

# GERMANY PLANS TRIPLE ALLIANCE TO RULE WORLD

### Teutonic Scheme for War on United States Takes in Russia as Well as Japan—Captured Document Furnishes Proof of Kaiser's Instructions to Take in all the World.

BY CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL. WASHINGTON, March 10.—The United States today is like a man walking on the last inch of a huge precipice and dreaming dreams that he is safe.

If by any possibility Germany wins in this war, or if she comes out of it unbeaten, this country we love has never been in such imminent deadly peril as it will be in then.

Not in the Civil war, not at any other time.

The staggering revelations of Germany's plot to embroil us with Mexico and Japan are not half the story.

It isn't Japan and Mexico alone, nor Germany, Japan and Mexico alone that we faced in that diabolical maneuvering.

In the end it was Germany, Japan, Mexico—and Russia.

### Japan Means Russia

We seem to forget, in the white house, in congress, in editorial rooms and elsewhere—we seem to forget the stupendous fact that in all international affairs, Japan now means Japan and Russia.

If then, Germany gets away with this war, the real meaning will be, not Japan and Russia alone, but a terrifying new triple alliance planned to dominate the world!

That most strange, sinister compact, the treaty of alliance made last summer between Japan and Russia—we seem to overlook that. Negotiated by a pro-German administration in Russia and plainly shaped as a preliminary to another compact—we overlook that.

The terms of that alliance bind each of the nations in the most astounding way to support the other in any foreign complication—we seem to overlook that. Any complication with the United States or anybody else—we overlook that.

But the men on the inside of things abroad do not. On the memorable day when that terrifying treaty was made known in England, such men turned pale and gasped. For they saw that this new treaty practically knocked out the slender alliance between Japan and Great Britain, it went far beyond any treaty between Russia and France, it opened the door straight upon democracy's greatest tragedy!

### Autocracy vs. Democracy

For it meant this one thing as surely as words can have any significance at all—the autocracies of the world lined up against the democracies in a fight to a finish, with the vast preponderance of numbers, military resources and strength on the side of the autocracies.

I was in London when the news came out. Not a word was said in public about it. But men that read not alone with their eyes but with their minds, looked at the dispatches and turned sick with the boundless possibilities of black and utter ruin that opened before them.

An alliance of the autocracies against the democracies! No more, no less. It has been for years a part of the dream of the reactionary element that controls the three leading autocracies. The autocracies against the democracies, and the greatest of all democracies at once the richest nation on earth and the least prepared to defend itself.

But it is not the lure of that wealth that is the main reason for the new triple alliance. It is something else.

There is the natural instincts of men sincerely bred in the autocratic faith, the natural fear of parasites for their job menaced always more and more by the spread of democratic ideas.

These ideas, the reactionaries firmly believed, are bred solely in the democracies, and the world will never know peace nor stability until they are subdued.

### Wealth of World Sought

But beyond everything else, far above and beyond is the vast, dazzling almost inconceivable potentialities of wealth and strength that lie in the commercial domination of the world.

The nets of German intrigue, marvelously organized and spread through every considerable country, are partly revealed to us by the Mexican story. But they go beyond all this and seem so inscrutable and at times almost supernatural that when you first pick up some threads of that clever weaving you are aghast and amazed.

Take but a few of the facts. Germany is nominally at war with

Russia. Yet in the midst of the war, Germany is able, through her unapproachable power of intrigue, to pull down one Russian administration and set up another friendly to herself.

She is able to influence the disposition of Russian armies.

She is able to pull down a huge mis-pilay like that of Rumania and reap the rich advantages of it.

She is able to direct the course of King Constantine and paralyze the allies' advance from Salonika.

### Deutchum All Over World

Compared with these things, what she attempted with Mexico and Japan was simple enough. For years this work has been going on in every corner of the world.

In March, 1913, the French secret service was able to obtain possession of an authentic document prepared for the guidance of German diplomats and agents in the world-wide war that Germany was then planning. Among the sentences in this document were these:

"We must stir up trouble in the north of Africa and in Russia. It is a means of keeping the forces of the enemy engaged. . . . Risings provoked in time of war by political agents need to be carefully prepared and by material means. They must have a controlling hand to be found among the influential leaders, religious or political. . . . Neither ridiculous shriekings nor the Englishmen's gnashing of teeth, nor the wild gestures of the Slavs will turn us from our aim of protecting and extending Deutchum all over the world."

That's the idea—Deutchum all over the world—and the strings already laid down to pull it off.

The governing class in Russia has always been German—not merely in sympathy but in blood.

### Struggle Already On

If it is perfectly understood in the inner circles of Europe that Russia of the governing class has never had any heart in this war and that if they control the government it is ready at the psychological moment of a German success to make a separate peace and join Germany in the commercial and other division of the world.

Nothing else is needed. Russia and Japan have already been bound together by German influence.

This is the exact situation. From it there is no possible way out except that the United States shall take its place with the other democracies and bear its part in the work of preserving in the world the democratic principle.

