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WOULD MEET DEMANDS OF U. S.

German Officials Indicate Desire to Avert Break, and at Same Time Pacify People of the Teuton Empire

Washington, April 24.—Official information today indicates that German officials do not want a break with the United States. But they are in a quandary as to how simultaneously to meet the American submarine demands and the popular German desire for continuance of the undersea warfare at this time.

The United Press learned these facts today from a high official. Advice from Berlin described the situation as similar to that indicated by the United Press interview with Admiral von Holtzendorff, who said Germany could not make further concessions to America, but positively did not want a diplomatic break.

Authorities here think Germany will find a way to make the concessions. There has been no report from Ambassador Gerard as to when the German reply may be expected. The authorities promised it "as early as possible."

It was admitted that it would be very difficult to frame an answer satisfactory to both America and the German people.

President Wilson notified Senator Stone to confer with him on developments in the German situation Wednesday evening.

Washington, April 24.—Indications today are that the tenor of Germany's forthcoming reply to the American submarine note is known. A message from Ambassador Gerard received during the night is believed to have conveyed it. Whether this message supports the unofficial report that it is likely Germany will concede President Wilson's demands is not known.

The Kaiser's answer itself is expected this week. It is thought possible that Gerard may have forwarded Germany's tentative proposals seeking light as to how they would be received if embodied in a formal communication.

Gerard will be advised to reject anything short of compliance with the American demand that the submerging of merchant ships cease until new methods for conducting such a warfare are devised and ratified by the United States. The significance of President Wilson's suggestion that submarines naturally can not meet the requirements of cruiser warfare is not lessened. Germany must understand that unless it demonstrates its ability to operate submarines legally against shipping, such operations must cease entirely.

PROPOSE TO AMEND IMMIGRATION BILL

Washington, April 24.—Amendments to the Burnett immigration bill to meet, if possible, Japan's objections to it, will be introduced in a few days, it was announced today.

Chairman Smith of the senate immigration committee said that none of the amendments will admit Japanese laborers to the United States. He declared the changes were chiefly in phraseology, so Japan would not be offended. The present "gentlemen's agreement" by which Japan refuses passports to those seeking to enter the United States as laborers is working so well that it would be a mistake to disturb it, Smith said.

VON IGEL NOT TO GET PAPERS BACK SAYS GREGORY

Washington, April 24.—Attorney General Gregory today advised the state department against returning to Ambassador von Bernstorff of Germany documents seized from Wolf von Igel, who claims to be connected with the Kaiser's embassy, when he was arrested in New York in connection with alleged bomb plots. Gregory, however, offered to subordinate his recommendation to any "larger question."

The state department is admittedly viewing the situation with added seriousness. Gregory indicated that diplomats were implicated. It was reported that Bernstorff's name was frequently mentioned in the Igel letters.

Gregory offered to surrender the papers, which are considered the most valuable evidence in the alleged bomb plots yet obtained, but he is understood to be opposed to being hampered in using them. Officials of the justice department say the case has passed from their hands. They expect to be asked for the papers when Bernstorff returns to Washington.

CLUB WOMEN WILL MEET IN ASHLAND

The following is a condensed program of the Southern Oregon District Federation of Women's Clubs which will meet in third annual convention in Ashland April 26, 27, and 28:

Wednesday—Registration; address, "Influence of School Legislation," J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction; "Some Microscopic Friends and Foes of Everyday Life," Professor Sweetser, University of Oregon; discussion, "Medical Inspection in Schools," led by Mrs. H. L. Noblit, chairman department of public health; addresses of welcome by Mayor Johnson, President Smith of the Commercial club, and Mrs. C. B. Lamkin, president of city federation; response by Mrs. W. W. Canby, of Grants Pass; music and reception.

Thursday—Report of state federation, Mrs. C. L. Schieffelin; address, "The Textbook Problem," Mrs. E. E. Gore; report and recommendations, Mrs. C. L. Clevenger, chairman legislative department; discussion, "Shall Women Serve on Juries?" led by Mrs. C. W. Courtney; address, "Juvenile Court Work," Mrs. V. H. Clements; discussion, "New Ideas for Civic Improvements," Mrs. C. B. Lamkin; address, "Children's Books," Miss Marvin, state librarian; address, "School Lunches," Mrs. E. R. Seeley, president Medford Parent-Teacher council; report and recommendations, Mrs. W. W. Usher, chairman department of education; musical program under direction of Mrs. E. E. Gore and George Andrews, of Medford.

Friday—Report and recommendations, Mrs. G. S. Eaton, chairman art department; address, "Household decoration," Allen H. Eaton, University of Oregon; address, "Planning the Home Dietary," Miss Francis, Oregon Agricultural College; reports of credentials, resolutions and constitution and by-laws committees; question box; election of officers; adjournment.

