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GERMAN PLOT REVEALED IN U. S. CONGRESS

Documentary Evidence Produced Showing German Attempts to Get Japan and Mexico Against U. S.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, March 2.—Letters and other documents, which have been in the possession of the United States government for some time were produced in Congress yesterday showing that Germany has been very active in attempting to align Japan and Mexico together belligerently against the United States, in case of war. The correspondence between Germany and its Mexican representative proved conclusively that Germany has been at the bottom of all the recent trouble in Mexico. It has been doubted previously that the Germans had anything to do with the various uprisings but the evidence now in possession of the United States government shows such to be the case. It was sought by Germany to keep the hands of President Wilson full with Mexican and Cuban troubles, so that the full strength of the U. S. would not be employed in European matters.

The effects of the disclosure of the German plot against the United States was seen immediately in Congress. Large introductions were made to have the president communicate all the facts to Congress, while Hardwicke insists on a motion to refer same to the foreign committee. Full confirmation of the disclosures regarding the German intrigue was given at the White House, State Department and in the Senate. The plot revealed by the administration today was put forth to sway the daily Congress and to stir the nation to realize the real perils of the German problem. Facing the possibility of further delay in Congress together with the opposition to give the president the powers he asked, it is considered that the administration played a trump card in making the disclosures.

Secretary Lansing states that it is inconceivable that Japan had any official knowledge of the plot or that the Japanese government would consider any proposals made by the enemy.

THE GERMAN BLOCKADE

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 2.—Out of the thousands of vessels arriving and departing from British ports during the month of February, the total number of ships sunk is 183. Of these 110 were British, 20 belonged to other of the Allies, 2 were American, and 51 were those of neutral countries. This very small percentage sunk shows that the submarine warfare is practically accomplishing very little.

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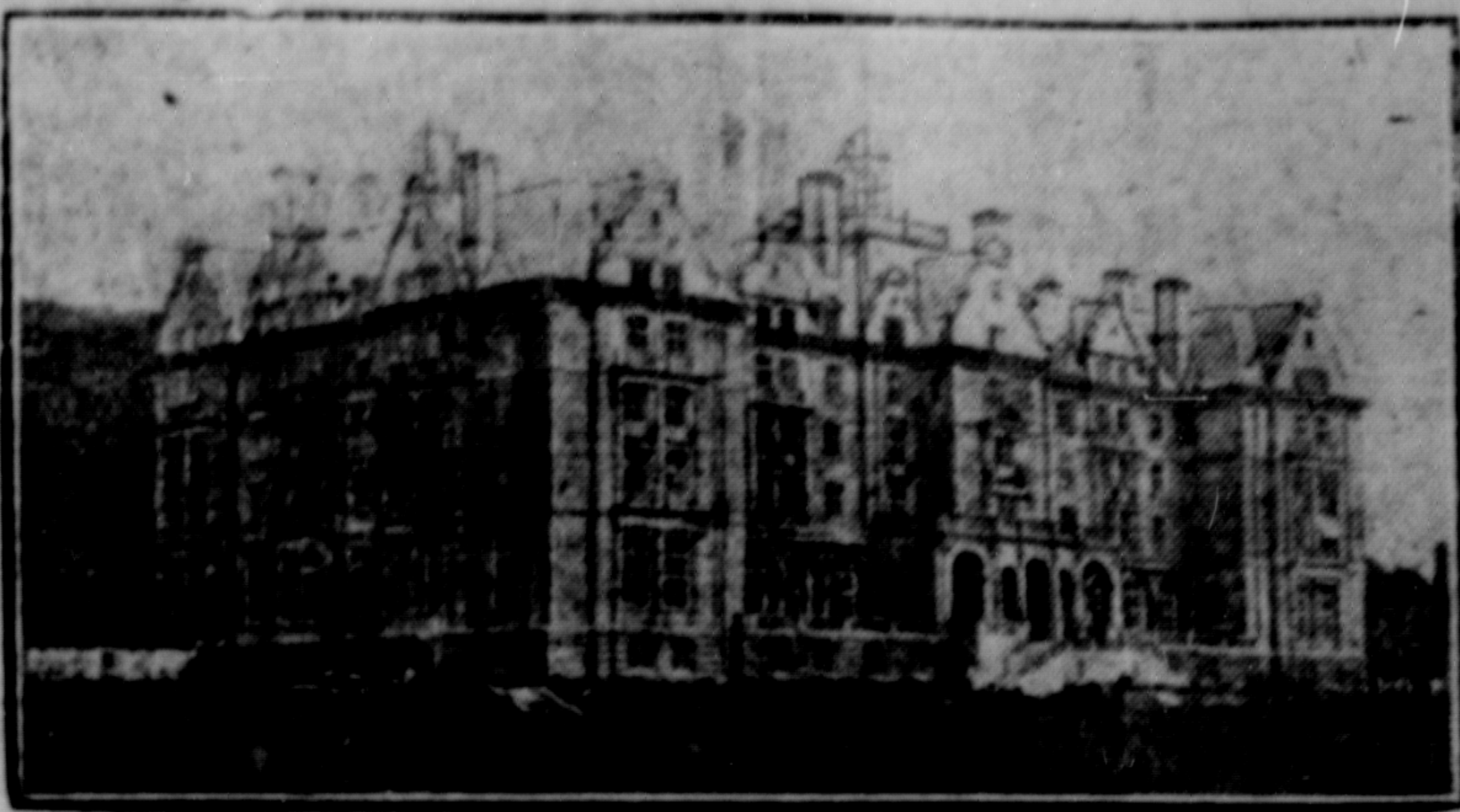
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BERNSTORFF GONE HIS WORK REMAINS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, March 2.—Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss minister, took over the charge of the German Embassy when Bernstorff left. The accumulating annoying activities of this minister seems to be going to place him in the same category with the late German ambassador, Dr. Paul Ritter, as Germany's indirect representative, has not only inherited Bernstorff's diplomatic work, but has taken up certain German propaganda work, which may force a show-down between himself and the State Department.

