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## ZIMMERMANN CONFESSES AMERICAN PLOT

### GERMAN SECRETARY ADMITS AUTHENTICITY OF MEXICAN PROPOSAL

Plot as Revealed Admitted by Author—Says He Cannot Understand How Such a Conspiracy Was Inspired by Unfriendliness on Germany's Part—Means Nothing But That Made Use of Means Universally Admitted in War, in Case America Declared War—Condition Most Important.

Zimmermann Says That It Was Not Only Right, But Duty of Germany to Take Precautions in Time in Order to Balance, if Possible, Adhesion of New Fees to Enemy—Offer of Triple Alliance to Be Made Only in Case War Was Declared on Germany by the United States.

LONDON, March 3.—The German press has been ordered not to publish a word regarding the American-Mexican revelations until further notice, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. The dispatch says that only a few circles are aware of the intrigue and that it is considered possible the resignation of Foreign Secretary Zimmermann and the ending of Count Von Bernstorff's career as a diplomat.

LONDON, March 3.—Foreign Secretary Zimmermann's instructions to the German minister to Mexico, as published in the United States are admitted in Berlin to have been correctly quoted, according to a dispatch to Reuters from the German capital by way of Amsterdam. The dispatch quotes the following telegram received in Amsterdam from Berlin on Friday and which was apparently sent by the Wolff bureau, the semi-official German news agency:

Admit Instructions. "The American press contains reports about instructions from the ministry of foreign affairs to the German minister in Mexico City in the event that Germany, after the proclamation of unrestricted submarine warfare, failed to keep the United States neutral. These reports are based on the following facts: "After the decision had been taken to begin unrestricted submarine warfare on February 1 we had to reckon, in view of the previous attitude of the American government, with the possibility of conflict with the United States. That this calculation was right is proved by the fact that the American government severed diplomatic relations with Germany soon after the proclamation of a barred zone and asked other neutrals to follow her example.

Defends Conspiracy. "Anticipating these possibilities, it was not only the right, but also the duty of our government to take precautions in time—in the event of a military conflict with us—in order to balance, if possible, the adhesion of our foes of a new enemy. The German minister at Mexico therefore was instructed in the middle of January that in the event of the United States declaring war he should offer to the Mexican government an alliance and arrange further details. These instructions, by the way, expressly directed the minister to make no advances to the Mexican government unless he knew for a certainty that America was going to declare war.

"How the American government received information of the instructions sent by a secret way to Mexico is not known. It appears, however, that the treachery—and it only must have been treachery—was committed on German territory."

A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says the Berlin Telegram report in regard to Secretary Zimmermann's instructions to the German minister in Mexico is semi-official.

TACOMA, Wash., March 3.—Potatoes and onions were put on a contributory list last night by the South Tacoma Boosters' club. Beginning March 15, the members voted to buy no more of those vegetables. Resolutions were adopted securing producers and dealers who were declared to have stored large quantities of food-stuffs in warehouses. The club, which plays a prominent part in the suburb where the big Northern Pacific carshops are located, invited all other organizations to join the boycott. As the members entered the hall last evening, they were handed a small potato each, and many more wore them on their coat lapels during the meeting.

Generally Fair for the Coming Week. WASHINGTON, March 3.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, March 4, issued by the weather bureau today, are: "Pacific states: Generally fair, except frequent rains are probable along the north Pacific coast. Temperature near normal."

### CAPITAL GAILY DECORATED FOR INAUGURATION

President to Take Oath Sunday Privately, and Publicly Again Monday—Chief Justice White to Administer It—Inaugural Address to Deal Largely With Foreign Situation.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Fair and colder weather for the inauguration ceremonies Monday was predicted today by the weather bureau. The capital, dressed up in thousands of flags and tens of thousands of yards of hunting looks like a young belle caught in a thunder shower as the result of almost a solid week of rain and snow.

Today things began drying out as the clouds cleared away. Thousands of visitors are beginning to pour into the city.

Takes Oath Sunday. President Wilson will take the oath of office for his second term in his room at the capitol at noon Sunday. It will be administered by Chief Justice White of the supreme court. Mr. Wilson plans to go to the capitol shortly before noon to sign bills and therefore decided it would be impracticable to take the oath of office in the white house as was at first contemplated.

While no special invitation to the ceremony at the capitol have been issued, members of Mr. Wilson's cabinet will be with him, advising him on bills passed in the closing hours of congress.

Mr. Wilson has decided to take the oath again on Monday in front of the capitol just before he delivers his inaugural address.

Inaugural Address. Although the president has completed his inaugural address, he may decide to make changes in it with reference to the foreign situation should developments warrant. The address probably will not be issued to the press until shortly before the president begins his speech after taking the oath of office Monday in order that he may reflect the situation as it stands at that time.

