

GERMAN PERFDY BEFORE CONGRESS

Revelation of Teuton Plot to Unite Mexico and Japan Made to Stir Dallying Solons to Action.

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Washington, March 1—Germany wants to play Mexico and Japan actively against the United States in the case of war.

This plot was revealed to the administration through documentary proof of Germany's machinations and was today put forth to sway a dallying Congress and to stir the nation to the real perils of the German problem.

Facing the possibility of further delay in Congress plus the opposition to avoidance of an extra session, the administration today played its trump card.

The correspondence between Germany and its Mexican representative sought to align Mexico and Japan belligerently against the United States and prevent the stand that Wilson took against the submarine edict.

It was strongly hinted today that the government has information or lines out to get this information concerning the recent Cuban uprising which is generally believed to be of German origin by authorities who watched it closely with a view to its dangerous possibilities for the United States.

FOOD RIOTS PLANNED

Back of this international plotting there may be a more subtle plot within the United States to force food riots for the possibility of creating an embargo on supplies to the Entente. Secret service men are engaged in investigating this domestic situation. The administration scoffed at the idea that natural economic conditions were the cause of the recent food riots.

GERMANY'S PLANS ARE FRUSTRATED

United States officials believe that they have frustrated Germany's intention to align Mexico and Japan in a conspiracy against the government. While it is not known for an absolute fact that the letter from the German minister at Mexico City or the purport of its contents never reached the individuals to whom it was sent, there is every reason to believe that this is the case. It is believed that the letter was intercepted in time to prevent its delivery to Carranza.

FAITH IN JAPAN

Japan will not consider such a proposition, is the belief expressed by Secretary Lansing. "The Department does not believe that Japan has any knowledge of this or that she will consider any proposition made by the enemy," the Secretary stated.

Lansing also expressed the belief that the Mexican government will ignore the proposition and said "We have confidence that Mexico will not become a party to this plot, in view of the friendly relations of this country and the de facto government."

Withholding the source of information "lest some one's life be endangered," the State Department admitted that it has full evidence of the plot, that the note from Zimmerman reached Bernstorff here and also reached the German minister in Mexico, but doubt is expressed that Carranza has even seen the communication owing to the fact that the plot was not to take definite form except in the event of hostilities between the United States and Germany.

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TOLD

The Japanese Ambassador was informed by the State Department of the facts yesterday. Ambassador stated denied any knowledge of the plot but admitted that the report that Germany made the attempt through Mexico was probably true. He said Germany is mistaken if she thinks Japan will combine against the United States, and also said that it is clear that Germany will stop at nothing.

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IN THE SENATE

Senator Swanson told the Senate that President Wilson authorized him to say that the Zimmermann letter proposing the alliance of Mexico and Japan against the United States was a fact and had been reported correctly. This statement followed the introduction of the resolution by Senator Lodge. LaFollet inquiring about the correctness of the letter, asked for a modification of the resolution and inquired when the letter was obtained. The resolution was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee after stormy debate. In which some of the senators demanded time for a showdown of facts and data in the hands of the administration and others, led by Stone, urged that the proper procedure be adhered to.

The Foreign Relations Committee began immediate consideration of the resolution. The senate then agreed that the naval bill under consideration was probably not sufficient and the Senate ought not to vote without having all the facts of the plot.

SWISS MINISTER IS NOT WANTED

ANNOYING IN HIS ACTIVITIES IN THIS COUNTRY FOR GERMAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BELIEVE

(By United Press)
Washington, March 1—The accumulation of annoying activities on the part of the Swiss Minister, Ritter, who is Germany's indirect representative here, has tended to put him on the persona non grata class.

Some officials admitted privately today that Ritter has taken up German propaganda work here.

Misses Faye and Phose Williams who are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Clay Foreman have returned from a pleasure trip to New York City.

WANTED, A stenographer. G. R. LITTLE, Clerk Superior Court. Feb 28 mar 1 2

MOVIE LADIES GO SHOPPING

Now we know where they get their clothes! Mabel Taliaferro, Jane Grey, and Arline Pretty have been shopping—and the secret is out in Harper's Bazar for March.

Hats, gowns, sweaters, even bathing suits; these heroines of the screen have done plenty of buying. And, as by your patronage of the movies, you have enabled Miss Taliaferro and Miss Grey and Miss Pretty to buy all these things, you should at least give yourself the pleasure of looking at them.

WEATHER OR NO

Rain Thursday night. Friday partly cloudy. Fresh to strong winds.

If some men had a padded cell or two in their brains for violent thoughts, and kept them there, they'd get along better.

Keeney Crank Pardoned

News was received here by special wire from Raleigh this morning that Keeney Crank, sentenced at fall court to a term in the State Penitentiary, has been pardoned and will reach home Friday morning.

RETURNS FROM NORTHERN MARKETS

Mr. M. Leigh Sheep has returned from a trip to northern markets where he bought Spring goods for the Woman's Wear Store. Mr. Sheep's store has recently been enlarged and remodeled and he expects to have the biggest spring opening in its history just as soon as his shipment of goods can arrive and be unpacked.

