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American Food Riots Were Directed By Germany, Is Charge Of Investigators; Great Propaganda.

(Special to The Times.)

NEW YORK, March 1.—German brains are behind the food riots that are breaking out simultaneously all over the United States, and English secret service agents are today on the trail of those who are directing the campaign. Four of the cleverest investigators from the British foreign office were hastily dispatched this week to Chicago, from which city the food riots are being organized. These agents will turn over any material they may unearth to the department of justice at Washington for action. "These food riots," on of these men says, "have not taken the British authorities by surprise. They have known for some months that they were coming, and I am betraying no secret when I say that their arrival was dreaded. "Of all the propoganda the Germans have started in the United States, this is considered to be the most formidable and difficult to handle.

JAPAN IS LOYAL TO AMERICA!

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, March 1.—Japanese Ambassador Sato today denied any knowledge of the alleged implication of Japan in the reported German-Mexican plot, but admitted that the report that Germany had made such an attempt through Mexico was probably true. "It is a very interesting story," he said, "which I have heard for the first time from press reports. If any advances were made to my government I have had no knowledge of it. "Germany is very much mistaken if she thinks that my country would combine with Mexico and herself to make war against the United States. In this I speak authoritatively for my government. "This is a clear as noonday. "Germany would not stop at anything, however, in the present state of affairs," added Sato, "which makes report of such a plot very probable."

Make Formal Statement. The Japanese embassy this afternoon issued a formal statement declaring that "under no circumstances" would the Japanese government entertain such an "invitation" as Germany attempted to send to Tokio.

SEATTLE PASTOR HERE. Rev. Sidney Morgan of St. Paul's church, Seattle, will preach in the Lenten course at St. Luke's church Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

3 of the more important qualifications of an executor are

INTEGRITY
ABILITY
LONGEVITY

No individual can possess these qualities in such measure as an institution like the

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"The British realize only too well that were these food riots to become really widespread and the great mass of Americans to become convinced that the tremendous shipments of all kinds to the allies was the only reason for the present high cost of food, the chances for a fight for an embargo on the exportation of meat and other foodstuffs would be excellent. "The present riots have broken out at the psychological moment for those who look to Berlin rather than to Washington for guidance. "This is what the Germans hope to gain from these riots: They will embarrass President Wilson in his difficult task of handling the German submarine menace, divert the attention of the American people from thoughts of war and from contemplation of the fact that Germany is holding up 1,000 ships in port, thus virtually blockading the United States, and, if successful in moving the government to stop permitting further shipping of goods to Europe will supplement the work of German submarines in their efforts to bring about the starvation of England. "Those who are organizing the riots throughout the country are nothing more than tools of men 'higher up.' There is no denying that food prices are exorbitantly high and that the poor are suffering. Under the circumstances it is childishly easy to foment riots. "The men in Chicago who are pulling the strings are using ready-made tools for their propaganda in Washington. Take for instance the members of congress who are in favor of an embargo. They are all dyed-in-the-wool pacifists. "The British agents in Chicago are now trying to find out how far the food barons are involved in this gigantic food embargo plot. "Most of the big men who control the food of the country are of German origin. These men are not so loyal to Germany, perhaps, that they would sacrifice big profits for the sake of the Fatherland, but what is to prevent any losses they might incur by a food embargo and the fall in prices that would follow from being made good by the German government? "It would be worth hundreds of millions of dollars to Germany to have Great Britain starved out. This war means life or death to her. "And it is not necessary for Germany to ship over gold to reimburse these food barons for losses. There are German bankers in Wall street who would be only too pleased to honor with gold any German credit that might be wireless over here."

DEMANDS FULLEST POWERS!

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—President Wilson has informed congress that he stands flatly behind the senate bill granting him full powers and a vote of credit to handle the international situation. This was made known at the White House today following reports that the president approves the house bill, which modified his request. The president will sign the measure only when it conforms with his full desires.

AMERICAN STEAMER ASHORE IN STORM

(United Press Leased Wire.) NORFOLK, Va., March 1.—Pounded with terrific seas which threatened any minute to break her up, the American steamer Raven was ashore today half a mile south of Bodie Island. "Unusually thick weather and seas made it impossible for life-savers to reach the helpless steamer."

TODAY'S CLEARINGS
Clearings \$ 430,935.58
Balances 59,850.80
Transactions 1,110,349.07 ing.

BACKING VILLA

(United Press Leased Wire.) EL PASO, March 1.—United States government agents, investigating reports of German assistance being given Villa, have information that Germans have been advising the bandit leader as to his field operations and have been aiding him with money. It is declared that 200 Germans now remaining in northern Mexico are being given guarantees of safety and special privilege by both Villa and Carranza. The German consulate at Juarez was robbed last night and all government papers belonging to Col. Max Weber taken, it was announced today.