### U-BOAT WARFARE FAILS IN RESULTS

LONDON, March 3.—Germany failed by slightly more than a 50 per cent margin to make good her threat to sink 1,000,000 tons of merchant shipping during the first month of unrestricted submarine warfare, according to figures in the possession of the Associated Press, the absolute reliability of which is vouchsafed for here. Her submarines, the figures show, only succeeded in sending to the bottom during the month of February in round numbers 490,000 tons.

This figure only exceeds by 140,000 tons, it is declared, what the British authorities expected would be sunk during that month, if ordinary submarine warfare had continued. It compares with 346,656 tons sunk during December and 322,067 tons during January.

### TEUTONS IN RAID ON RUSSIAN LINE

BERLIN, March 3.—An extensive raid on Russian trenches west of Lutsk in Volhynia was carried out by German troops yesterday, army headquarters announced today. The Russian position was penetrated on a front of more than a mile and a half to a depth of nearly a mile. The Germans destroyed the Russian depots and returned with 122 prisoners and four machine guns.



Lloyd George, premier of Great Britain, is here shown inspecting the guard of honor, consisting of soldiers who won fame by valiant service at the front.

### AUSTRIAN CHIEF OF STAFF DISMISSED BY NEW EMPEROR

LONDON, March 3.—Emperor Charles of Austria has dismissed Field Marshal Conrad Von Hotzendorf, Austrian chief of staff, according to a Vienna dispatch to Reuters by way of Amsterdam. Baron Strauzenberg succeeds Von Hotzendorf.

Field Marshal Von Hotzendorf has been one of the leading military figures of the dual kingdom for a number of years and has played an important part in almost all the major operations of the Austrian-Hungarian forces since the outbreak of the present war. He has been credited with being one of the few Austrian generals who are held in favor in Berlin and in May, 1915, was decorated with the order of Pour le Merite by the German emperor. He is also said to be a bitter enemy of Italy, but a year ago he was married to the divorced wife of Baron Reinhaugans, his bride being of Italian descent and known as an ardent advocate of the return of the "lost provinces" to Italy. Marshal Von Hotzendorf was credited with the recapture of Lemberg from the Russians and was promoted to field marshal for his services on the Italian front.

### NO MORE FASHIONS FOR GERMAN WOMEN

LONDON, March 3.—The German imperial clothing commission has issued a warning that styles in women's clothes cannot be allowed to change every six months, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. The commission says that women may wear winter dresses throughout the coming summer and winter without disgrace and that drastic measures will be taken against a change in fashion and the consequent waste of materials.

### FRANCE TO CEASE DAILY REPORTS OF U-BOATS

PARIS, March 3.—The admiralty has decided not to publish daily the names of torpedoe vessels. The announcement says that this publication has caused "great inconvenience" and a weekly statement will be issued instead, giving the number of vessels of different classes which have been sunk.

### MAYOR GATES ASKS SENATORS TO GET BEHIND WILSON

Mayor C. E. Gates today sent a telegram to Senators Lane and Chamberlain at Washington, D. C., urging them to get behind the president and to show their patriotism by giving him the authority to act as circumstances may necessitate.

The telegram delivers a round rap at the clamorings of "Spineless Americans," who demand peace at any price.

The telegram in full is as follows: "Medford, Ore., March 3. To Senators Lane and Chamberlain, Washington D. C. "As the servant of 10,000 people, I urge you to show your patriotism at this time of impending crisis, by supporting our president and nation. Give him the authority due him to act as circumstances may necessitate. Clamorings of 'Spineless Americans' who are willing to sacrifice the long cherished rights of Americans and the Stars and Stripes to travel unimpeded, should be unheeded. Barbarism and the violating of American rights on the high seas should be abolished. Peace at any price and without honor is an insult to our forefathers and the degrading of Old Glory. Be calm in judgment and stern in action, so that your patriotism for this great land of liberty will be unquestioned. "C. E. GATES. "Mayor."

### VIOLENT FIGHTING ON FRENCH FRONT

BERLIN, March 3.—There have again been violent infantry engagements on both banks of the Aisne in northern France, the war office announced today. The British suffered the loss of sixty prisoners and eight machine guns in addition to their casualties.

PARIS, March 3.—Successful reconnoitering expeditions by French troops at several points along the front are reported in this afternoon's war office statement which reads: "During the night our reconnoitering parties carried out several successful surprise attacks against German trenches near Month-Sous-Tout-vent, east of 401 204 (Verdun region) and in Apremont forest. We took prisoners and materials."