It is too late to go fiddling around, talking of peace. The struggle is already on and the only choice we have is not between peace and war but between duty and annihilation.

Which do we want?

# BENSON OPPOSES CONSTRUCTION OF CRATER HIGHWAY

Announcement at Portland by State Highway Commissioner S. Benson that the commission did not propose to spend any of the funds provided by the Bean-Barrett bill on the Crater Lake highway, but intended instead to construct the Tiller road from Tiller to Trail with the idea of switching the Pacific highway to this route, has aroused Jackson county to a vigorous protest. Preparations are under way for a fight all along the line, unless the commission definitely commits itself to the Crater Lake highway, which has already been surveyed, and for which the government has agreed to put up \$100,000 in 1917 under the Shaeffer bill, provided the state puts up a similar amount. The Bean-Barrett bill permitted this, but Mr. Benson stated to Will G. Steel Thursday at Portland that the commission did not intend to spend a cent on this highway.

Under the districting plan adopted by the commission, Commissioner Adams of Eugene has this district. He will speak at Grants Pass Monday evening, and at Medford Tuesday evening. Messrs. Gore, Boos and Westerlund, who are attending the road rally at Eugene Saturday, wired that Mr. Adams will be here Tuesday and to prepare for a public meeting. At this meeting there will be a show down.

The proposed Tiller road will cut off northern Jackson county and all of Josephine county from the Pacific highway. It traverses an unsettled mountain region, and benefits no one, except the owners of the townsite of Tiller and adjacent property. The townsite was, until recently, the property of J. G. Bartrum, supervisor of the Empire national forest, who has interested the forestry bureau in this road.

LONDON, March 10.—Count Von Bernstorff, former German ambassador at Washington, arrived at Christiania this morning according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

# \$6000 MONTHLY PAID IN WAGES BLUE LEDGE MINE

By W. W. WATSON.

The payroll at the Blue Ledge mine now amounts practically to \$6,000 a month, while preliminary work for general operation has only begun. Indeed, such of the preparatory activity is outdoor employment; and the weather has rather discouraged that class of work because it can be done more rapidly and with much better result when there are no snow and ice to embarrass progress.

The Blue Ledge mine is not the only property in that district that has "shipping ore" ready for shipment; but the likelihood is that no arrangement for shipping from other mines in that vicinity will be made now because of the obvious results of a sale of the Blue Ledge and the evident purpose of the purchasing company to supply every facility for operation of the property as a real mine, capable of an output of millions of dollars annually.

An extensive tunnel system in a vast body of rich ore, like that of the Blue Ledge mine, would enable the operators to put out a tonnage annually that they could not afford to hold on the dump for lack of transportation facilities. Hence, the value of the ore output would justify the construction of a railroad at once. That is what other operators in other properties are waiting for.

### Why Speak in Millions?

A man (more or less ignorant of anything that requires profound individual thought, and therefore, a man whose opinions are generally not safe) said yesterday:

"You fellows talk in millions about these mining propositions. Why not talk in terms that others can understand?"

A million dollars or a million anything else is beyond his knowledge of computation. Big figures frighten him. Ignorance of what they mean or how to count them is the cause.

For instance: Shasta county, California, just over the hill from the Blue Ledge mine, put out 40,000,000 pounds of copper last year and an equal amount the year before. That is worth, at present copper prices, \$14,000,000. That is a very simple problem in millions. Calaveras county has put out \$1,500,000 each year for two years. So has Plumas county. The properties being mined for that aggregate of millions of dollars are not extensive ore bodies like the Blue Ledge is known to be. On the other hand, they are regarded by mining operators as small properties; and the average values of the ore is less than that already demonstrated to exist in any one of three big ore bodies in the Blue Ledge district.

The fact is that few people who are really concerned over the operation of our local mines have an adequate conception of their bigness. When they are carried in figures beyond a \$900 prospect hole, they are lost in amazement and unbelief.

### Large Bodies Move Slowly.

The Blue Ledge mine has long been too big for the old-time ox-team miner. It has been held all these years by a company that unfortunately for us, had other immense properties on which its operating forces were centered. It was the effects of the banditry in Mexico that turned large attention to the Blue Ledge in recent months. We are indebted to the "greaser," more than to any concerted effort we have made for present activity in that district at this time. But large bodies move slowly. This is a demonstrated instance. It is so everywhere.

The properties in the California counties to which reference was just made, have long been known as rich copper propositions. It has taken years to obtain knowledge of their extent and values and to obtain recognition from the mining world. The whole secret of this tardiness is found in lack of transportation. Rapid development was, therefore, impossible. So it has been in our case. Only now are railroad facilities being provided for these mines the annual output has for two years been \$17,000,000.

It has been demonstrated that the copper values of the Blue Ledge district are greater than those in the districts mentioned; and it is just being shown that the ore bodies are vastly more extensive. Adequate transportation facilities constitute the next big problem to be solved. The purchasing company on which we now wait has the capital to operate the Blue Ledge mine for all it's worth. That means a railroad and, no doubt, a smelter.

