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## GREED IN THE HEARTS OF NATIONS

### Sen. Chamberlain Pleads for Volunteer Army Plan, and Says U. S. Must Prepare to Assert Monroe Doctrine

Washington, April 5.—"There is greed in the hearts of nations. Who knows when it will affect us? We have set ourselves up as the protector of South America and if you do not know that colonization is going on down there, you can easily find out. It is going on out on the west coast by another warlike power. The time is coming when we must assert the Monroe doctrine."

In these words Senator Chamberlain spoke in the senate this afternoon when he rose to oppose the Lee amendment to strike out of the army bill the entire plan for a volunteer army.

"Germany has more than 90,000 reservists in this country," he declared. "But I have no fear of war with her. I am no alarmist, but I have a greater fear that the time will come when this country will have need of preparedness and will not be prepared."

"Is there any provision of international law that has not been violated?"

### NEW STEAMSHIP LINE FROM SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, April 5.—Eleven steamers will soon be placed on runs between San Francisco and far-eastern ports, according to the statement today of Peter D. Milloy, president of the Oriental Alliance Steamship company, a \$10,000,000 corporation. The new fleet will have an aggregate tonnage of 65,000. Two steamers may also be placed on the San Francisco-New York run.

## MORE ARRESTS OF MEXICAN PLOTTERS

El Paso, April 5.—Twenty or thirty additional arrests were expected today in connection with the alleged plot of Mexican rebels to capture Juarez. Followers of Francisco Villa and Felix Dias, and men who supported Pasqual Orozco when he was in the field, are declared to have been involved in the conspiracy.

Consul Garcia stated that three of the 50 suspects arrested in Juarez had confessed they intended to seize the city on Sunday while the garrison was listening to the band concert. The plotters expected to make prisoners of the soldiers when they assembled in the plaza without weapons.

Public execution of several conspirators, which was scheduled for today, was cancelled because Consul Garcia protested against what he termed the barbarism of such a proceeding.

Knowledge of the plot caused the recent Carranza mobilization near the border, which alarmed Americans. Ringleaders of the scheme enlisted as Juarez customs house guards, so they could be constantly on the ground, ready to strike at an opportune moment.

Mayor Prieto of Juarez stated that the execution of plotters probably would take place today in spite of Consul Garcia's protest. Dissension among Mexican officials in Juarez was denied. They declared the executions had merely been postponed, not cancelled.

## INSTITUTE PLAN FOR JAP-AMERICAN PEACE COMPACT

San Francisco, April 5.—A big peace movement which has for its purpose the welding of closer relations between Japan and America, has been instituted by prominent Japanese officials, according to a publication called the "Peace Movement," a copy of which arrived here today on the steamer Panama Maru.

It is issued by Viscount Kantara Kaneko, of the Japanese privy council and Dr. Sanaro Taxote, of the Japanese national board of education. Its appearance caused much comment in the orient, a steamer officer declared.

The publication followed a lengthy visit to America of the officials instituting it.

Kaneko speaks in his article of the idealistic conditions found in America of the mingling of the lowly and wealthy, of the opportunities afforded to the Japanese, of the religious liberties and highly lauds American democracy. It then approves the most peaceful of relations between the two countries, and hopes for the day when Japan can boast of as ideal a condition of affairs.

## U. P. OVERLAND TRAIN HOOPERIZED

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 5.—A young business man was suspected today of being the bandit who robbed passengers on a Union Pacific train at Corlett Junction last night, and was guilty of holding up Union Pacific trains at Rock Springs, Wyo., and Rye, Utah, recently. The same description has been given the bandit in each case. Posses hunting the Corlett robber have a theory that he returned home last night before the alarm spread. Two men saw a saddled horse near where the bandit operated. Some officers believe he is the man who held up a party of Yellowstone Park tourists last July.

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 5.—Sheriff's posses scoured the country around Corlett Junction today hunting the lone bandit who last night took \$1,000 from passengers on Union Pacific Overland Limited, number 4. The robber appeared on the train when it neared the junction, five miles west of here. He went systematically through the Pullmans, flourishing a gun and collecting money.

H. O'Brien, San Francisco coffee broker, surrendered a wallet containing \$548.

When he finished his task, the bandit jumped from a rear coach and vanished. Three posses closed in on the scene shortly afterward, two in autos and one on a speeding switch engine, but they found no trace of their quarry.

