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Washington Deeply Stirred By News Of German Plot To Unite Mexico And Japan Against States

Full Confirmation of Double Dealing of Germans Given At White House and State Department

Instructions From Foreign Minister in Berlin Sent through Bernstorff to Mexico City—Lansing Believes Japan Knew Nothing of Plot and That Mexico Would Not Consent—News Tends to Hasten Congress Action on Wilson's Request

Washington, March 1.—Revelation of how Germany, expecting war with the United States as the result of her submarine campaign of ruthlessness, plotted to unite Mexico and Japan with her, for an attack on the United States has stirred the capital to its depths.

Members of congress, many of whom have been hesitating before President Wilson's request for full authority to deal with Germany in the present situation, went to the Capitol today reading documentary evidence of the intrigue which proposed to separate Japan from her allies and add the United States to the list of nations which Germany hopes to see conquered in her dream of world domination.

How Germany, confident that unrestricted submarine warfare is the instrument by which she will bring England to her knees, proposed a triple blow to reveal in a set of instructions from the German foreign minister, Zimmermann, to the German minister, Von Eckhardt, in Mexico City, which was transmitted through Count Von Bernstorff, late German ambassador here.

At one sweep Germany proposed to weaken the Entente alliance by the defection of Japan, strike a crushing blow at England's naval power by cutting off the supply of Mexican fuel oil and thereby engage the attention of the United States by an invasion in which Japan was to be invited to join, and for which Mexico should be overawed by reconquering her "lost provinces"—Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

The evidence at hand are that if the senate where an agreement exists not to pass a similar measure before tomorrow, opposition dwindled rapidly as a reception in Tokio which was quite contrary to what Berlin had expected.

It is thought here that Germany's current in an additional report of the pending of the Laconia and the detour from the Pacific, as part of the making of peace was carefully planned long ago to attract Japan to Germany's schemes with the prospect not only of occupying the German possessions in the Pacific, adding to her domination of that great ocean, but of settling the long standing friction with the United States.

NEW REALIZATIONS THE DECEPTION This astounding document, dated Berlin, January 19, 1917, the contents of which have for some time been in possession of the United States government, shows plainly that Germany, while making repeated protestations to the United States that she had no intention of reconquering her sea plan of ruthlessness, was making the final arrangements for its execution two weeks before it was announced and had even gone so far in consideration of the consequences that she proposed to meet them by the attack with Mexico and Japan upon the United States.

The American officials the startling disclosure throws new light on Germany's real attitude toward the United States. It shows that while the administration at Washington has been going to utmost lengths to avoid an armed clash with Germany, even to the extent of repeatedly enduring flagrant violations of American rights on the sea and breaches of neutrality on the American soil, Germany has been numbering the United States among her enemies and making provision to meet such a situation.

Secretary of State Lansing authorized this statement: "We do not believe that Japan has had any knowledge of this or that she would consider any proposition made by an enemy."

As to Mexico, the secretary said: "We have confidence that Mexico would not be a party to any such agreement in view of the friendly relations existing between this government and the de facto government of Mexico."

Fortunes For Residents Of Fredericton

Christopher Murray Divided Estate of \$40,000

J. D. JAGO GOES TO ENGLAND Inherits Life Interest in Large Property—Never's Kitchen Dead—J. B. Daggett's Valued Property Delivered to Fruit Growers

Fredericton, N. B., March 1.—Fredericton and York county relatives will receive the major portion of an estate left by the late Christopher Murray, a former Kingsclear man, who died recently on the Isle of Wight.

The estate is valued at \$40,000, and is divided into six equal parts. Two shares go to Mrs. George Straton of Kingsclear, a sister, one to W. Thomas Murray of this city, a brother, and two shares are divided among the families of the late John C. Murray of Kingsclear and Joseph C. Murray of Fredericton.

By the death of an aunt in England, J. D. Jago of this city inherits a life interest in a valuable estate. He is arranging to leave soon for the old country with his two daughters and will reside there. Other members of the family will follow later.

Never's Kitchen, a prominent farmer of Prince William, died this morning of a brief illness.

Mr. Daggett's Valued Property J. B. Daggett, secretary for agriculture, delivered what might be called his valdictory at a banquet of fruit growers here last night.

THE POTATO MARKET (Fredericton Mail) The potato market is in a very unsettled condition here, prices being high and being watched anxiously by buyers, farmers and consumers.