PRETTY WEDDING AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

A very large number of friends were assembled last night at eight o'clock at the Baptist Church to see Mr. Billy Reith and Miss Rita MacDonald united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The bride, who looked lovely in a costume of woollen tulle trimmed with cream satin was given away by her father, Mr. J. S. MacDonald, and was attended by her sister, Miss Nellie MacDonald, who wore pink marquisette, trimmed with black velvet and a black velvet hat. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Sidney Reith. After the Rev. W. W. Wright had tied the knot the guests, who were the immediate relatives, drove to the home of the bride's parents, where the evening was spent joyously.

NEW YORK ANGRY

(Special to The Daily News.)

New York, March 2.—There is a fresh outburst here today against the dilatory tactics of the government in handling the German situation. The press censures Congress severely for blocking the free action of the president, and tying his hands in the war affairs. It is realized here now that perfidious Germany will not stop at anything and that on four separate occasions Germany has given occasion for a declaration of war. The disclosures made by the government show that Germany intended to use the Japan-Mexico-Cuba troubles as a club over the United States to keep her neutral and to prevent against the ruthless submarine edict. That Germany should be in a position to do so unsuspected has hurt the pride of all Americans.

GENERAL NEWS

(Special to The Daily News.)

The Admiralty seeks naval officers from Canada. The Bantams have arrived safely in England. Fourteen hundred returned and invalided soldiers have arrived in Halifax from England yesterday. Mr. W. J. Bowser leads the opposition in the provincial parliament in Victoria.

FINANCIAL AID COULD BE GIVEN

London, Feb. 28.—There is a growing tendency to believe that the American-German situation may continue indefinitely, although full consideration is given to the chances of an "overt act," or other eventuality creating a state of war. Discussion centred on the question whether if an actual state of war continues to be avoided, the existing situation will not necessarily develop into an attitude of benevolent neutrality on the part of America toward the Entente Powers. It is fully recognized that such a possible development would have to be entirely a matter of American initiative.

