

HUGE GERMAN PLOT AGAINST ALLIES IN U.S.

Tried to Foment Munitions Strikes, Buy up Poison Gas Supply and Engineer an Embargo Conference Under American Guise

The New York World of Monday contains fac-similes of the documents in its possession disclosing the existence of a huge German organization in the United States to foment strikes in factories manufacturing war munitions for the Allies, through the connivance of disloyal labor leaders and agitators. The revelations have already been outlined in the news despatches.

It also presents correspondence to show that the German government, through the military attache of its embassy at Washington, was engaged in an effort to restrain the trade of American producers of liquid chlorine. The efforts of the German military attache indicate the determination of Germany to exercise a monopoly in killing its enemies by asphyxiation through the use of this most recent weapon of destruction.

Another feature of the correspondence published this morning illustrates the highly efficient method resorted to by Germany in encouraging sentiment adverse to the continued shipment of munitions of war to its enemies.

A letter dealing with this important feature of the German propaganda in the United States sets forth pretty clearly the methods used and gives the names of prominent men in Chicago who are prepared to be friendly to the German interests.

Another feature of Herr Reisswitz's letter to Dr. Albert, financial director, is that it discloses a plan under consideration for the acquisition of the Wright aeroplane factories at Dayton, Ohio, for \$50,000.

The recent declaration of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, says the World, that foreign influences were behind

plots to destroy munitions plants in this country and to promote strikes is confirmed to an extent by correspondence in possession of the World.

Mr. Gompers, in a statement on July 22, said: "Authentic information has come to me that efforts have been made to corrupt men for the purpose of having strikes inaugurated among seamen and longshoremen engaged in handling American products consigned to certain European ports; that the corrupting influence is being conducted by agents of a certain foreign government, and I have no doubt that the same agents and the same influences are at work elsewhere with the same purpose in view."

"That efforts have been made to corrupt some of our men for such a purpose is true, but that strikes have been inaugurated is untrue, and it is untrue for the reason that the men who have given time and service to the workers of our country have interposed in time."

From time to time reports from various parts of the country have indicated agreements between labor officials and agitators on the one hand and influences of the foreign government referred to by Mr. Gompers on the other, to cause such strikes. It is the popular belief that the recent strikes at the works of the Standard Oil Company, at Bayonne, N. J., at the Remington Arms-Union Metallic Cartridge Company, in Connecticut, at the Bliss Torpedo Company, in Brooklyn, and in motor-car concerns in Cleveland and elsewhere were influenced by the work of the agents of foreign governments desirous of hindering their enemies to whom the products of those concerns have been sold.

That the Imperial German Embassy at Washington had some knowledge of the work of these agents is shown by the correspondence which has reached the World. Two letters provide a great deal of information on this point. The first is as follows:

£ 50,000 As Price For Strikes.

"Dear Mr. Marlow: Herewith I send you a copy of a letter which I received from Detroit several days ago.

"According to the information to which it refers, it has reference in the first place to one of the indorsers of the Committee of Ironworkers, My surety, who talked the opportunity over with the sender, is of the opinion that the last step in the situation will be to call into being a strike in the munitions factories of Detroit, Cleveland and Cincinnati, in so far as the necessary financial means can be secured. Accordig to our estimates, it could be done for about \$50,000.

"Our friend K. will come to New York on Thursday, or in the course of the next week, in order to talk over with you personally the opportunity. Until that time he will keep the sender here. With best regards, yours devoted, C. DENCKER."

Would Tie Up Auto Works.

The copy of the letter referred to in the foregoing is as follows:

"Dear Sir,—Should you be interested in a plan for precipitating a general strike to all the automobile workers, including the allied industries in this city, the writer would be glad to consult with you at your office or through your accredited representative here.

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LATEST WAR MESSAGES

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Newport News, Va., Aug. 27.—Customs officials here to-day refused to grant clearance papers to the British steamer Waimana from Marseilles to Buenos Aires, after it was discovered that the steamer carried a four-inch rifle mounted on her main deck aft.

Whether she will be allowed to clear will be decided to-morrow at a Conference between officials of the Treasury and State Departments.

Under an informal agreement between the American and British Governments, entered into soon after the European war began, no British vessels leaving ports in the United States are permitted to carry mounted guns.

