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## **HUN NOTES** ARE BARED

German Diplomatic Correspondence Shows Lavish Financing of Hindus in Stirring Up Revolution

MESSAGE IS SENT BY **COUNT BERNSTORFF** 

### Tagore, Famous Philosopher, Was Accused of Sympathy for England

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27 .- The United States government made publie here today intercepted German to show how German machinations the private audiences of ministers and statesmen, and financed lavishly their aims toward revolution in Brit-

Like the climax of a master drama secret papers naming Counts Okuma and Terauchi, former premier and premier, respectively, Wu Ting. Fang of China; Sir Rabindra Nath Tagore, British knight and winner of the Nobel prize for petry, and others of world fame, with whom the plotters claimed favorable connection, were offered in the prosecution of thirty-one men charged with fomenting the revolution against a friendly power. It was the final evidence of the government which formally closed its case yesterday and reopened it today for its crowning stroke

#### Interviews Are Recounted.

tion here, was dated for the most at one time the summer headquarters of the German embassy. It recounted alleged favorable interviews that Tagore had with Terauchi and Okuma, the difficulties Wu Ting-Fang found in moving favorably because of the influence of Dr. Sun Yat-Send, former president of China, ( and revealed the hitherto hidden source of Hindu

Most of the messages were in cryptic phrases. Mystery surrounds the identity of the authors, as only one of them was signed, that one by Count Von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, and was addressed to Adved immermann, former German eign secretary. It is known that this message, as well as others which were alleged to have passed between Von Bernstorff and Zimmermann, went through the hands of Count Luxburg, former German ambassador to Argentine.

Identity Is Unknown. The identity of the addresses are unknown likewise. Most of the messages were addressed to H. Eisenterdam, and Z. N. G. Olifers at Amsterdam. The names of these perous published reports of diplomatic messages

The documents were decoded by means of a special diplomatic code prepared by the German foreign ofstate department by the German emthe translation of the documents

In addition to bringing into the conspiracy the names of the worlddocument men, the showed, the prosecution contended, portions of the world, into India,

matra, Canada, South America, Burma and other places. Propaganda Is Spread. Among the activities which grew

and thousands of pamphlets and he has twenty charges ready to send books to further the ends of the at an individual enemy without proposed conspiracy; the proposed dropping the fun from his shoulder. purchase of two Japanese daily news- The targets flew into splinters as papers to spread propaganda in the the squad got to work. delivery of arms to India; the recruiting of bands of men throughout from the shoulder, with the autothe world to engage in the proposed matic action set. revolution and enlistment of the livered twenty shots each in a flare sympathies of the Gongodes party, of a sound, almost a single report, represented to be a strong body of the firing was so fast. The targets colored fighting men in South and the earth around them were torn

Throughout the documents runs a far off its mark. thread of mystery. "Very secret" was the heading on one message. Others referred to persons as "K," "B. K." and "Sister." One message furned parts of my body completely three paces. white," he wrote.

time, recalled the reported attack than a second of time. (Continued on page 6)

# **BROWNING RIFLE**

Senators and Representatives Try Out Guns in Valley Near City

WORK PERFECTLY

### Scores of Allied Officers MOVE IS RESULT OF **Watch Demonstration With** Keen Interest

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. - The latest American contribution to warfare, the Browning automatic rifle, was officially introduced to congress today at a demonstration staged in a remote valley in the hills that surround this city. For more than two hours the pir was filled with the has directed inquiries to the entente including Red Cross doctors, nurses sound of the firing. Senators and diplomatic correspondence intended representatives operating the new weapons under the direction of soldcarried a band of Hindu plotters into liers from the machine gun school at military operations in Siberia to save crew. One hundred sixty-four still Springfield, Mass.

High army officials including Assistant Secretary Crowell, Major Gen- Siberian railroad. Criticism at home eral Biddle, acting chief of staff, and a score of officers from the British, a larger part in the war is said to French, Italian and Belgian missions watched the demonstration with

There was no target practice, almen was battered to pieces by the ongress also scored repeated hits.

As to the performances of the ten guns used, there was not a malfunction, despite the fact that hundreds of rounds were fired and the squad from the school had never seen the guns before last Saturday.