The officers are: President, Miss Marian Towne, Phoenix; recording secretary, Mrs. C. D. Hpon, Medford; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. Hearn, Phoenix; treasurer, Mrs. F. C. Smith, Jacksonville; auditor, Mrs. J. H. Roeho, and district organizer, Mrs. E. C. Gard, both of Ashland. First and second vice-presidents are Mrs. J. M. Root, of Medford, and Mrs. J. A. Buchanan, of Roseburg.

On Thursday afternoon an auto ride will be given by the Ashland city federation, and on Friday morning there will be exercises in concert singing.

All meetings will be held in Chauqua Park hall.

AMERICANS LEAVING GERMANY

Many Citizens of the United States Are Getting Passports Preparing to Depart From the Central Empire

By Carl W. Ackerman.

Berlin, April 24.—Emerging from a 65-minute conference with Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, Ambassador Gerard was besieged by crowds of German and American correspondents today. He refused to discuss the conference.

"Are you preparing to leave Berlin?" one German newspaperman asked.

"I can say nothing," replied Gerard. "It will be impossible for me to speak for perhaps two or three days."

Gerard carried no papers. This led to an inference that he had not yet received the German reply. He immediately went back to the American embassy and began writing a confidential cablegram to President Wilson. As fast as he finished a sheet it was coded and prepared for the cable.

Americans are constantly calling at the embassy asking for passports. Many are leaving, believing that a break between the United States and Germany is imminent.

Many Americans are sending their families to Copenhagen to await the outcome of the crisis. A large number appealed to the embassy for funds and advice. President Wolf of the American chamber of commerce called a meeting for Tuesday to decide what course should be followed in the event of a diplomatic rupture.

SUFFRAGE LEADERS HUNTING FOR BALLOTS

San Francisco, April 24.—Seeking the votes of California women for national candidates who favor giving women the ballot, thirty-six suffrage leaders arrived here today on a special train. They have already visited Los Angeles and San Diego, holding mass meetings and explaining the purpose of their tour.

GERMAN OFFICIALS CONFER OVER REPLY TO AMERICA'S ULTIMATUM

Berlin, April 24.—President Wilson may know within a day what reply Germany will make to his submarine demands.

Ambassador Gerard sent a long message last night following a conference with Secretary von Strumm of the foreign office and Dr. Hecksher, of the foreign relations committee of the reichstag. It should reach Washington today. Its contents are secret, but it was freely rumored that the message at least outlines Germany's reply.

Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg returned from the Kaiser's headquarters at the eastern front Sunday, but he has held no conference so far with officials. He has given no intimation of the result of his talk with the emperor. But there was a general feeling among officials that the situation was hopeful and a solution of it possible without a break.

Nelther Foreign Secretary von Jagow, Admiral von Holtzendorff nor Under Secretary Zimmerman were

GEN. SCOTT WILL MEET OBREGON

Conference Is Agreed to Between Chief of Staff of the United States Army and Carranza's War Secretary

Washington, April 24.—General Carranza has agreed to a conference between Alvaro Obregon, his war minister, and General Hugh Scott, chief of the United States army staff, according to a cablegram from Consul Rodgers today. It is believed there will be additional conferences on each side of the border and that General Funston will be included in them. Carranza has suggested El Paso or Juarez as possible meeting places.

San Antonio, April 24.—General Hugh Scott, chief of staff, is preparing to go to Eagle Pass for a conference with Alvaro Obregon, the de facto war minister. It was learned reliably today.

Though Scott declined to comment, General Funston partly confirmed the report, although he refused to discuss the subject of the conference. Scott is preparing to leave for the border. Government agents worked for days to arrange a conference between Scott and Obregon, or some official close to Carranza. Funston announced the receipt of information from reliable sources locating Villa and stating that he was slightly wounded. He would not divulge the location.

It was learned from Mexican agents that Obregon is en route to the border. They denied reports that Obregon had broken with Carranza. "Our troops are still on sacred Mexican soil and will stay there," said General Funston today. "The only northward movement is made by detachments to keep in touch with communications lines."

Funston said the greatest danger was in the possibility of an outbreak in Sonora, where Carranza soldiers hold their commanders' authority so lightly that they may attempt border raids.

present at the headquarters' conference.

Apparently the Kaiser, Hollweg and Chief of Staff von Falkenayne made the decision. The imperial chancellor's early return, coupled with newspaper statements favoring a peaceful settlement, were interpreted as meaning that Germany had found a way to meet the demands without suffering a loss of honor.

Many who previously favored an unyielding submarine policy now think that if Germany yields President Wilson must act sharply to round up England for her many violations of international law.

Ambassador Gerard conferred with the imperial chancellor this morning.

Maximilian Harden, in a remarkable article in his weekly, upheld President Wilson's stand, both with regard to munitions shipments and the submarine campaign. He taunted Wilson's German critics with the reminder that Germany in modern wars, though neutral, had supplied munitions to the side which had the most money to buy them.

