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KAISER DENIES GERARD'S STORY OF WAR WIRE

Official Berlin Paper Denies Existence of Telegram Sent by Emperor Asserting That Belgium's Neutrality Had to Be Violated on Strategic Grounds.

BERLIN, Aug. 13, via Amsterdam.—The semi-official Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung denies the existence of the telegram alleged by James W. Gerard, the former American ambassador to Berlin, to have been sent by Emperor William to President Wilson in August, 1914, when the German emperor is quoted as having asserted that Belgium's neutrality "had to be violated by Germany on strategic grounds." The alleged telegram, which has reached Berlin by way of Switzerland, has the emperor saying that King George sent him word thru the emperor's brother, Prince Henry, that Great Britain would remain neutral if war broke out on the continent involving Germany and France and Austria and Russia. The Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says:

Gives Gerard the Lie.
"We are in a position to declare that no such telegram from the emperor exists. It is true that Mr. Gerard was given an audience on August 10, 1914, in order to give him an opportunity of placing President Wilson's offer of mediation before the emperor."

"This proposal was made at the time when the armies of both sides had already crossed the frontier and when it seemed out of the question to call a halt of events. The emperor could, therefore, only have his thanks conveyed to President Wilson for his offer, and remark that while the present moment was too early for mediation by the neutral powers, the president's friendly proposal might later be returned."

"The emperor then conversed for some time further with Mr. Gerard and explained to him the events that led up to the outbreak of the war. The emperor particularly pointed out the ambiguous and disloyal attitude of Great Britain, which had destroyed all hope of a peaceful agreement."

Merely a Memorandum.
"Mr. Gerard's statements in his memoirs appear to be a reproduction of this conversation. If the press in enemy countries shows revelations in them that only shows they are ignorant of the German white book, which in essence set forth the same events."

"Possibly during the conversation the emperor wrote a memorandum for the ambassador, so that he might not announce anything to Washington that would be incorrect. In that case it would be a matter of record designed to assist Mr. Gerard's memory, but it would not be a communication from the emperor to President Wilson."

Mr. Gerard published a facsimile of the telegram in the emperor's own hand writing.

WANTS CHILDREN TO PAY WAR TAX

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Speaking in the senate today on the war tax bill, Senator McCumber declared that the whole tax scheme contemplated a period that will cover four years and that unless the war should end suddenly the United States would have to expend \$40,000,000,000 in that time. He said that America might have to put five million men in the field and he believed their support and sacrifice should be enough for this generation, adding that "the war should be borne by our emancipated children." Asserting that \$1,000,000,000 would have been enough to raise by taxation at this time, the senator said the balance should be paid out of the sale of bonds.

Senator McCumber declared that business must not be unduly hampered or crippled, pointing out that business profits must not only furnish all taxes, but the men to absorb the bonds.

ALLIES REFUSE PASSPORTS TO PEACE MEETING

Great Britain, France and Italy Withhold Permission From Socialists to Attend Stockholm Gathering—Henderson to Reply to Premier—Crisis Confronts French Cabinet.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—Andrew Bonar-Law, government spokesman in the house of commons, said this afternoon that the government had decided that permission to attend the international socialist conference at Stockholm would not be granted to British delegates. Mr. Bonar-Law said:

"The law officers of the crown have advised the government that it is not legal for any persons resident in his majesty's dominions to engage in a conference with enemy subjects. Therefore, permission to attend the Stockholm conference will not be granted. The same decision has been made by the governments of France and Italy, with which his majesty's government has been in conference."

Henderson to Reply.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—A statement by Arthur Henderson, the labor leader and minister without portfolio in the British war council, who resigned Saturday, was expected to be made this afternoon in parliament, and it was assumed that Premier Lloyd-George would reply immediately. It was reported that Mr. Henderson would demand the production of all communications between the British and Russian governments with reference to the Stockholm conference, with a view to showing that the premier put a wrong interpretation upon the Russian telegram he quoted in a letter to Mr. Henderson.

The possible dissolution of parliament to ascertain the country's needs by a general election is suggested by the Daily News, which supports Mr. Henderson, and which says the government is approaching a serious crisis.

French Face Crisis.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—The decision of the administrative committee of the French socialist party that French socialist delegates will go to the socialist conference at Stockholm, as announced yesterday, places Albert Thomas, minister of munitions and socialist leader, in a delicate position similar to that of Arthur Henderson, British labor leader, who resigned as minister without portfolio on Saturday, there being a conflict between the decision of M. Thomas' party and the expressed intentions of the government, of which he is a member.

M. Thomas said it could not be asserted the socialists would go to Stockholm to promote a peace based upon compromise, but that they would endeavor to fix before the world responsibility for the war and to affirm what the allies consider to be just and right.