Funeral E. K. Sawyer

The funeral of Mr. E. K. Sawyer was conducted by Rev. D. P. Harris Thursday afternoon at three o'clock from Blackwell Memorial Church.

Mr. Sawyer's death occurred Wednesday morning at his home on Burgess street at the age of 54. He is survived by his wife and son, Everett.

More than a year ago a stroke of paralysis caused Mr. Sawyer's retirement from the bicycle business in which he was engaged here, and though he has improved from time to time and seemed about to regain his health, another stroke followed and a third stroke on Wednesday caused his death. He was a member of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church and an excellent citizen. Many friends since the beginning of his illness have been concerned about his health and his death brings genuine sorrow to a large number.

Blanche Sweet At Alkrama Tonight

A certain young lady aspiring to be a motion picture actress had her ambitions nipped in the bud during the taking of the scenes of "The Evil Eye", the thrilling Lasky production which will be seen at the Alkrama tonight with the ever popular star, Blanche Sweet, in the stellar role. The young woman had pleaded with Miss Sweet for a long time to be given an opportunity to appear in a scene. Finally Miss Sweet secured Director Geo. H. Melford's permission for her to appear as one of the mob of superstitious Mexicans. She was called to the studio at seven one morning, traveled fifteen miles over rough roads in a sight seeing truck, sat around in the hot sun until four in the afternoon when she was put to work and arrived back at the studio at eight that night. Since that one strenuous day, Miss Sweet has not seen the young lady, nor has she been discovered around any of the other studios. It is a Paramount picture. Also Drew Comedy. Five and ten cents.

Program For New Theatre

"The Catspaw," a five real Klief feature, is on tonight's program at the New Theatre. In addition a comedy will be shown.

Friday's matinee attraction is "The Love Girl," a Bluebird play. The story is that of a Joyous little girl who goes from the country to live with "Aunt Grouchy" in the city and the little boy next door who becomes her playmate.

A comedy is shown with each feature play. Matinees are given at 2:30 and 4 every afternoon.

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.

TEACHERS MEET AT POPLAR BRANCH

SCHOOL PROBLEMS AND COUNTY COMMENCEMENT PLANS DISCUSSED AND ENJOYABLE DAY SPENT

Poplar Branch Feb. 28—The teachers of Poplar Branch Township met at Jarvisburg, Saturday, Feb. 24, for their final meeting.

Supt. R. W. Isley presided over the general meeting, while Mr. L. L. Lohr conducted the Reading Circle work.

Arithmetic in "How to Teach the Fundamental Subjects" was the Reading Circle assignment. This was taken up in the round table discussion. "Elimination" was the keynote of the mathematical problem, but what to eliminate and where to begin were questions hard to solve. It was a wide awake topic for the 5th, 6th, and 7th grade teachers, and one which was very much enjoyed by all. All agreed that the most practical work should receive the most attention.

At the close of the Reading Circle work adjournment for dinner was in order.

The Jarvisburg teachers gathered the lunch boxes and baskets and insisted on arranging a spread, picnic fashion on a big table. For the time being work was forgotten and the picnic dinner was thoroughly enjoyed. The remainder of the intermission was spent out doors. Some played tennis, while others just enjoyed being out of doors. The teachers were especially invited to visit the Jarvisburg school pig.

The intermission ended, work was resumed. Mr. Isley made a partial review of the year's work.

Attendance, enrollment, percentage equipment and Community Service in the form of Betterment Societies, were compared. The Harbinger school gave the best percentage of attendance. This was the only school in which there had been no measles. The attendance was especially good here. Each school had the support of a good betterment Society behind it. Harbinger is buying a piano and runs a domestic science class. Powell's Point Society has helped to buy the coal stoves and furnished the coal. It is thinking of putting in bubbling fountains also. Jarvisburg and Grandy Societies are very active, helping in numerous ways. Poplar Branch has the highest enrollment and expects to help equip the building later.

Promotion was next discussed, especially insisted that this feature of school work receive the most careful attention of the teachers. It might be something which would make or mar the pupils' life.

It was reported that the County Commencement would be held at Currituck Courthouse in the new school building. The date will be announced later. All commencement plans were gone over again, and the papers on Thrift and good teeth were discussed, as well as prizes for same. A prize for the best percentage of attendance will be given. All schools are urged to attend.

At this close of this discussion adjournment was in order, and it was voted by all to have been the best teachers' meeting of the year.

Business Men Meet Tonight

All business and professional men are invited to be at the Y. M. C. A. tonight at 7:30 for the discussion of the betterment of trade conditions. The meeting is called by the Business Men's Credit Association, and it is hoped that all who can do so will be present.

WANTED, Capable young man to work in warehouse and office. N. G. Grandy & Company, Foot of Matthew street. mar 1 2 3

Spelling Bee At City Road

An old fashioned country school entertainment and spelling bee will be given tonight in the annex of City Road Methodist church.

