

# DUPLICITY OF KAISER EXPOSED BY LETTER

(By Associated Press.)  
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The German emperor's telegram to President Wilson, given to Ambassador Gerard in the emperor's own handwriting, was made public officially by the state department today for the first time. It follows:  
 Berlin, via Copenhagen. Dated August 14, 1914. Received August 15, 7:30 p. m.  
 Secretary of state, Washington, Aug. 14, 3 p. m.  
 The following was communicated personally to me by the emperor in writing:  
 "Private and confidential.  
 "For the president personally.  
 "One. The royal highness Prince Henry was received by his majesty King George V. in London who empowered him to transmit to me verbatim that England would remain neutral if war broke out on the continent involving Germany and France, Austria and Russia. This message was telegraphed to me by my brother from London, after his conversation with his majesty, the king, and repeated verbally on the 29th of July.  
 "Two. My ambassador in London transmitted a message from Sir Edward Grey to Berlin saying that only in case France was likely to be crushed, England would interfere.  
 "Three. On the thirtieth, my ambassador in London reported Sir Edward Grey in the course of a private conversation told him that if the conflict remained localized between Russia—not Serbia—and Austria—England would not move, but if we mixed in the fray she would take quick decisions and grave measures, in other words, if I left my ally, Austria, in the lurch to fight alone England would not touch me.  
 "Four. This communication being directly counter to the king's message to me I telegraphed to his majesty on the 29th of 30th thanking him for his kind message to my brother and begging him to use all his power to keep France and Russia, his allies, from making any warlike preparations calculated to disturb my work on mediation, stating that I was in constant communication with his majesty, the czar. In the evening the king kindly answered that he had ordered his government to use every possible influence with his allies to repudiate taking any provocative military measures. At the same time his majesty asked me, I should transmit to Vienna the British proposal that Austria was to take Belgrade and a few other Serbian towns and strip of country as a main use (sic) to make sure that the Serbian promises on paper should be fulfilled in reality. This proposal was in the same moment telegraphed to me from Vienna for London quite in conjunction with the British proposal; besides I have telegraphed to his majesty, the czar, the same as an idea of mine before I received the two communications from London and Vienna. As both were of the same opinion I immediately transmitted the telegrams vice versa to London and Vienna. I felt that I was able to have the question over and was happy as the peaceful outlook.  
 "Five. While I was preparing a note to his majesty, the czar, the next morning to inform him that Vienna, London and Berlin were agreed about the treatment of affairs, I received the telephone message from his excellency, the chancellor, that in the night before the czar had given the order to mobilize the whole of the Russian army which was of course also meant against Germany; whereas up till then the southern armies had been mobilized against Austria.  
 "Sixth. In a telegram to London my ambassador informed me he understood the British government would guarantee neutrality of France and wished to know whether Germany would refrain from attack. I telegraphed to his majesty, the king, personally, that mobilization being already carried out, could not be

stopped, but if his majesty guaranteed with his forces the neutrality of France, I would refrain from attack, leave her alone and employ no forces elsewhere. His majesty answered that he thought my offer was based on a misunderstanding and as far as I can make out, Sir Edward Grey never took my offer into serious consideration. He never answered it. Instead he declared England had to defend Belgian neutrality which had to be violated by Germany on strategic grounds, news having been received that France was already preparing to enter Belgium and the king of the Belgians having refused my petition for a free passage under guarantee of his country's freedom. I am most grateful for the president's message.  
 "William."  
 "Gerard."

The department gave out the message as it was received by cable. Its language differs only slightly from the original autograph text, though the emperor's spelling has been corrected in several instances. In the paragraph numbered three "grave maneuvers" is grave measures in the original; in paragraph four where to repudiate from taking any "provocation military measures" occurs the original read "to refrain from taking, etc.," and in paragraph two emperor "employ my troops elsewhere" instead of "my forces."

# RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IS ORDERED IN RUSSIA

(By Associated Press.)  
 PETROGRAD, August 15.—Rapid progress is being made by the commission newly appointed to reform that part of the penal law of 1903 which deals with violation of the principle of religious liberty, conversion to another religion by violence or threats and "perversion" to another religion by fraud or undue influence.  
 The basis of this law was a distinction, first, between orthodox and non-orthodox Christians and, second, between Christians generally and Mohammedans and heathen. Voluntary conversion from orthodoxy was punishable under certain conditions, whereas voluntary conversion to orthodoxy was not punishable. For conversion to orthodoxy by violence or threat the penalties were mild and, in practice were never enforced; and non-Christians virtually were not at all protected against violent conversion.  
 The law now under consideration recognizes the complete liberty of all Christians. To emphasize this principle, the projected law abolishes

es the legal use of the word "heresy," and replaces the legal term "perversion" with "conversion."  
 The new law will protect citizens against forcible conversion, by imposing a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding three years. The law will further deal with certain extremist sectarians such as the Skoptsi and others which mutilate themselves and have even burned one another alive. For such offenses the penalty is imprisonment in a fortress.

