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***** The Weather. *****

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SITUATION AT WASHINGTON NOT MUCH CHANGED TODAY

Now Await Official Reports From Japan and Mexico

The United States Want These Nations to Define Their Attitudes Toward the German Plot---Congress Provided for the Arming of Merchantships.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The passing of the first shock of yesterday's authenticated disclosure that Germany plotted to incite Mexico and Japan to war against the United States, found government agencies today more closely united in spirit against threatened danger, and awaiting with keen interest official statements from Mexico and Japan defining their attitudes. Officials confidently looked for expressions of friendship from both, and a consequent collapse of the German intrigue.

Nevertheless, preparations were hurried all along for whatever may confront the nation. The bill authorizing President Wilson to arm ships, and providing a bond issue of \$100,000,000, passed by the House late last night by a vote of 403 to 13, after ten hours of enthusiastic debate, was in the Senate's hands, and action was expected late today or tonight.

The Senate, in response to its formal inquiry, had President Wilson's official assurance that the version of German Foreign Minister Zimmermann's note to the German minister at Mexico City, proposing the plot, as revealed yesterday by the Associated Press, was authentic. The President disclosed that the communication came into possession of the government this week, but ventured the opinion that it was "incompatible with the public interest" to give the Senate further details at this time.

PARIS, March 2.—Two German raids occurring simultaneously last night on the front west of Soissons, were broken up by the French fire with losses to the Germans, the official War Office statement today says. A German trench near Vauquois, Argonne, was raided and prisoners taken.

Story of German Plot Given Prominence

By the Morning Newspapers of London

LONDON, March 2.—A majority of the morning newspapers given the greatest prominence to the German plot to have Mexico and Japan go to war with the United States, if that country should not remain neutral in the European situation. In addition to the Associated Press Washington despatch, they print long special despatches from Washington and New York under big headlines. "Amazing German Treachery," and "Bernstorff's Perfidy" are among the headlines which indicate the general treatment of the story.

Striking exceptions in this respect are the Northcliffe newspapers, which do not treat the news as especially important and do not comment editorially on it. The Daily Mail condenses the story into about half a column, but has no display headlines, while the Times, though treating it more fully, does not especially emphasize the story.

Revolutionary Plans and Expeditions

Had Been Prepared by German Agents.

NEW YORK, March 2.—A Herald despatch from Washington says: "Continuing the exposure of German intrigue in the United States to foment war and embroil the United States with foreign governments, the Herald has received information from official sources today of revolutionary plans and expeditions attempted by German officials and agents in this country. The British government has executed a death sentence against at least ten of such conspirators from the United States. In other instances, would-be informers of the authorities in this country have been mysteriously murdered just at the time their testimony seemed available."

THE TURKS ARE STILL RETREATING.

LONDON, March 2.—The Turks are continuing to retreat before the victorious British on the Tigris front. Official announcement was made here today that the retreating Turks on Tuesday evening passed through Aziziyah, 52 miles north of Kut-el-Amara. More than 7,000 prisoners have been taken by the British since December.

A LOAN FOR TURKEY.

BERNE, via Paris, March 2.—A Vienna despatch says that Austria has agreed to lend Turkey 240,000,000 crowns for an indefinite period. The money is to be used for purposes in Asia-Hungary.

SENATE MAY PASS A SUB- STITUTE BILL

Washington, March 2.—The next move in the programme of putting the United States in a state of armed neutrality to deal with Germany, was delayed in the Senate today by objections of some members based on the exigencies of a parliamentary situation until 4 o'clock. At that hour an effort will be made to substitute for the armed neutrality bill which last night passed the house, the Senate bill which confers the authority to use "other instrumentalities" in addition to arming merchant ships.

Hotel Burned, Guests Escaped

Gardner, Mass., March 2.—The Windsor House, a three story brick hotel, was burned last night, causing a loss estimated at \$75,000. The guests had ample time to leave the building without difficulty.

THE NORTHUMBERLAND FIGHT.

(Chatham World.)

Mr. Loggie made the election his own fight, and waved the Liberal party banner. His splendid campaign organization went to work as if it were a Dominion election and he the candidate, and the Laurier banner was waved in the French districts. Mr. Stewart, having been spoken of as a possible candidate for the House of Commons, must be slaughtered, and all the Liberal orators and canvassers assailed him.

