

A PHOTOGRAPH WHICH IS NOW OF HISTORIC INTEREST



Theodore Roosevelt and the Emperor of Germany photographed together at the German army manoeuvres some years before the great war was launched by Kaiser Wilhelm.

NEW WAR THE AIM OF GERMAN PEACE

Plans Made in 1915 to Prepare For Greater Conflict

Knew Then She Had Lost - Sought Armistice, Knowing That Fighting Would End, Hoping to Win at Give and Take

As a warning against the next German offer of peace, designed to cover German preparations for another war under more favorable conditions, Henry Morgenthau, ex-ambassador to Turkey, has made public secret negotiations by Germany in 1915, when Germany sought to put an end to the present war in order to make such arrangements for another war as would insure victory and domination of the world for the Central Powers.

The German agents, who approached Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople in 1915, made no secret that Germany's object was to put a stop to an indecisive struggle in order to allow her to get ready for a decisive one, and she was willing then to put forward terms, which she hoped might prove attractive, because she schemed to gain back everything then conceded and a great deal more, when she reopened the back under better conditions.

Germany's hypocritical peace enterprises at that time are recalled as a warning against forthcoming proposals from Germany, designed to encourage pacifist sentiment among the Allies and produce an armistice, leaving the same military masters of Germany in the saddle to build thousands of submarines and attack later, when her undersea strength is considered sufficient to sweep the seas, isolate France, and make the Hohenzollerns the rulers of the world.

One German principle, Mr. Morgenthau pointed out, is that an armistice is sure to result in peace, and that to induce the Allies to agree to an armistice is the accomplishment of a great step toward insuring German rule of the world at a later date.

Mr. Morgenthau's experiences with German intrigue, which looked upon an armistice and upon a peace as mere pawns in the German game for world domination, is set forth in the World's Work for August, just published, in which he said:

"In the latter part of 1914 Wangenheim began discussing the subject, where, in the name of Germany's system, he told me, not only to be completely prepared for war but also for peace. 'A wise general who enters a battle always has his hand his plans for a retreat, in case he is defeated,' said the German ambassador. 'This principle applies just the same to a nation beginning war. There is only one certainty about war, and that is that it must end sometime. So, when we plan our campaign for war, we must consider also a campaign for peace.'

"But Germany's ideas then comprised something more tangible than this philosophic principle. She had immediate reasons for desiring the end of hostilities, and Wangenheim discussed them frankly and cynically. He said that Germany had prepared for only a short war because she had expected to crush France and Russia in two brief campaigns lasting in all perhaps six months. Clearly this plan had failed and there was little likelihood that Germany would win the war; Wangenheim told me this in so many words. Germany, he added, would make a great mistake if she persisted in fighting the war to exhaustion, for such a fight would mean the permanent loss of her colonies, her merchant marine, and her whole economic and commercial status. 'If we don't get Paris in thirty days we are beaten,' Wangenheim had told me in August, and though his attitude changed somewhat after the battle of the Marne, he made no attempt to conceal the fact that the great rush campaign had collapsed, that all that the Germans could now look forward to was a tedious, exhausting war, and the most they could obtain from the existing situation would be a drawn battle. 'We have made a mistake this time,' Wangenheim said, 'in not laying in supplies for a protracted struggle; it was an error, however, that we shall not repeat next time we shall store up enough copper and cotton to last for five years.'

"At this time a German diplomat appeared in Constantinople who has figured in German recent history—Dr. Richard von Kuhlmann, since minister for foreign affairs. In the last five years Dr. von Kuhlmann has seemed to appear in that particular part of the world where important confidential diplomatic negotiations are being conducted by the German Empire. About the middle of December of Kuhlmann left for Berlin, where he stayed about two

"Arkansas Traveler"

A Dialogue-Melody That Had Western Vogue Years Ago

D. C. Allen, Liberty, Mo., has asked the 'Trouble Editor for the author, date of its being written, and circumstances of the conception of the dialogue-melody, 'The Arkansas Traveler.' The eighth volume of the publication of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society for the amusement of the subject from a Thomas Wilson. There are several versions of the famed 'fiddle' tune extant, and perhaps some reader of this column may further enlighten the inquirer or the editor as to the birth of the melody. The following is a list of Mr. Wilson's writing:

"The Arkansas Traveler" originated contrary to public opinion, not as a tune but as a simple drama. This simple drama was first given in Salem, Ohio, for the amusement of the guests at the Golden Fleece Tavern. The Golden Fleece was noted for its music, the chief depository of which was considered to be the 'Arkansas Traveler.' 'That was no real argument' in the drama at first presented. It was given as a dialogue between an Arkansas squatter (a fiddler) and the 'Arkansas Traveler.' The play opened with the squatter trying to remember a tune he had heard at a theatre in New Orleans, but he had failed to play it, but has only succeeded in playing the first line.