## THREE MERCHANT SHIPS ARE SUNK

London, April 5.—With a loss of one life, four merchant ships have been torpedoed and sunk within the past 24 hours.

The British steamer Bendow was sent to the bottom, one sailor perishing. Shipping records show the Bendow was of 3,700 tons.

Other ships destroyed were the Spanish vessel Vigo, 1,100 tons, the Norwegian ship Arena, 1,100 tons and the Dutch schooner Elsinia Helena. Its tonnage is not registered. All the crews of the neutral victims were saved.

John Broker, of Redfield, S. D., arrived in Grants Pass this morning and left immediately for Crescent City on his way to Brookings.

## MONROE DOCTRINE NOT TO BE VIOLATED BY KAISER

### Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg Outlines the Policy of Germany in Notable Speech Before Reichstag, and Asserts That Submarine Warfare Will Be Continued Against the Allies With Unabated Vigor

Berlin, April 5.—Announcing that Germany had no intention of making war against the United States after the present conflict ends, Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg addressed the reichstag today.

He asserted that the kaiser did not contemplate any violation of the Monroe doctrine and would make no attempt to seize territory on either of the American continents.

Germany, declared the imperial chancellor, will vigorously continue its submarine activities. In this way it will fight the British attempt to starve the central powers. Legitimate representatives and shipping of neutral vessels affected by the undersea warfare will always be given consideration, he said.

After having reviewed Germany's victories, Hollweg said his country would never willingly consent to return Poland or other conquered Russian provinces to the czar. He contemplated the formation after the war of a new Belgium, in which the representatives of Flemish speaking people who sprang from German stock would receive fullest consideration.

It was folly, he asserted, for the allies to talk about starving Germany and Austria into submission. In this connection he called attention to the coming crops, which, he said, were most promising.

Berlin, April 5.—In the most comprehensive speech of the war, delivered before a crowded reichstag, Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg today reviewed military and political situations, the means of conducting further warfare, and German relations with the United States.

He explained the kaiser's attitude toward different European nationalities—Belgian, Polish, Lithuanian and Flemish.

It was doubly necessary, he declared, to guarantee Europe's peace after the war, so that these peoples would have a chance for free evolution, speaking their own mother tongue and developing their natural individuality.

"A spirit of union shall lead us," he said, as his speech was concluded amid great cheering, "and it shall lead our children and grandchildren through their struggles towards a future of strength and liberty."

"Since I last addressed you," said the imperial chancellor, "our enemies' enterprise at the Dardanelles has failed. With our Bulgarian and Austrian allies we have brought the Serbian campaign to a victorious end. Montenegro and Albania are likewise in our hands. The British have vainly endeavored to relieve their beleaguered forces at Kut-el-Amara. Russians occupied Erzerum with superior forces, but strong armies of our Turkish allies checked further advances.

"Russian attacks against Austrians in eastern Galicia, and Italian attacks all along the Isonzo frontier have been beaten back. The Russian columns broke down before Field Marshal von Hindenburg and his heroes. The enemies' reports that Germany's military power is exhausted are erroneous, as our victories and gains around Verdun prove. Operations there have been managed with profound foresight and the bravery of the Germans continues to gain advantages for us."

"The last offspring of the campaign of calumnies against us is the report that after the end of this war we will rush against the American continent and attempt to conquer Canada as

## GERMAN ATTACKS COMING FROM THE LAND, SEA AND AIR

London, April 5.—Smashing from land, sea and air with unparalleled fierceness, German forces today are evidently endeavoring to offset the impression which the allied war council in Paris may have created in neutral and Teuton minds.

Four Zeppelin raids against the British Isles within as many days, torpedoings averaging four daily, and the terrific hammering at Verdun are evidences of this supreme effort.

The land, sea and air attacks opened simultaneously with the closing of an allied ring of steel around the central powers.

Berlin newspapers emphasize the fact that the new Zeppelin raids mean the beginning of a more active warfare against England, which was demanded by the main reichstag committee.

Count Reventlow recently urged that Zeppelin attacks make every night one of terror for Londoners.

Successive waves of men have been hurled against Verdun's defenses on both sides of the Meuse river. At the first indication of a German weakening the allies' grand assault may begin. Yesterday, south of Douaumont, the Germans were not only repulsed but they were driven back to their second lines. The Teuton charges were smothered with sheets of machine gun fire and shrapnel slaughtered those who tried to retreat.

The next heavy blow is expected to be launched against Bethincourt and positions northwest of Verdun.

