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## GERMANY IS NOW SEEKING MEXICAN AID AGAINST U. S.

### Proposes Alliance With Mexico and Japan for Conquest of America

## SECRET PLOT IS DIVULGED

### The States of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico are to Revert to Former Owners.

Washington, Feb. 28.—In the form of a copy of instructions sent to German Minister Von Eckhardt in Mexico City by Alfred Zimmerman German foreign minister, evidence is in the hands of President Wilson showing that Berlin has been seeking to arrange a Mexican-Japanese-German alliance to make war on the United States in case this country should be driven by reason of the ruthless use of submarines to declare war on Germany.

The bait held out to Mexico is the recovery of the states of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, formerly Mexican territory.

The note to the ambassador in Mexico City was transmitted through Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States, recently handed his passports, while President Wilson was striving with might and main to prevent a rupture of German-American relations.

At the same time the ambassador was instructed to ask the Mexican authorities to act as intermediaries in endeavoring to patch up a peace to subsequently be changed into an alliance, between Japan and Germany.

### Text of the Instructions.

The text of the copy of the instructions in the hands of the United States government is as follows:

"Berlin, January 19, 1917.—On the first of February we intend to begin submarine warfare unrestricted. In spite of this, it is our intention to endeavor to keep neutral the United States of America.

"If this attempt is not successful we propose an alliance on the following basis with Mexico: That we shall make war together and together make peace. We shall give general financial support, and it is understood that Mexico is to conquer the lost territory in New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. The details are left to you for settlement."

### Instructions by Zimmerman.

"You are instructed to inform the president of Mexico of the above in confidence as soon as it is certain that there will be an outbreak of war with the United States and suggest that the president of Mexico, on his own initiative, should communicate with Japan, suggesting adherence at once to this plan; and at the same time offer to mediate between Germany and Japan.

"Please call to the attention of the president of Mexico that the employment of ruthless submarine warfare now promises to compel England to make peace within a few months."

### "ZIMMERMAN."

The Republican filibuster on the revenue bill was in full swing when a few minutes after midnight word reached the senate of the sensational disclosures showing German efforts to enlist Japan and Mexico in war against the United States should the latter abandon its neutrality.

### Senate Much Excited

The news spread like wildfire through the senate chamber and caused intense excitement. Foremost in every one's mind was the probable effect it would have upon the bill giving the president full power to act against Germany. On all hands the belief was expressed that should the news prove authentic it would swing the entire opposition into a solid line of support behind the president.

### Joseph Huddleston Ill.

Joseph Huddleston a resident of Lane county since 1858, and brother of James Huddleston, who had the first store in Eugene, is quite ill with the grip at the Coleman lodging house in Eugene, where he now has his apartments. For many years Mr. Huddleston lived on his farm near Donna, but a short time ago he came to Eugene to reside. He is 80 years of age.

## FINED FOR LAW VIOLATION

### Springfield Youth, is Brought Up Before City Recorder.

Upon charges preferred by Chief of Police J. E. Edwards, Herbert Moore, a minor of this city, was brought before City Recorder H. E. Walker in the city hall Monday evening, on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. The boy pleaded guilty, and was fined \$15 but the sentence was suspended upon good behavior.

The occasion for the charge arose last Saturday afternoon, when Herbert Moore and a companion went up to Emerald Heights where a number of young folks, who were enjoying the snow by coasting and snow fights, snowballed the two. The boy became angry and pulled a loaded revolver from his pocket. His tormentors were silenced and later brought the matter to the attention of the chief of police.

When brought before the recorder, the boy testified that he had not pointed the gun at anyone in particular, but that he only meant to scare the crowd.

