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## GERMANS TRIED TO FORM AN ALLIANCE AGAINST THE U. S.

### Washington is Astonished Over Latest German Plot

**Helped to Bring About the Defection of Japan and Enter Into an Alliance With Mexico to Make War on the United States---An Amazing Document.**

WASHINGTON, March 1.—A revelation of how Germany, expecting war with the United States as the result of her submarine campaign of ruthlessness, plotted to unite Mexico and Japan with her for an attack on the United States, has stirred the capital to its depths.

Members of Congress, many of whom have been hesitating before President Wilson's request for full authority to deal with Germany in the present situation, went to the Capitol today reading documentary evidence of the intrigue which proposed to separate Japan from her allies and add the United States to the list of nations which Germany hopes to see conquered in her dream of world domination.

How Germany, confident that unrestricted submarine warfare is the instrument by which she will bring England to her knees, proposed a triple blow, is revealed in a set of instructions from German Foreign Minister Zimmerman to German Minister Von Eckhardt, in Mexico City, which was transmitted through Consul Von Bernstorff, late German ambassador here. At one sweep Germany proposed to weaken the Entente alliance by the defection of Japan, strike a crushing blow at England's naval power by cutting off the supply of Mexican fuel oil, and thoroughly engage the attention of the United States by an invasion in which Japan was to be invited to join and by which Mexico should be rewarded by reconquering her "lost provinces"—Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

This astounding document, dated Berlin, January 19, 1917, the contents of which have for some time been in possession of the United States government, shows plainly that Germany, while making repeated protestations to the United States that she had no intention of resuming her plan of ruthlessness, was making final arrangements for its execution two weeks before it was announced, and had even gone so far in consideration of the consequences that she proposed to meet them by the attack with the aid of Mexico and Japan upon the United States.

#### Text of Document Communicated to the

#### German Ambassador in Mexico from Berlin

The text of this document is as follows:

BERLIN, January 19, 1917.

On the first of February we intend to begin submarine warfare unrestricted. In spite of this, it is our intention to endeavor to keep neutral the United States of America.

If this attempt is not successful, we propose an alliance on the following basis with Mexico: That we shall make war together and together make peace. We shall give general financial support, and it is understood that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. The details are left to you for settlement.

You are instructed to inform the President of Mexico of the above, in the greatest confidence, as soon as it is certain that there will be an outbreak of war with the United States, and suggest that the President of Mexico, on his own initiative, should communicate with Japan, suggesting adherence at once to this plan. At the same time, offer to mediate between Germany and Japan. Please call to the attention of the President of Mexico that the employment of ruthless submarine warfare now promises to compel England to make peace in a few months.

(Sgd.) ZIMMERMAN.

#### Startling Disclosures Show That Germany

#### Already Numbers U. S. Among her Enemies

To American officials the startling disclosure throws new light on Germany's real attitude toward the United States. It shows that while the administration at Washington has been going to the utmost lengths to avoid an armed clash with Germany, even to the extent of repeatedly enduring flagrant violations of American rights on the sea, and breaches of neutrality on American soil, Germany, with the diplomacy so suddenly revealed by the outbreak of the European war, has been numbering the United States among her enemies and making provision to meet such a situation.

### MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, March 1.—Casualties among Maritime men are reported as follows:

**Infantry.**  
Died—Henry Poirier, Eastern Harbor, N. S.; T. E. Hill, Sydney Mines, N. S.; W. B. Fowler, St. John.  
Dangerously ill—W. G. Gardner, Lunenburg, N. S.  
Wounded—Joseph Dennys, Dartmouth, N. S.  
**Mounted Rifles.**  
Wounded—O. A. Hartt, Grand Falls, N. B.

### Sale of Liquor Stopped in Denmark

London, March 1.—The sale of all spirits and other alcoholic liquors has been prohibited in Denmark, according to a Reuter despatch from Copenhagen. The order is temporary and calls for returns to the country.

### B. C. Legislature Was Opened today

Victoria, B. C., March 1.—The British Columbia Legislature opens this afternoon at 3 o'clock. John W. Weart, member for South Vancouver, will be elected Speaker.

### Made Big Profit Out of Liquor

Regina, Sask., March 1.—It was announced in the Legislature last night that profits from the government liquor stores in eighteen months' operation was \$1,527,000.

#### To Meet on Tuesday.

Mr. E. S. Carter, at the request of Mr. W. E. Foster has called a meeting of the elected and defeated candidates of the Opposition party for Tuesday and Wednesday next. The meeting will convene in St. John and will deal with matters affecting the political situation.