Following is the program:

- Chorus By School
- Recitation Maggie Midgett
- Recitation Billy White
- Solo Lennie O'Neal
- Recitation Maggie Davis
- Recitation May Sample
- Recitation Cora Cox
- Quartette—Camilla Bell, Lu Lewis, Georgia Seyffert, Billy White.
- Recitation Emma Mann
- Recitation Luthie Britt
- Recitation Florence Smith
- Solo Carolyn Clark
- Recitation Evelyn Hill
- Recitation Irene Rogers
- Recitation Matty Shipp
- Duet, Lennie O'Neal, George Rogers
- Recitation Carolyn Clark
- Dialogue, George Seyffert, Blanch Matthews.
- Chorus By School
- Spelling Bee
- J. Hushrod Leigh, Schoolmaster.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Admission 5 and 10c.

PICTURES SHOW HOW 'T WAS DONE

THE BUILDING OF A MODEL COMMUNITY WAS POSSIBLE THROUGH CO-OPERATION AND HARD WORK

The special pictures secured by the Chamber of Commerce and shown at the New Theatre Wednesday night were seen by a most enthusiastic house, as Mr. W. H. Farley explained the connecting details of a fascinating story of civic betterment and home town progress.

The story began with the first invention of the National Cash Register, suggested by the indicator on a large ocean steamer. The business man carried home the idea and set out to perfect it in a small one-room shop eventually selling his interest to a company, which began business in the corner of a big building, grew and grew until—that's just the story—how it did grow and how everything around about grew with it.

The first factory was located at Slidertown, the most undesirable suburb of Dayton, Ohio, and its unsightliness was evident in the homes, the inhabitants and the landscape.

The president of the company took stock of his assets and liabilities one day and he decided to build a community as well as a business. He called his entire force of employees together and told them about it, and the miracle began to take place, slowly at first but surely.

First they planted grass and flowers at random, but this plan seemed unsatisfactory, and the next year they planted according to the A. B. C. principles of landscape gardening, obtaining results that seemed, in the beautifully colored pictures shown, really magical.

Then the kiddies planted gardens not to reduce the high cost of living primarily, but to produce the greatest measure of good health and good behavior in a medley of most obnoxious boys and rather fragile girls.

So the story goes on, lunch room, safety devices, and so on were a part of what the company provided.

The transformation was complete. No longer was it a disgrace to live in this suburb, but two story modern residences on beautiful lawns took the place of old tumble-down shacks, a Country Club afforded rest and recreation for old and young, and the personnel and morale of employees in this company were recognized as the highest in the city of Dayton.

This but sketches faintly the modern fairy tale of business, progress and community building. "What this little suburb did, any

SCHOOLS ARE OFFERED PRIZES

AND COUNTY COMMENCEMENT AT THE NEW CURRITUCK SCHOOLHOUSE EXPECTED TO BE THE BIGGEST YET

R. W. ISLEY

Currituck, N. C., Feb. 27—The white school of Currituck county that has the greatest per cent of the pupils enrolled during the year at county commencement will be awarded a nice prize. The Currituck school is excepted, because the commencement will be held at Currituck and because the majority of the children are 12 or 15 miles from Currituck.

The school that has the greatest number of pupils present in the parade will be awarded a prize. No exception.

The teachers of the Poplar Branch township believe that the above prizes should be given. These teachers are far from Currituck which should encourage the schools nearer Currituck. Any school can have a good per cent present if it tries hard enough. Here is work for the teachers, committeemen and betterment associations and farmers' unions in getting their schools to the county commencement.

The 100 families that have the largest number of children present will be given something nice for the children. This means that one hundred families will receive something at county commencement and these 100 families will have the largest number of children present. Coem and bring your children. We mean here by "children", school children 6 to 21.

Each school in the county will be allowed to select one pupil from the first three grades and have him reproduce a story which will be read to him, at the commencement. The student who does best in reproducing the story will be awarded a nice prize. Of course the pupils will go into a room where the judges and a few pupils will be and hear the story read and then reproduce same. Pupils will go one at a time. Teachers are asked to try to have a pupil enter this contest.

If every family in Currituck county were a subscriber to The Advance it would be easy to make an announcement to all the people. However, it is hoped that parents will listen to the local teachers and also read the notice of attendance at commencement and have their children present.

"Round Table" Talks Tonight

A Round Table Conference of all officers, teachers, and class officers of Blackwell Memorial Sunday School will be held this evening in the Sunday School annex, beginning 7:30. Supt. E. F. Aydtett will be present and an informal and very interesting discussion is expected on Sunday school problems.

The orchestra will furnish music, and a social hour with refreshments will follow the Round Table discussions.

It is very much desired that all officers, teachers and class officers be present at this meeting.

TEACHERS MEETING SATURDAY

The Pasquotank County Teachers' Association will meet Saturday morning, March 10th, 10:30 in the High School Building. Miss Lina DeLon is President, of the Association and Miss Nina Wilder is secretary. Superintendent W. M. Hinton meets with the Association and directs its study during the year.

town can do," said Mr. Farley during his lecture, by way of encouragement to those who had secured the pictures for Elizabeth City and are hoping that these seed by the wayside may bear fruit in the Home Town.