RUMORED GERARD BRINGS GERMAN PEACE PROPOSAL

AMBASSADOR BERNSTORFF EMPHATICALLY DENIES ANY SUCH REPORT.

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON Oct. 6.—Breaking officials of the state department said today they had no information to indicate that Ambassador Gerard is bringing back a suggest from Germany that the United States intervene to end the European war and were not inclined to believe the story. Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, declared he knew positively that it was untrue.

While the President does not believe Mr. Gerard is in receipt so important a move it is thought officials of his government do not realized that available means of communication between Washington and Berlin are very hazardous and delicate and parts are dynamite. The ambassador is felt, would be especially reluctant to attempt to communicate with the Department by cipher a method of transmitted such a grave proposal with the risk that the message might fall into the hands of the Allies.

It was declared on the other hand that the Washington government would have knowledge of such a move if authentic word of it had reached any one in the United States. The German ambassador would not discuss the story but said anything he had information positively disproving it.

The officials at the department today said that such a specific request for mediation by one of the belligerents would bring about any effort in this country to arrange a European peace. In the absence of Secretary Lansing who is in his home, high officials of the Department said even if a direct offer were to come from one side, doubt was expressed that, or a willingness to negotiate mediation would not have to come from both sides before this country would act. It is felt that both groups of belligerents have been told in this or words that any attempt by a neutral would have to be attended cautious.

There is a growing feeling among some officials that a lasting peace brought about by direct negotiation between the belligerents would be the greatest outcome of the war. Both groups of belligerents are thought to be opposed to negotiations by a third party, especially as there are Democrats though most peace parties comprising influential men in all the belligerent countries who are keeping closely in touch with each other.

WANT CHINK MINISTER TO WITHDRAW RESIGNATION

DECLINES TO INTERVENE TO SAVE CONDEMNED MAN

MEXICANS SEEK TO STOP BANDITS

GOVERNOR OF CHIHUAHUA DECIDES RANCHMEN MUST PROTECT AGAINST OFFENDERS

PUEBLO MAN FOUND WITH SKULL CRUSHED

HUGHES SUFFRAGE TRAIN REACHES WATERLOO IA.

WATERLOO, Ia., Oct. 6.—A packed house at a local theater greeted speakers from the Hughes campaign train today. The support was just fair though a representative crowd was on hand. Addresses were made by Mrs. Maud Jones Gill, Nelson Dingmann and Miss E. Missie Ada Moss, candidate from the fifth district.

Mexican Coin Value Increased.

To Organize Jap Laborers

By Associated Press

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 6.—Representatives of the organization of Japanese laborers was made here today by the California Federation of Labor. An executive board was formed to investigate during the next year the possibilities and desirability of such action.

The calling of the committee will be considered by the 1917 federation convention.

TAFT DISCUSSES RIGHT TO STRIKE

EX-PRESIDENT DOES NOT BELIEVE EIGHT-HOUR LAW DESIRABLE.

By Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 6.—The right and wrong of recently enacted eight-hour law was attacked by W. H. Taft when he addressed Republicans at the Indiana state fair today. Discussing the relationship of constitutional government to the people, Mr. Taft's address was one of the chief features of the program in connection with Indiana industrial exposition and school week-end. Both houses of congress were represented in the audience which filled every seat in the auditorium and many stood throughout the address and listened specially.

In treating the disappointing result of the northwestern territory as to the stand that Democratic candidate for President would take on the question of peace, Mr. Taft said that Democrats had charged Republicans with being a party of war and have charged against them that they had made all things in their history, to avoid the war. Mr. Taft said that he had no intention of making any political advantage out of the situation, but he said, he felt it was a fair question to ask the Democratic candidate in this country, in view of his attitude to the Mexican situation and the Mexican situation, certain classes of people would be glad if political advantage could be gained. He regretted the eight hour law so much and said:

"This is the most noteworthy instance in our history of a great strike whose labor was passenger that must have been refusing to perform its functions in the service of employers.

"After recounting the modification of constitutional restraints since Independence, Mr. Taft said:

"The point is, shall we go back to the days of the Sherman law, or shall we go forward to the days of the Wilson law? The question