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GERMANS HAD PLOT TO INVADE AMERICA IN 1918

New York, Aug. 22.—Revelation of extensive German plots in Mexico during the war, which included a proposed invasion of the United States by a German-Mexican army of 45,000 men, at the same time that the Germans launched their last drive on the western front in July, 1918, was made here tonight by the National Association for the Protection of American Rights in Mexico, which gave out a statement by Dr. P. B. Altendorf, formerly of the United States military intelligence department, reciting his experiences as an American secret service agent in that country.

Dr. Altendorf, the son of a Polish banker in Cracow, Austrian Poland, abandoned a medical course in the University of Vienna at the outbreak of the war and fled to Mexico, where he was offered a position as a German spy to operate against the United States by Kurt Jahne, head of the German secret service in Mexico.

"With pretended reluctance, but with secret joy, I accepted," he said, "and at once found myself in a position to render valuable services to the allies in general and to the United States in particular." He opened communication with the border as a volunteer worker to the military intelligence department, he claims, and was later sworn in as a special agent of military intelligence department.

The association states that it has investigated his claims and that Brig. Gen. Marlborough Churchill, the head of the military intelligence department, "spoke in terms of the highest praise of the trustworthiness of Dr. Altendorf and the great value of the service he rendered."

Warning Against Activities
In addition to explaining his activities in Mexico, Dr. Altendorf warns the people of the United States against a proposed German commercial conquest of Mexico.

"Within six months after the United States ratified the treaty of peace," he says, "Germany will have complete economic control of Mexico. Within a very few years, if they are permitted to carry out the plans they have formulated and are now executing as rapidly as they can, the Germans will have absolute economic political and military control of Latin-America with headquarters in Mexico."

Referring to the proposed invasion of the United States, Dr. Altendorf sets forth that in his dual capacity as a captain in the German army and a colonel in the Mexican army, he helped to train 900 German reservists in Sonora, who were to form the nucleus of the proposed German-Mexican army, and that in his true character as an American secret service agent he prevented the raid from being carried out.

"This ambitious scheme," he says "was financed by von Eckhardt (German ambassador to Mexico) and was undertaken with the co-operation of Carranza."

Dr. Altendorf, enumerating his services in Mexico, said: "I delivered into the hands of the United States military authorities the German agent Lather Witke alias Pablo Wabirski, the most important individual capture of the war so far as America was concerned. Wabirski boasted to me that he had blown up several munitions plants and stores of explosives, including the Black Tom explosion in New York; blew up some ships and caused disastrous fires in cities of the Pacific northwest."

"Wabirski was on his way to the United States by way of Nogales, Ariz., on another mission of murder and destruction when captured with me. On his person were found a copy of the German imperial code, and this is understood to be the first time that code came into the possession of the American government. Wabirski was court martialed, and from the fact that his case is before the President for review, is believed to have been sentenced to death, the only German spy to receive such a

sentence in the United States.

Betrayed German Agents
"I also betrayed 58 other German agents and thus enabled the military intelligence department to keep effective watch on them, not to mention some renegade Americans who were giving aid and comfort to the enemy."

Other acts for which Dr. Altendorf claims credit include: Discovery of two German wireless stations in Mexico, capable of receiving messages from that country; reporting the plan for the German submarine raid along the American coast in April, 1918, one month before it actually took place; reporting agents sent by Germans to Mexico to poison cattle in the United States and the revelation of a plot by four Germans to blow up the hydro-electric plant at Niagara Falls.

Calling attention to German commercial plans in Mexico, Dr. Altendorf reports that "the first attempt to carry out an ambitious German scheme for the economic conquest and ultimate military domination of Mexico was a plan originated by the German consul, Rademacher, at Guaymas, with the active aid of Governor Calles, to build a cement plant with a capacity of 90,000 a month at Hermosillo, Sonora.

"The foundations were completed," he adds, "and materials for the superstructure were on the ground in July, 1917, when I reported the scheme in time to stop it and the factory had to be abandoned until after the peace treaty had been signed. This factory was to furnish the cement for rebuilding piers and other structures and building new ones on the west coast."

"The American people ought to know," he continues, "that Mexico was not neutral during the war, but an enemy, active to the extent of its limited capacity."
"Mexico gave no fewer than 80 German officers commissions in the Mexican army and assigned them to train troops for service against the United States. German uniforms were worn so commonly in Mexico that even the local Mexican papers complained about it. Moreover, by Carranza's direct orders Mexican telegraph wires were thrown open to German code messages. I personally carried orders from Carranza to Governor Calles to permit the spy Wabirski to send code messages freely."

