

GERMANY'S SECRET DIPLOMACY BEFORE WAR IS UNFOLDED

Startling Disclosures Mark Examination of Papers Found by German Government.

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las. The czar expressed pleasure at the kaiser's return and referred to the "ignoble war" declared against Serbia. The czar further described the pressure to which he was being subjected and appealed to the kaiser to use his influence with Austria so the matter would not go too far.

The kaiser decided to await the receipt of the czar's reply to his telegram of the evening of July 25, in which he had urged the czar not to intervene on behalf of Serbia.

On this first telegram from the czar, the kaiser wrote this running note: "A confession of weakness and an attempt to throw the responsibility on me."

THE KAISER WAS CURET
The kaiser said the czar had no reason for mobilizing and should address himself to Emperor Francis Joseph if he wanted to learn the latter's intentions.

He suggested that his own and the czar's telegrams be transmitted to King George.

Meanwhile, there had been rumblings of an undercurrent of anti-war sentiment in some of the bigger cities. The kaiser drew the attention of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg to "the anti-militarist" feelings of the people in the streets.

(Sofia was the contemptuous term used in those days by "German army" and navy officers for the Socialists.)

WOULD LOCK UP LEADERS
The kaiser, in his note to the chancellor declared such things could not be tolerated, and if they continued he would proclaim a state of siege and have the leaders locked up.

The kaiser then received a letter in which his "obedient brother Henry" reported to him from Kiel his interview with King George in London. Prince Henry in this message quoted King George as having said England would try to keep out of the conflict.

(The kaiser's comment on this message from his brother and his subsequent memorandum to Bethmann-Hollweg bitterly denouncing England constituted this chapter of the revelations.)

Then followed a conference between the kaiser, the chancellor and leading generals at Potsdam. On his return to Berlin, Bethmann-Hollweg asked Sir Edward Goschen (British ambassador) to a conference, in the course of which the chancellor made a desperate bid for British neutrality.

CHANCELLOR PROTESTED
The chancellor protested to the British ambassador that Germany had no designs upon French territory in Europe.

Bethmann-Hollweg's written notes on this conference show he emphasized these assurances. They show, further, that the chancellor told Grey that if England remained neutral this time "it would enable me to propose a general neutrality agreement in the future of which it is premature to discuss the details at the present moment."

Meanwhile the kaiser at Potsdam was reading Prince Lichnowsky's (German ambassador in London) dispatches of July 29, quoting Sir Edward Grey as increasingly serious. On the margin of one of these reports the kaiser wrote:

BITTER COMMENT ON BRITISH
"The biggest, most unheard-of piece

of English pharisaism I have ever seen. With such soundings I shall never conclude a naval agreement."

On Lichnowsky's accounts of later conversations with Grey the kaiser wrote: "Aha! But truly English!"

His fury increased as he read that circumstances might arise in which England would be unable to stand aside.

"They must attack us," was his written comment on this.

Then he wrote the notes to the chancellor previously published, in which he used almost identical language.

MESSAGE TERMED FRIENDLY
It was on the evening of July 29 that the kaiser received the czar's reply to his message of the previous day. In this second telegram the czar thanked the kaiser for the latter's "friendly message," which he said was "in a tenor quite different from that employed by the German ambassador at Petrograd."

The czar added it ought to be a good thing to submit the Austro-Serbian problem to the Hague conference.

(This message was suppressed in Germany.)

After scribbling some marks on this message the kaiser placed an exclamation mark after the czar's The Hague suggestion.

The chancellor thereupon telegraphed to the German ambassador at Petrograd.

CONFERENCE DEFUTED
"The idea of a Hague conference is out of the question."

Then followed Bethmann-Hollweg's attempt to induce Austria to accept Sir Edward Grey's mediation proposal.

Note—How sincere these attempts were is problematical. In view of previous documents showing Berlin had told Vienna not to consider any mediation proposal, and assured the Austrian government that these proposals were being transmitted "merely to comply with England's request."

