GERMAN PLOT CONFIRMED BY SEC'Y LANSING

Intrigue to Ally Mexico and Japan to Make War Upon United States Verified—Lansing Exonerates Both Japan and Mexico—Refuses to Reveal Source of Information.

WASHINGTON, March 1—Full official confirmation of Germany's intrigue to ally Mexico and Japan with her to make war on the United States as revealed by the Associated Press, was given today at the white house, the state department and in the senate.

On the floor of the senate it was announced that democratic senators had been authorized to state that the revelations, including the text of the instructions from German Foreign Minister Zimmerman to German Minister Von Eckhardt at Mexico City were correct.

Secretary Lansing authorized this statement:

Lansing's Statement.

"We do not believe that Japan has had any knowledge of this or that she would consider any proposition made by an enemy."

As to Mexico, the secretary said:

"We have confidence that Mexico would not be a party to any such agreement in view of the friendly relations existing between this government and the de facto government of Mexico."

Secretary Lansing took great care, it will be noted, to exonerate both Japan and Mexico and said this government had no knowledge that the proposal had been conveyed through Mexico to Japan.

In view of the fact that the plan was not to be presented until "it is certain that there will be an outbreak of war with the United States," it was not certain, Secretary Lansing said, that the matter had been presented officially to General Carranza at all.

Tracing the Plot.

It is known definitely, officials said, that Zimmermann's instructions reached Count Von Bernstorff here in Washington that he forwarded them to Mexico City and that they reached the German minister there. At this point the trail of official certainty is lost to view.

Secretary Lansing flatly refused to give any indication of how the information came into possession of the United States government, on the ground that it would endanger the lives of those concerned. For obvious reasons, which he could not amplify, he refused to discuss the source in any way.

TODAY'S MARKETS

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Or., March 1.—Hogs steady to higher; receipts 151. Bulk of packing grades, $12.60@12.85; heavy packing, $12.75@12.85; light packing, $12.35@12.75; rough heavies, $11.25@12; pigs and skips, $11.25@12; stock hogs, $10.25@11.25.

Cattle strong; receipts 72. Steers, prime light, $9.60@9.85; prime heavy $9.50@9.85; good, $9@9.25; cows, choice, $7.75@8; medium to good, $7@7.75; ordinary to fair, $6.50@7; heifers, $5@8.25; bulls, $4.50@7; calves, $6@10.

Sheep, firm; receipts none. Lambs, east of mountains, $12.75@13; lambs valley, $12@12.50; lambs, good, $11.25@11.75; prime wethers, $10.50@10.75; choice ewes, $9.25@9.75; heavy ewes, $8.75@9.25.

Portland Butter

PORTLAND, Or., March 1.—Butter steady.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND, Or., March 1.—Wheat firm; no trading; spot bids unchanged to 1c higher. Bluestem, $1.64; Forty-fold, $1.59; club, $1.57; red Russian, $1.55.

Barley lower. No. 1 feed, $38.

Today's car receipts: Wheat 9, barley 1, flour 1, oats 4, hay 5.

Chicago Wheat

CHICAGO, March 1.—Wheat:

	Open.	Close.
May	$1.81	$1.82⅜
July	1.34½	1.55⅞

SINGLE-HANDED FILIBUSTER STARTED BY LA FOLLETTE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—Senator La Follette began a single-handed filibuster against the armed neutrality bill when the senate reconvened at 12:55 o'clock this morning, after a recess of ten minutes, following the passage of the revenue bill.

Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee sought unanimous consent to dispense with parliamentary formalities, in order to get formally before the senate the armed neutrality measure reported by the committee, which would authorize the president to arm American ships and employ "other instrumentalities," to protect American life and rights on the sea.

Prompt objection came from Senator La Follette, who insisted on consuming time reading the journal of previous days over the vigorous objection of Senators Fall and Poindexter, republicans.

Finally the Wisconsin senator was induced to withdraw his objection on condition that there should be no attempt to pass the bill efore Friday. When democratic leaders agreed to this, the committee presented the bill with a favorable report and Senator Stone asked that it lay over until Friday.

