

BERLIN ADMITS THE MEXICAN INTRIGUE AND FORBIDS PUBLICATION IN GERMANY

German Government Admits Sending the Instructions to the Minister in Mexico and He Was to Act in Case He Knew War Would Be Declared Between the United States and Germany—Berlin Papers Ordered Not to Publish a Word About the Affair—Knowledge Would Lead to Zimmermann's Resignation and Whole Affair is Regarded as a Help to the Entente Allies and Greatly Strengthens the Hands of President Wilson.

Washington, March 3.—President Wilson has no intention of taking any action that would bring on war with Germany unless Congress is summoned in special session. This information has been conveyed to Congress by the President who takes the position if no extra crises arises there will be no use of an extra session of Congress until late Spring, and then only to pass any appropriation bills that fail to pass at the regular session.

(By Associated Press.)

London, March 3.—Foreign Secretary Zimmermann's instructions to the German minister in Mexico City, as published in the United States, are admitted in Berlin to have been correctly quoted, according to a Reuters dispatch from Amsterdam.

The dispatch quotes the following received at Amsterdam from the Wolf news bureau which is regarded as semi-official:

"The American press contains reports about the instructions from the German minister of foreign affairs to the German minister in Mexico in the event that Germany, after her proclamation of unrestricted submarine warfare, failed to keep the United States neutral the reports were based on the facts.

After the decision had been made to begin unrestricted submarine warfare on February 1st, we had to reckon on the previous attitude of the American government with a possibility of a conflict with that country. This calculation was right as is proven 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 the duty of our government to take precaution in time—in event of a military conflict with the United States—in order to balance, if possible, or the adhesion of a new country to our enemies, the German minister was instructed in the middle of January, in event of war with the United States was declared, he should offer to the Mexican government and alliance and he was instructed to furnish the details. These instructions to the German minister provided for no advance towards the Mexican government unless he knew to a certainty that America was going to declare war.

How the American government received these instructions sent in a secret way to Mexico is not known. It appears that the treachery, and it must have been only treachery, was committed on American soil."

A Central News dispatch says that Berlin dispatches regard the instruction which Zimmermann sent to the German minister in Mexico as semi-official.

German Press Forbidden to Publish Facts.

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 dispatch. It says that only a few circles are aware of the intrigue, and it is considered possible that the result of the affair becoming general knowledge would mean the resignation of Foreign Minister Zimmermann and the ending of the diplomatic career of Count Von Bernstorff.

News Caused a Sensation at The Hague.

The Hague, March 3.—The news of the German intrigue in Mexico caused a sensation here and it is regarded as a stroke of good fortune for the cause of the entente allies and has immensely strengthened the hand of President Wilson.

ZIMMERMANN SAYS DEFENSE MEASURES

German Foreign Minister Fails to See How Such a "Plot" Could Be Classed as Unfriendly—Falls Flat if United States Does Not Declare War Against Germany.

Berlin via Sayville, March 3.—The following was given out today by the Overseas News Agency (the official German news bureau):

"Foreign Minister Zimmermann asked by a staff member of the Overseas News Agency about the report that a German plot had been revealed to get Mexico to declare war against the United States and to secure Japan's aid against the United States. Secretary Zimmermann answered: 'You understand, it is impossible for me to discuss the facts of the 'revealed plot' just at this moment, and under these circumstances I therefore may be allowed to limit my answer to what has been said in the English report, which certainly was not inspired by sympathy with Germany. The English report expressly states that Germany expected and wished to remain on terms of friendship with the United States, but that we had prepared measures of defense in case the United States declared war against Germany.

"I fail to see how such a plot is inspired by unfriendliness on our part. It means nothing but that we are using means universally admitted in war in case the United States declares war.

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Tokio, Japan, March 2.—The declaration of the Japanese government through Viscount Monicio that Japan has no proposition from either Mexico or Germany was supplemented today by a statement to the Associated Press by the Vice-Foreign Minister.