### N. B. FRUIT GROWERS HAD AN ENJOYABLE BANQUET

**Those Attending the Apple Packer's Course Were Guests--Mr. Daggett Announces His Intention of Going Back to the Land.**

The Apple Packing School organized by the Horticultural Division of the Provincial Agricultural Department will close tomorrow after a four days' course. Practical instruction in packing with actual packing by those taking the course is the method followed. Some fifty students are in attendance. The instructors are Mr. P. J. Carey, of Toronto, packing expert and demonstrator of the staff of the Federal fruit division, and Mr. George H. Vroom, chief fruit inspector for the Maritime Provinces, assisted by Mr. Gorham and officers of the Provincial Horticultural Division. During the course there have been two lectures by Mr. George E. Saunders, officer in charge of the Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Annapolis Royal, N. S. His subjects were "Insect and Fungus Enemies of the Apple," and "Sprays and Spraying."

Last night the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association entertained the instructors and the students who attended the course at a dinner and smoker at the York Hotel. Addresses were delivered by Mr. R. A. Fillmore, president of the association, Mr. A. G. G. Daggett, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. S. B. Hatheway, and others.

The feature of the addresses was the valedictory of Mr. Daggett, who said it was the last occasion on which he would appear before the Fruit Growers' Association, and admitted that as a party man he could not expect to retain his position.

**Resolutions Passed**  
The dinner at York Hotel last night was attended by about fifty persons. President Fillmore was in the chair and made in his introductory remarks a plea for concerted action in the development of fruit growing in New Brunswick.

A resolution was passed expressing appreciation of the services of Messrs. P. J. Carey and George H. Vroom, of the Fruit Commissioners' Branch, and Messrs. George E. Sanders and A. G. Dutton, of the Dominion Entomological Division. There was also passed a resolution expressing appreciation of the Apple Packing School. There was another expressing approval of the action of the Entomological Division in arranging for Mr. George E. Saunders to devote all his time in the future to spraying experiments for the control of insects.

A very important resolution was one (Continued on page 5.)

### BRITISH ARE MAKING STEADY PROGRESS ON THE TIGRIS FRONT

**Pursuit of the fleeing Turks is Being Kept Up---Huns Drop Bombs on Broadstairs, an English Coast Town Injuring One Woman.**

LONDON, March 1.—The British continued the pursuit of Turks on the Tigris front throughout Tuesday, it is announced officially. Following is the statement:

"Telegraphing on Tuesday, the commander in Mesopotamia reported that throughout the day the pursuit of the beaten enemy had been continued by our cavalry and gunboats. A number of prisoners have been taken in the course of the day's operations, together with at least six guns, three mortars, eight mine-throwers, thirty pontoons, much bridging material, a large river vessel and a quantity of equipment, arms and ammunition for large and small arms."

LONDON, March 1.—A hostile airplane dropped bombs today on Broadstairs, it is announced officially. One woman was slightly injured. Broadstairs is a watering place on the island of Thanet, off the Kentish coast. It is one of the towns shelled by German destroyers on Monday.

### French Troops Take German Prisoners In Minor Operations on the Western Front

PARIS, March 1.—Encounters between French and German patrols took place during last night in the Argonne and east of Metzeral, Alsace, the War Office announced today.

Prisoners were taken by the French in the course of these operations. The announcement is as follows:

"Patrol encounters occurred during the night in the Argonne and in the region east of Metzeral. We took prisoners—there was intermittent artillery fighting at certain points on the front, especially between the Oise and the Aisne and in the Champagne near Auberive."

### Germans Systematically Destroy Dugouts And Trenches Before Abandoning Them

PARIS, March 1.—The Germans have already fallen back behind Bapaume and the fall of that town is imminent, according to information which has reached military circles here. The new German line is said to run along the road from Bapaume to Peronne, and some distance in the rear of the former town. During the retirement the Germans have systematically destroyed their dugouts and provision depots and rendered their trenches useless.

An Australian patrol in one place found a chain stretched across a ravine and discovered in time that it was connected with a mine at either end. German artillery fire is said to have been notably feeble during the recent retreat, but heavy guns are reported still in position at Bapaume, mounted on rails.

### OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF LATEST GERMAN PLOT

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Full official confirmation of Germany's proposal to Mexico of an alliance with Mexico and Japan to attack the United States, was given today both by the White House and the State Department.

The evidences at hand are that if Mexico, as Germany suggested, communicated to Japan the proposal for an attack on the United States, it met with a reception in Tokio which was quite contrary to what Berlin had expected.

The communication of Germany to Mexico and Japan, as published today, was brought up in the Senate when it convened by Senator Lodge, who introduced a resolution proposing that the President inform the Senate if the note signed "Zimmerman" is authentic. Senator Swanson of Virginia said he was authorized to state that it is "substantially correct."

Secretary of State Lansing authorized this statement: "We do not believe that Japan has had any knowledge of this or that she would consider any proposition made by an enemy."