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While Protesting Firm Friendship Was Plotting To Attack Us

## GERMANS RESPONSIBLE GERMANS FURNISHED FOR MEXICAN TROUBLES

Recent Cuban Uprising Also Claimed Germans In Mexico Credited To German Influences

By Robert J. Bender.

(United Press staff correspondent.) Washington, March 1. - Germany wants to play Mexico and Japan netively against the United States in case of

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Besides being designed as a check to over-enthusinstic, but perhaps well meaning pacifists, who, it was feared, would full the nation into too great a feeling of security, it gave the lie direct to German expressions of surprise, voiced by Chanceller Von Bethmann-

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.

Evidence is plentiful that the British naval vessels.

Evidence is plentiful that the British naval vessels is hark hunt the British navy, engaged in the most colossal shark hunt of the high seas, is making a successful hunt of it. In other words, England is getting the German submarines she is getting the German submarines. She is getting the German submarines she is getting the German submarines. She is getting the German submarines she is getting the German submarines. She is getting the German submarines she is getting the German submarines and what proportion of the number of German submarines mastered by the navy may be catalogued as captures and what proportion as sinkings can not be given. The personal disposition of naval officers just now is to sink that is to say she is capturing them and she is sinking them.

How she is doing it, where and how many she has got thus far, the censor does not permit one to tell—but England is getting the size of the captive hauls stowed away in one or two British harbors makes it difficult to believe that more than their number has netually been sent to the bottom.

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A letter, forming the basis of Germany is beginning to know extend the basis of Germany is plotting, forwarded from Berlin January 19, via Count V. lin January 19, via Count Von Bern-storff, for the German envoy, Von Eckhardt at Mexico City, said:

"On the first of February we inteed to begin submarine warfare unrestricted. In spite of this, it is our intention to endeavor to keep the United States of America neutral. If this attempt is not successful we propose an aliance on the following basis with Mexico:

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### ABE MARTIN



### for Military Training SWISS MINISTER Amendment Provides

Washington, March 1 — The senate military committee to C agreed to report the army bill ea, an amendment providing fo un military training

training.

The bill, later formally the senate carries a total of 000, the senate having increst amount \$38,000,000 over the hour roprintion.

An increased allowance for automat machine ifles of \$4,350,300 is provided.

The appropriation for the signal service, of which aviation is a branch is also mosted by \$2,800,000 to \$11,800,000. The universal military training mondment is similar to the original Chamberlain bill, it is understood, the army general staff measure being laid aside.

Protected by Carranza and Bandits

States government agents, investigat representative here, has tended to put ing reports of German assistance being him in the same near-persona non gratagiven Villa, have information that Ger class in which German Ambassador mans have been advising the bandit Von Bernstorff several times found ly against the United States in case of war.

This plot, revealed by the administration today through 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.

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# UNDESIRABLE

Evidently Carrying Out German Propaganda Like Bernstorff

IGNORES DEPARTMENT AND RELIES ON PRESS

MONEY FOR VILLA Tells Reporters Germany Wants Conference-Ignoring the Government

Washington, March 1 .- An accumulation of annoying activities of Dr. Paul Ritter, Swiss minister to the El Paso, Texas, March 1.—United United States and Germany's direct

### on the latest cuthless submarine ENGLAND HAS SUNK GREAT NUMBER OF SUBMARINES SINCE LAST RAIDS BEGAN

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## JAPAN'S AMBASSADOR SAYS COUNTRY WOULD NOT CONSIDER OFFERS MADE BY GERMANY

Washington, March 1.—Pledging con In this I speak authoritatively for my tinued friendship to the United States government, and continuance of its relations with the allies, the Japanese embassy this afternoon issued a formal statement thing, however, in the present state of affairs; added Sato, "which makes es" would the Japanese government report of such a plot very probable." Corrections such "an invitation" as

contertain 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 circums ances be entertained by the Japanese government, which is in entire accord and close relations with the allied powers on account of formal agreement and common causes, and moredver, whose friendship with the United States is every day grewing in sincerity and cordiality."

Story Gets New Angle

New York, Mar. 1.—In view of the disclosures of Germany's attempt to align Mexico and Japan with Germany an alliance against America, a Unit-ed Press story published February 24 takes on a new significance today. It was written by the United Press To-with the Caranza government seeking 'to sound' Japan on the Illusted States is every day grewing in sincerity and cordiality."

Knows Nothing Of It Washington, Mar. 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 trees reports. If any note to the German minister in Mexico City committing Germany's scheme to writing in a diplomatic adocument, it is safe to assume Germany made some preliminary "soundings" of Mexico before such a note was dispatched. The Tokio story, as printed February 24, which I have heard for the first time from trees reports. If any note to the German minister in Mexico City committing Germany's scheme to writing in a diplomatic adocument, it is safe to assume Germany made some preliminary "soundings" of Mexico before such a note was dispatched. The Tokio story, as follows:

By Ralph H. Turner (Capital Journel Special Service)

foreign secretary dispatched a formal note to the German minister in Mexico

Admirals' Stars Conferred On Knapp and Rodgers, Advanced to Flag Rank



naval orders since the break with Germany renders it impossible to tell what will be the assignments of the new admirals. They are both of lofty professional reputation, and Admiral Knapp is Inmous especially as an authority on international law and member of the International Law Board, known as the

# DESTROY OLD ONES

Are Forestalling Ultimate Retreat They Know Must Be Made

**NEW LINE OF TRENCHES** ALREADY PREPARED

**Evidently Preparing For Des**perate Effort To End War This Season

By William Philip Sims

(United Press staff correspondent.) With the British Armies Afield, March 1.—Slowly and steadily the German retirement continues north of Ar-Indications are lacking of any recoil movement.