On the other hand, there are indications that at this stage Bethmann-Hollweg had fully realized that the trouble could not be localized, but that a world conflagration was imminent.

AUSTRIA DEAF TO PEACE
In view of the previous advice from Berlin, it is, however, easy to understand why Austria turned a deaf ear to these sudden adjustments from Wilhelmstrasse.

July 30, in order to preserve appearances, the kaiser at 7:15 p. m. decided to accede to the czar's request of the previous day. He telegraphed Emperor Francis Joseph, asking whether Austria would, "for instance," be prepared, after occupation of Belgrade and other points in Serbia, to make known her terms.

Following the German chancellor's eleventh-hour efforts to get Austria to accept the English mediation proposal, the German military attaché at Petrograd telegraphed to Berlin his impression that Russia was mobilizing "out of fear of coming events, without aggressive intentions."

On July 31, at 1 o'clock, Emperor Francis Joseph, at Count von Berchtold's dictation, telegraphed his reply to the kaiser's inquiry (as to whether Austria, after the military occupation of Serbia, would make her terms known).

MOBILIZATION STARTED
The Austrian emperor, in his answer, said that having learned the czar had ordered a general mobilization, Austria had been compelled to take similar steps; that the action of the Austrian army against Serbia could not be delayed; that any attempts by means of Russian intervention to save Serbia would have direct consequences for the dual monarchy; and that he had made up his mind, in view of the assurances that the kaiser's forces would be found arrayed in defense of Austria-Hungary and of the triple alliance.

Then at joint ministerial council at Vienna, Count von Berchtold presiding, it was resolved that the British government be informed that Austria would, in principle, be prepared to examine Grey's proposal on the understanding, however, that the Austrian operations against Serbia should continue and that Russian mobilization would be suspended.

GERMANS READY FOR FAY
At midnight, August 1, the German ambassador at Petrograd informed the Russian foreign minister, M. Sazonov, that if Russia did not demobilize immediately, Germany would mobilize the following noon.

At 1 o'clock the German declaration of war was dispatched to Petrograd, where it was delivered at 6 o'clock in the evening.

At 2 o'clock the czar telegraphed the kaiser begging for a mutual assurance that mobilization did not signify war.

At 10:30 p. m. the kaiser had telegraphed the czar enjoining him to order the Russian army not to violate the German frontier.

SEALED ULTIMATUM OPENED
On August 2 the German minister at Brussels was instructed to open the sealed ultimatum he had received from Berlin on July 29, deliver it at 8 p. m. and demand a reply by 8 p. m. the following day. He was instructed to delete from this ultimatum the passages promising Belgium, in return for benevolent neutrality, territorial compensation at the expense of France.

GERMAN DECEIT SHOWN
The minister was ordered to convey the impression that he had only just received the note.

On August 3, the kaiser, through von Kietz, a special envoy to Rome, demanded of the Italian king that the latter "immediately mobilize his army and navy" in conformity with Berlin's interpretation of the triple alliance treaty.

Meanwhile Luxembourg had become invaded and war had been declared on France.

August 4, Von Kietz reported from Rome that King Victor Emmanuel had explained to him why Italy could not join Germany and Austria.

A direct communication from the Italian monarch to the kaiser was annotated by the latter with one word: "Scoundrel!"

DR. KAUTSKY SUMS UP
Below the king's signature, under the caption, "The revolutionizing of the world," Dr. Karl Kautsky, the principal compiler of the revelations, sums up his conclusions as follows:

"We know now on what false foundations the whole war policy of Wilhelm III and his advisers was built. Their calculations were as false as the political policy of Bethmann-Hollweg."

"From the day that Belgium determined to render resistance and England entered the war, Germany's fate was sealed."

"But the kaiser and his military group trusted in their dreams of world revolution and insurrection everywhere."

"Poland was to be aroused, as were all Mohammedans, Ireland and an

architect plots were to be fomented in Italy."

"When the United States was not to be bribed with offers of Canada or Mexico, they resorted to dynamite plots and the general staff furthered the Bolshevik efforts in Russia."

