

News of the Week Out Down for Busy Readers

European War News

Charging five times, the Russians attempted to recapture here taken by the Germans north of the Talpato road in the northern Romanian front.

German Plot Against United States

Berlin's Order to Its Mexico City Minister to Form a German-Mexico-Japanese Alliance Against the United States if the Break Came Between the Kaiser's Government and Washington.

Washington—Following is the text of the instructions sent by German Foreign Minister Zimmermann at Berlin to Minister von Eckhardt in Mexico City, ordering the latter to propose to Carranza the projected alliance between Germany, Japan and Mexico:

"Berlin, Jan. 19, 1917.—On the 1st 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.

"ZIMMERMANN"

GERMANY URGES MEXICO AND JAPS TO FIGHT AMERICA

The document supplies the missing link in many separate chains of circumstances, which until now have seemed to lead to one end.

It sheds new light upon the frequent reports that indefinable movements were being made by Germany in its situation with the United States and Japan.

It adds another chapter to the celebrated report of Lord Curzon, British ambassador in Berlin before the war, of Germany's world-wide plans for stirring strife on every continent where she might not be met by a more powerful world dominion which she dreamed was close at hand.

It adds a climax to the operations of the Kaiser's empire, which has been carried out with passport frauds, copies of diplomatic plots and intrigue, the full extent of which never has been published.

Emphasizes Our Perils. It gives new credence to persistent reports of submarine bases on Mexican territory in the Gulf of Mexico.

It makes cogent a German recognition by American army chiefs, that if Japan ever undertook to invade the United States it probably would be through Mexico, over the border and into the Mississippi valley to split the country in two.

It recalls that Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador here, was reluctant to return to Germany, but expressed a preference for asylum in Cuba.

It gives a new explanation to the repeated arrests on the border of American military authorities charged by German intelligence agents.

Last of all, it seems to show a connection with General Carranza's recent policy of neutrality that exports of food and munitions to the United States be cut off, and an intimation that he might stop the supply of oil, which is now being sent to Mexico.

What Will Congress Do? What congress will do, and how members of congress who openly have sympathized with Germany in their operations, during the past two years, will be treated, is the subject of the keenest interest.

Such a proposal as Germany instructed her minister to make to Mexico, is now no doubt whatever that the proposed alliance with Mexico was known to high Mexican officials and are distinguished for their anti-Americanism.

Details of the Plot. Details were left to German Minister von Eckhardt in Mexico City, who by instructions signed by German Foreign Minister Zimmermann at Berlin January 19, 1917, was directed to propose the alliance with Mexico to General Carranza and suggest that Mexico seek to bring Japan into the plot.

These instructions were transmitted through the United States government by Bernstorff, former German ambassador here, now on his way home to Germany under a safe conduct, offered by his allies by the country against which he was plotting war.

Pictures World Dominion. Germany pictured to Mexico by broad strokes a sufficient answer to the entente allies defeated; Germany and her allies triumphant and in world dominion by the instrument of unrestricted submarine warfare.

A copy of Secretary Zimmermann's instructions to von Eckhardt, sent through the United States government. The document has been in the hands of the government since President Wilson ordered diplomatic relations with Germany to be severed.

Foreign. The French minister and the Belgian chargé d'affaires, representing the entente allies, have been invited to enter the war against Germany. The Chinese minister has been invited to join the entente.

Prison for False Reports. Vienna Note to Washington Denies Sinking of U. S. Schooner. Washington, March 1.—Publication of a false statement regarding a consular agent between the United States and any other country, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding two years.

Not an Austrian Submarine. According to the Vienna note, the Austrian government notified the state department that the Austrian schooner Lyman M. Law was not sunk by an Austrian submarine.

Much in Little. According to Josephus the volume was found to contain in it a little more than a few lines of text.

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