

GERMAN INTRIGUE WORKS BEHIND PRESS

Ex-Minister's Actions Toward
America Are Scored by
Many Writers.

DUPLICITY IS ADMITTED

Sending of Submarine Note to
United States After Dinner to
Ambassador Gerard Is Scored
by George Bernhard.

COPENHAGEN, July 16.—In their review of the administration of the German Empire, the German newspapers have been particularly severe in their criticism of the German minister of foreign affairs, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German newspaper comment prominently and often in an uncompromising manner on his treatment of relations with America. In the Vossische Zeitung, George Bernhard openly accuses Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg and his Foreign Secretary, Dr. Zimmermann, of having played a double game with Washington, making war inevitable by attempting to deceive and mislead President Wilson in regard to the policy and intentions of Germany.

Herr Bernhard intimates that the submarine policy, if managed skillfully, might not have led to war with the United States had not these diplomats artificially increased the danger and destroyed every chance of avoiding a break.

He says they encouraged the idea of mediation by President Wilson in America, but nothing to make it acceptable at home, launched a proposal to Mexico to turn against the United States while negotiating with Mr. Wilson, and then, after the German Ambassador Gerard and approved the text of the speeches delivered at the dinner and then announced to his president and the Ambassador with the submarine note.

As to this note Herr Bernhard says much more might be written if patriotic considerations did not forbid. After all these acts, he concluded, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg followed the customary course and attempted to unload the entire responsibility on the former German Ambassador at Washington, Count von Bernstorff.

The Vorwaerts, commenting on the retirement of the Chancellor, says: "We must get away from the habit of clarity which has been Germany's foreign policy the reputation of dishonesty." The newspaper demands that the new Chancellor declare plainly whether his peace programme is one of conquest or not. It says there can be no middle ground.

The Berliner Tageblatt and the Frankfurter Zeitung share the friendly appreciation of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg as expressed in the official article concerning his resignation, printed in the North German Gazette. Other newspapers, however, unsparingly criticize the departing Chancellor as having been a weak, though good-intentioned, official who did not gently subordinate posts, but was unable to see his own lack of qualification for a position of chief responsibility during a tremendous war.

ONLY RAIN CAN SAVE WHEAT

(Continued From First Page.)
grain this year, County Agent A. R. Chase said:

"This year's Spring wheat crop is almost a total loss. It is probable that the estimate of the crop injured from the heat will be at least 40 per cent of the normal. The early sown wheat will be a fair crop but, unfortunately, twice the acreage was planted this year to Spring wheat owing to the dry seeding conditions last fall. Much of the Spring wheat is not worth harvesting, and many farmers are turning stock into the fields to get the benefit of what is left of the crop.

"A good rain would be great help to size up fruit such as apples, pears and apricots. Potatoes, corn and beans are doing well, but there will be a big loss if there is no rain. The wheat is so intense that it is cooking the cherries on the trees and in the boxes after they are picked. Relief must come soon or the loss will be tremendous."

The crews of the Wasco and Diamond Flouring Mills were laid off temporarily today until the arrival of Spring crops.

In the meantime, the Wasco mill will install about \$50,000 worth of new equipment. The mills report that there is plenty of work, but it is impossible to obtain bluestem.

UMATILLA CROP NEAR FAILURE

Yield Already Cut and Loss Is Increasing Daily.

PENDLETON, Or., July 16.—(Special.)—Unless rain comes within the next three or four days, the grain crops of Umatilla County will be practically a failure for the first time in many years. Even at this time there is little possibility that the yield will exceed 2,500,000 bushels. The normal is 4,500,000. There has been practically no rain in this section since June and during the past week hot winds have been blowing almost continuously. In the Pilot Rock section there is a possibility that the crops may recover to some extent with favorable weather, but the barley on the ridges already is burned out. In the Athena-Weston section there is practically no damage as yet, the only section in the county thus favored.