On German Payroll

Prominent Mexican officials are alleged by Dr. Altendorf to have been on the payroll of the German embassy. He says: "Mario Mendez, director of telegraphs, received a salary of \$500 a month from von Eckhardt. His brother, a senator with influence received the same salary. A third brother who held a position in the postoffice also received \$600 a month for opening and reading private letters and passing the information along to the Germans."

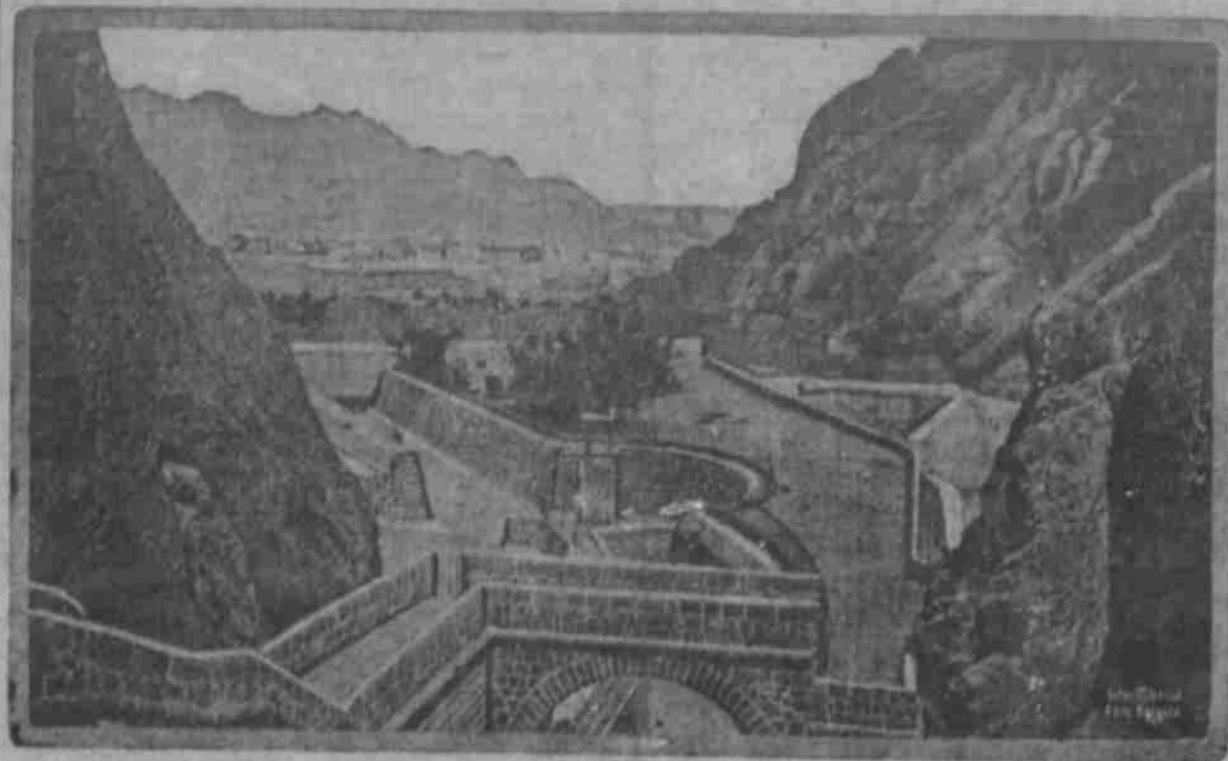
Dr. Altendorf states that he, personally, late in November, 1917 carried a request from Governor Calles, of Sonora, to Rademacher, the German consul at Guaymas, for \$50,000, saw the money put in a bag and carried the bag, accompanied by Rademacher, to Calles.

Continuing, the statement says: "I was able to discover that von Eckhardt has guaranteed to Carranza an abundance of capital to turn Mexico into an industrial country. In fact, von Eckhardt went to Germany last April for the express purpose of financing German corporations and perfecting other arrangements for building great chemical plants, textile factories, tanneries and all the other industries necessary to make Mexico independent of the United States and Europe."

"As soon as the treaty is ratified there will be a heft of a quarter of a million Germans from the United States who will take with them to Mexico \$400,000,000 capital. There are already 150,000 German in Mexico and German immigration on a large scale will soon turn the country into a German colony."

