

ROBERT LANSING, COUNSELOR FOR STATE DEPARTMENT.



Lansing is a dyed-in-the-wool international lawyer who hangs his hat in Washington but skips about all the way from Peking to The Hague. He succeeds John Bassett Moore as counselor and is a democrat, strangely enough, for he lives in the political twilight zone of the District of Columbia. He is fifty years old, a member of the bar the past quarter of a century and married Miss Eleanor Foster, daughter of John W. Foster, who after being secretary of state at Washington, broke all records in a magnificent fee he received for advisory services to the Chinese government.

DEMANDS BILLION MARKS WAR FUND; SAYS IS NEEDED

President of German Army League Would Prepare for Trouble.

MONEY NECESSARY TO INSURE PEACE

Sees Approaching Conflict With French and Would be Ready.

BERLIN, April 18.—Major General Keim, president of the German Army League has started an agitation for another billion marks (\$250,000,000) for army purposes, without which, he declares, the safety of the country against the excited French and German attack cannot be guaranteed. This demand is in addition to the measure passed only last year meeting an extraordinary war tax of \$250,000,000, the first installment of which has yet to be collected.

Speaking before the branch of the army league at Essen, incidentally the seat of the Krupp works, General Keim made a bitter attack on Count von Hertling, premier of Bavaria, who declared recently that the burden of armament taxation had reached its limit and that further war taxes must be demanded for years to come. General Keim, who referred to the premier as "that man" declared von Hertling needed to study political economy to learn that Germany, whose resources were greater than those of France, could afford to make as liberal sacrifices. He characterized von Hertling's remarks as unconstitutional and impertinent, and said they would have evoked immediate protest from Berlin in the days of Bismarck.

"The truth is," continued General Keim, "that we are not as strong as our possible opponents. We must make ourselves much stronger than we are. Only when we are strongly entrenched, can we rob our enemies of the courage to attack us from east and west and crush us as in a vase. Is it not better for us to offer up another billion and ensure peace? Otherwise, if we do nothing to strengthen our military power, in the approaching war we shall see our wives and daughters violated by the Cossacks and Turko (French African troops); France will take from us Alsace-Lorraine; Russia, East and West Prussia; and we shall have to pay an eventual war tribute of at least thirty billion."

This speech, with the recent article Gen. von Bernhardi of the same faction, pointing out alleged grave deficiencies in the country's military forces leaves no doubt that the Army League, which by its agitation paved the way for last year's armament measure, is planning a new campaign. It offers some explanation for the recent article in the Cologne Gazette, whose St. Petersburg correspondent declares unreservedly that Russia was preparing to attack Germany in 1917—a declaration which caused considerable embarrassment to German and Russian diplomacy, which has been busy for weeks with mutual denials of any provocative intent.

The refusal of Germany in 1905 to enter into alliance with France and Russia was due to a feeling that such an alliance would be "a discourtesy to England and to our English cousins," according to Count Witte of Russia, who will be remembered in the United States for the prominent part he played in negotiating the treaty of Portsmouth.

At the time of the proposed alliance of Germany with France and Russia he says, according to the Tagliche Rundschau, King Edward VII of England was suing desperately for the friendship of Russia, but Russia preferred Germany as a third member of the planned alliance. Count Witte received at Paris an invitation from King Edward to call on him. He learned that the king's purpose was to discuss alliance of Great Britain with Russia, and declined the invitation. The next day he proceeded to Roumania.

Count Witte was at that time armed with full authority to negotiate an alliance between Russia, Germany and France, according to the Tagliche Rundschau's correspondent who quotes him as follows:

"My proposal was not new to Emperor William II. Some years earlier had laid before his majesty a well worked out plan of this nature during his visit to St. Petersburg, based upon the standpoint that only a firm alliance between Russia, Germany and France, not directed against England, or at least only in extreme cases, could make certain the peace of Europe for a considerable period. I realized perfectly well that the Franco-English Morocco treaty of 1904 was the first step in the isolation of Germany which Edward VII. so earnestly desired. I was also well acquainted with the proposals of alliance which the British king had caused to be made to us in 1905, and with the correspondence in the same matter between Lord Lansdowne and the British ambassador at St. Petersburg, Sir Charles Harding."

"Nevertheless I returned to St. Petersburg not without hopes for my plan and I cherished these hopes until the play behind the scenes at Algeiras in 1906 put an end to them." This "play behind the scenes" joined with Germany's unwillingness to offend Great Britain, is alleged to have driven Russia into Great Britain's arms in 1907, after Isvolski, a German noble, had become Russia's minister of foreign affairs.

Mrs. Clara Dickman, of Lee, Mass., is weaving a rag carpet for President Wilson.

CITY CHURCHES

(Changes of hours of services or names of pastors should be reported to The Citizen before 8 p. m. Friday.) All denominations have churches at Asheville and each house of worship extends a cordial invitation to strangers in the city to attend. Fees are free at all of the churches.