The debate in the house of commons did nothing to reconcile the conflict of evidence between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Henderson as to the line Mr. Henderson intended to take at last Friday's labor conference.

# SUCCESSOR TO HENDERSON IN THE BRITISH CABINET NAMED

(By Associated Press.)  
 LONDON, Aug. 15.—A day of great political excitement in London concluded with the announcement that George Nickoll Barnes, minister of pensions, had been appointed to replace Arthur Henderson, minister without portfolio. The appointment, according to a semi-official statement, has the approval of all the other labor members of the government.  
 Thus the crisis which seemed to threaten the existence of the government was at least temporarily settled and unless unexpected developments occur there will be no appeal to the country.  
 The government announced to parliament that the ministers had decided not to grant passports to the Stockholm international socialist conference thereby falling in line with other allied governments in this respect. It is not doubted that this decision will be accepted by the major section of the country and by the newspapers.

Mr. Henderson in the house of commons made an impassioned defense of his position in the conflict that has arisen between himself and Prime Minister Lloyd George. He entered into great detail on the recent events but still left much mystery regarding his relations with the premier since his return from Russia.  
 Mr. Henderson's supporters contend that the entire misunderstanding previously having failed to take a decision on the Stockholm conference. They say that had the decision been formulated a week ago the entire crisis would have been avoided.  
 Mr. Henderson impressed the house considerably by showing that the question of his visit to Paris was the subject of a special cabinet meeting and sympathy was aroused for him by his having been kept waiting for an hour outside the doors of a cabinet meeting and

the fact that he first learned through the columns of an evening newspaper that his resignation had been accepted.

## JAP MINISTER TO MEXICO

(By Associated Press.)  
 MEXICO CITY, Aug. 15.—Baron Fujitaro Otori has been named Japanese minister to Mexico. Baron Otori formerly was secretary to the Japanese embassy in Rome and it is expected that he will make a journey to Tokio before coming to Mexico.  
 "When the history of what little children have suffered in this terrible war is written, it will be the saddest of all reading.—Ontario Nugget.

## CHILD BEATER SENT TO COUNTY JAIL

Chief of Police Jack Grant arrested this morning Mrs. Rosenditch who lives in Midway gulch and placed her in the county jail to answer a charge of cruelty to children. The complaint was filed by the neighbors who grew weary of seeing the young ones mistreated and they called on the police for redress. Jack Grant had experienced trouble at the same place last week when he was called to dispatch a vicious dog that had terrorized the neighborhood. At that time the woman was defiant and the chief of police had no alternative than to kill the brute. Mrs. Rosenditch is a young woman who is separated from her husband.

## YOUNGEST CHILD DIES THIS MORNING

Sophia Malkovich, the thirteen months' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Malkovich, died this morning of an affliction of the digestive organs and will be buried tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home on Belmont avenue. The child had suffered almost from birth from impaired digestion and malnutrition. The father who is one of the owners of the Tonopah Extension grocery is one of the best known business men in the county and he and his wife have the sympathy of their friends. Two other children survive.

## BEGIN WORK ON SWIMMING POOL

Two teams with scrapers began work this morning close to the shaft of the Victor on the site chosen by the citizen's committee for the construction of a swimming pool. This is simply the beginning of a great enterprise that will appeal directly to more people than any other project ever conceived in Tonopah. The work will be put through as fast as money can do it and the contractors say that in ten days they will be able to show citizens what sort of a job they are undertaking. The boys and girls of Tonopah are jubilant today over the fact that the fine swimming pool for them is in a reality.

## FIRE DOES \$20,000 DAMAGE IN ELKO

ELKO, Aug. 15.—The Commercial hotel annex and two residences were completely destroyed by fire that broke out in the hotel at three o'clock Monday morning. The Bradley opera house was also badly damaged. The hotel, the residence and the opera house all belong to Mrs. May Bradley who estimated her loss at \$20,000. The residence of William Hunter was also badly damaged by the blaze and the loss put at \$2000.

The man who objects to paying the state a portion of his profits when they exceed seven per cent is not a hundred-per-cent patriot.—Toronto Globe.

## ASSESSMENT NOTICE

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