BRITISH HONDURAS INVASION INCLUDED IN GERMAN PLOT

The German plot to carry the war into the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea provides for expeditions from Mexico against British Honduras and against Texas.

That was the statement made by high Latin-American authorities here yesterday. It was declared that information regarding the German scheme has been known to a few men here for more than a fortnight and that the full details had been transmitted to the State Department and to the British Admiralty.

Two of the most important American factors in Latin-American affairs here yesterday unveiled the German plot in Mexico and Central America and declared that it already was known to both the United States and Great Britain that Germany had a submarine base in Mexican waters. They declared that four submersibles were known to be at this base. Another underseas craft was on its way to Mexican waters from Germany two weeks ago. The movement of this submarine from German territorial waters was known to the Entente Powers. Efforts were made to trap it, but, so far as it is known in well informed circles here, the efforts failed.

Costa Rica to Act

To what extent Germany has gone to make trouble for the States in Costa Rica was told by Washington S. Valentine, who for many years has been prominently identified with Central American affairs. Mr. Valentine said that he had received semi-official information that the government of Costa Rica might be expected to sever diplomatic relations with Germany at any moment and that President Tinoco was going to see to it that the resources and harbors of that Republic remained open to the United States and to American war ships.

Mr. Valentine showed a Herald reporter a despatch from his nephew, Lincoln G. Valentine, in which was outlined the German plot against the United States and American business in Costa Rica. He asserted that the overthrow of the government of President Alfredo Gonzales grew out of efforts on the part of General Alfredo Tinoco and his party to crush this German intrigue.

From other Latin American sources equally important came the statement that the German plot in Central America provided for an expedition from Mexico against British Honduras. At the same time Germany proposes to foment trouble along the Texas-American frontier. One of these men, who is the head of a large American concern in Mexico, told me he was satisfied that Germany had a submarine base on the coast of Yucatan and there were at least four undersea boats there, with a large quantity of supplies.

Mr. Valentine made public the despatch he had received from his nephew in Panama City:—

"Since President Wilson has gone before Congress to ask it to declare that a state of war exists between the United States and the German government. I feel morally obliged to make public certain information which I have concerning German intrigue against the United States in Costa Rica.

The Rasputin of Costa Rica.

"President Alfredo Gonzales constantly was under German influence through a certain well known German, who is well known in Costa Rica and who generally is regarded as the official German agent there. This German was the official adviser to Gonzales. His opinions were accepted by the government as decisive in all matters pertaining to policy, politics and finance. This man was called the Rasputin of Costa Rica.

"The official newspaper of the government, El Imparcial, was controlled by Gonzales and this German, both of whom owned a large share of the company's stock. The newspaper was openly pro-German and anti-American. There appeared in it frequent attacks on American interests and against the United States government.

"The extent of this German influence in Costa Rica affairs became most noticeable when President Gonzales rejected the proposals of the Washington government for a friendly settlement of the Nicaraguan Canal dispute. Later, due to this same influence, Gonzales vigorously attacked the proposed American control of the Costa Rican oil fields. El Imparcial, commenting editorilly on this, declared that control of these fields means control of the Caribbean Sea and that there existed no reason why European interests should not be considered, regardless of the Monroe Doctrine or what it implies.

"This German also was responsible for the enactment of a lew by Gonzales which placed the control of wireless telegraph of Costa Rica in the hands of private individuals. Recently it has been clearly shown that there are numerous stations on German owned coffee plantations in Costa Rica.

"I questioned the editor of El Imparcial regarding these things and his strongly pro-German tendencies. Later I went to President Gonzales to protest against the attitude of his newspaper. He admitted to me that he had inspired every editorial and news article and that he meant every word that was published in this connection.

"All of this can be proved. There is no prominent American in Costa Rica and no Costa Rican of importance who will deny what I say.

"Gonzales and his intimate friend, Castro Quesada, now are intriguing in Washington. I hold a letter from Castro Quesada, dated two weeks ago, in which he makes a veiled threat that they expect to return to power and thus presumes to caution me against any exposures which I might make.

