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SEES SINISTER HAND OF GERMAN INFLUENCE

State Department View Cuban and Mexican Troubles as Outcome of German Pressure Which May Necessitate U. S. Interference

By CARL D. GROAT (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Feb. 14--The sinister hand of German influence was seen today in Cuban and Mexican troubles.

As officials here view the troubles to the southward, it appears that it is most likely that Germany is stirring up trouble down there to keep the United States engaged with affairs nearer home so that she will pay less attention to German misdeeds.

Evidently the German pressure on Carranza is already forcing the British to the consideration of landing troops at Tampico to protect the oil supply of the British Navy.

In diplomatic circles it is intimated that the Cuban situation may become such that American interference may be necessary, although intervention is not now required.

NAVAL GUNS ARE NOW ASSEMBLED

DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT MEASURE IS PURELY PRECAUTIONARY AND NOT FOR PROTECTION OF MERCHANTMEN

Washington, Feb. 14--Naval guns of various sizes are now assembled in the New York Navy yards to be used on auxiliary scout cruisers which will be converted into war uses in the event of hostilities.

This announcement was made by the Navy Department today, with the explanation that the assembling of these guns is purely a precautionary measure. The Department insisted the guns were not for the arming of American merchantmen.

ORGANIZED LABOR ASKS FOR PEACE

ASKS FOR INFORMAL REFERENDUM TO OBTAIN EXPRESSION FROM PEOPLE, URGES WILSON "KEEP US OUT OF WAR"

Washington, Feb. 14--An appeal to Congress to organize for informal referendum in districts in order to obtain an expression of the popular will on the question of war was sent to each member today in the form of a proclamation from the working men of America.

Gompers, it is stated, has communicated with Carl Legien, who is at the head of the German labor movement, urging him to prevail upon the German government to avoid a break with the United States.

The President was requested in a resolution from three hundred thousand trade Unionists, to "keep us out of war."

Adriatic At Liverpool

(By United Press) New York, Feb. 14--The White Star Liner, Adriatic, arrived at Liverpool Monday. "All well" says today's cable to local officers.

PROTEST TO CENTRAL POWERS

DANISH, NORWEGIAN AND SWEDISH GOVERNMENTS IN IDENTICAL NOTES DECLARE MEASURES CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW

Copenhagen, Feb. 14--The Danish, Norwegian and Swedish governments have forwarded the central powers identical notes of protest against the "barrage of certain sea zones." The notes recall previous occasions of formal complaint by these governments and state that serious injury has been inflicted against the rights of neutrals.

The Scandinavian note concludes "The Central Powers' measures are all the more contrary to international law if, as indicated, they are applied indiscriminately, even against ships voyaging between neutral ports," and denies the right of belligerents to obstruct peaceful navigation zones at such distance from the enemy's coast, which are subject only to legitimate blockade.

Mrs Innes Given Three Years

(By United Press) Atlanta, Feb. 14--Mrs. Ida Mae Innes was sentenced to three years imprisonment today for larceny after trust in connection with the supposed murder of Beatrice Nelms.

Buffalo Bill's Show to Live

(By United Press) Denver, Feb. 14--Although the dashing figure of Buffalo Bill will never again dash into the ring, Buffalo Bill's Wild West show will live. Incorporation papers of the company have been filed with the secretary of state of Wyoming by Mrs. W. F. Cody, the colonel's widow, Mrs. Irma Cody Garlow and Johnny Baker. It was the last wish of the colonel that the famous Buffalo Bill Wild West Show be kept alive.

SWIMMER'S CONTEST

New York, Feb. 14--The annual swimming races of the New York Athletic Club will take place tonight in the club's tank. A 200-yard and a hundred yard contest will be held in addition to the

To Protect Americans

Washington, Feb. 14--President is formulating the first step the protection of Americans on the seas and officials think that this will probably be the recommendation that the government actively assist ship owners to arm their vessels.

Direct Word From Gerard

(By United Press) Washington, Feb. 14--The first direct word from Gerard since February 5th reached the State Department today in a confidential message from Berns, Switzerland. The message advised that he would go to Paris next, thence to Spain and from there would sail home.

Lampport Sunk Four Missing

London, Feb. 14--The British Steamer, Lampport, is reported sunk, with four missing.

BERNSTOFF SAILS FOR HOMETOWN

CRANK ATTEMPTS TO RUSH BY GUARD TO DELIVER LETTER TO PRINCE WILHELM OF GERMANY INTO AMBASSADOR'S HANDS

New York, Feb. 14--Under heavy guard of secret service men, one hundred and fifty deputies of the custom house and a neutrality squad of Hoboken police, Bernstorff the departing German ambassador, arrived at Hoboken early today from Washington.

The party were immediately escorted to the pier of the liner, of the liner, Frederick VIII, and went aboard the ship. At two o'clock the liner headed down the bay, completing the last formal step in the break of diplomatic relations.