"The activity of Carranza in driving Americans out and confiscating their property is ex-

ADEN'S CITY ENGINEER BUILT THIS 3000 B. C.



We respectfully take our hats off and bow to the city engineer of Aden, Egypt, who constructed this wonderful bit of masonry over three thousand years before the beginning of the Christian era. These waterworks at Aden are the most celebrated and most antique in the world.

FARM LASSIES SPREAD NET, CATCH AVIATORS

Wilmington, Del., Aug. 22.—"Well, I knew we'd catch an aviator," laughed Miss May Rupert, as, with her sisters, Misses Anna and Mary, they greeted Lieutenant Charles Potter, army aviator, as he landed on the lawn in front of their place, "Rupert Farm," at Sedgley. A few minutes later two more flyers landed into the girl's net and the sextet were seated on the lawn having tea when Lieut. Floyd A. Wilson, commander of the squadron, dashed up in a motor car an hour later.

"Where have you been?" queried the worried officer. "When I saw you circle over the city and then disappear, I thought you had been killed."

The three culprits looked sheepish and then the girls, explained. They had heard of the expected arrival of the air photographic expedition from Langley Field, near Washington, and when they were out motoring yesterday and saw Lieutenant Wilson, who had come ahead of the others to prepare for their arrival, putting out his landing net near Greenville, they conceived the idea of constructing a similar "T" on their own place and catching some aviators.

With bed sheets they fashioned the two arms of the "T" which are used to direct aviators to their landing field, spread the cross on their lawn and awaited results. When Lieut. Potter flying in advance, espied the mark he alighted to the Rupert farm. The other two missed both marks and landed at the country club. Later, learning where their companion had landed, they again "took off" and joined him at the farm, where their arrival was anxiously awaited. Lieutenant Wilson, after frantic telephoning, finally learned his missing pilots had been seen at Sedgley, and hurried out in a high powered car, fearing an accident. The expedition will remain here several days and will give numerous exhibitions. The mayor and other prominent citizens have been invited to view the city from the air.

plained by the fact that Germans with plenty of money stand ready to pick up the property at bargain rates.

"The full significance of all this becomes apparent when I tell you, further, that part of the German scheme provides for great munition plants at Mexico City which will make it unnecessary for Mexico to import war materials in the future. The treaty of peace restricts the manufacture of munitions of war in Germany, but it does not say anything about German manufacturing as large quantities as they please in Mexico. Thus there is no practical difficulty in the way of Germany's plans for the next war."

"German agents are active every where in Latin-America and the newspapers have told us there is to be extensive German immigration to that part of the world in the near future. The result of the war did not end the German dream of world conquest; it merely delayed it."

LINDSEY BURNS TAKES HIS LIFE IN VIRGINIA

Vanville, Va., Aug. 24.—Less than 24 hours after he had returned to Dumville from the state insane asylum where he had been confined for more than six months, Lindsey G. Burns, aged 48 years, committed suicide near Schoolfield yesterday evening by throwing himself before Southern train No. 136 while it was racing down the grade between Schoolfield and the city. The only eyewitness to the tragedy besides the engineer says that Burns was sent by the track with his head in his hands. When the train approached at a rapid gait he deliberately stepped in its way. The pilot tossed him to one side and he was picked up with his skull crushed in. The body was brought to the station.

Burns threatened to kill himself yesterday evening this he-traying the first sign that his mentality was still disturbed. Saturday morning he spent greeting several of his old friends who were glad to see such an improvement in his condition. Early in the afternoon he went to Schoolfield and there remarked that it was "about time he let a train run over him," as a man who overheard the remark said. This resulted in a call being sent to the police in Dumville in order that he might be prevented from carrying out the plan. The officers telephoned to Schoolfield and asked constables to look for him. They were engaged at this task when the fatality occurred. The funeral took place here this evening.

CARL KILBY ACCIDENTALLY KILLED IN OHIO

The remains of Mr. Carl Kilby aged 19 years, were received here Monday evening, having been shipped from Newcomerstown, Pa., where a letter received by relatives stated he was accidentally killed by receiving a bullet wound in the head.

The letter stated that Mr. Kilby and another young man had gone a short distance from town the purpose of the trip not being known, and that the deceased had a 22 calibre pistol. He gave the pistol to his partner and told him to fire the two loaded bullets in the cylinder. This was done, but in some way which the letter failed to bring out, Kilby was shot in the head. The ball entering the left temple and ranging toward the right eye. Some mystery surrounds the fatal accident and relatives here are carrying out an investigation as to the cause of Mr. Kilby's death.