"There should be a complete investigation of these charges by the authorities in Washington. Any facilities which I may have are at their call."

Men who are factors in Latin-American business and finance said yesterday that they expected a break in diplomatic relations between every Central American country, except Colombia and El Salvador, with Germany soon.

"El Salvador and Colombia are being influenced entirely by their hatred of the United States and by Mexico," said one of these men yesterday. "German propaganda in Latin America has for months been carried on from Mexico City. It has lined up Mexico, El Salvador and Colombia on the side of Germany. Carranza, even if he wanted to do so, could not stop it. The Germans have a large munitions manufacturing plant in Mexico City, powerful wireless stations in Mexico City and in Vera Cruz, and other wireless stations in El Salvador and Colombia. The United States government knows all about it.

"A month ago the attention of the State Department was called to this German plot. They were fully advised as to the scheme to send armed German reservists from Mexico on an expedition against British Honduras. The colony there is a small one and could easily be reduced by a force of one thousand men. Germany has many times that number of reservists in Mexico. Whether the plot will be carried out depends upon the watchfulness of the United States in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea."

He asserted that Germany was in direct communication with Mexico by wireless, and that from the Mexico City station despatches were relayed to points in Central America and from there sent to the United States through the mails. "In this way Germany is able to keep thoroughly posted on events in the Americas," he said. "The Berlin government is able to direct its spies to carry on its propaganda unmolested."—N. Y. Herald.

DIED.

FAIRWEATHER—Suddenly, at Steep Hill Falls, Ont., on April 6th, George E. Fairweather, Jr., in the 26th year of his age.

Funeral on Wednesday, the 11th inst., from the Hampton Parish Church on the arrival of the train leaving St John at 2 o'clock.

HICKSON—In this city, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., after a lingering illness, Arthur W. Hickson, aged 49 years, Principal of Centennial School, leaving a wife and four children to mourn their sad loss.

Funeral on Thursday at Avonmore, Kings County.

DONOHOE—At Boston, April 10, Alice M. Donohoe, daughter of the late Thomas and Eliza Donohoe leaving one sister, Florence E., and two brothers, Thomas B. and W. W. Notice of funeral hereafter.

VISITING SOLDIERS WERE ENTERTAINED

Members of 177th and 217th Battalions, the Guests of Philathea Class, of Germain Street Baptist Sunday School.

The large number of men from the two visiting battalions, the 217th and 177th, who took advantage of the kind invitation of the Philathea class of the Germain street Baptist church Sunday school spent a most enjoyable few hours at the schoolhouse last evening. Games and music were enjoyed and towards the close of the evening refreshments were served. The soldiers were loud in their appreciation of the kindness of the young ladies and pronounced the evening's programme a most successful one from every regard.

Last evening's entertainment was one of a series of functions which the ladies of the Philathea class have given to members of the expeditionary forces. The ladies have done a great deal since the commencement of the war in assisting in making the stay of the soldiers in the city a pleasant one.

KING CONGRATULATES CANADIAN TROOPS

London, April 10.—King George sent the following message today to Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, commander of the British armies on the western front: "The whole Empire will rejoice at the news of yesterday's successful operations. Canada will be proud that the taking of the coveted Vimy Ridge has fallen to the lot of her troops. I heartily congratulate you and all who have taken part in this splendid achievement."

Naomi Childers Play

Naomi Childers will make her debut on the Art Dramas programme in "The Auction of Virtue," made by the U. S. Amusement Corporation. The play was written for the star by Joseph Poland, famous novelist and writer. Mr. Poland is the author of "The Cloud," a recent Art Drama in which Jean Sothern was starred.

Leslie Austen, Wyndham Standing, Kirke Brown and Evelyn Dume are in support of the star in this picture, while Herbert Blacha was in charge of the direction.