The result was a great victory for the Liberals, and if the three factions of the party don't part, forecasts Mr. Loggie's re-election to Parliament by a large majority.

DOMINION ROYAL COM- MISSION HANDS OUT REPORT

Recommends a Scientific Development of the Natural Resources of the Empire--Better Overseas Communication and Cheaper Cable Rates Urged.

TORONTO, March 2.—Co-ordination and co-relation of all the resources of the British Empire is the purpose of the Dominion Royal Commission, now closing the fifth year of its existence, and the final report of which, inter-relating the features of all the dominions and the United Kingdom, is now at hand. Issued contemporaneously with this report is the fifth interim report, the subject being Canada.

The Commission points out that action taken during the war to stimulate and control the supplies of foodstuffs and raw materials, illustrates the immense power which government of the United Kingdom and the overseas dominions can exert to control the course of trade and development of natural resources when necessity arises.

Scientific Development of Natural Resources.

The commission has made a survey of natural resources, commercial and industrial effort, and the man power of the Empire, and advocates the completion and continuance of the work under a permanent imperial development board representing all parts of the dominions, which should keep this survey up to date, so that there may be a scientific development of the natural resources of the empire.

As just one instance of what is proposed, the report says: "In the case of minerals, a properly co-ordinated mineral survey of the empire appears to be an urgent necessity. Further investigation is needed both in the case of minerals, of which empire supplies are at present unknown, and in the case of minerals already worked in order to determine the most economic means of production."

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GERMANS WILL MAKE AN EFFORT TO RESTORE THEIR LOST PRESTIGE

Director of Military Operations for The British General Staff Thinks The War May go Over Another Winter---Allies Position Improved.

LONDON, March 2.—The war may easily extend over another winter as far as purely military factors are concerned, according to a statement by General Frederick B. Maurice, director of military operations for the Imperial General Staff, in an interview given to the Associated Press.

"I see no indication of what has been asserted," said Gen. Maurice, "that the Germans are withdrawing at some places because of a desire to force open fighting. This movement is a retirement forced upon them. They do not like it any more than we did when, after the second battle of Ypres, we had to retire a shorter distance to straighten out line. We are now gathering the fruits of our winter operations, the result of which is that from Arras to the Ancre salient, a line decidedly dangerous to the German positions has been established.

Does Not Think That the Germans are At the End of Their Fighting Resources

"Our raids on the Somme front gave us commanding positions, from which our artillery fire was much more effective. The Germans, who no longer occupy snug and well constructed dugouts, are more than anxious to retire to a safer line. They also probably counted on making our preparations for an offensive over this ground abortive by giving up their front line and compelling us to alter our plans.

"I have no patience with the idea that the Germans are at the end of their fighting resources either. They are still capable of and will put up a strong fight. From a purely military standpoint I see no reason why the war should not go through another winter, but considerations outside the military zone may operate to end it sooner. How far the shortage of food in Germany has affected the physique and morale of the latest recruits I cannot say, but some deterioration from this cause is almost certain and will become more effective in time.

"In our armies I believe we have the manhood as well as the material superiority which will result in ultimate victory."

WIRELESS DEVICE TO DESTROY SUBMARRINES

NEW YORK, March 2.—A special despatch to the World from Pittsburgh, Pa., published this morning, says:

"Theodore Eicholz, a young engineer and architect of this city, has invented a wireless device that may be used to destroy submarines by causing an explosion of gases that are always present in submersibles. For several years the inventor was connected with the United States corps of engineers. Mr. Eicholz stated that a few days ago a small experimental apparatus in his home on Neville Island sunk a small "dummy" submarine in the Ohio river five miles away. The destroyed model was built of steel and had been submerged to a depth of 10 feet.

"All submarines while under water are propelled by electric storage batteries which throw off a gas that pervades the hull. This gas, Eicholz says, he detonates by the wireless current and destruction follows. The apparatus will be submitted to the government at once."

KAISER TAKES A CHILL.

LONDON, March 2.—The German Emperor is suffering from a severe chill, according to a Berlin report received by the Exchange Telegraph Company by way of Amsterdam. It is stated that the Emperor is compelled to remain indoors, but receives the ministers and communicates daily with headquarters, but his doctors insist on great caution.