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NIGHT EDITION It's going to be quite frosty tonight, says our weather man. Weather forecast: "Fair tonight and heavy frost; Friday, fair."

WILSON FOILS KAISER

BLOCKS HIS PLOT AGAINST U.S.

MARKED MONEY

"They found the marked money on him." Sounds like sure enough positive evidence, doesn't it? But stop a minute. A police stool pigeon with a bottle of whisky in his pocket enters a drug store and, giving the druggist a marked \$10 bill, purchases a quarter's worth of cigars. The stool pigeon then gives the waiting cops the signal. They enter the drug store and find the marked \$10 in the cash drawer. The stool pigeon exhibits the bottle of whisky and claims he bought it with the marked \$10. THE INNOCENT DRUGGIST WAS CAUGHT "WITH THE MARKED MONEY ON HIM." A crook with a grievance enters the office of a public official and while the official's back is turned slips a roll of marked bills into a drawer of the desk. He then calls in an officer, accuses the official of having accepted a bribe, says the marked money is now in his desk and dares the official to open a certain drawer? The innocent official opens the drawer and traps himself. "THE MARKED MONEY IS FOUND ON HIM." Suppose a crook, as a part of a frame-up, DID leave that \$50 on Inspector Powers' desk while the inspector was not looking! Then as he left the office gave the signal to the waiting deputy sheriffs with their John Doe warrant. Powers was "caught" with the marked money on him, yet he may be innocent. If Prosecutor Lundin resorted to this old, time-worn and dangerous method of catching Powers, we hope he knew the man who handled the marked money. We hope Lundin didn't trust this work to a shyder private detective. Anyhow the town is entitled to know the name of the man who passed the marked money.

A PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT

BY THE REV. CHARLES STELZLE. O Thou Great Sovereign of humanity, Thou King of Kings, and God of all men, in these perilous times of war and rumors of war, when all the powers of hate and hell have been loosed to kill and to destroy, we pray that Thine Infinite Spirit will steady the minds and quicken the hearts of those who call themselves by Thy name, acknowledging Thee as Father. We pray for the President of these United States, upon whom has been laid burdens and responsibilities such as come to few men. Endow him with great wisdom. Give him great strength. Show him Thy will. Out of the conflict of counsel may Thy voice come, saying unto him: "This is the way—walk ye in it." May he then have courage to do the right regardless of what men shall say or do, and may he then rest in the consciousness of having fulfilled the task committed to him. And we would pray that he, with us, seek above all things else to hasten the coming of Thy Kingdom upon earth and the rule of the spirit of brotherhood in the lives and the hearts of the men of all nations. Amen.

Intercepting Letter Balks Plan to Use Mexico and Japan Against Uncle Sam

BY ROBERT J. BENDER. United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, March 1.—Germany's attempt to align Mexico and Japan in a hostile conspiracy against the United States has been frustrated. At the state department it was intimated today that so far as is known the letter of German Foreign Secretary Zimmerman, the authenticity of which was vouched for by President Wilson personally, to the senate today, never reached President Carranza. Being thus intercepted, it was never passed on to Japan. Attention is called to the fact that in his instructions Zimmerman stipulated that Minister Eckhardt, at Mexico City, should only broach the matter to President Carranza "as soon as it is certain that there will be an outbreak of war with the United States."

CONGRESS GETS BUSY OVER WAR PLOT EXPOSURE

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Amidst applause from various parts of the chamber, the house this afternoon adopted a rule for consideration of the armed neutrality bill by a unanimous viva voce vote. After more than an hour's consideration, the senate foreign relations committee this afternoon agreed to report out the Lodge resolution in substantially the form presented by Lodge. That it would pass the senate appeared certain. The committee, however, removed the amendment asking how long the government had possessed the Zimmerman letter. The war strain ran beneath the proceedings in both the house and senate. Shortly before the house took up the armed neutrality bill, debate was in progress in the senate on a resolution presented by Senator Lodge, inquiring as to the authenticity of the published text of the German letter seeking to align Mexico and Japan against the United States. The resolution was referred to the committee on foreign relations, and the senate took up discussion of the naval bill with constant references to the international situation. Alliance Letter Authentic. In a formal statement, Senator Swanson told the senate today: "President Wilson authorizes me to say that the Zimmerman letter to the German embassy in Mexico, proposing an alliance with Japan and Mexico is substantially correct." The statement followed introduction of a resolution by Lodge inquiring as to the correctness of the letter. Senator La Follette wanted the Lodge measure modified so it would bring out when the letter came into this government's possession. Lodge acceded to the modification. (Continued on page 6)

It is pointed out that this certainty had not developed at the time Bernstorff left this country. Doubt as to the authenticity of the Zimmerman letter, voiced in the senate early today, because of its text having first become public thru the press, was quickly dispelled by Sen. Swanson, who made a formal statement announcing the president had authorized him to say the published text was substantially correct. JAPAN IGNORANT OF PLOT That the Japanese government would not consider any proposition such as that advocated by Secretary Zimmerman in his Mexican-Japanese "plot" note, was the conviction expressed by Secretary Lansing today. Lansing authorized the following statement: "The department does not believe that Japan has had any knowledge of this, or that she would consider any proposition made by an enemy." Lansing also expressed belief that the Mexican government would also ignore any such proposition. He said: "We have confidence Mexico would not become a party to it in view of the friendly relations between this country and the de facto government." The plot, revealed by the administration today thru documentary proof of Germany's machinations, was put forth to sway a dallying congress and stir the nation to the real perils of the German problem. DOCUMENTS CONVICT GERMANY Facing the possibility of further delay in congress, plus opposition to avoidance of an extra session, the administration played its trump card—the correspondence between Germany and its Mexican representative, whereby it sought to align Mexico and Japan belligerently against the United States. The documents, in possession of this government (Continued on page 6)