When firing with the automatic rifles was completed, two Browning heavy machine guns were put in ac-Thousands of bullets were sent The correspondence, which was streaming across the valley to set the sent from Washington for presenta- dust leaping on the far hillside. Again there was no malfunction and the demonstration was completed of construction, one of the guns being dismounted, taken apart and reassembled repeatedly in a few min-

> These two guns have been selected by the ordnance bureau of the war department as the weapons with which the army is soon to be equip-The automatic rifles used came from factories where the actual production on a quantity scale has already started. Within a matter of weeks, hundreds will be delivered every day and thousands every week. They are to be the "over the top" guns of tomorrow as the French chauchat is used by French and American troops today. A non-commissioned officer of the demonstrating detachment, who, with his associates, has been drilled with every type of weapon used by the allied allowed to proceed single-handed if troops, including the French chau- such a campaign is begun, or whethchat, spoke for the whole squad when er there shall be joint operations. he said: "That's the finest gun in the It has been argued that there should world."

the range they found twenty men sition of occupied territory in Si from the school, commanded by beria. buth, Copenhagen; R. Sachse, Rot- Major J. S. Hatcher, busy filling magazines and belts. were unpacked and the visitors were pan's, the participation of the Amsons have never appeared in previ- astonished at their lightness. They weighed 15 pounds, loaded with 20 rounds all of which can be fired in 3 breath.

"Fall in." came the order, and ten of the men stepped into the front fice, the key to which was given the rank, each carrying his rifle and about his waist a heavy web belt. bassy before America's declaration the pockets of which bulged with of war. The defense stipulated that magazines carrying twenty rounds each. Behind him stood his ammunition carrier, also belted, and with two cross belts swinging from his shoulders.

As the little column swung away toward the range, the riflemen that the conspiracy had ramified to swung their guns up to shoulder as easily as they would an ordinary sinapan, China, Mexico, British Gui- gle shot weapon. At first glance ea, the West Indies, Africa, Su- there was nothing to show the extraordinarily deadly character of their equipment.

The first firing was semi-automatic, a feature first developed by out of the conspiracy, as recorded the Wrench in the Chauchat and in the documents, was the organiza- which has gone far, it is said, to lion of the Pan-Asiatic league and wards revolutionizing trench warother associations; the secret publi- fare. Set for this action, the gunner cation and distribution of thousands pulls the trigger for each shot; but

> A second magazine was fired also by 200 bullets, no one of which was

tomatic and semi-automatic. line moved across the field, firing from the hip this time, with gun related details of an attack made on butt resting in metal cups on their the writer in Washington. He was belts. The first twenty rounds were struck on the head under "the blow delivered as the men were taking handed forward by the ammuniton Publication of the letters, which carrier, was slipped in and firing redrew the name of Sir Rabindra Nath sumed as they took the next two nto the conspiracy for the first steps. The change took little more

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# IN SIBERIA

Japan Queries Entente on Step to Prevent Military Supplies From Falling Into Hands of Germany

CRITICISM AT HOME

Proper Procedure to Be Debated—Russian Representative Not Afraid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.-Japan the vast quantities of war supplies are missing. stored at Vladivostek and along the of the failure of Japanese to play scribing the disaster, said about the negotiations.

the subject, which are still in progress, may result in modifying the governments' attitude.

Military Supplies Kept. Accumulated at Vladivostok are military supplies of all kinds, much greater quantities of Japanese or-American engineers made extraorthese stores could be transported the Germans could wish for westward for the use of the Russian army on the German and Austrian frents, but great quantities remain even in the open, both at Vladivostok and at points westerly on the railroad.

The material suffers greatly from exposure, but the principal concern of the allies is the danger that the stores may fall into the hands of the Germans, who may make their dalivery a condition of any peace treawhich they may compel the Bolsheviki to sign.

This situation is regarded by the Japanese as warranting military action on their part. They are quite the problem now before the co-belligerents is whether Japan shall be he a combination movement to avoid When the invited guests arrived at any question of the ultimate dispo-

While the American force would The ten rifles be insignificant compared with Ja-

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## ON CHEROKEE Oregon Lumber Mills Put

### Ten Survivors and Bodies of Eight Brought to Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. Iwenty-nine men are believed to have lost their lives yesterday morning when the sea-going tug Cherokee foundered in a severe gale 1 miles off the Maryland coast. Ten survivors and the bodies of

eight other members of the crew of thirty nine were brough here today on two British rescue ships and landed at the Philadelphia navy yard No trace of the remaining members of the crew was found.