"We are greatly surprised to hear of the German proposition," he said. "We cannot imagine what Germany is thinking about to conceive that she could possibly involve us in war with the United States merely by asking Mexico. This is too ridiculous for words. Needless to say Japan remains faithful to her allies.

"SPUDS" DROP IN CHICAGO.

Eggs and Hog Prices Remain at a Standstill.

Chicago, March 2.—The Chicago potato market today reflected the decreased use of that vegetable in a decrease in the wholesale price ranging from 15 to 30 cents a bushel. Eggs, after a 7-cent drop of Tuesday and Wednesday, remained practically stationary. The upward course of hogs, which carried them to a top price of \$13.55, was halted.

CLEAR AND COLDER.

Washington, March 3.—Clearing and colder weather Sunday followed by several days of clear and moderate cold is forecasted for the Southeastern States for the week beginning tomorrow. Fair weather is predicted after tomorrow.

BILL GOES TO PRESIDENT.

Washington, March 3.—The Senate today agreed to the conference report on the forty million dollars legislative, judicial and executive supply measure. The bill now goes to the President.

SALOON KEEPER MUST PAY \$5,000 TO PATRON'S WIDOW.

Philadelphia, March 2.—The liability of saloon keepers for furnishing "by gift" sale or otherwise liquor to any person visibly affected by drink, was fixed by a jury before Judge Staples in the Court of Common Pleas today, when a widow was awarded \$5,000 in damages against Cornelius P. Quinn, a liquor dealer. The award was made to Mrs. Mary McCusker, who has five young children. Her husband, Frank A. McCusker, was a mill worker. He died on June 10, 1916, shortly after being induced by friends to have several drinks in Quinn's saloon, it was testified. He fell in leaving the saloon, striking his head on the pavement. His skull was fractured. It was contended that the indirect cause of McCusker's fatal injury was the fact while in the saloon he was allowed to get an over supply of liquor, and that the saloon keeper was responsible.

WOMEN WILL DELIVER THE MAIL IN PARIS.

Paris, March 2.—Women letter carriers will soon be delivering mail in Paris. Preference will be given to wives of soldiers.

Doubt has been expressed as to whether women will be able to shoulder the wooden box that the Paris postmen carry. The wooden boxes now are well filled since several mail deliveries have been suppressed or consolidated with others. Some times also the mail from the United States is so heavy as to greatly increase the weight of the boxes.

MAY MINT MEXICAN COINS.

Larranza Said to Be Sending \$20,000,000 in Gold Bars.

Philadelphia, March 2.—Financial agents of the Mexican government, it has been learned here, have made inquiry at the Philadelphia mint regarding prices and facilities for minting Mexican gold coins. Within the last ten days a representative of Stallforth & Co., New York bankers, asked the price per thousand pieces for coining cinco pesos, \$5 gold pieces. He was told the mint could manufacture 60,000 pieces a week. The price was not made public.

Authority to do the work must come from the director of the mint at Washington. It was said at the mint that unofficial information had reached there that master dies, made at the Philadelphia mint for the Mexican government ten years ago, are on the way here.

It was reported that Rafael Nieto, of the Mexican treasury, is bringing \$20,000,000 in gold bars here, but nothing was known of this at the mint.

CUTS OFF CHILD'S HANDS.

Allentown, Pa., March 2.—Railroad men report that a foreigner at Port Morris named Worlovekoski became enraged at his little daughter and cut off both of her hands because she threw his pay check into the fire. The child bled to death, and her mother dropped dead when she found her.

The father is a section hand, and had just received his pay from the railroad company. He brought it home and placed it upon the table. While he was upstairs the child, not knowing what the check was, put it into the stove.

When Worlovekoski returned he missed the check, and the little tot pointed toward the fire. The father seized the child and carried her to a block and with an ax chopped off both her hands a little above the wrists. The foreigner was taken into custody.

The most important point," says Albert Ballin, "is to cut off traffic between America and England." The point is not without importance also in an America with goods to sell.—New York World.

Lloyd George's frank announcement as to food conditions are in accord with the general impression that this is a war in which "bluffing" is of no service.—Washington Star.

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