

# SAYS IF U. S. HADN'T BEEN DRAWN IN, HONORABLE PEACE COULD HAVE BEEN ARRANGED

Evidence of Von Bernstorff Shows That Kaiser  
Cared Little For Wilson's Peace Offer—Refer-  
ence Made to Submarine Campaign Which  
Bernstorff Opposed—Bethmann-Holwegg Will  
be Brought Face to Face With Latter.

Berlin, Oct. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Wilson's peace offer was a matter of little concern to the German emperor, according to the evidence presented before the sub-committee investigating the war. Furthermore, the intervention of the United States apparently was not seriously considered by the emperor.

The incident caused a sensation and occurred during the examination of Count von Bernstorff, the former German ambassador at Washington. The Socialist deputy, Dr. Sinzheimer, turned toward von Bernstorff and said:

"The Kaiser's telegram, to which you refer, dated January 16, 1917, and addressed to Herr Zimmermann, foreign secretary, says literally:

"His majesty instructs me to thank you for your communication. His majesty does not care a bit about President Wilson's offer. If a breach with America cannot be prevented, it cannot be helped. Events are developing."

There was much excitement at the hearing when the message was read. Dr. Karl Heffrich, the former ex-chancellor, whispered "nonsense."

Dr. Sinzheimer maintained that the peace conditions sent to President Wilson on January 28, 1917, which were said to be the same as those Germany offered on December 18, 1916, were really nothing like them.

Everybody present appeared astounded at this statement and Count von Bernstorff exclaimed excitedly: "Then I am told this story for the first time."

Under cross-examination von Bernstorff quoted the German emperor and General Ludendorff on his (Bernstorff's) return from Washington. The emperor said von Bernstorff had failed on two points, first in allowing the British to confiscate his trunk with a Swedish diplomat's papers, thought to contain his Mexican telegrams and, second, by permitting the United States to send James W. Gerard to Germany as ambassador.

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General Ludendorff accused him of attempting to make peace by agitating against the submarine warfare, and declaring that the U-boat war would bring peace in three months. He then told the former ambassador that President Wilson's peace proposals could not pass the Reichstag, it would be championed only by the Socialists, adding that a "rotten peace" was impossible.

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Repeating to another question, the former ambassador said: "Without America's help, the Entente could not have vanquished Germany. If we had succeeded in preventing war with America, a peace of understanding would at least have been possible."

Von Bernstorff also expressed the opinion that President Wilson would have raised no difficulties had the proposed world conference to settle the peace solved the Polish question in a manner different to President Wilson's ideas.

## SURVEY OF THE FEEBLE-MINDED

Plans For Effort to Determine Number of Mental Defectives in Province—Government Will be Asked to Undertake Case.

If the plans of the committee which met yesterday afternoon in the offices of J. King Kelley, the county secretary, meet with success, a survey of the province will be made within the next few months to determine, with some approach to accuracy, the extent of the feeble-minded problem. After the information is in hand the next step will be to reduce it to the form of a memorial for presentation to the local government, the members of which will be asked to take steps to provide an institution for the care of that unfortunate class of the population.

All the members of the committee which has been appointed by the Children's Aid Society were present, with Dr. Mabel Hanington, medical inspector of the city schools, who has kindly consented to co-operate. Permanent organization was completed when J. King Kelley was made chairman and Rev. Geo. Scott, secretary. There was much interesting discussion. A communication from Hon. Dr. Roberts was read and the secretary was instructed to write to the authorities of Manitoba, British Columbia and Ontario for the purpose of finding out what steps had been taken as a result of the surveys made there by the Canadian Mental Hygiene Association.

A small sub-committee was appointed for the purpose of approaching the clergymen of the city and asking for information of cases of feeble-mindedness coming under their observation. Other bodies also will be approached, in order to enlist the interest of their members in an effort to obtain lists of mentally defective in urban and rural communities. During the discussion Dr. Hanington offered many valuable suggestions. Reference was also made to what had been done in the State of Maine and the secretary was instructed to write to Augusta for particulars.

The meeting adjourned to await the call of the chair.

The members of the committee are J. King Kelley, K.C., chairman, Rev. H. A. Goodwin, Rev. George Scott, Dr. Mabel Hanington, Miss Grace O. Robertson, Mrs. David McLellan, Mrs. William B. Tennant, Mrs. A. Mulcahey and M. E. Agar.

## MANY GENEROUS OFFERS OF HELP

Gifts of Money and Equipment and Substantial Promise For Maintenance of a Provincial Memorial Home For Children.

The citizens' committee of the Provincial Memorial Home for Children held a meeting in the I. O. O. F. rooms, Germain street, last evening. Chief Justice McKeown presided. The treasurer, Rev. W. R. Robinson, reported from the Loyal True Blues, No. 98, \$50, and an offer from the same lodge to furnish a room with cots for infants; the Relief Society of Ludlow street Baptist church will furnish a room of ten beds; Mrs. Helen E. Miller, \$100; Jas. F. Robertson, \$300 and \$100 a year for maintenance.

The following committee was appointed to complete the plan of organization: W. B. Tennant, Chief Justice McKeown, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, H. Usher Miller and Dr. Jas. Manning.

The following were appointed a committee to strike all committees for the immediate management of the home: Mrs. H. A. McKeown, Mrs. Francis Kerr, Mrs. W. R. Robinson, Mrs. W. I. Fenton, Mrs. G. O. Akerley, Mrs. Jos. Taylor, Mrs. John Silliphant, Mrs. H. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Geo. Tufts, Mrs. John Shields, Mrs. H. B. Peck.

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UGH!

AN INDIAN!! FOR THE LOVE OF MIKE, AND MY GUN'S IN THE TENT.

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UGH! HEAR!

YES, YOU BIG STUFF, GET BUSY OR I'LL BUST YOU ONE IN THE EYE!