POWERS MUST FACE NEW BRIBE CHARGE

Capt. D. F. Willard was acting as police inspector Thursday, following the removal of Mike Powers, who now faces a charge of accepting a bribe brought by Prosecutor Lundin. The transfer was made by order of Chief Beckingham. In the meantime, Lundin announced that he would file charges against Powers for taking marked money Tuesday, the day he was arrested charged with accepting a \$30 bribe February 9. The first charge, Lundin said, probably would be withheld. In the meantime, the identity of Lundin's informant against Powers has remained more or less of a mystery. Lundin continued to refuse to discuss Wardell, the man who, Powers said, is supposed to have passed the marked money. Attorneys said that a G. M. Wardell had been operating about town as a free lance investigator and private detective for the last three years. One Wardell, a private detective, has solicited work as a shadow from several local attorneys and declared from time to time that he could obtain corruption evidence on most of Seattle's officials. Judge Flies Kites; Has Loads of Fun Kite flying on cold, bleak spring days is a fine relaxation for a tired business man or a jurist. "I find that I get more pleasure out of flying kites than my boy," says Superior Judge Dykeman. "I spend all my spare moments making extra kites. I have five extra ones now."

Woman Is Fatally Burned

Mrs. A. N. Houser, 2310 Aiki ave., was burned, perhaps fatally, early Thursday morning when she attempted to "speed up" the fire in her kitchen range by pouring in a little kerosene. Her son, George, 13, who was in the kitchen at the time, was also burned, tho not seriously. Another child, Grace, 7, was sleeping when the fire started, but soon awoke and ran out doors. At the city hospital, where Mrs. Houser and George were taken by Butterworth's ambulance, it was said that Mrs. Houser was badly burned around the face, arms and chest, and that it was feared that she would die. George had just been home two days, having spent the last few years with an old friend of the family at Gooding, Idaho. When questioned Thursday morning at the hospital, he said he wasn't burned very much, just a little around his legs. "But how's mamma?" he anxiously questioned, and a big tear began rolling down his boyish face when the nurses told him that she was burned pretty badly. As kerosene will not explode, Mrs. Houser was literally saturated with kerosene following the ignition of the gases formed in the range. In a flash she was afire, and the George made valiant efforts to smother the flames, he fought a losing battle. The husband, A. N. Houser, is an employee of the Puget Sound Light & Traction Co. He was working on the line near the home in West Seattle at the time of the fire. Fireman Burdick, according to witnesses of the fire, deserves much credit for his handling of the fire and in keeping it confined to the Houser home.

SATO PLEDGES FRIENDSHIP OF JAPAN TO U. S.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Pledging continued friendship to the United States and continuance of its relations with the allies, the Japanese embassy today issued a formal statement declaring that "under no circumstances" would the Japanese government entertain such "an invitation" as Germany attempted to send to Tokio. The statement read: "With regard to the alleged German attempt at inducing Japan and Mexico to make war upon the United States made public in the press this morning the Japanese embassy, while lacking information as to whether such invitation ever reached Tokio, desires to state most emphatically that any invitation of this sort would in no circumstances be entertained by the Japanese government, which is in entire accord and close relations with the allied powers or accept of formal agreement and common causes, and moreover whose friendship with the United States is every day growing in sincerity and cordiality." BORDEAUX, March 1.—The American steamer Rochester arrived safely at the mouth of the Gironde river early today, having passed thru the submarine zone.

PHELPS HAS SENSE OF HUMOR ANYHOW

Editor The Star: Please do me the favor of correcting your statement about my age. I will be 75 March 4th next, and not 79. It is true that I have altogether in the past 50 years held public office about 21 years, and for part of that time The Star has supported me, of which I was and am very glad. I will admit that a man at 75 may not live his time out, but from what I hear (and don't altogether believe) a councilmanic funeral now and then might be a good thing. BYRON PHELPS.

WHOLE MOUTHFUL

The Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Co. should have a councilman to represent it. From a speech of C. Allen Dale. In these days of turmoil and hysteria, Waving the flag and acting mysteria. We can C. Allen Dale Hit the "patriot" trail Back to his old cafeteria. E. A. SCHEUREN, 3609 Magnolia Blvd. LONDON, March 1.—Lord French, commanding home defense forces, reported the injury of one woman in the bombardment of Broadstairs today by hostile aeroplanes. Broadstairs was bombarded last week by German destroyers.

ADVERTISING MANAGER'S DAILY TALK Clever Advertising Writers Write the store news that appears in The Star. It is a well recognized fact that some of the cleverest advertising men in the country are those engaged in the business of writing advertising in Seattle. These men are giving their best thought and most earnest effort to serve you by giving you accurate and complete information about merchandise, style—material—price—are the points of interest about the new things for spring. You will find them all described fully in the ads, and the describing is done by men who understand their business theory. You can't afford not to read the ads. The best offerings of Seattle's best stores appear regularly in The Star. MORE THAN 61,000 COPIES DAILY

U. S. TO TAKE 80 ACRES MORE AT CHARLESTON AND BREMERTON

An additional 80 acres will be acquired by the government at Charleston and Bremerton to make the local navy yard first class. This announcement was made today by Commandant Conitt. The commission of navy yards at Washington, D. C., yesterday accepted such a recommendation from the Helm naval board. Big construction work is planned, among which is to be a torpedo factory and reserve nitrate and powder plants. THE ANNUAL election of the Press club will be held Thursday afternoon.