Central Methodist—Dr. J. C. Rowe pastor; services at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

First Baptist—Dr. C. B. Waller, pastor, A. I. Ruby, assistant pastor; services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

First Presbyterian—Dr. R. F. Campbell, pastor; services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Seventh Day Adventists—Elder G. G. Lewry, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each Sabbath (Saturday.) Sabbath school at 10 a. m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist—Services at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Reading room in church edifice at 64 N. French Broad avenue, open from 10 a. m. to 12 m., and from 3 p. m. to 5 p. m. daily, except Sunday.

Emmanuel Lutheran—Rev. W. D. Peters, pastor. Services at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. German service first Sunday of every month at 3:30 p. m.

Christian church—Rev. F. H. Mears, minister. Services at 11 a. m. Bible school at 9:45 a. m.

Bethel Methodist—Rev. J. W. Digie, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

North Asheville Baptist Mission—Rev. A. I. Ruby, acting pastor. Sunday school at 3 p. m., devotional services 4 p. m.

Methodist Protestant—Rev. C. W. Bates, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

North Asheville Methodist—Rev. W. E. Poovey, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Salvation Army—Adjutant and Mrs. John Bouterse officers in charge, Hall No. 22 1-2, South Main street, salvation meeting every night at 8 p. m. except Monday, Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Hall No. 2, 594 Spring street, salvation meeting Tuesday and Friday at 8:30 p. m.; Y. F. L. meeting Thursday at 7 p. m. and Sunday at 8 p. m., junior meeting, 11 a. m., holiness meeting; 8 p. m., salvation meeting. Our Motto: "Holiness unto the Lord." Our war cry, "Sinners there is salvation for you."

Haywood Street Methodist—Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

Biltmore Baptist—Rev. William H. Moore, pastor; services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school each Sunday at 10 a. m.

West End Baptist—Rev. G. P. Hamrick pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Ceivary Baptist church, West Asheville—Dr. Millard Jenkins, supply. Morning services 11 a. m.; evening services 7:30 p. m.

Trinity Episcopal church, Church and Aston streets—Rev. Wyatt Brown, rector. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; mission Sunday school, 4:30 p. m.; evening prayer and address, 8 o'clock; Tuesday morning celebration, 8 o'clock; Friday litany and intercessory prayers, 12 o'clock.

First Methodist Episcopal—Rev. Charles B. Ruch, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Oakland Heights church (North Presbyterian)—Rev. T. A. Cosgrove, pastor. Public worship every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:45. The pastor preaches at the Farm school each Sunday night at 7:30.

All Souls' Church, Biltmore—Rev. Swope, D. D., rector. 8 a. m. Holy Communion; 11 o'clock morning service and sermon; 3 p. m. Sunday school; 4:30 p. m. Evensong with special music; 5:15 p. m. organ recital; Holy Communion every Thursday at 11 o'clock.

French Broad Avenue Baptist—Rev. John E. Barnard, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

West Asheville M. E. church—Dr. D. Atkins pastor. Services at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.

Biltmore Methodist—Rev. J. W. Campbell pastor. Services every second and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

St. Lawrence Catholic—Rev. Father Marion rector. Masses daily at 7:30; Sunday at 8 a. m., and 11 a. m.

Presbyterian chapel—Rev. F. P. Winn in charge. Sabbath school every Sunday at 8 p. m., at building at end of West Asheville car line, preaching services on first and second Sundays at 8 p. m.

First Congregational—Rev. J. Brainerd Thrall, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

Fred Clarke, the Pirates' leader, has invented an automatic arrangement by which fielders using sun glasses may drop them over their eyes from a metal cap visor by simply touching a spring.

London's latest motor car show was the greatest it has ever had.

HOME

When John Howard Paine wrote "Home, Sweet Home," he endeared himself to the heart of every homelover throughout the civilized world.

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"Home, Sweet Home."

It was this fame that prompted philanthropy to take up his remains from African soil, where he died, and re-inter them at the National Capital, within sight of his country's National Dome. It was this fame that brought together a thousand voices and instruments on that occasion, to swell in majestic chorus the melodies of "Home, Sweet Home," in a last and affectionate tribute to his departed genius.

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ROBERTO PESQUEIRA, MEXICAN CONSTITUTIONALIST'S AGENT AT WASHINGTON.



Roberto Pesqueira, Mexican constitutionalist, agent at Washington, head of the Junta, is a keen, lively, well-groomed young man who believes that Carranza is the real patriot of the revolution-ridden republic below the Rio Grande. Pesqueira used to be in close touch with the martyred President Madero, owns land in the state of Sonora and was in the great palace of Mexico City just before the arrest of President Madero and Pino Suarez, the vice-president. He evaded attempts to arrest him, joined General Carranza's forces, took charge of constitutionalists' work along the Mexican border and had several narrow escapes. Once he represented Sonora in a conference at Monclova to direct the movements of the confidential agents of the revolutionists of the United States and keeps close tab on the developments in Mexico, through secret correspondence.