## DIG TRENCHES FOR TROOPS IN MEXICO

Columbus, N. M., April 5.—Trenches have been dug at some points where it may be necessary to fight for the protection of the American lines of communication in Mexico, according to army motor truck drivers who arrived here today. They declared the presence of small bandit bands, lurking in the foothills along the communications routes, convinced officers that precautionary measures were necessary.

"There is no doubt that our men are entrenched along the line," said one officer. It was learned they were actually digging earthworks at Boca Grande, 32 miles south of the border. Some believe the movement of Carranza troops northward may have been responsible for the precautions.

"We are interested in reports that Carranzistas are mobilizing," said an officer, "but we can not say what we have determined."

## GERMAN SQUADRON MAKES DASH INTO NORTH SEA

Copenhagen, April 5.—Dashing from the Baltic, a German squadron steamed into the North sea and fought a minor skirmish with British torpedo boats off the coast of Norway, reports from two sources declared today.

A message from Kullen, Sweden, said that following a heavy cannonade a damaged German destroyer was towed past Helsingborg.

## CHANGES IN ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY

Rome, April 5.—General Zupelli, minister of war, and General Ella, under-secretary of war, have resigned, it was announced today. Their successors will be respectively Generals Morone and Alfieri.

## COMMITTEE FAVORS ARMOR PLATE BILL

Washington, April 5.—The \$11,000,000 government armor plant bill was reported favorably today by the house naval affairs committee by a vote of 15 to 9. It was passed by the senate a week ago.

## MAN HUNT IS CONTINUED IN MEXICO

### Americans Are Clearing the Country Around Guerrero of Villistas, and Running Fights Are of Daily Occurrence

Columbus, N. M., April 5.—In a series of desperate, headlong forced marches, American cavalrymen are clearing Villistas from the district between Namiquipa and Guerrero today. Their operations are even driving bandits from regions south of that area.

This was the belief expressed today by Major Sample here. He also declared that General Pershing's men had probably figured in skirmishing and running fights almost daily. Pershing himself has gone into the thick of the pursuit. He was at Guerrero yesterday.

Sample believes the advance guards are not sparing man or beast in their chase after Francisco Villa and his scattered bands.

A strong cavalry guard, with a mile long wagon train, entered Mexico south of here today. They expected to reinforce the man hunters.

Returning wagon drivers reported that farmers along the line were preparing earth for the first crops to be planted since Mexican factional armies began ravishing the country.

San Antonio, April 5.—Admitting that Francisco Villa had escaped to the south, General Funston declared today the bandit leader was probably headed toward Parral. Only a few American companies are available for the pursuit in that direction. Funston explained it would be impossible to send a considerable force farther south because of the necessity of protecting communication lines. The present units which can be used for that purpose are insufficient.

Army headquarters exhibited pronounced pessimism today. Funston admitted that continuance of the chase southward would necessitate stronger forces than are available now. Villa's escape from the Guerrero district is believed to have been due to false information which his sympathizers gave American pursuers.

Knowledge of Colonel Brown's victory over Villistas at a point 30 miles north of Guerrero, April 1, was confined today to Brigadier-General Pershing's reports from Mexican ranchers near the scene. They said the Villistas lost 30 dead when the 200 cavalymen led by Colonel Brown made a surprise attack on them. No Americans were killed. Colonel Brown himself had not reported, however.

## MOTOR TRUCKS ARE ORDERED FOR ARMY

Washington, April 5.—In order to cope with a serious shortage of transportation facilities, Secretary of War Baker today ordered 103 additional motor trucks and two tank trucks for gasoline. The order was made at Major General Funston's request.

This action was believed to be the administration's probable solution of the entire transportation difficulty resulting from the fact that the Mexican Northwestern railway is not available for immediate use.

Baker refused the Aero Club of America's offer to sell two aeroplanes to the army at one dollar each. The new aeroplane appropriation eliminated the necessity of accepting the proposition.

## JAPANESE BUY AMERICAN LUMBER

San Francisco, April 5.—That the Japanese are preparing to make a tremendous bid for world trade was believed in shipping circles here today when K. Hiramatsu and other officials of the Osaka Shosha Kaisha line arrived to purchase lumber for their new fleet of merchant vessels. They came to America for lumber. It was stated, because shipbuilding activities in Japan had made the purchase of materials there practically impossible. It was reported that several of the new Osaka vessels might be put on the voyage between San Francisco and Japanese ports.