed at Stuttgart.

SCENE FROM DURBAR ENACTED IN FRANCE

King Albert Reviews Indian Troops.

EASTERN SPORTS RULE DAY

Dusky Survivors of Trenches Proud of Horsemanship.

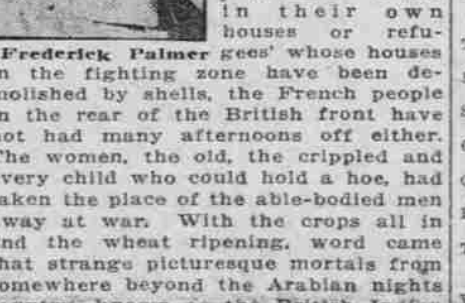
BATTLE NOT FAR AWAY

Belgian Monarch Takes Day Off and Pensants Flock to See Him and Strange Fighting Men From Corner of Big Empire.

BY FREDERICK PALMER, Correspondent of the Associated Press at the front in France.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE

FRANCE, June 16.—King Albert, of the Belgians, who has not had many afternoons off during the last 11 months, took one off to see a show—a symphony. He has stuck so close to his job in what remains of his kingdom as has many a desk-ridden man who cannot be induced to go to the mountains or to the seashore.



Frederick Palmer goes' whose houses in the fighting zone have been demolished by shells, the French people in the rear of the British front have not had many afternoons off either.

The scene was on a small plateau, hardened by the hoofs of the cavalry drill, the one place in Northern France which the industry of those too weak to fight had not made green with cultivation. Across the sweep of fields and groves which hid the trenches and batteries along the British front was an almost unbroken line of houses.

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CARRANZA REJECTS PEACE OVERTURES

Offer Through American Consul Ignored.

THREE PROPOSALS ARE MADE

Villa-Zapata Faction Shows Willingness to Act.

PERSONAL TELEGRAM SENT

Convention Delegation Asking General Gonzales for Armistice Is Met With Demand for Surrender of Capital.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—General Carranza has declined, for the present at least, to accept overtures for peace in Mexico by the Villa-Zapata faction. Three such offers have gone unaccepted.

The latest, it became known today, was transmitted through the medium of the United States without comment. A few days ago the convention assembled in Mexico City, over which Francisco Lagos Chazarro presided, formally presented to the Brazilian Minister, as the representative of the American Government, for transmission to General Carranza through diplomatic channels, a proposal for a 30-day armistice, during which arrangements could be made for establishing a provisional government.

NO REPLY, CARRANZA SAYS

It was suggested that both sides should maintain a military status quo and that the armistice be extended from time to time while the parleys continued. The plan included the holding of a popular election to be supervised by the factions in control of various sections of the country.

BARTENDERS STAY IN FOLD

Culinary Workers Fail in Effort to Split Union.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 16.—"Segregation" of bartenders from culinary workers was voted today, 139 to 55, it was announced today at a session of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance and Bartenders' International League of America, meeting in its 18th biennial convention here. Action came when resolutions were introduced paving the way for the consideration of the question.

KAISER TO DECIDE FATE

Death Sentences in Belgium Must Receive Imperial Sanction.

AMSTERDAM, via London, June 16.—Every sentence of death by a court-martial in Belgium must hereafter be endorsed by Emperor William before the prisoners are executed, according to a telegram received today by the Tys from its correspondent at Maastricht.

OREGON BATTERY IN CAMP

Artillerymen to Spend Ten Days in Maneuvers and Target Practice.

MONTEREY, Cal., June 16.—(Special.)—Battery A, Oregon Field Artillery, arrived here today by special train from Portland and went into camp at Gising.

BEET SUGAR CROP LARGE

Department Forecast Indicates Increased Acreage and Yield.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—This year's sugar beet crop in the United States promises to be a large one. The Department of Agriculture today in its forecast, based on June 1 condition figures, places the yield at 6,290,000 tons.

KAISER GETS PEACE ADVICE

Personal Friend Suggests Maintenance of Relations With America.

COPENHAGEN, via London, June 16.—Albert Ballin, director-general of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, has suggested to the Emperor of Germany the advisability of maintaining peace with the United States. Mr. Ballin is a close personal friend of the Emperor.

ART CRITIC LEARNS ART FROM OREGON

Colonel Wood Replies to Structures on Building.

CHICAGO TROLLEY STRIKE IS ENDED

Crowds Cheer First Surface Cars Appearing.