EXTRA SESSION

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—Senator Norris, independent republican, indicated on the floor this afternoon he will insist upon "full and complete" discussion of all appropriation bills yet to be passed. This means, if Norris carries out his threat, that there will be an extra session of congress.

CONTINUE PURSUIT

LONDON, March 1.—Cavalry and gunboats are continuing the pursuit of beaten Turkish troops retreating from Kut-el-Amara, the official statement from the Mesopotamian front today said. Six guns, three mortars, eight mine throwers and thirty pontoons, in addition to a large river vessel, were captured in Tuesday's fighting.

SMASH THIS JUDAS KAISER

The worst suspicions of the most rabid kaiser-hater in all America never have approached the infamous lengths to which, it now develops, the German government actually has gone in its conduct toward the United States. Its notes to us spoke of "ancient friendship." All the while it was plotting to cut our throat. It sought to make Japan a traitor to its allies and an enemy of America. It sought to inflame and infuriate Mexico against the one nation in the world that is acting for Mexico's own best interests. It used its mighty diplomatic machinery in this country to undermine, so far as possible, our institutions, to poison the loyalty of our citizens, to corrupt and weaken our national life. Its messages of friendship were Judas kisses. The story of this duplicity, made public at last by President Wilson, explains everything that has gone before. It is the most amazing revelation ever admitted by a government. It ought to obliterate every peace-at-any-price babbler from our street corners, silence the clamorous German propagandists forever, shame into a new birth of patriotism every doubter of President Wilson's high motives, banish all further petty politics from the halls of congress and FUSE US ALL INTO ONE UNITED AMERICA, DETERMINED TO PUT AN END FOR ALL TIME TO THIS TRUCULENT PRUSSIAN WAR MACHINE. The United States has been over-patient. Now is the time to strike, to strike with all the force and determination our great nation possess. It is time to enter, and thus to end, the world war.

President Verifies Story of Plot to Unite Mexico and Japan Against Us

(United Press Leased Wire.)

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 today it was intimated 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.

Other suggestions of Germany's scheme, however, it seems certain, were communicated to both countries both before and since the dispatch of the Zimmerman letter. Attention is called to the fact that in his instructions Zimmerman stipulated that Eckhardt 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." It is pointed out that this certainly had not developed at the time Ambassador 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 through the press, was quickly dispelled by Senator Swanson, who made a formal statement announcing that the president had authorized him to say the published text was substantially correct. That the Japanese government would not consider any proposition such as that advocated by Secretary of Foreign Affairs Zimmerman in his Mexican-Japanese "plot" note, was the conviction expressed by Secretary Lansing today.

Gives Lie to Chancellor

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 ignore any such proposition. He said: "We have confidence that Mexico would not become a party to it in view of the friendly relations between this country and the de facto government." Doubt was expressed that General Carranza himself had ever seen the communication or been informed of its contents owing to the fact that the plot was not actually to take form except in the event of actual hostilities between the United States and Germany. Information concerning the plot was made public by the administration today through documentary proof of Germany's machinations, to sway a dallying congress and stir the nation to the real perils of the German problem. 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 beligerently against the United States. The documents, in possession of this government for some time, show clearly that Germany meant to play this tremendous menace as a club over the United States to keep her neutral and to prevent the stand the United States took on the latest ruthless submarine edict. Besides being designed as a check to over-enthusiastic but perhaps well-meaning pacifists, who it was feared would lull the nation into too great a feeling of security, it gave the lie direct to German expressions of surprise, voiced by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg over America's Germany's unlimited U-boat war decree. It also stands as a reply to Bethmann-Hollweg's feigned surprise at the "brusqueness" of President Wilson in breaking the friendly relations between Germany and America that was "an heirloom from Frederick the Great."

A letter, forming the basis of Germany's plotting, forwarded from Berlin Jan. 19, via Count von Bernstorff, for the German envoy, von Eckhardt at Mexico City, said:

Kaiser's Infamous Message

"BERLIN, Jan. 19.—On the first 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."

This and other documents in the hands of government heads is the answer to the administration's insistence upon power for President Wilson to arm ships and otherwise deal with the German problem, it was understood in administration circles. It is the answer to the administration's apparent anxiety regarding Japan, as shown in efforts to kill anti-alien legislation aimed at the Japanese. It is the answer to President Wilson's "going slowly" in that he might be the better prepared for action when the time came. Above all, it is intended as the road to congress. Only a short time ago, it is recalled, Carranza suggested an em- (Continued on Page Five.)