"He is about to give up in despair, when the 'Arkansas Traveler' appears upon the scene. While the fiddler is talking to the traveler he keeps trying to play the evasive, haunting tune. Finally, the traveler tells him that he can play it, and, much to the delight of the fiddler, he sits down and plays the piece over and over. The scene closes with the squatter picking out the tune on his fiddle.

"The dialogue between the two characters, as Thomas remembers it, goes as follows: Traveler—Stranger, do you live around here? Squatter—I reckon I don't live any where else. (Plays first part of tune only.) Traveler—Well how long have you lived here? Squatter—See that big tree over there? Well, that was here when I came. Traveler—Well, you needn't be so cross about it. I wasn't asking no improper questions at all. Squatter—Reckon there's nobody here cross, except yourself. (Plays first part.) Traveler—Well, how did your potatoes turn out this year? Squatter—They didn't turn out at all; we dug 'em out. (Plays first part.) Traveler—Can I stay here all night? Squatter—Yes, you kin stay right where you air, out on the road. (Plays first part.) Traveler—How far is it to the next town? Squatter—I reckon it's upward of some distance. (Plays first part.) Traveler—How long will it take me to get there? Squatter—You'll not get there at all if you stay foolin' with me. Traveler—Got any spirits in your house? Squatter—Do you think my house is haunted? Plenty of 'em down at the graveyard. (Plays first part.) Traveler—How far is it to the forks of the road? Squatter—Hit hain't forked since I've been here. (Plays.) Traveler—Where does the road go? Squatter—Hit hain't gone any where since I been here. Just stayed right here. (Plays.) Traveler—Why don't you put a new roof on your house? Squatter—Because it's raining. (Plays.) Traveler—Why don't you do it when it's not raining? Squatter—Gee, stranger, do you know the rest of that tune? I've been down in New Orleans and I heart it at a theatre, and I've been at work at it ever since I got back, trying to get the last part of it. If you can play the rest of the tune you can stay in my cabin the rest of your natural life. Git down off that hoss. If you don't, you've excited the tiger in my bosom and I'll have nothing short of your life's blood. Git down Git down.

Traveler—Yes, I can play it; there's no use of your getting mad. I'll play it as soon as I've had some supper. Squatter—Fly 'round, old woman, and set the table. The result of it is that the stranger gets off, takes the seat of the squatter and the fiddle, and starts to play the last part of the tune. The tune that was used in this play-let came to be known as 'The Arkansas Traveler.'—St. Louis Republic.

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WHY POSTMEN WENT ON STRIKE

Governmental Neglect of Administrative Duty Given as the Cause by Upper Canadian Newspaper

(Toronto Globe.)

Inconvenience and loss occasioned by the public in the temporary re-upt of the business of the post office department was the penalty paid for governmental neglect of administrative duty. With eight cabinet ministers overseas at one time matters which should have been attended to at home were allowed to drift. The post office department was without head and any real management. The bonus passed by parliament to the letter carriers was not paid. Their representations, made to the government from time to time, were apparently shelved and neglected. To arouse a lethargic administration the men finally took drastic action.

The strike, backed as it was by the sympathy and support of the overwhelming mass of public sentiment, was effective in awakening the ministers at Ottawa. The government made concessions, and has appointed a sub-committee of the cabinet to confer with the postmen. Throughout eastern Canada generally the men accepted this action in good faith and returned to work. This course, the Globe believes, was the wise and proper one. It indicates recognition of the public interest, and will assure the men of a continuance of public support. The government has promised action. The men who returned to work accepted this promise, and the public will be behind them in seeing that it is kept.

Throughout the west, however, no such satisfactory situation has thus far resulted. The postmen in many centres are still on strike, and to make matters worse, the government is threatening to use the big stick. The postmaster-general, according to despatches from Ottawa, has threatened those postmen who fail immediately to return to work with dismissal. The Globe would urge upon both the western striking postmen and the government the unwisdom of the course which each is following. The government should realize that the responsibility for the whole trouble rests directly upon its own failure to do its duty. Having been in the wrong it should have been manly enough to confess its fault and remedy it as speedily as possible. Under the circumstances it

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will strike the public as most unseemly to attempt to deal with the situation by Cromwellian methods. But it is submitted just as strongly that the western letter carriers would be well advised to follow the course taken by their eastern colleagues. They will lose nothing by so doing, and will be the better entitled to hold the public support which has been accorded them.

The national interest must be paramount. The postal service must be carried on. The government has at last been brought to a sense of its responsibility in dealing with the department and its employes. It has pledged itself to attempt to deal with the situation by a whole matter with the representatives of the postmen. Surely the right thing for the western letter carriers to do is to join with those in the east and seek a sound solution of the situation in negotiation and conference.

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