How valuable benevolent neutrality would be can be indicated by a single instance of one of its possible workings. Dispatches from New York yesterday stated that J. P. Morgan & Company had just received from Canada \$28,500,000 in gold. Under a system of benevolent neutrality financial arrangements obviating the necessity of such a drain upon the Allied gold resources would be easily reached.

In the opinion of some authorities here the United States could help to bring the war to a more speedy end without herself incurring the responsibility and risks of war. Germany's attitude toward an American policy of benevolent neutrality toward the Allies would present no feature of essential difference from her actual attitude inasmuch as a declaration of war would have to emanate from Germany.

TARNOWSKI STILL ON THE OUTSIDE

Washington, Feb. 28.—Count Adam von Tarnowski, Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to the United States, was virtually turned down by the Washington administration late yesterday. Baron Zwiadenik, Charge of the Austrian Embassy since Dr. Dumba was handed his passports, called at the State Department and inquired when it would please Secretary Lansing to have the Count present his credentials and thus bring about his recognition as Austrian envoy. The Baron was told that no time would be set for the presentation of the credentials until the submarine issue between Austria-Hungary and the United States was settled.

This more forcibly indicated President Wilson's firm stand against not only Germany, but her chief ally, than any other incident of the past week, which has been practically barren of diplomatic developments in view of the critical international conditions. It was interpreted by some as a warning to Germany not to attempt to influence Austria further in her dealings with the United States and to emphasize President Wilson's determination not to temporize.

When you think of shoes think of Wallace's.

POLAND UNDER PRUSSIAN HEEL

Amsterdam.—Only with great difficulty, and on definite and approved business grounds, will the Germans allow travellers from Poland to come westward. The following interview, therefore, which was obtained at Rotterdam on Sunday with a certain Pole, who had arrived from Warsaw, cannot fail to be of interest as giving a general idea, from which detail is necessarily omitted, of conditions in that city and other parts of Poland under the German heel.

I would sooner die than return. By every possible means Germany is Prussianizing Poland, refraining from no methods to attain this end. Vast areas of our forests have been cut down and the wood exported to Germany. Thus, in the opinion of many, they have permanently and irreparably injured our sources of wealth.

With all speed Germany is sending a number of police agents into Poland to dragoon, depress, and mishandle the population. In all our schools now it is compulsory to learn German, all teachers even suspected of opposing or disliking this order are being arrested and imprisoned. Practically all public life and the activities of our economic and intellectual societies are forbidden.

There is also a very strong propaganda in full swing against the Jews, and measures of an outrageously unlawful kind have been put in force against them. When a Jew presents himself for a passport to travel over to his own town he is formally asked his religion. When he replies that he is a Jew the military become abusive and remark, 'Aha, a Jew, also a smuggler and a traitor. We grant no passes to such people.' No Jew is allowed to build a house, and this in spite of the fact that there are 350,000 Jews among Warsaw's round million inhabitants. Nor are Jews allowed any hand in the administration of the country.

Vicious Maltreatment.

Within two hours after the German troops entered Warsaw the German secret police, provided with lists, made searches of more than 200 houses, arresting a large number of quite innocent people. All the prisoners of Warsaw and the adjacent Praga are filled with Polish citizens who have spoken only a word or two indiscreetly, while great numbers have been shot. Spies are everywhere.

The city of Warsaw shows scarcely any life. Many zones have been made into prohibited areas, where the general public are not allowed. Moreover, Jews wearing their long caftans may not even enter Warsaw's public park, known as the Jardin de Saxe.

Food is extremely expensive, as elsewhere, and if there is any food surplus in one district it may not be transported to another district under pain of imprisonment. Bread is supplied under an official rationing scheme.

In spite of their great misery, the Polish population endure patiently, never abandoning the hope of deliverance by the Allies' victory. Business is in a serious condition throughout the country. Many big houses, including some important banks, have become bankrupt. Among the banks which have failed is that of Wilhelm Landlaw, also the house of Peretz, also the firm of Goldfeder. These failures, of course, have caused the deepest distress.