On the northern slopes grain that has survived until this time is now beginning to suffer. Fall grain, naturally, is in better condition to stand the siege than the Spring grain, but it cannot last more than a couple of weeks in the present weather. Spring grain is rapidly deteriorating. Stems are becoming hard and brittle and the

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SENATORS WRANGLE HOURS OVER HOOVER

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for Food Board, Instead
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SPRING WHEAT IS IN DANGER

Kickitait Crop May Be Wiped Out if
Heat Continues.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., July 16.—(Special.)—With the mercury standing at a 92 in the shade, a scorching east wind and a hazy atmosphere for the past three days, it is impossible to tell just what the effect will be on the Kickitait wheat crop. The grain in the Kickitait Valley will still make a profitable crop to harvest, but it is considered that a few more days of present weather conditions will wipe out the Spring grain. The Fall grain was sown long before the hot weather started, but no great damage is anticipated, except on high ground and thin soil.

No rain has been received from the Bickleton country, where much Spring grain was sown this year, but as that section is not as well protected from the hot winds as the Kickitait Valley, the yield will be materially cut down at least. It is impossible to tell just what the effect will be on the Kickitait wheat crop compared with normal until threshing starts.

WALLA WALLA LOSS IS BIG

Wheat Decreased 40 Per Cent by Heat
Is Estimate.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 16.—(Special.)—Terrorific heat of the last four days has done damage to wheat throughout the Walla Walla Valley. Henry Vincent, prominent Eureka flat farmer, estimated Saturday that the grain in the Walla Walla Valley, which was sown in the normal year, did not exceed 60 per cent of a normal yield. Mr. Struthers has been raising wheat here since 1892.

In many fields the hot winds have cured the standing grain like hay. While it looks green, it is dead. Rain now will do some good, but if delayed a few days will not. Grain that normally should not be ripe for five or six weeks is ripening now. Today's temperature of 95 added to the damage.

DANGER AT MOSIER IS GRAVE

Entire Wheat Crop May Be Lost if
Drouth Continues.

MOSCOW, Idaho, July 16.—(Special.)—The section is in grave danger of losing its entire wheat crop unless there is rain within a few days. The best judges estimate the crop today at half its normal yield.

Winter wheat is standing the unusual drouth much better than the usual sowing, which is badly scorched and stunted in many places. There are a few fields of wheat to be found. The acreage is unusually large.

Average Yield in Ione Section.

IONE, Or., July 16.—(Special.)—This part of Morrow County promised to yield an average crop. The wheat stands high and is well filled and has not suffered from the hot weather, which came too late to do damage. As a consequence of a lack of June rains, the yield will not be as heavy per acre as last year, but there will be a much wheat raised, as the acreage sown is much larger. The wheat will be ready to harvest about August 1 and the shortage of labor is feared.

ALASKA WILL DO SHARE

TERRITORIAL GOVERNOR IS ON
VISIT IN PORTLAND.

J. F. A. Strong Is Highly Enthusiastic
Over Scenery Along Columbia
River Highway.

"Alaska, like the rest of the West, will do her share, and more than her share, in the war, with the exception of Honorable J. F. A. Strong, territorial Governor of Alaska, who was in Portland yesterday at the Benson Hotel, on his way back to Juneau after five weeks' official visit at Washington.

"Registration is now going on in Alaska, more slowly than in the states, it is true, because of the scattered population over the territory, and Alaska will contribute her quota of men to the Army. In the meantime, however, the patriotism of the men in the territory has not allowed them to be idle.

"In contributions for the Red Cross, Alaska gave proportionately vastly more than New York. The city of Nome, with about 2500 people, gave \$6000, and other cities in proportion."

Governor and Mrs. Strong remained over in Portland yesterday to visit the Morningstar Sanatorium, where the Alaska Insane are cared for, and he expressed himself highly gratified with the improvements in the institution that have been installed recently.

Yesterday afternoon they made a trip over the Columbia River Highway and returned vastly enthusiastic.

AID TO TROOPS RESTRICTED

Volunteer Organizations in France
Put Under Red Cross.

PARIS, July 16.—Official announcement is made that all private organizations which desire to give medical aid to American troops must be under Red Cross military control and supervision.