The retirement may yet resemble-at least in some respects—that following the battle of the Marne. Then the Ger-mans were beaten and their armies were retreating after being severely trounced in battle.

Church steeples and similar vantage points have been systematically blowd up as the Germans evacuated the various villages in the territory over which they have retreated and the enemy has left picked men in carefully chosen places to protect the retiring troops.

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# SPRING NEARS AND JACQUES RETURNS FROM FURLOUGH TO FIRING LINE Austria Savs It Was,



OFF FOR THE FRONT AGRIN O O

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### Ask All Americans To Use Forbearance

Washington, Mar. 1.—Appeal to the American people to forbear from any act of suspicion or aggression against aliens, in the event of war, was made today by the council of national de-

In the presence here at this time of perhaps 8,000,000 altens is deeply and soberly to be weighed."

W. S. Gifford, director of the council, in a statement made "to forestall bitter dissensions of race arising from acts of passion" said:

"The council of national defense touches the life of the nation at a practically point. In the words of the act creating it, it is charged not merely with 'the concentration and utilization of the resources of the nation."

"It is its equal duty in times of stress to mobilize good will within our borders, to forestall bitter dissensions of race or of individuals arising from acts of passion and in every way to con acts of passion and acts of passion and in every way to con acts of passion and acts of p

acts of passion and in every way to c serve the national unity."

### ZIMMERMAN QUOTES RITTER TO REICHSTAG

Puts America In Light of Asking Germany for Conference

ly begun."

## Not Her Submarine

Washington, Mar. L.—Austria has of ficially denied one of her submarines sank the American schooner Lyman M. Law, Ambassador Penfield, at Vienna cabled the state department yesterday, in a statement followed introduction of a resolution by Senator Lodge inquiring as to the correctness of the let-

if the attacking submarine was not act properly. Rodge flared up. Austrian, it must have been German. Senate Demands Facts. The Law's captain reported that several of the submarine's crew were Ger-

## Wheat Climbs Again

Chiengo, March 1.—Further strength by the wheat murket was displayed shortly after the opening today. Little long wheat was on tap. Offerings were readily absorbed. International complications had not the slightest effect. May opened up 1-8 and gained 1-7-8 later going to \$1.83-3-8; July opened up and gained 1-18, to \$1.38-5-8. September gained 3-8 at the opening and later climbr 1-18, to \$1.444.

Corn acted rather heavy at the open.

Corn acted rather heavy at the opening, but the firmness in wheat tended to steady the market. May corn opened unchanged, later gaining 5.8 to \$1.02 5.8; July opened unchanged and gained ½ to \$1.01 5.8.

Oats averaged higher along with other grains. Offerings were not heavy save upon extreme tops. May opened up ¼, later advancing 1.8 to 57 5.8. July opened up 1.8 and then gained ¼ to 55 3.8.

Provisions continued their steads

to 55 3-8. Provisions continued their steady rise, averaging from fifteen to 20 cents above yesterday's close for pork and lard. Ribs remained steady.

ident Says Story of Letter Is True

WHAT SENATE WANTS IN THE PLOT CASE

Washington, Murch 1.—Sentor Lodge's resolution for full facts in Germany's Mexican Japanese plot reads:

"That the president be requested to inform the annale whether the note signed 'Zimmerman' published in the newspapers of the moraing of March 1, inviting Mexico to units with thermany and Japan in war against the United States, is authentic and in the possession of the government of the United States and if authentic, to send to the senate, if not incompatto the senate, if not incompatible with the public interest all further information in the possession of the United States government relative to the ne-

government relative to the ac-tivities of the Imperial German government in Mexico."

Senator LaFollette suggested that the administration also be asked to say how long it had been in possession of the Zim-merman plot letter and this re-quest was added to Lodge's or-iginal request,

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That we shall make war together and peace together.

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hind the bill drawn by the senate com-

In a formal statement, Senator Swan-son told the senate today: "President Wilson authorizes me to say that the Zimmerman letter to the

cabled the state department yesterday.

The captain of the Law, in reporting the sinking explained that the submarine bore neither flag nor number.

This fact, coupled with the fact that the attack occurred in the Mediterranean, led to official belief that the warship was Austrian, and was looked upon as a grave complication of Austrian-American relations.

The message to the state department while relieving somewhat Austrian tomsion, tended to tighten the German American strain, since it is believed if the attacking submarine was not according to the captain of the captain and that the president could be relied upon to inform the sense if the decomed it wise and that in any case the executive himself would act properly. Rodge flared up.

off put it in because it is a serious matter. It it is false the country ought to know it to allay the excitement it has caused. If it is true certainly congress ought to know it.". Senator Works, California, said it is now due to congress and to the country

And Corn Follows now due to congress and to the country that President Wilson fully present to congress "all information" he may have

true. "We do not doubt that every pos-(Continued on page two.)

### THE WEATHER



Oregen: Fair tonight, heavy trost west por-tien; Priday fale: northeaster ly winds.