Among those missing is Junior leutenant Edward D. Newell, the commander of the tug. Ordinarily the Cherokee carried a crew of forty but one maw was not aboard According to the captain of one

the rescue ships, the primary cause of the disaster was the breaking of the steering gear. A fifty-mile gale was blowing at the time and the little vessel was at the mercy of mountainous seas.

### Advancing fire followed, both au- Freight Train Wrecked By An Unknown Person

The Oregon public service commisstroyed and ten others damaged.

## TORPEDOED: 164 STILL MISSING

Vessel Carrying Hospital Cew Is Victim of German Frightfulness

SURVIVOR TELLS STORY

Many Jumped Into Sea With GERMAN HORDES WILL Lifebelts but Few Are Able to Survive

SWANSEA, Feb. 27 .- The British hospital ship Glenar Castle, which went down yesterday in the Bristol hannel, was torpedoed, according to survivors, thirty-four of whom were landed here. Nothing has been learned of the fate of the others, powers and the United States gov- and orderlies. There were approxiernment to test their feeling to- mately 200 persons aboard the ship. wards a proposal to institute joint 150 of whom were members of the

Quartermaster Shitler, who was the last man to leave the ship, de-

"I was on deck at the time. have been influential in bringing few minutes before the torpedoing, the helmsman called attention to the Officials here refuse to discuss dim light flickering on the surface this subject for publication but it is of the water some distance off. It though a line of figures shaped like understood that so far as America appeared an instant later, but the is concerned the proposition when officer of the deck was instantly sussquad of ten gunners. Members of first broached was not wholly ac- picious and ordered the course ceptable, though the exchanges on changed. He then ordered the alarm sounded for lifeboat drill as a precautionary measure.

"The order was scarcely given when came the muffled sound of an exploding torpedo far below the water line, followed by a shock, which of American manufacture, and even told us that the boat was done for. Lupga (eighty-five miles southwest "Our action in changing the course The Stevens commission of of the vessel availed little, because all of our Red Cross lights were dinary efforts to improve the facil- burning brightly and we were as Germans have decided to attack Petities of the Siberian railroad so that plain a tarket in the black right as rograd.

men tumbled to the look in the retire. Teh supplies at Orsa and than trousers and shirt, and probably nine out of every 'en were barefooted. The men assigned to the starboard lifeboats found them use less, either the boats or the davits being smashed by the shock of the explosion.

"In seven minutes we launched seven boats some with only a few persons aboard, others overcrowded. "A large number of men were compelled to jump into the sea with lifebelts, and few of these survived, impossible to rescue them from the Nor was it possible even to keep the lifeboats together,

"Waves twenty feet high churned by the nasty cross current. dashed over the boat continuously, made the best course we could for a northwest of Minsk, has been caplarge island which we knew was tured by the Germans. Teuton troops about fifteen miles off, but had made in Ukraine by reached Corostisheff, report tonight. Of these fourteen only slight progress when the French east of Zhitomir, within fifty miles picked us up. We would all have refused to fight and those who have Seven fishing vessels also perished from exposure had not our not surrendered are fleelong in a dis- sunk. escuer appeared."

The survivors said that no submarine was sighted at any time except for the light seen by the helmsman. The Glenart Castle was on her way to France for wounded.

### on Eight-Hour Basis

lumber mills of Washington and Orein these states by the government, Washington today that the government would assume control of the spruce production.

### Alaska Eight Hour Law Is Unconstitutional

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Feb. 27 On the ground that the Alaska eighthour law violated the fourteenth amendment to the constitution as well as the Alaska organic act, the measure was held unconstitutional today in the United States district court for this division. The find ings were immediately reported to the attorney general of the United Geisse's home was not announced. Staes, and will be appealed unless auhorization otherwise is received.

### **Building Owners Seeking**

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.-The Nation sion was informed yesterday that al association of building owners freight train No. 6 on the Sumpter and managers today starts a country Valley railroad in Baker county was wide campaign to increase its mem wrecked Tuesday Light by the plan- bership. The chief aim of the moveing of timber across the track. No metn is to bring about a closer coclew has been obtained to the per-operation of all building owners in son causing the wreck. The wreck an effort to solve some of the imof conditions arising from the war. present for the celebration.