The deceased is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Kilby, of Millers Creek, and is survived by his parents, two sisters, Mrs. Etta Vannoy, of Wilbar, and Miss Isabelle Kilby, of Millers Creek, and two brothers, Messrs. Cyrus and Quincy Kilby, both of whom make their home at Millers Creek. The funeral and burial services were conducted Wednesday at Pleasant Home Baptist church by Revs. I. C. Woodruff and Grant Cothran.—Wilkes Journal.

NAVY SECRETARY HAS A BUSY DAY.

Aboard the U. S. S. New York, Honolulu Harbor, Wednesday, Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Secretary of the Navy Daniels and his official party of officers and men of the dreadnaught New York, arrived here today were treated with the hospitality that long has distinguished the Hawaiian Islands.

The New York and four destroyers were tied alongside their piers almost in the center of the city. Off Waikiki Beach the great dreadnaught were met by scores of small craft including outrigger canoes, motor launches, row and sail boats which accompanied the ship into the harbor. On the dock were Governor McCarthy the mayor and other city and territorial dignitaries. Native girls of Hawaiian, Chinese Filipino, white and American parentage were there also carrying gaily colored leis, the necklace of Hawaii, which they threw aboard the battleship until every officer and sailor aboard had a neck dress. Most of the leis were made of flowers, altho there and feathers.

From the time he went down the were others of gaily colored paper New York's gang plank Secretary Daniels' time was fully occupied. From the ship he was taken to a hotel at Waikiki Beach where he was received with all the pomp of a visiting monarch, according to the old Hawaiian custom by the Sons and Daughters of Hawaiian warriors.

A 1,232 MILE JOURNEY TRAVELED IN A BUGGY

Henderson, Aug. 22.—T. B. Bullock, manager and vice-president of the Anchor Stores company announced Thursday that this company had purchased the complete stock, lease on the building and entire outfit of the Durham Cash store. The three-story building now occupied by the Durham Cash store was taken over in the deal, though not purchased, and the Anchor store will make its first appearance early in September.

Several other new stores are to be started by this company in the principal cities of the state within the next 12 months.

Prof. George A. Cole, who was superintendent of the Middleburg Farm Life school for two years with Mrs. Cole has arrived in Arkansas without mishap, having made the entire journey from Middleburg by way of a horse and buggy. E. M. Rollins received a card from Professor Cole that was written at Little Rock, Ark., last Sunday, saying they arrived there Friday. They left here June 30 and traveled 1,232 miles averaging 28½ miles per day. They stopped four days in Asheville to rest. The card said they would leave Little Rock last Tuesday for their home in northern Arkansas, a distance of 800 miles from the capital. The couple traveled in the buggy for the novelty of the thing, going largely as was the fashion in the old stage coach days of many years ago.

CABRERA TALKS ABOUT MEXICAN SOVEREIGNTY

Mexico City, Aug. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—The highest Mexican government officials are making a close study of the principal points at issue between the Mexican and American governments with the view of reaching arrangements satisfactory to the United States without impairment of Mexican national interests and Mexican sovereignty, according to declarations made Saturday night by Luis Cabrera, secretary of the treasury and one of the leading members of the cabinet. These points, as contained in a statement by Senor Cabrera Friday night on the necessity for a reciprocal border guard service are petroleum legislation, indemnifications, frontier vigilance and guarantees for the safety of foreigners and foreign interests in Mexico. Within three or four days, according to Senor Cabrera, the government officials will begin giving out to the Mexican press statements regarding to government standpoint on the questions at issue and the means which Mexico can rightfully adopt to meet foreign governmental representations. The declarations of the secretary are somewhat of an indirect reply to critics of the administration who have been intimating that cabinet changes were necessary preliminary to meeting the present international problems.