A WOMAN wondered one day what she would have for lunch. On looking through her cook book she found a recipe for serving grated cheese with crackers. She bought a box of McCormick's Jersey Cream Sodas, and the result was even better than she had expected. There are any number of such dishes, any one of which, if McCormick's Sodas are used, will help a woman at her wits' end for something new and appetizing for her table.

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NO WORKINGM WILL B NEW BRU

Commissioner of Public West, Whether Rail port of Assessment C

The New Brunswick Power C not issue workingmen's ticket may cut out the present ticket altogether according to a comm tion read at the City Council m yesterday afternoon. A reques the St. John Ice Co. that the ci part of the cost of fixing the roa ing from Sandy Point Road t Lake running past their propert received and the commissioner lic works recommended that th given the use of the street ro they wished to repair the road selves. Commissioner Fisher communication from the New wick Power Co. re the pav Union street West and this w ferred to the committee to come Thursday. It was decided to special meeting on Friday at 1 deal with the assessment comm report.

The mayor called the meet order at 3 o'clock and all the c sioners were present.

The commissioner of water an erage reported that acting wi Worship the Mayor, under the ity given them by the commi the whole on the 5th day of A st, the following tenders w cepted, namely:

T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., 10 pig lead at $12.70 per 100 lbs.

Murray & Gregory, 20 M deals at $22.00 per M., and he mended that their action be con Adopted.

The commissioner of public reported regarding the commun from Mr. Leonard Conlon on be Mr. James Lattimer, presented until on the 2nd inst. He had that Mr. Lattimer, while w the city on the Marsh Road her last, was injured by a the public works truck goin the toe of his right foot, that jury was not considered seriou time, and Mr. Lattimer continue ing two or three weeks until th of operations for the season, th weeks later he went to the Public Hospital for treatme after some weeks there, amp of the toe was found necessa taking place on Feb. 6th, that discharged from the hospital on 15th, not as being well, but im and that the toe has not as y healed. Mr. Lattimer's age i recommended that he be aut in his discretion and acting w city solicitor, to make a set with respect to the injury to M mer if deemed advisable to Adopted.

St. John Ice Co. Road.

Communication was read f St. John Ice Co. asking the cit in repair the road which lead Sandy Point Road to Lily La offered to bear half the expe letter from Judge Armstrong read advocating the granting request. Commissioner Fisher ed that he had looked into the and found that the city had n ity in the matter as this was a road and recommended that given authority to loan to the the use of one of the street r they desired to repair the roa selves. The permission was

Commissioner Wigmore s that the commissioner of publ look into the advisability of e Goodrich street through to Mt. avenue and thus create ano trance to the Park. This wo provide stone for street work points as it would be a solid the engineer, he understood, one time reported that it was stone for street work. The reports of the commissioner and water and sewerage were printed.

No. 2 Salvage Corps repo election of Henry Appleby as ber and the warrant was issued.

No Workingmen's Ticke

A communication was read New Brunswick Power Co. t fect that owing to the increa cost of materials necessary to rying on of their business it impossible to accede to the r the council and issue workm ets and suggesting that the ask the council to assist them ing the price to five cents str

Commissioner Wigmore sai not satisfied with the answe request and for his part he w vote for any further concessio company unless they were w do something along the lin for. He felt sure that the would really add to the recei company for many more perso ride.

Commissioner McLellan that this was about the rep might have been expected f corporation.

The communication was fil

Union Street West Pav

Commissioner Fisher a that he had been in confere the executive of the New B Power Co. regarding severa affecting his department. O questions discussed was the the tracks on Union street W company were not ready jus ent to raise the rails but it w tention of the department to with the work.

Commissioner McLellan— tell any of the executive that willing to delay this matter

Commissioner Fisher—"No

Commissioner Fisher the letter from the New Brunsw Co. pointing out that at th time it was impossible to get if the tracks were taken up erable number of rails woul be replaced, and they sugg the matter be laid over for when they would be in a p meet the city in the matter.