MAYOR BRINGS ABOUT PEACE

Faction Heads Locked Up and Key Thrown Away.

ARBITRATION IS DECIDED

Executive of City Is Third and Neutral Man at All-Night Conference Between Officials of Company and Union.

EXPOSITION GROUNDS, San Francisco, June 16.—In an address on art last night at the Oregon building, Colonel C. E. S. Wood took up the cudgels for Oregon's great rustic structure which has been adversely criticized by the art critic, Neuhaus, in his public lectures at the exposition and in his book on the exposition sculpture. Notable artists present warmly applauded Colonel Wood, who said in part:

"Why, a book was shown me a few moments ago which gives principles and rules by which you shall admire the 'Now it is said that this building is particular building is faulty because it imitates the Parthenon of Greece in dark and crude log; because it sits on a plane when the Parthenon was erected on the eminence of the Acropolis; that the Parthenon was designed for stone and not for wood, and so you are told that this building is inartistic. I say that no one can look at it and see the magnificent columns which surround it, see its wonderful proportions in a certain grandeur and not know it is no imitation of the Parthenon, but in a pleasing and grand way it is intended to say to the world, 'Oregon holds one-fourth of all the timber of the United States.' I say that if you saw this dark temple away from its surroundings and in the great avenues of an Oregon forest you would understand that this, too, is beauty.

ISSUES CONCEDED AND PENDING IN CHICAGO CAR-MEN'S STRIKE

The companies conceded three points in advance of arbitration:

1. Trippers—that is, men who have one run in the morning rush and another at night—to be eliminated, thus giving every trainman a regular job.
2. Runs on surface lines not to consume more than nine hours' actual working time.
3. Wages shall not be revised downward.

This leaves for arbitration the following:

1. Scale of wages.
2. Period of service before maximum wage is received.
3. Time in which a day's runs on the elevated are to be completed.
4. Adjustment of straight and swing runs on the elevated to eliminate so far as possible waits by employees between trains.

CHICAGO, June 15.—Normal service on Chicago elevated and surface cars was resumed today after an all-night session of railway and labor representatives, and a council committee headed by Mayor Thompson had agreed on arbitration.

The elevated lines resumed service soon after the announcement of the agreement, but it was several hours before anything like a normal schedule was in operation.

Crowds Cheer Cars.

On the surface lines the first cars to appear downtown reached the loop about 11 o'clock. They attracted great crowds and were cheered enthusiastically. Thereafter there was a gradual increase in the number, but it was not until the rush hours of the evening that the surface lines were in full operation.

The formal agreement between the companies and the unions was not signed until noon, although the order had gone out to the 14,500 employees to return to work several hours before. Mayor Thompson is credited with bringing about the agreement and was chosen arbitrator.

Arbitrators to Meet Saturday.

The arbitrators representing the men and the companies will be chosen by the respective interests before Saturday, on which day the first meeting of the three arbitrators is to be held.

The strike was remarkable in that no violence was traced to a striker, that no arrests were charged by the police, and that the good humor with which the public accepted it.

Officials of the companies will select an arbitrator by Saturday, it was announced. W. D. Mahon, international president of the Streetcar Men's Union, probably will be named to represent the men.

Mayor Locks Men In.

Union leaders, officials of the traction lines and members of the Mayor's Aldermanic Strike Committee were in attendance at the 15-hour conference.

Threatened breakups were frustrated, after both labor leaders and traction officials announced they could reach no agreement, when Mayor Thompson invited the conferees to take off their coats. The Mayor then locked the doors of his office. He told the men that he would keep them there until a solution of the situation was reached.

The Mayor took a gold horseshoe from his desk and hung it over his desk clock.

"That was given to me for good luck," he said, "so I'm going to wish that it will bring good luck to this conference."

Arbitration Law Is Likely.

Arbitration amendments to existing traction ordinances are to be written into the law to prevent the repetition of the tie-up that has plagued the industries of Chicago for the last two days.

It also had been proposed to insert in the new contract to be made by the elevated and surface lines with their employees a clause that will provide for submission of any future wage dispute to a disinterested body.

The central idea is to provide a fixed plan of mediation that will be included in the contract as the wage schedule and working conditions to be made after the expiration of the agreement to be written by the mediators in the present issue.

Business men, as well as Aldermen, are agreed that definite steps should

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