# SIGNED--HUNS

General Hoffman Commanding Invading Armies Orders Fighting to Continue Until Signatures Are Fixed HUNS

STRIKE AT PETROGRAD

Teutons Within 50 Miles of Kiev: Russians Still Holding Pskov

PETROGRAL, Feb. 27.—General Hoffman, commander of the German were discovered who suffered from army invading Russia, has replied to the effects of the poisonous gases a communication from Ensign Kry- and by tonight the victims numbered be declared, by saying that the Teuton advance would be continued until a treaty of peace is signed and carried out along lines laid down in the German peace fact that the men were not able to

PETROGRAD, Feb. 27 .- (British | them secure. Admiralty, per Wireless Press.)-Novo Tcherkask, capital of the terri- the American battery positions with tory of the Lon Cossacks, has been gas and high explosive shells, while captured by the revolutionary troops. This announcement was made officially today.

to the Exchange Telegraph from Petrograd says: "The reports that Pskox has been

reoccupied by the Russians came of Petrograd) which apparently is still in Russian bands "Events seem to show that the

"An attempt by the Germans

asleep at the time and most of the ance and the enemy was forced to Few saved more other stations near that place were successfully removed. The railway bridge across the River Beresina has been destroyed.

(By The Associated Press) While the German imperial government is trying to convince the world of its disinterestedness in the future of Russia, the advance of the Teuton armies towards Petrograd It appears that there will be no armistice on the Russian front until peace is finally consumfor the sea was so rough that it was mated. In spite o' the claim by the Bolsheviki government that the Russians were vigorously fighting for Pskov, the Germans have pushed far to the eastward of that town The Teutons are said to have reached Luga, midway between Pskov and We Petrograd. Beriseff, sixty miles schooner, seven hours afterwards, of iKev. The Russian troops have and four were under that tonnage

orderly mob Aerial Activity Reported. front of great intensity is reported when the vessels destroyed numberby the Germans, who claim to have ed fifteen, twelve of them over 1600 brought down fifteen entente air- tons. In the preceding week, nineplanes. At the same time the infan- teen British merchantmen were sent try is not idle and raids have been to the bottom. attempted at widely separated points in the past twenty-four hours. One of these attacks was in considerable force by the Germans against French PORTLAND, Feb. 27 .- Beginning positions near the Butte du Mesnil March 1, the logging camps and which the American artillery assisted in capturing recently. The other was gon will go on a basic eight-hour north of the Chemin-des-Dames, day by an order of the government, where American troops are underwhich is taken to indicate a move stood to be in the trenches. Both for ultimate control of the industry assitults were rboken up by the prempt action of the allied aritllery. because of the announcement from British forces have repulsed a hostile attack near St. Quentin.

### Plane Kills 19-Year-Old Lieutenant on Texas Field

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. Second Lieutenant Sammitt K. Elliott 19 years old, was killed and Cadet J. H. Geisse was slightly injured today at Ellington field when the air. plane in which they were flying fell into a tail spin and crashed about 250 feet to the ground. Lieutenant Elliott who enlisted at Haddon Heights, N. J., Cetober 5, 1917, was commissioned Officers termer Geisse's escape

lose control of the machine. to Increase Membership Banquet Given Veteran

Pittsburg Infielder

(Honus) Wagner, veteran infilder of central figure here tonight at a ban- to the von Hertling speech, said: quet tendere by Pittsburg baseball enthusiasts, in honor of the former took place eleven miles west of portant new problems with which Pirate's 44th birthday. Prominent sonable prospect of success. We do ranted prices of mile maise, corn, Baker .. Three cans were totally de- they are now confronted as a result baseball men of the country were not desire to repeate the experiment Egyptian and kaffir corn, feterita,

## **60 AMERICANS ATTACKS BY GAS**

Five Soldiers Die in Hospitals From Effects of Surprise Assault

SHELL TRENCHES

Twenty-seven Airplanes Cross U. S. Sector; Yanks Shoot Down One

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb. 27. - Two more American soldiers died in hospitals today from the effects of the Ger-man gas shells, making five dead in

Throughout the day groups of men inquiring if an armistice about 60, most of whom are not

badly affected. Some of the men belong to trench mortar battery. The gas effects resulted from the

adjust their gas masks quickly

enough, or in some cases to make

The enemy today heavily shelled the American artillerists secured a direct hit on a large enemy dugout, where many Germans probably were sheltered. The American shells also tained in an official dispatch receive LONDON, Feb. 27 .- A dispatch reached numerous working parties. In one two-hour period last evening 27 enemy airplanes crossed the American lines. One of a group of seven was shot down by anti-aircraft

> The infantry activity was confined to patrols but there was no engage-

### Chairman Hays Begin Series of Conferences

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- Chair. man Hays of the Republican national committee, began a series of conferences here today with party leaders at national headquarters.

