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TEUTON REPLY TO POPE WILL NOT EFFECT AMERICA'S PLANS; MUST ELIMINATE KAISERISM

Washington—The Teuton answer to the Pope's peace appeal has no effect on the war situation as far as this government is concerned, the state department declared officially today. The United States will prosecute the war on the basis that the struggle must continue until Hohenzollernism is eliminated.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Germany and Austria's acceptance of the Pope's peace proposal failed to swerve the United States government in its announced determination for no peace while Kaiserism lasts.

Authorities today declared war preparations will go on, that the struggle will continue despite the Teuton replies and they pointed out that the Hohenzollerns always talk peace with their mouths while in their hearts is murder and intrigue.

The Bernstorff \$50,000 fund to influence congress was held up as a striking example of what German peace talk amounts to. Bernstorff talked peace—but a peace to tie America's hands and to keep one more enemy off Germany's back.

Nothing in the Teuton reply gives diplomats here reason to believe that the Pope should change his mind about seeking further peace parleys. The United States has unmistakably stated that there must be a change of spokesmen for Germany, but the Teuton notes failed to give any new peace basis.

MORE GAGE COUNTY BOYS APPEAR BEFORE EXEMPTION BOARD

In order to make sure of enough men to fill its quota of thirty-nine men, the Gage county exemption board met this afternoon for the purpose of examining another list of nearly thirty men for the National army. Twenty-five men were examined on the present call and four were reexamined under previous calls.

Of the thirty summoned to appear, several were unable to be present, owing to having enlisted or being at the officers' training camp, among this number being C. Otho Sears, who is at Fort Snelling, Minn.

Sheriff Frank Acton, J. C. Emery and Dr. G. L. Roe of the exemption board rushed the men through rapidly this afternoon, and were assisted by Dr. C. P. Fall.

Prior to the examination Lee Johnson, who has been assisting the board, conducted a school of instruction for the men in which he explained to them the manner in which they are required to make their claims for exemption. It was ascertained that the greater portion of those summoned for examination would file such claims, quite a few on the ground of dependency. The board completed its work before 4 o'clock, twenty-two passing and three being discharged on physical grounds, those discharged being Fred C. Tobey, Frank Whalen and Fred Walter Miller.

BEATRICE MEN WILL MAKE SEARCH FOR OIL SOUTH OF ROCKFORD

Fourteen Beatrice business men recently determined to make an investigation to ascertain whether or not oil is to be found in Gage county. A collection was taken up among themselves to employ a member of

GERMANY LOSES 142,500 IN THREE FRENCH OPERATIONS

With the French Armies in The Field, Sept. 22.—Germany has lost at least 142,500 men in just three

POWERFUL GERMAN ATTACKS PENETRATE BRITISH POSITIONS

London, Sept. 22.—Powerful German counter attacks at dusk yesterday penetrated Field Marshal Haig's

newly gained positions on the Ypres-Menin road east of St. Julian, the British commander in chief reported today.

great military operations by the French in a single year, according to statistics made available for the United Press today.

"IS GOD ON YOUR CALLING LIST?"

Hear about it
Sunday night at Centenary Methodist church
Sixth and Elk street.
Special music and a cordial fellowship.

COMPLETING PREPARATIONS FOR OPENING OF GAGE CO. FAIR

Preparations for the opening of the Gage county fair Tuesday morning are being completed today. Tents are being pitched and industrial exhibits installed.

The Nat Reiss shows, which will furnish the amusements at the fair, will arrive in the city Sunday and will open their week's engagement at the fair grounds Monday evening and continue until Saturday night. They will be located inside the race track.

Entries of livestock, agricultural products and poultry have come in exceptionally early this year and will be larger than ever before. 'Ladies' department entries do not close until this evening and quite a large amount of fancy work and home economics work have been received. Entries for the baby contest also close this evening and the entire number which those in charge will be able to accommodate are expected. Special care has been given to the building of the baby booth this year to guard the welfare of the little ones.

The large automobile show tent has been erected and will be crowded to capacity. Exhibits are also being arranged by the Dempster Mill Mfg. Co., Beatrice Iron Works, Beatrice Steel Tank Mfg. Co., Beatrice Creamery Co., and others.