Germany May Quit.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 13.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger says the decision of the British labor party will not affect anything regarding the hopes attached to the Stockholm conference, in view of the changes which have taken place in Russia. The paper does not believe much good will come from the action of the labor party, and considers the action of the American government logical in refusing passports to the American delegates.

It is stated semi-officially in the Frankfurter Zeitung that the German socialists may decline to participate in the Stockholm conference, if the entente socialists insist on placing upon the program discussion of the question of responsibility for the war.

GERMAN AIRSHIPS LOST IN BRITISH RAID

LONDON, Aug. 13.—Two of the German machines which yesterday evening raided the English southeast coast watering places were destroyed by British naval airplanes. The official statement issued by the government today says that one of the machines was a Gotha airplane and the other a seaplane.

GERARD'S STORY OF KAISER'S TELEGRAM BRINGS OFFICIAL DENIAL



BOARD TO CONTROL WHEAT AND GRAIN PRODUCTS CREATED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Creation of a grain control board within the food administration to supervise distribution of wheat and manufacture and sale of flour, will be announced within a few days. To the board will be delegated authority to carry out regulations governing wheat and flour announced last night by the food administration.

President Wilson will issue a series of executive orders giving the food administration powers conferred upon the executive under the food control bill.

The first will deal with wheat and flour and will direct the food administration to proceed September 1 with the enforcement of the regulations announced last night.

Wheat and flour are taken up first, it was said today at the food administration, because the wheat crop is beginning to move, making that the most difficult problem to handle now. The movement of most of the other foodstuffs is about the same month by month.

Preparation of a form of license under which grain elevators and flour mills will operate after September 1 was begun today.

\$200,000 Forest Fire

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 13.—Damage estimated by officials at \$200,000 has been wrought by a forest fire burning in the Siletz basin near Black Rock, Polk county, Or., according to messages received here today. Over 300 men, including a number of soldiers, are fighting the flames, but have not yet succeeded in getting them under control.

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FIVE AMERICANS LOST WHEN BRITISH SHIP STRIKES MINE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Five American passengers were lost when the British steamer City of Athens struck a mine and went down near Cape Town, South Africa, on August 10, according to today's state department dispatches. Ten other passengers and four of the crew also were lost, the dispatch said.

The dispatches say four of the Americans were missionaries and name Mr. and Mrs. Naygard, Miss Robinson and Caroline Thompson. The latter is of the Methodist mission board. A Mr. Pointed of that mission was saved. Nineteen other missionaries of an organization with headquarters at 35 Bridge street, Brooklyn, N. Y., were saved.

The fifth American who was lost was a Mr. Summers, address not given.

In addition to those five, an Englishman named Duckworth, with his American wife and six children, also lost their lives.

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JOSE SALAZAR, VILLA'S CHIEF OF STAFF IS KILLED

JUAREZ, Mex., Aug. 13.—Jose Yues Salazar, a revolutionary leader and former chief of staff to Francisco Villa, was shot and killed at the Nogales ranch, a short distance from Ascencion, Thursday. Americans arriving here today from Casas Grandes brought the details of the death at the hands of a small band of home guards, who were organized to protect the Casas Grandes-Ascencion district.

Salazar has been one of the striking figures of the Mexican revolutionary activities since the beginning of the Madero revolution in 1911. He was credited with starting the revolution against Madero, together with Emilio Campa, a physician from St. Louis, Mo., who also had strong socialist ideas he wanted to apply to the Mexican situation. In February, 1912, Salazar and Campa occupied Juarez under the red flag of the second revolution. This banner gave the new movement its name of "Red Flaggers."

Pascual Orozco, Madero's former commander-in-chief, joined Salazar and Campa and the campaign against the Madero troops followed. Salazar led his troops in the battle of Rollano when the federals were defeated, captured Parrol and later made his campaign thru the Mormon settlements of western Chihuahua during which many of the colonies were burned and the Mormon settlers driven to the border.

The story told by the Americans

was that three of Salazar's men were mistaken for guards at the Nogales ranch and killed, and that when the leader went to see why his men were detained, a like fate befell him. His body was recovered and will be brought here for burial. Salazar's family is living here.

JAPANESE HERE TO CO-OPERATE IN WAR PLANS

Mission of Distinguished Men Headed by Viscount Ishii Arrives and Is Welcomed Cordially at a Pacific Port—Personnel Indicates High Nature of Errand.

A PACIFIC PORT, Aug. 13.—A Japanese mission to the United States arrived here today.

It was headed by Viscount K. Ishii, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary, and was received by a state department staff, headed by Breckinridge Long, third assistant secretary of state, and other officials.

Cavalry Welcomes Japs.