The Red Cross is now constructing the largest nitrous oxide plant in the world. The product, commonly known as laughing gas, will be used as an anesthetic in all American dressing stations and hospitals.

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WASHINGTON, July 16.—A wrangle over President Wilson's appointment of Herbert C. Hoover as food administrator occupied virtually all today's debate in the Senate on the food control bill, but meantime considerable progress on compromise amendments was made by the leaders in bipartisan conference.

For more than two hours Senator Reed criticized Mr. Hoover, deprecating his residence abroad which had kept him out of touch with American ideals. Senator Phelan replied, defending the food administrator as a patriotic and efficient official.

The Democratic and Republican leaders agreed in their conference upon changes in the bill expected to command general support, including an amendment creating a board of food administration instead of one-man control, provided in the House measure.

Control Is Limited.
Most of the leaders also agreed upon limiting the control legislation to food, fuels and seeds, the fuels to include gasoline and kerosene, but a consideration of retention of Government control over steel and iron and their products.

Another conference will be held tomorrow by the two major groups of the Senate Democratic steering committee planned later for final negotiation toward a complete compromise. Senator Reed declared Mr. Hoover's attempts to influence legislation had been "bold, open and notorious," and referred to him as a "J. Rufus Wallingford."

The Missouri Senator said that for weeks Mr. Hoover had been assuming to be food dictator of the United States and that the interests backing him were holding up the final enactment of the first food survey bill because it would interfere with "certain operations which Mr. Hoover heretofore has performed."

Accused Gambling.
Senator Reed read published articles regarding what he termed "gambling operations" of Mr. Hoover in buying American foodstuffs for the Belgian Relief Commission.

"I made it clear that I have not intimated that Mr. Hoover conducted these operations for his own profit; not one penny; but I deny that it is right to rig the market and make gambling food to Americans, even to feed needy people of some other land. What good does it do to the mothers of America to know that some shrewd, successful gambler has gone into the American markets and run up prices on the American children and carried the profits to a foreign land?"

Senator Reed declared that if the Government was to spend millions for food-control administration, the authority should be invested in "somebody who knows something about it."

Advice Is Ridiculed.
The instructions prepared by Mr. Hoover for housewives of the country were ridiculed by the Missouri Senator in a sarcastic attack, which caused laughter in the chamber and galleries and necessitated frequent calls for order. He criticized the suggestion to order bread 24 hours in advance, declaring that if Mr. Hoover's plan was put into effect, the country would be a "country where the housewife depends on the corner grocery, not on the baker."

Defending Mr. Hoover, Senator Phelan pointed out that during his speech the Missouri Senator had not denounced the food administrator's ability or impeached his integrity.

The Senator from Missouri, accused to trial of jury cases, has introduced irrelevant matter to make an address entertaining if not convincing. He did not say Mr. Hoover lacked experience.

Senator Phelan denied that the Belgian Commission ever speculated in food.

Stanton Warburton Must Pay \$250.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 16.—The State Supreme Court today affirmed the conviction in the Superior Court of Pierce County of Stanton Warburton, of Tacoma, a Representative in Congress, on a charge of shipping 13 gallons of liquor into the state in violation of the dry law. Warburton was fined \$250.

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range. Powder burns were found on the bodies.

According to word received here tonight, Sheriff Mulhollen, of Cambia County, has received information from Tompkins' business associates at Carrollton to the effect that Tompkins had borrowed a sum of money from Mrs. Humphries, which he used to purchase an interest in a newly organized coal company in which Mr. Humphries was a large stockholder. According to this story, the party was en route to Philadelphia, where it was intended Tompkins was to mortgage some property in order to meet this debt.

Two Steamers Sunk.
NEW YORK, July 16.—Word of the sinking last week by German U-boats of the Leyland line freighter Sylvanian, a steamship of 4553 tons gross, bound in ballast from Liverpool to this port, and of the steamer Kioto, 6122 tons gross, of ships are now said to be engaged in the construction of a large number of airplanes.

3000 Strikers Return.
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