"We know that Lenin and Trotsky were not the first to send our emissaries to revolutionize the world."

"Wilhelm III and Moltke were their predecessors."

"They lost in these plots not only money but the good name of Germany and finally the Bolshevik revolution came as a boomerang, shaking the morale of the army and the people and ruining revolutionary activity in Germany."

"Thus were the mighty who inflamed

the war finally defeated by their own weapons."

"Misled by the statesmanship of the Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburgs, the German people became willing tools of their plans and were thus placed in a false position."

"The great majority of the German people at the end of the war, many even to the present day, were firmly united to the same leaders who betrayed them and led with them the whole of Europe in ruin."

"They were blind to their crimes and offenses, and fought passionately for their innocence. So, despite their moral innocence, they (the German people) must bear the consequences of the political guilt of their government and its agents and be the object of the world's

bitterest hate and be treated like a race of lepers."

ONLY HOPE FOR GERMANS
"The only hope for the German people to win again the trust of the people of the world is for a union of all democratic elements that will restore the restoration of the Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburgs."

"Only thus will they hold down the military influence in world politics among the victors which now has become the greatest danger to world peace and world freedom."

Exports from the United States to Germany for the first 10 months of 1919 totaled \$38,420,085, and imports from Germany \$4,314,787.

Whiskey, Spilled On Street, Wastes Its Ilstarred Life

Whiskey literally flowed in Portland streets Saturday.

One stream "was close to the very heart of the business district at Broadway and Washington streets, to be precise, where some hapless wight had dropped a full pint bottle on the sidewalk."

Wrecked beyond repair or hope of salvage, the bottle was still dribbling when its owners disappeared. The bot-

tle had been adroitly wrapped to resemble, outwardly, anything from a pair of shoes to a rolling pin.

Passersby saw, sniffed and sympathized with the unknown mourner, who had discreetly departed. Hardly had they turned the corner into Stark street and walked a block when another stream sent up odors as of another and less dourly time.

At the front end of an automobile was seen a woman, much flustered, putting into a shopping bag a bottle, also wrapped. But in the gutter at her feet flowed the contents of a second bottle which had been shattered. No one knew how and no one was so ungallant as to inquire.

It appeared that the bag had come open and that at least one of the bottles secreted therein had fallen out.

The pedestrians wandered on, but found no more rivers of memory.

Road Work to be Hastened
Baker, Dec. 6.—Ironside is elated at the prospect of a new highway to Eugene, for which the contract has been let on 10.9 miles and work has already been started. Construction will be continued throughout the winter. Both Ironside and Brogan are in Northern Malheur county.

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(Signed) W. H. VAN ATTA,

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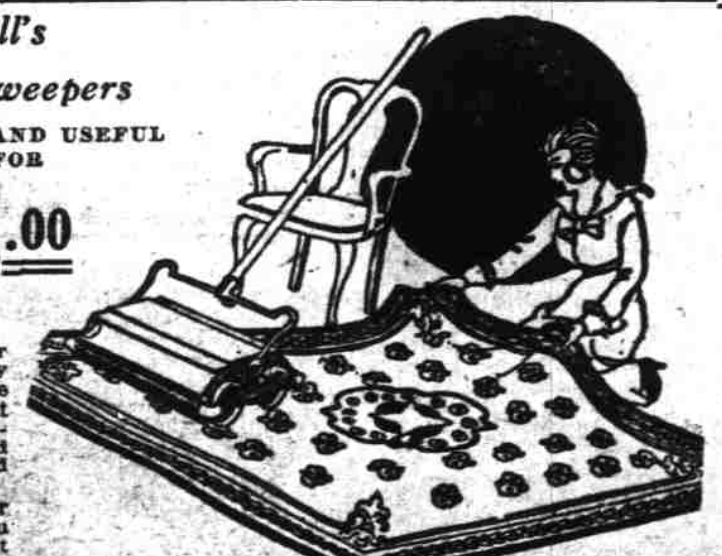
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