Bernstorff was accompanied by 175 members of the German diplomatic corps from the United States. A crank claiming to be a relative of Prince Wilhelm of Germany, attempted to rush through Bernstorff's guard as the ambassador was boarding the liner, and waved a letter which he said he was commissioned to deliver. He had penetrated beyond the guards before he could be stopped and taken to the police station. He said that his name was Alfred Hopkins and talked incoherently. The letter asked for an interview, claiming to be a cousin of the Prince, and declared that if Prince Wilhelm did not believe the story, then let him shoulder his gun for the cause. It was signed Frederick Hohenzollern.

FOODSTUFFS ARE HELD UP

CONGESTION OF FREIGHT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST MAKE SITUATION SERIOUS

(By United Press) New York, Feb. 14--One of the most serious freight congestions in history prevails on all railroads normally carrying foodstuffs and other commodities between East and West.

The situation is extremely critical for the movement is practically impossible on account of the congestions

ARGENTINA HAS EXCELLENT ARMY

BUT THE MASSES HEARTILY DISLIKE THE SYSTEM AND DECLARE THAT MUCH FAVORITISM IS SHOWN

By CHARLES P. STEWART (United Press Staff Correspondent) Buenos Aires, Feb. 14--Argentina has an excellent little army, well-officered, well trained, well equipped, well clothed, well fed, well sheltered and generally well treated. But the system by which its ranks are filled is savagely criticized by Argentines. The critics are the bulk of the population, who assert that the "best people" do not do military duty, or, if they do, do do it as officers.

It is the national system of conscription which comes in for popular denunciation. Argentina being a republic, the question may be asked why the law is not changed if the majority do not like it. They are trying to change it. Several bills have been introduced and some strong speeches made in congress but it is slow work. The military is influential, if not numerous. Besides the ballot has not been genuinely free in Argentine very long.

"Caramba!" chorused the Argentine masses, when told that the United States thinks of accepting a system of compulsory military training modeled after their own. "Caramba" is an elastic Spanish expression which, in this case, meant approximately, "Well, what do you think of that!"

The Argentine system of compulsory military education was the subject of a nasty scandal five or six years ago, when there was a cleaning out of the medical staff whose duty it was to make physical examinations of young men of military age. The charge was that these examinations had resulted in wholesale exemptions of rich or influential youths.

There has also been comment on the fact that army officers who are in a position to grant exemptions often grew rich rapidly. What ever the actual merits of the case the Argentine public believes anyone can escape military service if he has gold or money enough. When you ask why the 20-year old son of some prominent man is not in the army, the answer is almost sure to be "Oh his father fixed that." Naturally, proof of the crookedness generally is lacking, but the masses have no confidence in the honesty of the system.

Army officers receive an excellent military education at the Argentine West Point--the Colegio Militar, at San Martin. Provision is also made by which common soldiers may rise to commissions, though very few succeed in doing so.

There is a regular army of volunteer professional soldiers, 5000 strong. Then comes the conscripts. Their number depends upon the congressional allowance. The intention is to keep the military establishment including the regulars up to 17,000 men.

Local Items

R. Nixon Morgan of Providence was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. W. A. Doxey of Poplar Branch was in the city Tuesday.

W. S. Owens has returned from a visit to his daughter, Miss Ida Owens at Greensboro.

Chas. Sawyer of Weaverville was in the city Tuesday.

Ladies Bracelet Watch, Sterling silver, guaranteed. \$5 at Louis Sells'. Postage prepaid. Money back if not satisfactory. Louis Sells, Your Jeweler since 1883. If

EVERYWOMAN'S MAGAZINE -- the new North Carolina Woman's magazine just out. Get your first copy at Weaverville. 25 cents. Send

MOYOCK NEWS

Moyock, Feb. 14--Miss Susie Toxey of Elizabeth City who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fulford, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powers left Tuesday for Scotland Neck, where Mr. Powers has accepted a position with the Burroughs, Pittman and Wheeler Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Garrett spent Wednesday in Norfolk. Mr. Eppa Charlton spent Tuesday in Norfolk.

Dr. McMullan of Elizabeth City was here last Thursday to see Rev. N. P. Stallings who has been critically ill but slightly improved at present date.

Mr. J. Russel Jarvis of Hertford was here Friday to see his mother, Mrs. Luna Jarvis.

Mr. Frank Bryant spent Monday in Moyock.

Mr. Archie Lane of Richmond spent the week end with friends of Northwest, Va.

Miss Bessie Aydlett spent Tuesday with friends in Norfolk.

Miss Kate Stallings returned to her home at Hickory, Va. after spending the week end with her parents Rev. and Mrs. N. P. Stallings.

Mr. Basil West spent a few days with his mother, Mrs. Manly West last week.

