

RAMIFICATIONS OF TEUTON PLOT ARE FURTHER REVEALED

Germany Makes No Attempt to Deny Intrigue, But Laments Its Exposure

ARMING OF SHIPS MAY MEAN WAR

But U. S. Senators Are Willing to Accept Such a Result, They Say

TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO PRESIDENT WILSON TODAY; FINAL STEPS COMING

Washington, March 3.—Congress expected today to take final steps toward giving President Wilson authority to arm American merchantships for defense against submarines, and the navy department was ready with guns and gunners to carry out the President's orders. The bill conveying the authority was before the Senate when it convened this morning after a session, which continued long past midnight, occupied by eight hours of debate on international relations. Despite the extended discussion, little real opposition to the measure was expressed. A number of Senators declared they believed the arming of the merchant ships would lead to war, but said they were willing to accept such a result.

Germany Confesses Openly and Without Shame to Intrigue With Mexico Against U. S.; Treachery in Revelation of Plot, She Pleads

London, March 3.—Foreign Secretary Zimmermann's instructions to the German minister to Mexico, as published in the United States are admitted in Berlin to have been correctly quoted, according to a despatch to Reuters from the German capital by way of Amsterdam. The despatch quotes the following telegram received in Amsterdam from Berlin on Friday and which was apparently sent by the Wolff Bureau, the semi-official German news agency: "The American press contains reports about instructions from the ministry of foreign affairs to the German minister in Mexico City, in the event that Germany, after the proclamation of unrestricted submarine warfare, failed to keep the United States neutral. These reports are based on the following facts: "After the decision has been taken to begin unrestricted submarine warfare on February 1, we had to reckon, in view of the previous attitude of the American government with the possibility of conflict with the United States. That this calculation was right is proved by the fact that the American government severed diplomatic relations with Germany soon after the proclamation of a barred zone and asked other neutrals to follow her example.

"Anticipating these possibilities it was not only the right, but also the duty of our government to take precautions in time in the event of a military conflict with us—in order to balance, if possible, the adherence to our foes of a new enemy. The German minister at Mexico thereupon was instructed in the middle of January that, in the event of the United States declaring war, he should offer to the Mexican government an alliance and arrange further details. These instructions, by the way, expressly directed the minister to make no advances to the Mexican government unless he knew for a certainty that America was going to declare war. "How the American government obtained information of instructions sent by a secret way to Mexico is not known. It appears, however, that the treachery—and it only must have been treachery—was committed on German territory."

CANADIANS INTERNED IN GERMANY

Crew of Steamer Mount Temple, Torpedoed by Hun Raider, Are Alive

PRISONERS OF WAR

(Special to The Courier.) Montreal, March 3.—Many enquiries have been made respecting the safety of the crew of the Canadian Pacific steamer Mount Temple, which was recently torpedoed by a German raider. It is officially announced here today by the C.P.O.S. limited that telegraphic information has been received stating that Capt. Sergeant and crew with the exception of one steward and two sailors, are safe and well, but as prisoners, are interned at Neu Strelitz. The Canadians shipped were principally horsemen and all are reported safe.

Exposure of Plot Means Ruin of Zimmerman and Bernstorff; Teuton Brigandage Should Convince Wilson of Germany's True Character

London, March 3.—The German press has been ordered not to publish a word regarding the American-Mexican revelations until further notice, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The despatch says that only a few circles are aware of the intrigue and it is considered that the result of the affair will be the resignation of Foreign Secretary Zimmermann and the ending of Count von Bernstorff's career as a diplomat.

Rome, March 3.—via Paris.—The revelation of the German-Mexican intrigue has absorbed the attention of the Italian press. The Idea Nazionale says "Teutonic brigandage will convince President Wilson with what sincerity Berlin is acting toward the American republic."

The Giornale d'Italia says that the Zimmermann note is a typical document revealing Germany's bad faith. The Corriere d'Italia deprecates the "lowering of the dignity of a great country having recourse to such expedients."

The Hague, via London, March 3.—The news of the German intrigue in Mexico caused a sensation here. It is regarded as a stroke of great good fortune for the cause of the Entente and as immensely strengthening the hands of President Wilson. The Amsterdam Handelsblad speaks of von Bernstorff's "crazy intrigue" and the Rotterdam Maasbode says: "This trick of the black magic of secret diplomacy beats anything hitherto seen. Now that the cards are on the table the German game, instead of being grandiose, appears merely grotesque. The diplomatic trump card is beaten and its player loses the game." The Amsterdam "Nieuws Van Den Dag" judges the failure of the German manoeuvre a diplomatic defeat of far-reaching consequences, which will do immense harm to Germany now and especially in her future relations with America. The Hague Nieuw Courant, referring to Germany's "double game" asks if it made this "wildest move because it felt cornered now that it was confronted by a new enemy."

CONTROL OF CONGRESS UNDECIDED

Leadership of Legislative House in U. S. May Rest With Either Party

REPUBLICANS IN LEAD AT Present Time by Majority of One Vote

Washington, March 3.—Congress adjourns to-morrow with the control of the next house still in dispute. As a result of the death of Representative Conroy of New York, the Republicans appear to have the lead. They now have 215 votes assured, while the Democrats have only 214. Reports also have reached here that three newly elected Democrats are seriously ill. No successor to Mr. Conroy will be elected before next November, it is believed. Five members of the incoming congress are classed as independents. Hence, if a special session of Congress is called before next December it would appear that the Republicans will have the advantage. As a majority of the membership of the House, 218 members, are necessary to the selection of a Speaker, however, the Democrats are not without hope.

