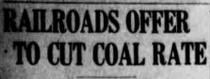
# APAN'S ENVOY SURE PLOT IS TRUE; RAPS GERMANY; MEXICAN LEADERS PLEAD IGNORANO



**Propose 25-Cent Reduction** to End State's Three-Year Fight

## TRINKLE WOULD ACCEPT

## **Outstanding** Features

in Compromise Proposal

GROWING resentment of the public over high price gouging causes railroads to capitulate in matter of excessive freight rates for anthra-cite. . . .

Consent to compromise agreement which cuts in two the order of the Pennsylvania Public Service Com-mission, filed in December, 1914, reducing freight rates on anthracite to Philadelphia.

A drop in retail price of coal expected to result if commission rati-fies agreement. The agreement would mean a saving of \$2,000,000 annually to Philadelphians.

Understood that Attorney General Brown and commission will indorse the agreement. Arrangements being made for public hearing.

A drop of at least twenty-five cents a ton in the retail coal price is expected in a few days if the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission approves a compromise by which five railroads have agreed to reduce the freight rates on anthracite to this city.

The compromise, if ratified, will cut in two the order of the Pennsylvania Public Bervice Commission, filed in December. 1914, reducing the freight rates on anthracite to Philadelphia. The compromise is regarded by the complainants in the coal rate case, which has been fought over a period of three years, as a great victory in the interest of the public. It was predicted today by those in close touch with the case that the agreement, if approved by the mission, will cause a saving of \$2,000,000 a year to Philadelphia.

Prevailing high prices, and a growing impatience of the public over the activities of high price gougers, were given today as reasons for the capitulation of the railroads in the freight rate case.

TRINKLE FAVORS IT

William N. Trinkle, Jr., special assistant M Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown in the freight rate case, said today:

"The compromise agreement is a very considerable accomplishment from the standpoint of public interests. The compromise, if ratified by the commission, means a cut of twenty-five cents per ton in the freight rate of all prepared sizes of anthracite ; a reduction of fifteen cents per ton in pea coal, and a reduction of five cents per ton in steam sizes, such as buckwheat and rice coal."

Will this bring about a reduction in the retail price of coal?" Mr. Trinkle was asked.

"It is quite likely." he replied. "that the reduction will have an indirect effect on the retail price, unless the middleman pobbles all of the advantage in the situa-tion by refusing to reduce the price."

#### CONFERENCE SATURDAY

Next Saturday morning all parties con-erned in the three-year fight to reduce soal rates to this city will meet in the Public Service Commission. The meeting will be attended by all the members of the commission. Others expected to be present are:

Ward W. Plerson and Harold S. Shertz attorneys, who represent the complainants; Attorney General Brown, William N. Trinkle, Jr.; Charles Heebner, chief of counsel for the Philadelphia and Reading counsel for the Philadelphia and Reading Company, and George Stuart Patterson, chief of counsel for the Pennsylvania Rail-road Company. The Central Railroad of New Jersey, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and the Lehigh Valley will also be represented at the conference, which was alled by Mr. Tribula

# WILSON CONFIRMS NEWS OF BERLIN WAR PLOT TO INVOLVE AMERICA

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Senator Stone expressed his suspicion in the Senate this afternoon that the revelations of the German plot in Mexico came from Allied sources and charged that it was given out for the purpose of "developing a tendency of belligerency" in this country.

Senator Stone finally declared that he was informed the Zimmermann note came through a high official of the British Government to the United States Government.

"The publication was calculated to influence public opinion, and develop a tendency of belligerency in this country," said Senator Stone. "I will not be swept off my feet. I want to know with some certainty what I am to pass upon. I am asking solely whether the information originated or was derived from one of the belligerents. I want the absolute facts."

Senator Hitchcock held the President could adequately pass on whether or not the Zimmermann copy was authentic, and he opposed Senator Stone's request for more specific information than called for by the resolution as offered.

The Senate had hardly convened before Senator Lodge introduced a resolution asking as to the correctness of the published Zimmerman-Mexico-Japan war conspiracy letter.