Then the senate adjourned until 10 o'clock this (Thursday) morning, the majority abandoning plans for taking up the naval appropriation bill.

ECKHARDT PLEADS IGNORANCE OF PLOT

MEXICO CITY, March 1.—H. Von Eckhardt, German minister to Mexico, declared today that he knew nothing about the instructions alleged to have been sent to him by Foreign Secretary Zimmermann regarding a German-Mexican alliance in the event of war between Germany and the United States.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Reported by Jackson County Abstract Co., Sixth and Fir Sts.

Circuit Court.

Ladd and Tilton Bank vs. M. P. Schmitt, trustee, et al, summons.

Lillian Hazelton vs. Frank Hazelton, proof of mailing.

Oliver S. Brown vs. Chas. D. Colby, summons.

Ira Spencer vs. S. M. Carpenter, summons.

Probate Court.

Olive R. Bell, estate, administrators first report.

Samuel Rosenberg, estate, acknowledgement of service of treasurer.

Sarah H. Carlisle, estate, final account.

Real Estate Transfers.

Claude Metz, et al, to John Kitch S. W. D. to lot 3, blk. 5, Kendall Add. ..... $ 1

Frances E. Metz to John Kitch W. D. to lot 4, blk. 5, Kendall Add 400

Levi N. Stevens, et ux, to Butler and Thompson Co., Q. C. D. to land in T. 39, R. 1 E. 1

E. J. Skewis, et ux, to Walter H. Patton, W. D. to und. one-half int. land in sec. 36, T. 40, R 2 E 1

Frank B. Sanger, to Charles N. Rogers, et ux, W. D. to land in T. 38, R 1 E 550

Emma E. Hevener, et vir to Fruit Growers Supply Co. W. D. to land in sec. 8, T. 41, R 1 E 10

E. J. Skewis, et ux, to G. A. Gage. W. D. to und. one-half int. in land in sec. 36, T. 40, R 2 E 1

Waldo W. Willard to David H. Coolidge, W. D. to land in T. 37, R 2 W 10

Joshua Patterson, et ux, to William W. Hevener, et ux, W. D. to land in sec. 6, T. 41 R 1 E 1500

Harry M. Hayes, et ux, to J. S. Lydiard, W. D. to lot 1, sec. 10, T. 36, R 2 W 10

Morse Realty Co., et al, to H. C. Christoffersen, deed to land in sec. 19, T. 38, R 1 W 10

Ralph G. Jennings, shff. to G. M. Grainger, deed on tax foreclosure land in Ashland 523

Amos C. Whitworth, et ux, to Verlinda Cantrall, bond for deed to lot 1, blk. 3, Cardwell Add. Jacksonville and lots 3, blk. 2 and 1 blk. 3, said add. 1,400

RIVERDALE

Miss Margaret Hudson of Ashland begins teaching the Debenger school this week.

Norman Gage leaves for Ashland Monday, attending to business matters.

Steve Smith was trading in the valley the fore part of this week.

Rev. E. McDonald of Elk Rogue was on his way to the valley last Thursday.

Dr. Kirchgessner made his regular trip to the valley Wednesday.

A birthday party was given at the residence of Gene Bellows last Friday. The occasion was in honor of Miss Lola Hudson, the popular teacher of Reese Creek school. An unusual large number of people were present from both sides of the river. Of course everybody had a good time.

The unusual amount of snow that has fallen this season has brought, while beneficial in many respects, much hardship to the cattle men. Quite a number are short on feed and several entirely out of hay.

Mrs. Joe Maxfield has been visiting her broher in Central Point, who has recently met with a serious accident.

C. Hoefft has moved from Lake Creek to live with his daughter, Mrs. S. Smith.

Mrs. Manny Clark of Medford has opened the central school Monday.

