



was to urge Japan to abandon her allies and join with Germany in a blow at the United States from Mexican territory. For her part Mexico was to receive financial support from Germany, reconquer her lost provinces of Taxas, New Mexico and Arizona, and share in the "victorious" peace terms which Germany would impose upon her enemies.

The exposure of this plot by President Wilson fell like a bombshell upon Congress, the American nation and the world at large; it created a sensation in Great Britain. It was one more example of the desperate lengths to which Germany's treachery would carry her and at once altered the attitude of congress towards President Wilson's request for power to arm merchantmen and take what other steps might be necessary to protect the rights of the United States against German encroachments.

A small group of men in the Senate, owever, have succeeded in blocking

THE LATEST GERMAN PLOT
Washington, March 5.—The United
States government has in its possession
a copy of efficial instructions to the
German Minister in Mexico City which
proves beyond all doubt that a plot was
on foot to ally Mexico and Japan in an
attack upon the United States in case
the latter declared war upon Germany.
The instructions came from Foreign
Minister Zimmerman, at Berlin, thru
Count von Bernstoff, former German
ambassador at Washington. Mexico

the whole vital bill, in spite of the overwhelming majority in its favor, by debating it until the life of the present Congress expired. It has not been voted on at all, therefore, and it is necessary for the Senate rules of debate to be changed before the majority can rule. "The most reprehensible act at the gravest crisis since the civil war" is the way this filibuster is characterized. The group of twelve senators responsible for these blocking tactics was led by La Follette.

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CO-OPERATORS BUY FARM

A few months ago representatives of the English and Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Societies inspected the wheat, fields of Western Canada with a view to producing some of their own wheat. As a result they purchased the Wietzen farm, 65 miles south west of Saskatoon, comprising about 10,240 acres, of which 8,320 acres are under cultivation. It is stated that the price of \$310,000 was paid in cash. The Co-operative News, of Manchester, in which this report appears, points out that the average crop on this land was about 35 bushels to the acre. It is the intention of the Co-operative Wholesale Societies to produce at least a part of their wheat on their own farms. They mill in their own mills about sixteen million bushels annually, so that the crop from this farm will be but a small portion.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUN	D
Previously acknowledged Mrs. Robt. Bell, Arigons, Man. Decade and Naymard Frank, Lashb	\$9,820 82 5.00 urs.
Nank. Miss Eva B. Patterson, Newdale, Mar A. P.	2.50
A. P. William Wilcox, Atwater, Sask Grace and Margaret Hall, Allan, Sasi	10.00
Total	\$9,550.82
RED CROSS FUND. Previously acknowledged Willing Workers of Riverwood, Man. Provends of Social and Dance field Sidney Brow School, Spedding Sagle.	\$2,508.51 20.00 16 100.
Total	\$2,550.66