Herr Stuecklen Pays a Tribute To German Leaders

Berlin, Aug. 27.—The Reichstag to-day indulged in a military debate for the first time during the war, only one member of the Chamber, Daniel Stuecklen, voiced any criticisms of the Government. These were of a minor character, carried no complaints and expressed no desire regarding the conduct of the war.

On the contrary, Herr Stuecklen paid a tribute to the strategic genius of the leaders and the bravery of the troops. "May the day soon come," Herr Stuecklen said, "in concluding, when this murderous war will cease."

Marine Losses During the Week Heavy Total

London, August 27.—During the week ending August 23rd, 19 British merchant vessels with a total tonnage of 76,000, and three fishing vessels were destroyed by submarines or mines. The week was one of the most successful the German underwater craft have had since the commencement of the war. Fourteen steamers with a total gross tonnage of 47,698 were sunk by German submarine during August 19 and 20, the largest was the Arabic. Ten of these vessels were British and four sailed under neutral flags.

Good Augury For the Future

Paris, Aug. 27.—Representatives of the Entente Powers and Greece, according to a despatch from Athens, have reached an agreement upon greater trade privileges between these countries, which has produced an impression that public opinion in Greece favors the Allies.

Partisans of the Entente Allies comment upon this first act of the Venizelos Ministry as a good augury for further negotiations.

Bank, this city, if interested. All negotiations must be strictly confidential. Very truly yours,—C. W. M'LANE.

The "K." referred to in the letter of Herr Dencker to "Dear Mr. Marlow" is believed by labor union officials to be a man who figured prominently in the recent strike of machinists at the Remington Arms Co. in Bridgeport under mysterious circumstances.

—To Stop Allies Getting Chlorine.—The promotion of strikes and fabrication of plots to destroy American concerns turning out munitions of war and other articles of war was but one feature of the German activities in this country designed to harass and hinder its enemies.

Capt. von Popen, the military attache of the German Embassy, played an important part in such ventures, it seems. The captain, in a memorandum obviously designed for the information of his government, tells of steps taken by him to prevent the exportation of liquid chlorine from this country to France and Britain.

Bulgaria Signs Treaty With Turkey

Washington, Aug. 27.—Unofficial advices to representatives of the Balkan nations here say Bulgaria has a signed agreement with Turkey, which includes the provision that she remain neutral and that the attempt to form a Balkan League has failed.

Military Chiefs To Hold Conference

Paris, Aug. 27.—Joffre, Kitchener, General French and several other army chiefs held an important military conference on Monday at Chantilly, close behind the lines in Northern France. Great significance is attached to the Council.

Blockade Of Asia Minor Coast

Paris, Aug. 27.—The Official Journal publishes a declaration of a blockade of the coast of Asia Minor and Syria, from the Island of Samos to the Egyptian frontier, to date from August 25th.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. C. O'N. Conroy, who had been attending a General Convention of the Knights of Columbus at San Francisco, returned by the Stephano yesterday. Mr. Conroy looks well after his trip.

His Grace Archbishop Roche, with Rev. J. McDermott, Admr. will visit Bell Island via Portugal Cove to-morrow. The people of the Island have made all arrangements to give His Grace a warm welcome.

Rev. H. Roll, of Wesley Church, will preach one of his sermons, for which he is famous, at the Sunday evening service. His subject will be "The Glory of Christianity" and an appeal to young men. The church has recently been cleaned and is in excellent condition.

Mrs. Capt. C. W. Bennett and her daughter Lillian, arrived here from North Sydney during the week. They speak in the highest terms of the improvements of the city since their last visit. They are staying with Miss F. Rose, Brazil Square.

The little boy who was sent down yesterday for various petty thefts, for one month is an incorrigible. His widowed mother cannot support him and a well-to-do friend took him two months ago, clothed and fed him and tried to send him to school. He ran away a week ago, slept in alleyways at night and it is believed stole to get away from all authority.

When the laborers who are discharging the salt steamer Elizabeth Meask went to work this morning, they found that the winches had been clamped, imposing as a result more labor than might be necessary in them. They all struck and quit work until President McGrath of the L. S. P. U. came on the scene, ordered the clamps off and then work was resumed.



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