With these provided, the man who is afraid of figures in millions would better not undertake an estimate of the effect they will have on the combined mining interests in southern Oregon and northern California.

J. A. Rose of Griffin creek was a Medford business visitor Saturday.

# WAR ON DIGGERS AND GROUND PESTS BEGINS NEXT WEEK

R. A. Ward, biological assistant

bureau of biological survey of the U. S. department of agriculture, will be in Jackson county from March 19 to 25 to work in co-operation with Claude C. Cate, county pathologist, in demonstrating the best known methods for the control and eradication of moles, gophers, squirrels and jack rabbits. The bureau of biological survey has accumulated a vast amount of information from many years of experimental and investigation studies and Mr. Ward will be able to demonstrate in a practical manner some of the best known methods for the control of the above pests. In connection with this work it is planned to organize community clubs to carry on the work in a co-operative manner.

Mr. Ward will speak at the Medford library on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Demonstrations will be conducted in the Table Rock district on Wednesday, and at Talent and Ashland on Thursday. Watch the papers for further announcements. Interested parties confer with some one at the county pathologist's office.

### NEW GAME CODE FOR OREGON PASSED BY LEGISLATURE

The last session of the legislature adopted a new game code to take effect May 21.

The first change is with reference to the law in regard to using dogs for the purpose of chasing or bounding deer. The 1915 law was repealed and the following substituted therefor: "No person or persons shall make use of a dog in hunting, pursuing or killing any of the game animals of the state of Ore-

gon. Any free running dog or dogs running at large in territory inhabited by deer or found following upon the track of any game animal of the state, or any free running dog or dogs running at large in any of the fields of the state, after the owner has been duly notified in writing by any game warden or other officer entrusted with the enforcement of the game laws of this state, and if the reputed owner disclaims ownership of the said dog or dogs, the same may be declared public nuisance and may be killed at such time by any game warden or other person entrusted with the enforcement of the game laws without criminal or civil liability."

One-half of all fine moneys hereafter will be forwarded to the state treasurer to be deposited to the game protection fund. Last year all funds remained in counties where collected.

Both men and women are compelled to take out a hunting license, although women are exempt from purchasing a fishing license. The price of a hunter's license is \$1.50 instead of \$1.00, and the same is true for an angling license.

In Game District No. 1, which includes Jackson county, the season on deer opens August 15 and continues until October 15. It has been until October 31 heretofore. The bag limit has been reduced to two.

The open season all over the state on migratory birds heretofore will be from October 1st to January 15.

The Chinese pheasant hen has been protected and it is unlawful to kill the same at any time thereafter.

In Game District No. 2 the open season on deer begins September 1 and continues through until October 31. The bag limit is two instead of three. However, in Klamath County the open season is from August 15 to October 15, with a bag limit of two.

The open season on sage hens begins August 1st, instead of July 15, and continues until August 31.

The bag limit on trout has been changed throughout the state from 75 to 50 trout, or 35 pounds in any one day.

In Game District No. 2, winter fishing has been eliminated, except for trout over eighteen inches in length.

Game breeders' permits will hereafter cost the sum of \$2.00, instead of being issued free as heretofore.

# ASHLAND FAILS TO COME BACK, LOSES 34 TO 13

Ashland failed last night in her attempt to "come back" and repay Medford for the defeat of Thursday night, Medford again taking the long end of a 34 to 13 score. The Medford girls were defeated by a score of 8 to 5, Ashland's victory being due largely to the work of a left-hander playing center.

Medford started the game in a confident mood, spearing a couple of baskets in the first few minutes of play. With this lead the locals began to sluff and in a few minutes the visitors tied the score. Medford then woke up and ended the first half leading the Ashland squad by 5 baskets.

The Ashland squad had lost their steam in the second half and Medford piled the score so fast, the game ending with Medford 21 points in the lead.

Sensational long-distance shooting was a feature of the game. In the first half Abbott of Ashland heaved a basket from the center of the floor, followed shortly by three horse-shoe baskets by Jones, of Medford. In the second half Cork Young of Medford got free with the ball and taking careful aim shot a perfect basket two-thirds the length of the floor.

The girls' game was closely contested though Ashland was leading by two baskets at the end of the first half. The Medford girls throughout the game displayed a disinclination to mix it and go after the ball. Medford's basket shooting also was inaccurate.

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### GERMAN AMBASSADOR IN BAD STORM ON OCEAN

LONDON, Mar. 10.—The Morning Post's Copenhagen correspondent says the Danish foreign office has been informed that the steamer Frederik VIII on which Count Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States and his party are passengers, was prevented by a snow-storm from entering Christiansand and has been ordered to Christiania.

The German consul and a large number of Germans, in addition to about 200 journalists of all nationalities, says the correspondent are awaiting the arrival of the steamer at Christiansand and great disappointment and confusion has been caused by diverting her to Christiania.

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