### KAISER WAGES WAR ON WORLD SAYS BRANDEGEE

Connecticut Senator Asks If United States Is Going to Lie Down and Let Armed Frankenstein Trample Over It—War Already Exists, Having Been Declared by Germany.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Senator Brandegee, republican of Connecticut, called the German prohibited zone "an ambush where Germany laid in wait to deal death" to anyone who entered against her edict creating it. "Shall we sit supinely and allow the ukase of a foreign potentate to clear the ocean of American shipping and blockade our ports?" he asked. "Are we obliged to wait for the slaughter to be accomplished before we defend ourselves? I trust that neither congress nor the American people have fallen to such depths of degradation that they are willing to hurl the American flag and withdraw from the high seas as the misguided hand of pacifists seem to wish.

"Are we going to lie down on our backs and let this monstrous frankenstein trample over us ruthlessly?" resumed Senator Brandegee. "I am not deceived by the effect of this bill. The effect will be that the next passenger or freight ship with American gunners aboard which attempts to enter a British or neutral port in the zone will be attacked by a German submarine. That means that there will be war if this country is fit to live. If perchance our defensive gunners should sink a submarine, that would mean war."

Senator Brandegee declared with emphasis that a state of war already existed and had existed between the United States and Germany since February 1.

"Germany declared war on the whole world in issuing this proclamation," he asserted. "No self-respecting nation regards it any other way. When she proclaimed slaughter in the barred zone she declared war against this nation."

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### PAN AMERICAN PLOT PROVES TO BE MYTH

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Reference by German Foreign Minister Zimmermann to the existence of a Pan-American "plot" is regarded as a distorted and erroneous understanding either on the part of the Argentine newspaper or the German foreign office of some quite proper efforts made during Secretary Bryan's incumbency to protect neutral commerce in the western hemisphere.

The members of the Pan-American council, which meets in Washington, appointed a special committee soon after the outbreak of the war to consider a plan for the declaration of a zone about 200 miles wide along the American coast from Cape Horn to Canada within which no belligerent warships or submarines should be permitted to interfere with merchant ships. No action was taken, however.

### MEXICO DENIES PLOT KNOWLEDGE

GUADALAJARA, Mex., March 3.—General Camilo Aguilar, the provisional minister of foreign relations, today formally denied that the Mexican government had been approached by Germany with the offer of forming an alliance hostile to the United States.

The statement given out by the Mexican foreign minister says: "The government of Mexico has not received in behalf of the government of Germany any proposal for an alliance looking toward war with the United States."

### FILIBUSTER UPON ARMED NEUTRALITY

Senators Stone and La Follette Talking Against Time to Prevent Authorization of President to Use Armed Forces to Protect American Rights—Much Legislation Sacrificed and Extra Session of Congress Likely to Be Forced.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Senator Stone still held the floor at 5 o'clock in the armed neutrality debate after talking for more than three hours. He apparently had concluded his argument, but supplemented it with long extracts from authorities and printed speeches of others on various subjects relating to the war. His course appeared to take on the appearance of a filibuster.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The armed neutrality bill was running a neck-and-neck race with time in congress today. Democratic leaders were aiming to get it through somehow before the session dies at noon tomorrow, but were not entirely sure of the position of its opposition.

In the senate, where the bill was being debated, there were some long opposition speeches ahead. Although a great majority of the republicans urged its passage, the leaders were not sure where the last moment would find Senator La Follette, and the strain was drawn out by Senator Stone's offering of amendments which are disagreeable to the president.

It was evident that the situation had forced other legislation into an eleven-hour jam where much of it would be sacrificed.

No Intention of War. President Wilson has no intention of taking action that would bring war with Germany unless congress is summoned in extra session. This was commented to senate leaders today by representatives of the president, who takes the position that if no extraordinary crisis arises it will not be necessary to call an extra session before late in the spring, and then only to pass any appropriation bills which may fall at the present session.

Senator Stone offered his amendment to prevent protection and armament of munitions ships. The course the president has pursued with Mexico and during the European war was pointed to by Senator Stone as proof of his desire to keep the nation out of war.

"Despite the clamor, the intrigue, the subtleties," he said, "to entrap him into an act of war against an European power, he has stood firm as a rock. I would therefore rather trust him than all the official workings about him who daily fly their kites to see which way the wind blows.

"If I thought this question here today were one only of faith and trust in him, I would not hesitate.

Violation of Constitution. "But this is the first time the president and I have not been able to reconcile our differences. I believe the bill to be not only violative of the constitution, but destructive of one of the most important powers vested in (Continued on Page Six.)

### ZEPPELIN BURNS ON SPEED TRIAL, CREW LOST

LONDON, March 3.—A new Zeppelin, on speed trials at Ghent, caught fire on Monday and was completely destroyed, according to reports from Berlin received by the Exchange Telegraph company by way of Copenhagen. The dispatch says that the crew of the Zeppelin perished with their aircraft.