## Bad Check Man Tries Break.

William Bowen, alias Alfred Hadley, committed from Lane county last November, was one of the insane asylum patients who, on Sunday afternoon, with several other criminal insane attacked the guards at the state hospital and made an attempt to escape. Bowen is the man who appeared last summer or fall and passed a bad check at the Bank of Commerce, also at the First National bank at Springfield, claiming that he was a Canadian soldier on furlough. He was caught in Illinois and Sheriff Parker brought him back here for trial, but before the time for trial came he appeared to develop symptoms of insanity and became so bad that he was examined by two physicians and committed to the asylum by Judge Bowen.

## Honor Guard May Be Formed Here

### Springfield Girls Will Be Given Chance to Assist in Nationwide Preparedness

What the Honor Guard is:— A strictly "First Aid" organization. In all disasters, local, or national the Honor Guard girls will be ready to give practical aid. No one in the organization receives a salary. Dues are 25 cents a year to be sent to national headquarters for the purpose of covering expense of printing stationery, postage and the like.

Its purpose: to create a spirit of patriotism and duty among American girls. Any young woman between the ages of 14 and 30 years with a knowledge of the working of her government, and a recognition of the needs of her country, and an appreciation of the sacredness of her obligations is eligible for admission.

The code of the Honor Guard is loyalty to country and to the flag, not in mere lip service but in practical knowledge which they can carry into action. In case of war, the girls would be competent to nurse and care for the families which are left. There are three branches: first aid, which includes knowing how to cut and roll bandages, to disinfect, to do diet cooking, etc.; home, which among other things takes in plain sewing, and the care of children and practical education, which prepares for telegraph operators, teaches the care and driving of automobiles, swimming, and like duties.

There are no credits nor social restrictions.

Five thousand members of the Guard are now working in almost every state in the Union, preparing earnestly and efficiently to serve their country in at least one definite way. The slogan in this state is "One thousand members for Oregon," and that is what Miss Dunn wants to talk to the Springfield girls about at four Monday afternoon. Should anyone wish to communicate with Miss Dunn about this work, she can be found at 575 Eleventh avenue east in Eugene, or can be reached by calling, Eugene 266-R.

## Mill May Start Monday.

According to a statement given out from the local office of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company at noon today it is expected that the Springfield mill will resume operations Monday. There is still considerable snow on the docks here, and a great deal of snow at the camps above, which will make it impossible for any of the latter to start up immediately. The plan here started yesterday, and a steady run is expected.