During the day Chairman Hays called on Senators Borah of Idaho. and Poindexter of Washington, and others. Tonight he was the guest of Washington newspaper men at a dinner. In a speech he reiterated his policy of conducting party affairs on asked to give further particulars a open door" basis. Senator Poindexter was also one of the speakers.

### **British Shipping Loss** Shows Slight Increase

LONDON, Feb. 27 .- Eighteen British merchantmen were sunk by mine or submarine in the past week, according to the British admiralty were vessels of 1600 tons or over,

The losses to British shipping in the past week show a considerable Aerial activity on the western increase over the previous week

### Six-Cent Cartare Hearing Is Begun at Portland

PORTLAND Feb. 27 .- Before the six judges of the state circuit court for Multnomah wunty sitting en banc, attorneys for the city of Portland and the Port and Railway, Light & Power company, respectively, today presented arguments in the appeal of the city from an order of the state public service commission whereby the company was granted permission to charge six cents car fare on its lines in Portland. The city contends that the order conflicts with the company's franchise agreement, which provides that the car fare shall be "five cents and no

### Chinese Stand Collapses; 100 Women Are Killed

LONDON, Feb. 27 .- In the col lapse of the Chinese public stands at the Hong Kong Jockey club races Tuesday, 100 women and children were trampled to death, according to from death miraculous. Heavy gusts of wind had caused the airmen to a Reuter dispatch from Hong Kong. Fire broke out and several hundred others were burned to death.

### Peace Negotictions Are Foolish, Says Cecil

the Pittsburg Nationals, was the Ceeil, minister of blockade, referring "It would be foolish to enter into nia had been placed in jeopardy by negotiations unless there was a rea- the "present exorbitant and unwar of Brest-Litvosk negotiations."

Premier Announces Country Will Take No Further Military Action Against Russia or Rumania: Interview Held With Kaiser

VIENNA AND BERLIN IN SERIOUS CONFLICT

Germany Risking Loss of Chief Ally and Later Bulgaria and Turkey, Dispatch From France Asserts.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- Further evidence of the strained relations be tween Germany and Austria over the refusal of the latter to participate in the new attack on Russia, was coned today from France. It quotes th Austrian premier as reiterating February 22 that Austria will take no further part in military action against Rumania or Russia.

The dispatch says: "Charles I paid a visit to Willian II, the 22nd of February. Lud dorf was present at the interview If we are to judge fro the tone of the interview it must have been lack ing in cordiality. There seems to be flict has broken out during the w between the courts of Vienna Berlin and which Germany is termined to settle if need be, by vio-

lent measures. "An official note of the 15th had announced that Austria for her would continue to consider the wo as terminated with Russia and would abstain from taking part in the of repeated the same statement. When the sitting of the chamber on t 22nd the Austrian premier formally

"'The words attered by different deputies have proved that the explanation which has been furnished up to the present by me, has no been sufficiently explicit. I repe therefore, that Austro-Hungary w participate in no way in the military action which is now being carried on by Germany against Russia.

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## SURE FOR SAELI

Promoters Declare More Than Required Acreage Will Be Signed Up

Members of the Salem Commercial club who are back of the move to induce the Pacific Potato Starch company to establish a factory in Salem declare that the thousand acres required by the company as an inducement will be more than subscribed and that the factory is

The local promoters have made arrangements whereby the factory will handle the culls of the 1917 crop condition that the growers furn ing them sign contracts to furnis their culls to the factory for a preic of five years. The company wi guarantee a price of 50 cents a hundred pounds or as much more as the finished product will warrant when

Acreage is being signed up daily and the first farmers to take advantage of the opportunity will be the first to receive the benefits.

### Commissioner Charges Profiteering in Grain

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. Wholesale profiteering in coarse was charged by Ralph P. Megritt, federal food commissioner California, in a conference with more than thirty of the state's larg commission men and grain dealer in his offices today. Mr. Merritt, addressing himself to the audience at large, declared the entire conservation and production program o the food administration in Califorbarley and oats."