A troop of cavalry from a point 600 miles distant was brought here to participate in the ceremonies. When the boat bearing the mission arrived, quarantine regulations were waived so far as the members of the mission were concerned. Its members were allowed immediate entry. The party was met aboard ship by welcoming delegations and brought ashore in a government launch assigned to the use of the state department. Thousands of troops lined the streets leading to the city hall, where a brief welcoming ceremony had been arranged.

Great significance was attached by representatives of the state department to the visit of the mission, and much enthusiasm was manifested at this port because of the distinction of being selected as the landing place of the visitors.

Headed by Ishii.

The personnel of the mission was said to indicate the extremely high nature of its errand, as seen by the Japanese government. Besides Viscount Ishii, it comprised Vice-Admiral T. Takeshita, Major General I. Sugano, Masano Hanibara, consul general at a Pacific port; Matsua Naga, secretary to the foreign office; Commander Mando, Major K. Tanikawa and Tadenao Inai, vice-consul at Honolulu.

Assisting Mr. Long in welcoming the visitors were Danford S. Miller, consul general at Seoul, Korea; Colonel James A. Irons, Captain C. C. Arch, U. S. N., and secretaries and aides.

Plans for reception and entertainment were given extreme care at Washington and were placed in charge of Gavin McNabb, an attorney sent from Washington.

A four-day program confronted the visitors, but most of today was set apart for rest after the long voyage. The first large formal event was to be a banquet tendered by Japanese citizens tonight.

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TURKS SLAYING SUBJECT PEOPLE OF PALESTINE

Wholesale Massacre and Pillage Policy Adopted—Abandoning Hope of Success, Young Turks Resort to Savage Brutality, Repeated Scenes Enacted in Armenia.

CAIRO, Egypt, Friday, July 20 (correspondence of the Associated Press).—The situation in Palestine this summer is the most serious since the war began. A scheme for the looting of Jerusalem already is being executed, and thruout the countryside the Turk has embarked on a calculated policy of plundering and killing the native inhabitants, so that if they are forced to vacate the country they will leave behind them a desert. The only thing that can save them, the only hope that buoy them up, is that the British armies now hammering at the gates of the Holy Land may soon drive out the Turks. The following statement of the present situation is given to the Associated Press by an official in touch with conditions:

Oppressive Policy.

"The attitude of the Young Turks toward the unfortunate non-Turkish races within their empire always has been harsh and oppressive. During the war it has been an open campaign of robbery, exploitation and massacre, for the Young Turks, realizing that the partition of the lands under their rule is unavoidable, have determined to get as much as they can out of the inhabitants, while they are in possession.

"The stupendous wickedness of the extermination of the Armenian nation cannot be dismissed as a mere device of oriental statecraft or as a particular measure aimed at one particular race, for it is the Turkish policy toward not only Armenians, but Arabs, Greeks and Jews, in fact, all peoples who are subjects of the Turk, but are not themselves of Turkish blood.

Policy of Massacre.

As long as there was some prospect of being able to retain, or even enlarge, their empire the Turks did not actually seek to destroy their subject races. Today, knowing themselves doomed, it is their calculated policy to kill off the bulk of the inhabitants of Palestine and extort the last ounce of money and goods from them, so that if they are forced to vacate the country they will leave behind them a desert, a poverty-stricken and depopulated land.

"Their policy is not consistent with military or economic needs, and is not supported by even the slenderest pretext for its necessity. It is dictated solely by a savage brutality. The modern Young Turk of the Committee of Union and Progress is an infinitely worse tyrant than his predecessors and all his native savagery and blood lust now find vent in deliberate and organized crimes. Germany has exercised no restraining influence and, indeed, shares largely in the Ottoman guilt.

Cut Off From World.

"Palestine is today somewhat cut off from the world and news of the dreadful happenings within its borders reaches civilization slowly. The disaster that befell the Armenian nation is now being meted out to the mixed non-Turkish population of Syria and Palestine. Families are being massacred, towns and territories evacuated, communities plundered and given over to pillage.

"The town of Gaza was recently ordered evacuated. In pursuance of

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THE THREE GREAT RIGHT ARMS NOW SMITING GERMANY ON THE WESTERN FRONT



Left to Right—"Black Jack" Pershing, American commander, General Petain, commander-in-chief, and General Sir Douglas Haig, British commander of the allied forces in France.

ALASKA COMMERCE TOTALS \$115,000,000

SEATTLE, Aug. 15.—The commerce of Alaska for the fiscal year ending June 30 set a new record with a total of \$115,000,000, according to official figures just compiled. This is an increase of \$19,000,000 over the previous year, which was also a record. Vastly increased shipments of copper, as a result of the war, and the exportation of \$16,000,000 in gold, are largely responsible for the big total.