## GERMAN RAIDERS WOULD HAVE TO MEET THESE

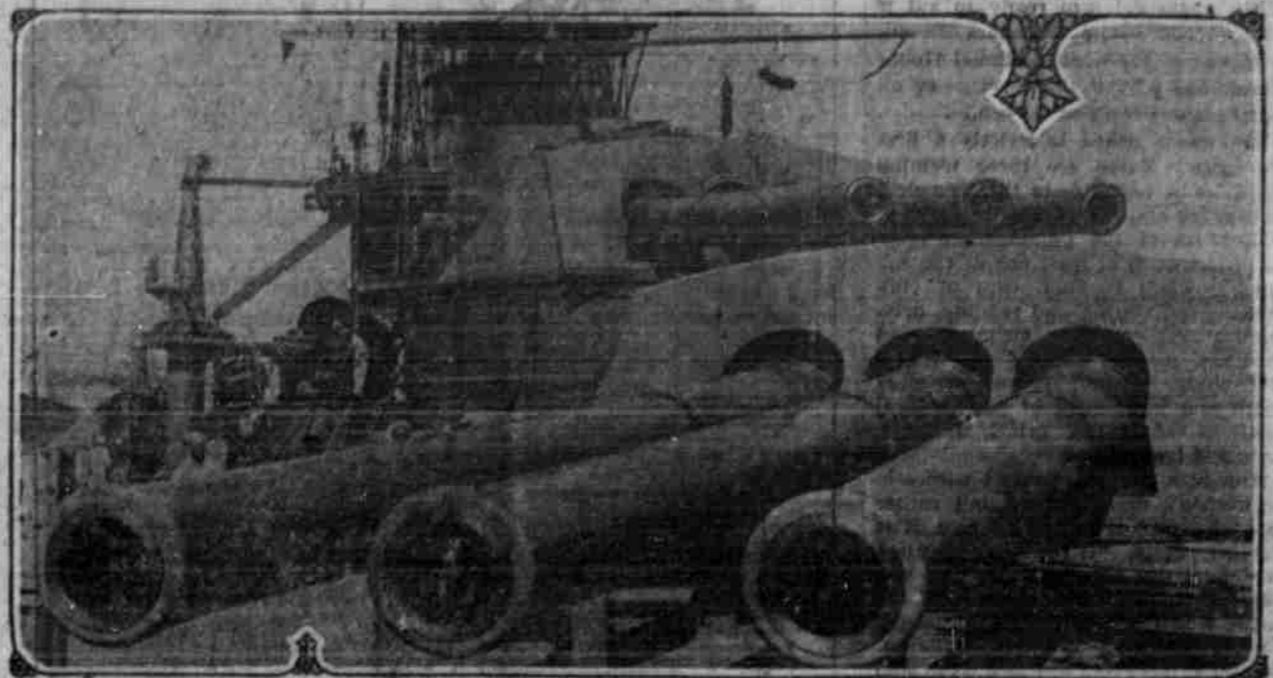


Photo by American Press Association. Big guns of the Pennsylvania. Twelve of these fourteen inch rifles are carried by the dreadnaught and would be used against any warship which attacked our coast.

## "POTATOE FAMINE" THREATENING TOWN

### Dealers Have Either No Spuds Or Only Small Stock; Unable to Get Them

It seems very likely that the Springfield vicinity in common with a great many other sections, will suffer a potato famine soon, if there isn't a loosening up somewhere. Two local groceries have no spuds on hand at all, another has less than one sack of small ones. And they can't get them.

At one store, where they had been out several days, it was said that a farmer came to them yesterday and said he had been offered three and a quarter cents a pound, but that he didn't want to bother about driving around with his few sacks. "What do you want for them?" he was asked. "Four cents," he answered.

One dealer didn't seem to mind the potato scarcity, for "We don't need them," he said. "The people don't want them, we haven't sold any to speak of for two weeks. Folks are buying rice and beans instead. Rice hasn't been as cheap for four or five years as it is right now."

"I've got one spud," one grocer said. "I'm going to have that mounted and wear it for a stick-pin."

Those stores which are fortunate enough to have potatoes on hand, do not claim that they are of the best quality and they admit that they are small also.

## VERDICT GIVEN FOR JURY

### Judge says Flegal Land Case Should Be in Equity Court.

The jury in the case of L. E. Flegal and others against A. J. Perkins and others in the circuit court Monday afternoon handed in an instructed verdict for defendants. Judge John S. Coke, who heard the case, instructed the jury to bring in such a verdict, stating the case should have been a suit in equity for the specific performance of a contract. This was a case wherein the plaintiffs sued for a balance alleged due on a land sale contract. The jury consisted of the following: Sam Sorenson, A. L. Huck, Elmer A. Lamb, G. W. Holland, E. L. McReynolds, H. A. Rust, Charles C. Whitten, H. W. Whitney, James Working, Martin Noffsinger, J. T. Vining and H. E. Walker.

## Quiet, Yes, Very, Very Quiet.

Here's one from an exchange; how about it?

A thin, sickly little man entered one of our stores recently and quietly seated himself on a convenient chair. One of the clerks approached and asked if he wished to purchase anything. "Oh, no, I just dropped in for a few minutes," he said. After half an hour had passed the proprietor approached the stranger and asked what he could do for him. "Why nothing that I know of," said the man. "You see I have nervous prostration and the doctor told me to stay in a quiet place. Noticing that you did not advertise I thought this would be about the quietest place I could find."