#### PRESIDENT BACKS UP PLOT STORY

With startling suddenness and frankness that electrified the Senate floor and galleries, Senator Swanson replied with studied deliberateness as to the letter which proposed aligning Japan and Mexico in war against the United States

#### I am authorized by the President to say the letter as quoted is substantially correct.

Instantly there was confusion on the floor.

Some Senators demanded that this, of all times, was the time for a comlete showing of facts and data in hand by the Administration.

Others, led by Senator Stone, of the Foreign Relations Committee, urged that "proper procedure be adhered to" and that the Lodge resolution be referred to his committee.

Meantime, in the House, a rule was unanimously adopted to bring up and get quick action on the armed neutrality bill. It was adopted by a viva voce vote amid applause.

#### PRESIDENT DEMANDS FULL POWERS

This bill does not meet the President's approval. President Wilson officially informed Congress that he stood 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 following reports that the President approved the House bill, which greatly modified his request. The President will sign the measure only when it conforms with his full desires, and for that reason he is putting all of the Administration strength behind the bill drawn by the Senate committee.

In the course of the Senate debate Senator Hoke Smith, Georgia, Democrat, suggested that if the President himself had presented the information originally to the Senate it might have been construed as the equivalent to a request for war action by Congress.

But, Smith argued, as the story was given for newspapers, and thus became world property, it did not constitute an action on the President's own initiative, and if the President now gives full facts officially, this cannot be construed as a war request unless specifically accompanied by such a request.

### Senator Lodge agreed in this view.

#### PARTY LINES ARE SWEPT ASIDE

All party lines were swept aside in the discussion of the German-Mexican Japanese intrigue. All Senators who spoke were agreed that the Senate should have prompt and accurate information on the question, but Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, urged that the committee be given time to consider the Lodge resolution.

"This is a time for all Americans to close their ranks, face one way and respond to one sentiment," said Senator Reed, of Missouri, before the action was taken.

"We are told this has created a grave situation," said Senator Poindexter, Washington. "I have been somewhat amused. There was little published this morning that any close observer hasn't known for a long time. What's the excitement all about? What are we called on to do that it hasn't been our duty to do long ago ?"

"We have had nothing but rumors before," retorted Senator Pomerene. "I do not say the reports published today are true. I hope to God they aren't. But when we are confronted with documentary evidence and the statement of the Senator from Virginia (Swanson), I believe it is within the bounds of reason to say that we are facing a very grave situation."

"Every one knows that it is impossible for Germany to send troops into Mexico," said Senator Poindexter. "I don't see any change in the situation." Senator Pomerene asked unanimous consent to have the resolution referred to the Foreign Relations Committee.

## GERMAN PLOT TO ENTICE MEXICO. JAPAN AND CUBA AGAINST U.S. FOILED

WASHINGTON, March 1-United States get it, concerning the recent Cuban uprising

of Government heads is the answer to the Administration's insistance upon power for President Wilson to arm ships and other-wise deal with the German problem. It is the answer to the Administration's evident concern over the Japanese situa-

to a dawdling Congress. The Administration has shown only part of its hand.

tion as shown in efforts to kill anti-allen legislation aimed at the Japanese. It is the answer to President Wilson's going slowly

# HOUSE UNANIMOUSLY VOTES TO DEBATE FLOOD BILL ON "ARMED NEUTRALITY"

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The House of Representatives today unanimously adopted a special rule to consider the Flood bill, fiving President Wilson prescribed author-ity to institute. a special rule to consider the Flood bill. Riving President Wilson prescribed author-ity to institute "armed neutrality" against German undersea warfare. Opening the debate on the adoption of and a prest nation—aye, and a small nation —to defend its rights upon the seas. "I long ago would have given the Presi-dent the power to protect against unlaw-ful attack the citizens of the United States

the rule, which was brought in by Chair-man Henry, Representative Flood declared that Germany had undertaken to destroy all vessels of commerce, whether belligerent vessels of or neutral

Our ports are blockaded as effectually as though they were bottled up by the Ger-man fleet." said Flood. "This condition is intolerable to a free and brave people. The proposed legislation is to free our commerce and to protect our citizens in their lawful pursuits on the high seas.