NARROWLY AVERT CLASH WITH THE CARRANZISTAS

Namiquipa, Mexico, by Wireless to Columbus, N. M., April 24.—Major Howze's 11th cavalry detachment arrived here today after 30 days of campaigning. They brought the first inkling of the fact that a clash with Carranzistas under General Cavia had been narrowly averted at San Borja. The garrison was drawn up for a charge and the Americans were formed to repel them when Major Howze rode between the lines, waving his hat. The expedition's mission was explained and trouble averted, Howze withdrawing his troops. This occurred ten days ago.

Howze at one time was only 48 hours behind Francisco Villa. He found an abandoned cart, supposedly Villa's litter. It contained a number of bloody bandages. The column heard contradictory stories that Villa was only slightly wounded in the calf of the leg and that he had been seriously wounded in the head. Howze believes that Villa is still in Chihuahua state.

Howze's detachment is in rags. They claimed they went 20 miles farther south than any of the other detachments.

STRIKE AFFECTS ALASKA R. R. WORK

Seward, Alaska, April 24.—All government railroad work north of Anchorage is affected today by a general strike called Saturday by the Anchorage labor unions.

They demand a settlement of wage scale differences, a matter which has been under consideration of a government commission since March 4. The strike has not spread to the Seward district, and labor officials are said to have declared there is little likelihood that it will.

Business men at Anchorage are worried over the situation, although Lieutenant Frederick Mears, in charge of the work, says the strike will not interfere with the work laid out for the summer.

M'COMB DECLINES TO HEAD DEMOCRATS

Chicago, April 24.—W. F. McComb's letter of Thursday, saying he could not act as democratic campaign manager this year, was made public today, together with President Wilson's reply of Saturday.

McComb stated that his new law partnership would require all of his time. It stated that he desired to let the president know that he could not "under any circumstances assume leadership of the coming campaign."

"The democratic organization," wrote McComb, "is loyal to your policies and purposes. We are all assured of a triumphant result for party nominees throughout the country in November."

President Wilson accepted the resignation regretfully and praised McComb's sacrifices for the democratic party. The resignation will become effective after the national convention. Frederick Lynch, chairman of the executive committee of the national committee, and Homer S. Cummins, of Connecticut, are mentioned as possible successors of McComb.

DIAZ SUPPORTERS GATHER AT BORDER

Washington, April 24.—Strong bands of Felix Diaz supporters are concentrated in the mountainous district of Mexico opposite the Texas border, according to information received today by the department of justice.

SCHOOL BOY OF TWELVE IS BANDIT

Lad Filled With Desire to Become Bad Man Shoots Aged Resident of Seattle As He Seen It in Movies

Seattle, April 24.—Joe Burke, a 12-year-old boy in a red sweater, told the police at 3 o'clock this afternoon that he fired the shot that killed Frank Bealer, an aged millman, near his shack on West Waterway, early Sunday evening.

The boy did not whimper. "I've seen 'em shoot men in the movies," he explained. "All cowboys carry guns. I just wanted to scare that old fellow. I told him I was sorry and then I got scared and run."

City Detectives Cornelson and Yorls arrested the lad as he came out of Youngstown school at noon. He went to his home Sunday night after the shooting, not telling his parents of the affair. This morning he read of the murder in the papers. Then he went to school.

"I swiped the gun from 'Red' Gleason," he told Chief Beckingham and Captain of Detectives Tennant. "Red" Gleason is a well known steamboat caller at Coleman dock.

The police are perplexed. They are touched by the boy's predicament. "I'm gonna take my medicine like a man," the youngster declared.

The police had not placed a formal charge against the boy late this afternoon. Neither had they notified the parents of the child, who came to Seattle from Pittsburg two months ago. The father works in the Youngstown steel mills.

Seattle, April 24.—The boy in knickerbockers who Sunday evening held up and fatally shot Frank Bealer, an aged millman, near 2397 15th avenue southwest is being sought today in Youngstown, a Seattle suburb. Bealer died at the city hospital at 3:30 o'clock this morning of a gunshot wound inflicted by the lad.

Dr. John Henderson, 4725 44th avenue southwest, read of the shooting in the morning newspaper and then telephoned the police their first direct clue to the murderer.

Henderson was driving out Whatcom avenue in his automobile about 8:15 p. m. Sunday, he said, when he was accosted by a boy about 14 years old who asked him for a ride. Henderson said he judged from the boy's manner of speech that he was weak-minded. The youngster mumbled something about a gun that he had sold to a man for a dollar, the doctor said. He also said something about a mask.

Dr. Henderson asserts the boy urged him to drive faster. He said he was afraid of the police. At Twenty-third avenue southwest and Spokane avenue, the boy got out of the machine and ran over the hill in the direction of Youngstown.

REGISTRATION IN OREGON IS 225,000

Salem, April 24.—The total registration of voters this year in Oregon is approximately 225,000, or 5,000 less than two years ago, according to Secretary of State Olcott's figures today. The reports so far show 217,779 voters registered, of whom 146,000 are republicans, 54,251 democrats, 5,134 prohibitionists, 1,169 progressives, and 4,900 socialists. Miscellaneous registrations total 6,235.