AMERICANS ARE TO BE RELEASED

Seamen Captured Aboard British Steamer Yarrowdale Will be Set Free

ARE NOW DETAINED OStensibly Because of Fever Epidemic in the Camp

Berlin, March 3.—The 68 Americans who were brought to Germany as prisoners on board the captured British steamer Yarrowdale, expected to be released on March 7. The delay is accounted for here by a statement that an English sailor, who was confined in the same camp with the Americans, is ill with spotted typhoid, and that the segregation of the Yarrowdale prisoners was dictated by sanitary reasons. A surgeon in the service of the Spanish embassy is in touch with the Americans, and if there is no outbreak of the disease among them, a clean bill of health will be issued and they will be given permission to cross the frontier inside a week.

The four American consuls who were transferred to Turkey after the breach of relations between Germany and the United States, are still here. The German government is awaiting word from Constantinople as to whether the appointments are acceptable or not. The circumstances attending the sudden transfer of American officials and the customary red tape to be overcome suggested, it is stated, the advisability of the four consuls remaining in Germany rather than being detained at the frontier awaiting assurances that their trip to Turkey would be free from any difficulties. Immediate release of these officials was asked in a note sent to Germany by the United States on Wednesday.



FRENCH FORCES SUCCESSFUL IN RECONNOITERING

Several Surprise Attacks Against German Trenches Well Carried Out

PRISONERS ARE TAKEN Also Quantity of Material Captured From Foe

Paris, March 3.—Successful reconnoitering operations by French troops at several points are reported in this afternoon's war office statement, which reads: "During the night, our reconnoitering parties carried out several successful surprise attacks against German trenches near Moulin-sous-Toutvent, east of Hill 304 (Verdun region) and in Apremont forest. We took prisoners and materials."

CHINA WILL BREAK WITH HUNS SOON

Unless Blockade Policy of Latter Country is at Once Modified

London, March 3.—Berlin despatches in The Rheinisch Westfaelische Zeitung, state that in circles in touch with the Chinese legation in Berlin, it is expected China will give notice of a rupture of diplomatic relations unless Germany changes her blockade policy, says the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at The Hague. The German foreign office, it is added, has been warned to that effect by the German minister at Peking.

HOETZENDORF IS DISMISSED

Austrian Chief of Staff Leading Military Figure, Discharged by Emperor

Vienna, March 3.—Emperor Charles of Austria has dismissed Field Marshal Conrad von Hoetzendorf, Austrian chief of staff, according to a Vienna despatch to Reuters by way of Amsterdam. Baron Stranzenberg succeeds von Hoetzendorf. Field Marshal von Hoetzendorf has been one of the leading military figures of the dual kingdom for a number of years, and has played an important part in almost all the major operations of the Austrian-Hungarian forces since the outbreak of the present war, and has been credited with being one of the few Austrian generals who are high in favor in Berlin, and in May, 1915, was decorated with the order of Pour le Merite by the German Emperor.

BRITISH NEWSPAPERS TO REDUCE STILL FURTHER

Alternative is Raising Prices in Order to Lessen Import of Print Paper to the Old Land—Drastic Restrictions are Required

London, March 3.—(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent of the Canadian Press, Limited)—Further reduction in the size of newspapers which are already for the most part skeletons of their former selves, or increases of price are certain to follow the announced intention of the government to lessen by every possible means the importation of print paper. The suggestion is seriously of public importance alone be printed and that no paper be put at the disposal of publishers for printing advertisements for luxuries or goods involving importation.

LOOKED FOR AID OF JAPAN

Idea of Her Attacking U. S. Was One of Her Greatest Hopes

RUMORS FREQUENT In the Past Dealing With a Break Between Japan and Allies

London, March 3.—via London.—The startling revelations regarding Mexico which come as The National Tidende says, like a bomb explosion in the international political situation, have recalled attention to the attitude of a certain section of the German press during the last few weeks or even months. The writhing tone of all references to Japan after the seizure of Kian Chau, has long since given way to less hostile references and, from the moment when the entry of the United States into the war became a possibility because of the submarine issue, the idea of an attack by Japan on America was taken up by several German newspapers.

WOMEN'S STYLES IN GERMANY MUST NOT BE CHANGED

Government Urges All to Wear Winter Dresses Through Summer

DRASTIC MEASURES To be Taken to Prevent New Fashions

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Weather Bulletin

Toronto, March 3.—Pressure is now low south of the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, while a severe cold wave extends from Alberta to Lake Superior. The weather in Canada is everywhere fair. Forecasts: Fresh northeast shifting to northwest winds, partly fair with some light snow falls, colder to-night and on Sunday.

"Zimmie"

THE BOARD OF TRADE HELD ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN THE CITY LAST EVENING

Mr. Logan Waterous is Elected as the New President—Many Matters of Moment Discussed—Mr. Littlefield of the Kerby House Addresses the Members

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Board of Trade held last night, in the Temple Building, Mr. H. H. Powell, President, in the chair. Mr. Powell made a most interesting address, full of good ideas. It will appear in The Courier on Monday.

Secretary's Report
Mr. George Hatley read a report, giving in detail the large number of matters which had engaged the attention of the Board during the year. Two of the recommendations later adopted, consisted of the renting of permanent quarters and the raising of the membership fee from \$2 to \$5.

Provincial Highway.
Mr. H. T. Watt brought up the

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GERMAN WAR FUND

By Courier Leased Wire.
Berlin, March 3.—The special fund of 500,000 marks for the benefit of German war widows and orphans, collected in the United States under the patronage of a committee headed by former Ambassador W. Gerard, has been deposited in a local bank, subject to the disposition of Mr. Gerard. The money was turned over to a German committee headed by Baron von Stumm, by Gerard, on the eve of his departure from Berlin, but this committee has decided not to make the distribution originally contemplated.

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