The Polish population under Austrian domination have much less reason to complain. The Austrians, I assure you, are not Germans, and it is not without good



CAPTURED BRITISH CAPTAIN

Captain Elbery of the Steamer Lynfield, whose vessel was destroyed by bombs placed there by the crew of a German submarine.

PRINCE GEORGE VOTERS ASK FOR INVESTIGATION

The enlargement of the scope of the Vancouver Election Royal Commission so that it can take cognizance of the charges made in respect to the election in Fort George was urged upon the premier on Saturday last by J. R. Campbell, Prince George, president of the Liberal Association for the riding, who is in Victoria at present.

It is claimed that there were several irregularities in this election, where the candidates were W. R. Ross, K. C., then a minister in the Bowser cabinet, who had deserted his old riding of Fernie, which he had represented since 1903, and John McInnes, formerly Socialist member for Grand Forks. Mr. Ross' majority over Mr. McInnes is only seven.

Mr. McInnes and his friends believe that they can prove several breaches of the Elections Act committed on behalf of Mr. Ross by his supporters in the constituency, and a great many electors of Fort George consider that no matter what steps Mr. McInnes might or might not take in regard to the election, public policy demands that the allegations of irregularities should be investigated.

GERMANY TO PAY

(Special to The Daily News.)

Amsterdam, March 2.—Germany has intimated that she is willing to compensate the owners of the seven Dutch steamers torpedoed in the English Channel last week. As these vessels carried mostly food stuffs it is pointed out that in time of practical famine nothing can ever compensate the Dutch people for the loss of food. Feeling in Holland is very acute over this matter as the sunken vessels carried a safe conduct from Berlin for their voyage from Falmouth to Amsterdam.

reason that the Poles always said: 'The Austrian is our brother.' All that is forbidden in the parts occupied by Germans is allowed in that occupied by Austrians.

RETREATING GERMANS BLOW UP POSITIONS

Carefully Prepared Defences of Bapaume Are Now Untenable —German Retreat Not Stopped Yet.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 2.—The German retreat still continues. The retreat is slowed down to what it was on the first day, but it is steady, and is extending to the north of Arras. Indications of any recoil movement are unnoticeable. Explosion follows explosion unceasingly in the town of Bapaume. Many months of hard work have been expended on this ridge on which the town stands and it was expected that hard fighting would take place before it would fall into the hands of the British. From the number of explosions, it is the accepted belief that the Germans are deliberately blowing up all their wonderfully constructed defences preparatory to their evacuating the town. Gommecourt has now fallen to the British troops and they are within a mile of Bapaume. The retreating Germans are being continually harassed by the advancing British, whose patrols are in constant touch with the German rear guard.

There is no news from the other parts of the front. Quietness prevails.

Mesopotamia.

Cavalry and gunboats are continuing the pursuit of the beaten Turkish troops from Kut-el-Amara. Further large quantities of ammunition and material have fallen into the hands of the British troops. The Turkish forces are almost surrounded and it is thought that the very large numbers will be compelled to surrender.

Eastern Front.

Petrograd, March 2.—The enemy assaulted the Russian positions on the Jacobeni-Kimpolung high road in force and succeeded in establishing themselves on part of our line. A counter attack drove the major part of the enemy back to their own positions.

TERRACE NEWS

A new lumber mill is to be opened up in the spring near Copper River by Frank Phiscarto and Geo. Little.

Frank Phiscarto has 400 acres of good timber land near Copper River. There will be a small townsite near the new mill with a store for the convenience of the workers. Frank is now in the south purchasing machinery for the mill.

George Little is doing a lot of logging here, picking up a nice lot of clear spruce logs for use in making aeroplanes. There is a big demand for this kind of lumber. Buyers from the east and the States have been here to see what they could get.

A Red Cross entertainment will be held here on Saturday. The ladies have been working hard on a play that has earned a name for itself in the east. They are enthusiastic. A good night is ensured.

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