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

By A. C. Howlett

There was an announcement made that there would be a dance given last Saturday night by Carl Ringer and a man by the name of Howell and that a special feature of the dance was to show how the one-step, two-step and other fancy dances should be performed and that a charge of 25 cents would be charged spectators. But owing to the extreme disagreeableness of the weather conditions, snow, rain and slush, there were very few attended. I heard one elderly woman make the remark that the dancing, that is the scientific dancing, was simply fine and fully up to date. There was another feature about the dance or party and that was, when the lady started to collect the 25 cents that there was a general rush for the door, by a certain class, but there were enough remained to make it quite interesting. If it had been generally known just what was coming and the night had not been so very disagreeable there would have been a different turnout.

Frank Hazelton who has been spending the fall and winter in the state of Washington has returned to the parental roof.

Saturday night we had among the transients, J. J. Richardson, adjuster of fire losses and appraiser, who came out that afternoon, spent the night here, and Sunday went out to A. S. Carlton's farm to adjust the claim for fire that burned the residence building some weeks ago. The house was insured for $1000 and was readily allowed by the appraisers. Among others who spent the night with us were Lyle Purdon, Roiland Reter of Medford, and some five or six of our neighbor boys, and Sunday we had Wm. Von der Hellen, wife and two children, J. V. Melntyre and family, George H. Wamsley and wife, Estella Betts, Al Clements, Joe Moomaw, Carl Ringer, Harry Lewis and Mr. Petzer.

Gus Nichols brought out a band of about 100 cattle Monday and took them to J. D. Singleton's to feed and Benj. Brophy brought out another band and took them over near Medford to feed.

There was another carload of baled hay went up to Derby Tuesday morning on the P. & E., consigned to Chas. Humphrey, but I learned that it was to be divided with others in that neighborhood. I understand that some of the cattlemen up on Rogue river where the snow is so deep that the cattle cannot be drove out are having a time trying to save their stock. As a rule they do not have to feed so long as they have had to this season; in fact as a rule they turn their cattle out to grass by this time, but this winter has hung on so long and many of the cattle were thin when they were brought in off of the range and consequently had to be fed earlier in the fall and the fact of their having to feed earlier and later both have run the most of the cattlemen short of hay, but those who are fortunate enough to have hay to sell are reaping the benefit of the situation.

Brandon Bros. owners of the Snowy Butte mills shiuped out another car load of flour and other products of the mill. They still have a lot of wheat to ship in from Sams valley and over near Medford as soon as the ground gets hard enough to haul it to the railroad. They have done a fine business here this winter and a prospect of doing better next year.

Miss Grace Cooley has been out visiting her mother and brother Ed, who is the manager of the T. E. Nichols store.

L. E. Smith had a lot of furniture coem out on the P. & E. Tuesday.

Mrs. J. L. Ragsdale and her son, Ty Ragsdale, and Mrs. Martin Bowles, and Geo. Frey, of Lake Creek, came out on the E. P.-L. C. stage Tuesday, took dinner at the Sunnyside and went on to Medford that evening. They were going to Jacksonville to be a witness in the John Ragedale case on trial today (Wednesday.)

Miss Alice Nygren of Lake creek, Scott Caspel and Mr. Berrian came out on the P. & E. Tuesday, Miss Alice came to the Sunnyside for early dinner, took the E. P.-L. C. stage for her home.

Mrs. Geo. Von der Hellen and her sister, Mrs. Mabel Richardson of Alaska, were visiting Mrs. Howlett Tuesday. Mrs. Richardson expects to leave for Corvallis Friday to spend the spring and up to June with her parents.

B. F. Bingham of Ashland came out on the P. & E. and spent the most of the day in distributing samples of a washing powder that is being manufactured in Ashland by his firm.

He said that they were just getting started in the business and were greatly encouraged in the enterprise.

Walter H. Corliss a youth from Medford, stopped with us Tuesday night on his way up to the L. C. country. He was going up on the stage to live on the homestead of his aunt, Mrs. Louisa Henry.

Miss May Warner of Trail came out Wednesday morning and took the stage for her home.

Since my last report T. F. Boltz has renewed his sub. to the Daily Mail Tribune; G. W. Zrandon has renewed his sub. to the D. M. T., and W. C. Clements has renewed his sub. to the D. M. T.

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