Mrs. R. O. Bagley is ill at her home in Moyock.

Mr. Lloyd Garner of Rocky Mount, N. C., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sanderlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hathaway were in Hertford Sunday on business.

JURY LIST MARCH TERM

The following is the Jury List for Pasquotank County, Term of Superior Court, beginning March 12th, 1917.

- 1.-J. G. Palmer
2.-C. L. Ziegler
3.-Evan Ives
4.-W. B. Newbern
5.-Elihu Onley
6.-J. T. Coppersmith
7.-J. A. Twiddy
8.-A. L. Turner
9.-J. H. Sawyer
10.-Thomas Norris
11.-J. U. Lambert
12.-E. M. Cox
13.-J. P. Evas
14.-G. L. Pritchard
15.-Z. C. Duncan
16.-V. M. Hughes
17.-S. L. Cohoon
18.-F. P. Hopkins
19.-W. H. Simpson
20.-Herbert Sawyer
21.-H. W. Morrisette
22.-L. B. Poof
23.-J. N. Keaton
24.-J. A. Saunders
25.-H. P. Williams
26.-Offie Warden
27.-L. C. Hudson
28.-G. S. Davis
29.-Mordecai Keaton
30.-Willie Aydlett
31.-W. H. Scott
32.-J. C. Thompson
33.-R. Nix Morgan
34.-T. N. Commander
35.-C. J. Ward
36.-E. W. Gregory
37.-T. R. Etheridge
38.-J. S. Rogers
39.-J. W. Wilcox
40.-Herbert P. Smith
41.-C. A. Sprull
42.-J. R. Matthews.

CANDIDATE FOR ALDERMAN

I hereby announce my candidacy for alderman from the Fourth Ward, subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary. Your vote and your influence will be appreciated.

H. G. PARKS.

FOR SALE at 12 o'clock on Saturday, February 24th we will sell at the court house door in Elizabeth City one note of Robert H. Herrings for \$100 and one bill of sale for cattle given by J. E. Herrings.

THIRTEENTH WAS GOOD LUCK DAY

FOR NEW THEATRE'S MANAGER AND PATRONS AND A CONTINUANCE OF HIGH CLASS PROGRAMS IS PROMISED

When the new theatre closed Tuesday night, at the end of the lucky 13th of February, Manager Louis, tired from the arduous work of preparation for the actual presentation of the initial program of the new playhouse but happy in the favor which "The Eagles Wings" had been received, gave The Advance reporter a cordial greeting. "The Eagle's Wing" left here in the hands of a special representative of the Bluebird Company and is being rushed to the White House where it will again be shown tonight" he said.

"We have a fine show for Wednesday" said Mr. Louis, "another Bluebird feature, 'The Girl of Lost Lake'." The cast in this picture is a remarkably fine one, depicting some of the best movie actors and actresses on the screen. But, of course, "The Play's the Thing" and that phrase is not only a catchy slogan, but a true statement in regard to Bluebird plays. This romance of the great outdoors is thoroughly delightful.

Those at the matinee Wednesday afternoon who had the pleasure of seeing this picture agreed with the enthusiastic praise of the New Theatre's manager, as doubtless will also those who see it Wednesday night.

The New Theatre has leaped into immediate popularity playing to a good crowd at the first matinee and to a packed house the first night, and those in charge of the management, assert that they will put on such programs as will insure a steady continuance of and increase in the pleasure of New Theatre playgoers.

WILL PLAY EDENTON

Friday night the High School Girls Bas ket Ball Team will meet the Girls team from Hertford High school. In the last game the local girls defeated the Hertford girls 4 to 3. Lately the Hertford girls defeated the Edenton girls team 2 to 5. This game should be a warmly contested one.

Wednesday night at eight o'clock the High School Boys Bas ket Ball Team will meet a team called "the Bankers."

Thursday night the Lansterville Stars will play the Young Giants base ball.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The Church Conference of the First Methodist Church called to consider matters pertaining to the building of a new plant will not meet on Wednesday evening as was announced Sunday morning, but will meet one week later.

At that time the report from the committee appointed some time ago to study the needs of the church and estimate the cost of a suitable building will be made and further steps will be considered.

On Wednesday evening of this week the pastor will continue the discussion of the book of Acts and following that there will be a talk on the closer relation of the Sunday School and church. The members of the church are urged to attend.

VERDICT FOR PLAIN

In the case of Barron vs. the trustees of the University of North Carolina tried here in the Superior Court this week the verdict was in favor of the plaintiff, who had brought suit for the possession of property on Broad street. The jury held that he was entitled to the property and to rent to the amount of \$70 a year. Attorneys for the University have asked that the verdict be set aside.

WEATHER OR NO

Rain tonight. Thursday warmer with variable winds. We have no use of the sun, we change his job and his shirt