L. Boyd Rist, county agent, will have an exhibit for the Gage County Crop Improvement association, and he will also be in charge of the boys and girls live stock judging

contest and the cow production contest.

Much Interest in Races.

A great deal of interest is being taken by breeders of good horses in the Gage county horse races which will be held each day during the fair. A number of entries have been made and several have brought their horses to the grounds and are training them on the track. Competition in the various harness events for Gage county owned horses only, which are being arranged by J. C. Emery promises to be exceptionally keen.

Park Automobiles.

All automobiles will be parked at the east end of the space inside the race track. Competent men will look after the cars and no charge will be made for this feature.

Council of Defense Booth

The management of the Fair have provided a booth for the council of defense which will be in charge of Miss Julia Fuller and other workers of the organization here. Registration cards and literature explaining the work of the council will be kept at the booth and ladies of the county are urged to call.

Admission Price

The admission price for the Fair will be 25 cents for adults and all children under 14 years of age will be admitted free. A charge of 25 cents will be made at the gate for automobiles entering the grounds but the parking for cars inside the race will be free.

INVESTIGATION OF BERNSTORFF "SLUSH" FUND UP TO PRESIDENT

Washington, Sept. 22.—Congressional investigation of former Ambassador von Bernstorff's organized anti-war propaganda depends entirely upon President Wilson.

House and senate leaders are eager to prove this new uncovering of German intrigue as a result of the state department's expose of a German "slush" fund to influence congress and keep America from declaring war on Germany, but neither houses desire to take any action which would hamper the state and justice departments in running the plotters to earth. This view, when coupled with the fact that the president wants congress to quit and go home probably will result in no White House sympathy for the proposed investigation.

In addition Secretary Lansing emphasized that there is no indication that any member of congress received money and it is generally believed that von Bernstorff was duped, as history now frequently shows he was, by sharks who claimed they could deliver the goods, were paid huge sums to do the job and

then pocketed the money without securing results.

However, there is a strong sentiment on the hill in favor of a rigid investigation of the entire matter. Senator Husting of Wisconsin thinks that somewhere in the country a master propagandist still lurks, who is supervising all propaganda work and preparing copy for German language newspapers. "I will introduce a resolution to ferret out this information when I am sure that it will not hinder the work of the government," said Senator Husting.

Senators and congressmen are today carrying evidence by the bale to the justice department. Copies and telegrams from the American Embargo Association and other peace organizations are being sent to the department in wholesale lots.

The sentiment in congress is also increasing for a probe of foreign language papers which despite a falling off in advertising carried and the stopping of subscriptions still are able to continue publication as before.

MRS. M. DEARDORF INJURED WHEN BUGGY RAN INTO BY AUTO

Mrs. M. Deardorf, janitress of Belvidere school, and her son had a narrow escape from serious injuries Friday evening when they were run into by an automobile in front of the Jacob Trautwein home on South Sixth street.

Mrs. Deardorf and son were delivering apples at the Trautwein home, their team standing in front of the place. They were run into by an automobile driving from the

south, the driver of which was blinded by the lights of an automobile coming from the north.

The car ran into the Deardorf buggy, throwing the occupants to the street. The horses hitched to the buggy ran away, and the buggy was quite badly damaged. Mrs. Deardorf was bruised quite about the shoulders and back, but fortunately her injuries are not serious. Her son escaped unhurt.

TEUTONIC ACCEPTANCE DOES NOT CHANGE U. S. DETERMINATION

Washington, Sept. 22.—Germany's and Austria's acceptance of the Pope's peace proffers failed to

swerve the United States government today in its announced determination to make no peace as long as Kaiserism exists in the world.

EVIDENCE SHOWS GERMAN AMBASSADOR PAID MONEY TO PRO-TEUTONIC PAPERS

Washington, Sept. 22.—Definite information that former ambassador von Bernstorff paid out huge sums of money to certain publications in the United States is in the hands of Senator King of Utah.

Senator King today told the senate that he had photographic copies of checks and receipts for money paid to the Fair Play Publishing company and Marcus Braun, its editor, among others. King said the senate may take whatever action it desires in regard to the evidence he holds.