## Real Estate Transfers.

W. E. Dodge et ux to A. J. Perkins tract tp. 17 S. R. 3 W.—\$10.

## MT. HOOD SALOON HAS ANOTHER FIRE

### Albert Wachsmuth, Who Lives in Old Building, is Unhurt Damage Not Great.

A fire alarm was turned in at 2:55 this afternoon, when the old Mount Hood saloon building located on South Second street, and owned by W. L. McFarland of Jenkins Point, was noticed to have smoke issuing from it. Wayne Calkins and Mrs. G. E. Brabant noticed the fire first, the fire whistle sounded, and the fire department arrived almost at once.

The blaze was put out without a great deal of trouble, but it is hard to estimate the damage, since the building is old and had partially burned a year ago this winter, when it caught fire. Albert Wachsmuth, who lives in the building was away from home when the fire was discovered, and he does not know what caused it. Mr. Wachsmuth saved his dog from the house, but got nothing else out. However, his effects are more injured by the water than fire. The extent of damage to his personal property was not known at the time the News went to press. Mr. Wachsmuth has lived in the building about four years.

## INSTITUTE PROGRAM IS OUT

### Session of March 10 Promises to Be Interesting One.

Following is the program for the local teachers' institute to be held Saturday, March 10, at Springfield.

10:00 a. m. America by audience, vocal solo, Miss Leota McCracken.

10:15 a. m. Address, Professor C. A. Gregory, U. of O.

11:00 a. m. Recesse

11:10 a. m. Piano solo, Miss Ruth Scott

11:20 a. m. Address, Hon. E. F. Carlton

12:00 to 1:00 Noon hour.

1:00 p. m. Columbia Gem of the Ocean, audience, vocal solo, Miss Eunice Parker.

1:10 p. m. Address, Miss Helen Cowgill, O. A. C.

1:45 p. m. Piano solo, Miss Dorris Sikes.

1:55 p. m. Reading Dramatization, the 2nd grade Lincoln School.

2:30 p. m. Dismissal.

At the noon recess, a fifteen cent lunch will be served by members of the domestic science department.

## Takes Charge of Store

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Yates and family have moved here from Wenatchee, Washington, and have taken charge of the general store in West Springfield, formerly owned by Mrs. Yates' father, B. T. Collins. The latter has gone to the Soldiers' home at Roseburg. Mrs. Yates will care for the store, while Mr. Yates will be engaged in other employment. Mr. Yates has lately been in the grocery business on a large scale.

## To Give Literary Program.

An attractive poster in the post office announces the following program to be given at the Springfield high school, Saturday evening, March 3, at 8 o'clock: recitation, vocal duets, pantomime play, piano trio, male quartet, and Playetta Hector.

## Married by County Judge.

At the county courthouse February 24, 1917, Heddary V. Church, of Portland, and Miss Maud O. Hampton, of Springfield were married by County Judge H. L. Bown.

## WEIGHT CAVES IN BARN

### Heavy Snow Demolishes Building Belonging to S. M. Goddard.

S. M. Goddard of this city received a telephone message from his daughter who lives out at Spencer Butte, five miles south of Eugene, telling him that the snow had become so heavy that his barn gave way. The were several head of stock in the barn but none of them were hurt. One horse received a few cuts about the head.

Frank Goddard and Wesley Courtright who went out the same day to look after the stock undertook the drive up the hill, but the snow became so deep that they had to leave the buggy by the road side and foot it on to the ranch, about two miles further; the boys were the first to make a trail up the hill.

## Lane School Fair Postponed 1 Year

### Conflicting Dates Makes Plan of Fair This Year Impracticable, Committee Decides

On account of conflicting dates, the school fair, which has been an annual event in Lane county for a number of years will be postponed until next year. Decision not to attempt the school fair was reached Tuesday morning at a meeting of the joint committee and the Lane County Credit association.

It was found that the armory could not be secured for any Saturday in May except May 19, and this date follows so closely on the eighth grade examinations that schools would not have suitable opportunity to prepare for the fair. Accordingly the project was deferred for a year, and at that time it was determined to appoint committees to begin in the fall so that preparations can be made before it is too late to do the work well. Plans call for a large number of cash prizes to be distributed next year.