Funerals The funeral of General D. B. Warner took place this afternoon from his late residence, Peel street. Services were conducted by Rev. Ralph Sherman and the body will be taken to London, Ohio for interment.

Weather Report Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. P. Stewart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—Pressure is abnormally high over the continent and highest in Missouri. The weather in Canada is everywhere fair and generally cold.

On Feb. 24, Mrs. Irving, of Douglas, who had been for some time residing at Loggieville, passed away. Her husband, Mr. W. G. Irving, of Loggieville, passed away. One daughter, Mrs. W. G. Irving, of Loggieville, and one son, Col. Howard Irving, reside in Loggieville.



SEVEN HUNDRED RETURNED SOLDIERS RETURN HALIFAX

Halifax, March 1.—About 700 convalescent soldiers arrived here today from overseas in two ships. They will not land until this afternoon.

INQUIRY ORDERED BY THE BRITISH COMMONS London, March 1.—An inquiry ordered by the House of Commons into alleged irregularities in the recruiting of soldiers for the "white powder" was opened today.

ROCHESTER SAFELY ACROSS ATLANTIC Bordeaux, March 1.—The American freighter Rochester has arrived at the mouth of the Gironde.

WALL STREET NOTES New York, March 1.—Bank of England reports that the Dutch steamer Bandoeng, Eemland and Zaanlijk were still afloat.

FEAR EMBARGO EFFECT CHARLOTTETOWN, Feb. 28.—Lobster exporters and packers of the island at a meeting here last night discussed the British embargo on canned lobsters.

SALE OF LIQUOR IS BARRED IN DENMARK London, March 1.—The sale of all spirits and other alcoholic liquors has been prohibited in Denmark, according to a Reuter dispatch from Copenhagen.

Winnipeg, Man., March 1.—The Duke of Devonshire today will visit the children's hospital and the agricultural college, and at government house will receive an address from the army and navy veterans.

BAPAUME SOON IN THE HANDS OF THE ALLIES

Believed German Retirement Is Going On Back of Important Town—Pursuit of Turks On The Tigris Continues

Paris, March 1.—The Germans have already fallen back behind Bapaume and the fall of that town is imminent, according to information from the front which has reached military circles here.

During their retirement, the Germans have systematically destroyed their depots and munition dumps. An Austrian patrol in one place found a chain stretched across a ravine and discovered in time that it was connected with a mine at either end.

The German artillery fire is said to have been notably feeble during the recent retreat, but heavy guns are reported still in position at Bapaume, mounted on rails.

Berlin, March 1, via Bayreuth.—German newspapers today announced a voluntary and systematic withdrawal of parts of the German advanced positions on both banks of the Aene, on the Franco-Belgian front.

London, March 1.—The British continued the pursuit of the Turks on the Tigris front throughout Tuesday, it is announced officially.

Prisoners were taken in the course of the day's operations, together with at least 100 machine guns, eight mine throwers, thirty pontoons, much bridging material, a large river vessel and a quantity of equipment, arms and ammunition.

Paris, March 1.—The war office announced today: "Patrol encounters occurred during the night in the Argonne and in the region east of Metzeler. We took prisoners. There was intermittent sniping at certain points of the front, especially between the Oise and the Aisne and in the Champagne near Bouscaval."

Broadstairs Attacked London, March 1.—A hostile airplane dropped bombs today on Broadstairs. One woman was slightly injured.

London, March 1.—A hostile airplane dropped bombs today on the island of Thanet, off the Kentish coast. It is reported that the island was shelled by German destroyers on Monday.

Air Fighting on Italian Front. The usual artillery actions occurred yesterday in the west, the customary actions of our small reconnoitering parties, says today's war office announcement.

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London, Feb. 28.—At a meeting of Moncton school trustees last night a letter was received from Geoffrey Stead, chief engineer of the public works department, Fredericton, asking for information regarding school buildings in Moncton that would be available for use by the militia department as military hospitals or convalescent homes.

COMPEL "HOME ARMY" IN GERMANY TO WORK Volunteers Many, But Not Enough to Fill the Places

Copenhagen, Mar. 1, via London.—According to the German papers, the compulsory mobilization of Germany's "home army" is imminent. The appeal for volunteers, though answered by large numbers, has not produced enough workers to satisfy the actual requirements.

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