Among the photographic copies he said is one of the German ambassador's check for \$2,000 drawn on a Washington bank and made payable to the Fair Play Publishing company. The photo shows that the check was paid by the bank. King says he also has copies of papers showing the payment of money from the Austrian Ambassador to foreign language newspapers. One is a check for \$700 paid to a Polish newspaper.

Senator King's data is known to be absolutely authentic and it shows

conclusively Bernstorff's web of influence which he had stretched about this country.

The sums paid out show the Fair Play was a constant drain on the Teutonic exchequer.

The King expose, coupled with the state department's revelations yesterday stirred congress to new demands for a searching inquiry into the use of disloyal foreign language newspapers in the spread of German propaganda. King's data shows von Bernstorff operated his pro-Teutonic poison machine early in the war as the payments cited by King were made almost two years previous to these von Bernstorff admitted were being made in 1917.

"If we can get a definite lead to work on we will begin an investigation of the use of Bernstorff's 'slush fund,'" said Senator Overman today. Overman is chairman of the senate lobby investigation committee and this committee can begin an investigation without a resolution or any further authority than it now possesses. Overman conferred today with several senators who had evidence in the case.

SECRETARY LANSING BELIEVES INVESTIGATION UNNECESSARY

Washington, Sept. 22.—Secretary Lansing informed Chairman Flood of the House foreign affairs committee that he thought an investigation into the Bernstorff attempt to influence congress with a \$50,000 fund unnecessary. The secretary, however, said he had no desire to interfere with congress if the members thought an investigation should be made to clear the reputation of the House.

Flood will talk with other members before deciding whether he will submit a resolution calling for an investigation.

The state department declared today officially that it had no intention of reflecting upon any members of congress when it made public the Bernstorff plot yesterday. Secretary Lansing expressed the view that far from representing that the fund had corrupted the member of congress, the exposes intimated that it was employed by agencies whose propaganda might make congressmen innocent tools.

The expose was intended to show America and the world in general another phase of German duplicity, and especially the methods whereby Germany fostered peace propaganda.

SUB. SITUATION SATISFACTORY SAY NAVAL EXPERTS

Washington, Sept. 22.—Navy experts regard the submarine situation as highly satisfactory. Admiral Benson, acting secretary of the navy stated today that the percentage of

destroyed ships is believed to be smaller at present than the percentage lost up to a month ago. Ships of all allied and neutral nations now crossing the Atlantic have the protection of war ships.

DEFENSE IN KELLY TRIAL COMPLETES CASE AT NOON

Red Oak, Ia., Sept. 22.—The defense in the Lyn George J. Kelly murder trial closed its case shortly before noon today and court adjourned until Monday morning when the state will begin testimony in rebuttal.

This arrangement indicates that the jurors will have the fate of the itinerant unordained minister, who is charged with the murder of eight

persons at Villisca in 1912, in their hands by Thursday or Friday.

Mrs. Kelly spent most of the morning on the stand and told of Kelly's arrest in Nebraska on arson charges. She said she was at home with Kelly on the nights of the various fires, which he confessed having started, and was certain her husband's mind was weakening.

Others told of various weakminded acts of the minister.

WOODMEN CIRCLE COURT LITIGATION IS DISMISSED

Lincoln, Sept. 22.—The Woodmen Circle's litigation in the Nebraska supreme court has been dismissed and the protest against the payment of lawyer's fees amounting to \$40,000 has been dropped.

Mrs. Emma Manchester will no longer be the sole controlling power of the order but it will be governed

by the laws of the order as passed at the recent convention at Atlanta, Ga. The new laws deprive her of much of the power she formerly wielded.

As one attorney expressed it, Mrs. Manchester won a victory in the legal fight but lost in a political fight.

GIANT ITALIAN AEROPLANE REACHED WASHINGTON TODAY

Washington, Sept. 22.—The giant Italian aeroplane, carrying Washington officials, military men and members of congress reached Washington from Newport News at 11:15 o'clock this morning and circled the Washington monument.

* WEATHER FORECAST. *
* Fair and warmer tonight and *
* Sunday. *
* Temperature at 3 o'clock, 75. *
* Temperature at 8 o'clock, 51. *