## Hinkson's Sued Again.

Two circuit court suits were filed Monday against A. H. Hinkson, his wife and others to recover money on promissory notes and for the foreclosure of mortgages. The First National bank of Springfield sues for a judgement of \$15,000, with interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum, \$1200 attorney fee and for the further sum of \$461.60 as taxes paid on mortgaged premises, together with interest at the rate of six per cent from November 14, 1916. In the other suit the bank seeks the recovery of \$2567.79 with interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum from September 5, 1914, \$70.58 as tax money paid on the rate of six per cent and \$250 attorney fees.

## Rebekahs Entertain President.

Quite a good crowd, considering the short notice, attended a call session of the Springfield Rebekah lodge on Thursday evening, when Mrs. Nellie Wattenburg, president of the Rebekah assembly of Oregon, was present and made a splendid talk. Mrs. Wattenburg was able to say she could be here only at the last minute, since she had planned to go to Walterville, but was prevented from doing so because of the bad roads. While in Springfield she was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Walker.

## CONGRESS MAY GIVE PRESIDENT POWER TO ACT

### Will Go Limit to Safeguard American Lives and Property on Seas

## ADMINISTRATION IS READY

### Failure of Lawmakers Promptly to Give Mr. Wilson Full Power May Hamper Him.

Washington, February 28.—Tension in the German crisis tightened to the breaking point tonight as President Wilson waited for congress to make clear its attitude on his demand for authority to place the United States on a basis of armed neutrality. Administration officials made it clear that while the president will give congress reasonable time to grant him affirmation of his authority to arm merchant ships, and use such other instrumentalities as he may deem necessary to meet the situation, he is prepared to act no matter what view congress finally takes. It was stated that before many days American ships, bearing American guns and American gunners to defend their right at sea, will be defying the perils of the German submarine zone.

Tonight the administration took stock of a long line of actions by Germany, which one by one have been added to the mass of disputes that have stretched the patience of this country. These incidents, officials declared, considered cumulatively, would form the basis of President Wilson's determinations to protect American commerce and American citizens on the high seas. The chief of them follows:

The violations of American rights by German submarines culminating in the sinking of the *Laconia* and the death of two American women. This was accepted in administrative circles as the "over act" that would make the fateful "next step" imperative.

### Committee Sustains President

The house of foreign affairs committee today upheld President Wilson's request for power to meet the international situation—but with two important restrictions.

Authorization for use of "other instrumentalities" aside from guns, gunners and money, was stricken from the original Flood bill, thus limiting the president's authority to some extent.

The second restriction was the insertion of a provision against use of the war risk bureau to insure ships carrying munitions.

The latter provision may bring the whole armed ships and munitions questions into the present situation and develop complications when a vote comes.

As the house bill now stands, it provides for granting President Wilson guns, gunners, and \$100,000,000—the guns and gunners to be used to "protect ships and citizens of the United States against unlawful attack in their lawful and peaceful pursuits on the high seas."

The next step toward passage of the measure in the house is to get a rule for expeditious action. The house may wait, however, upon senate action.

## Text of Senate Bill.

The bill as laid before the senate would provide:

"That commanders and crew of all merchant vessels of the United States and bearing the registry of the United States are hereby authorized to arm and defend such vessels against unlawful attacks, and the president of the United States is hereby authorized and empowered to supply such vessels with defensive arms, force and arm and also with the necessary ammunition and means of making use of them, that he be and is authorized and empowered to employ such other instrumentalities and methods as may in his judgement and his discretion seem necessary and adequate to protect such vessels in their lawful, peaceful pursuits on the high seas.

"The sum of \$100,000,000 is hereby appropriated to be expended by the president of the United States for the purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing provisions, the said sum to be available until the first day of January, 1918."

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