Taking up figures which he said were recently quoted in the United States senate regarding Mexico's debt, Senor Cabrera asserted that, including every item Mexico's obligations could be paid in full with \$500,000,000. Promising to give out details and exact figures shortly he stated that the total debts could be given roughly as follows:

RHODA ROYAL CIRCUS COMING

With Spring comes the circus, and the first big tent show to visit Elkin will be the Rhoda Royal Circus, combined with Old Buffalo Wild West, which will exhibit on Tuesday September 1st presenting two performances at 2 in the afternoon and 8 in the evening. Doors will be open one hour earlier. This big enterprise known as the best of tented aggregations now traveling, contains many new and up-to-the-minute novelties. Among the many features will be found the very cream of European acts, every performer a star. Prominent unquestionable features are the Royal herd of educated elephants, "Bismark" the marble statue horse, "Rinaldo," the only ball room horse in the world dancing the "tango," "Nellie," the bridleless high school mane mare, and the great military drill by a score of beautiful horses, presented by Rhoda Royal, the king of horse trainers; "Frontier Days," a great wild west show complete, famous riders from the plains, daring cow boys, and cow girls, who were reared in the saddle. Expert rope spinning, lasso-throwing, champion trick and fancy riding bronco busting, bucking horses and mules, ranch girls and cow boys on horse back in quadrille, every act a real circus feature, then there are lots of aerial acts, grand gymnastics, tumbling, vaulting, hurdle races, many funny clowns, whose peculiar activities will keep you in an uproar. Oh, yes, then we have not forgotten to provide for the younger element by presenting Prof. White's troupe of trained horses, ponies, dogs, goats and monkeys. Two solid hours of "Oh Joy" and thrills. Will exhibit twice only at 2 in the afternoon and 8 in the evening. Doors open one hour earlier. Free outside open air exhibitions on the grounds at 1 and 7 P. M., rain or shine.

EXPRESS ROBBERIES IN FAYETTEVILLE CHARGED

Fayetteville, Aug. 22.—John W. James, day clerk at the local office of the American Express company; Lester Johnson, negro employe of the express company Nancy Johnson, his wife, and Bursie Her, negro are under arrest here today as the result of a round-up following an investigation by Chief of Police P. W. Merker and Detective W. W. Hewlett of this city, and a department of justice agent, of a systematic robbery of the express, which it is charged has been going on here for some time. The police are continuing their investigation and other arrests may be made.

The arrests of the men were made today by Chief Merker and Detective Hewlett. Thousands of dollars worth of goods were recovered, which were found at the home of the negro accomplices. The goods alleged to have been taken by James and his accomplices were for the most part in interstate commerce.

Japanese Visit Secretary.

Honolulu, Aug. 22.—A delegation of prominent Japanese visited Secretary of the Navy Daniels here today and presented him two bronze vases.

Secretary Daniels, in accepting, thanked the Japanese and said that he saw in the occasion another symbol of the friendship of the amity existing between the two countries.

A tour of the island of Oaha was made today by Secretary Daniels and officers of the warship that accompanied him here. The secretary and his party were initiated into the mysteries of the "Luau" a native feast which had been prepared for the visitors by local officials of the island government. The menus and decorations at the scene of the feast which was held at a point forty miles distant from Honolulu were distinctly Hawaiian. "Lucas" have been given in Hawaii for a hundred years in honor of distinguished guests. Barbecued meats cooked in native style in wrapping of leaves, poi and other Hawaiian delicacies having been prepared as well.

JOY FOR THE BOYS

A Circus will be here on Tuesday Sept. 2nd.
Rhoda Royal's Hippodrome Shows, Trained Wild Animal and Old Buffalo Wild West, will exhibit on Tuesday afternoon and evening in Elkin. A circus is something that no boy or girl should be permitted to miss. Within the circus tent there is a mystic realm, which brings to the children's mind and contains the acme of all that is wonderful great and bewildering the great pictorial and red posters which come in advance have filled every young mind with visions of a perfect haven of delight and amusement and nothing can fill the childish heart with so much gloom and abject despondency as the idea of being debarred from casting wide eyes about this wonderland beautiful as it will appear beneath the big water-proof tents. This circus has among its many novelties the only high school, manage mule in the world. "Little Henry" and this hybrid equine makes the renowned comic mule "Maud" and her trainer "Si," look mild and meek. The animal at the word of command can kick a hundred ways in a minute at the next command will be so docile that a child can tie down between its four legs or mount it and ride around the ring. It is so trained also to cake walk, perform the Spanish trot and jump over gates four feet high, besides there is Prof. White's celebrated troupe of dogs, ponies, horses, goats and donkeys, saying nothing about the high class aerial, trapeze, swinging perch, revolving ladder acts. Funny clowns, gymnasts, tumblers have back riders galore, and last but not least the great Wild West spectacle. Frontier days with its many thrills, lasso throwers, fancy trick riding by cow boys and cow girls. In the aggregation you will see more novelties than some of its rivals of a more pretentious nature.