"If we should unhapplity become involved in the European war, the passage of this resolution wou'd not hasten such a result. hope we can protect our people peace-ily. If we cannot, we shall protect fully. them with force. Our duty is clear to protect our citizens and our ships. If Germany were conducting submarine war-fare within the bounds of international law, we could take our chances in prize courts. But she is sinking merchantment without regard to loss of life. I believe this bill will pass by a large majority of yotes of both Republicans and Democrats.

for when American lives are threatened there are no party lines." Representative Cooper, a Republican member of the Foreign Affairs Committee,

who voted against the Flood bill in com mittee yesterday, was the first speaker to raise his voice against it on the floor of the House. He declared that it gave the

President too much power "This bill," said Cooper, "as drawn by the President and presented to the House originally-and the President drew it-American interests and American In other words, it surrendered to rights.

rights. In other works, it surrendered to him the war-making power." Representative Campbell, ranking Repub-lican of the Rules Committee, insisted "that the Compress cannot delegate war-making powers to the President, and if this emer-gency exists (ongress should be called into surrounding). extraordinary session The President's views are not convinc

said Mr. Campbell. "The duty any step that leads this country t ing. Inite ar rests upon Congress and not the Execu-

ve. We cannot rightfully delegate war-isking powers to the Executive. We do that by provisions of the pending 01 If we are confronted with a great this; if war is imminent, the duty rests with the Executive to convene Congress in extraordinary session so that the Congress can perform its functions in that respect.

(Mr The gentleman from Virginia flood) states that we may much be engaged in war. If so, the representatives of the people who will bear the bloody burden of that war should declare the necessity for catrying it on. This is no time for seneral statements about supporting the President. The President has said that now there is no necessity for action. Let us take him at his word. This is the time for Congress, he representatives of the people, to prepare

for such action as may be HENRY MAKES APPEAL.

Closing the debate on the special rule, hairman Henry, of the Rules Committee, asked for a unanimous vote "to serve notice on the world that we are a united country

"I hope the gentlemen who have spoken against this rule will change their views and vote for it." said Mr. Henry. "When the crucial time comes every one knows this country will be behind the President, and in my opinion unity is more powerful than arms. I hope there will be no vote

against the rule." The question was put and on a viva voce ote there were no negative votes. "The rule is adopted unanimously" said

Speaker Clark as great applause came from Representative Mann, of Illinois, Republican leader, who has been accused of ther.

man sympathles, was applauded from all sides of the House when he advocated the adoption of the Flood bill. Mann, howok occasion to throw in a criticism of the Administration's course in Mexico. am not willing to cavil over the terms

resting upon Washington.

JAPANESE WOULD SCORN

BERLIN PLOT, SAYS ENVOY

nued friendship to the United States and continuance of its relations with the Allies, the Japanese embassy this afternoon issued

WASHINGTON, March L .- Pledging co

a formal statement declaring that "under

no circumstances" would the Japanese Gov.

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 invita-

tion ever reached Tokio, desires to state

"It is a very interesting story,"

NEW YORK, March 1.

n this danger zone.

The statement read:

diality.

absolute calm

# GERMAN PUBLIC OPINION PLACES

in order that he might be the better pre-pared for action when the time came. It is one of the chief answers to Presi-dent Wilson's "watchful waiting" policy as regards Mexico. Above all. It is intended as the goad to a dawding Compress

engaged in lawful and peaceful pursuits in Mexico, and I believe we ought to give him power now to save our rights, our natricitism, our people and our nation. I hope and believe that in giving this power to the President we are more apt to keep out of war than to get into it. I don't

want to become involved in the European war, but I am willing to protect the rights of Americans. "The world holds its breath at every step

the Congress takes, at every utterance the President makes." Representative Claude Kitchin, the Democratic floor leader, said, g the bill his support. shall vote for this bill, but not with-

out hesitation and mingiving." he said. The nation confronts the gravest crisis.

It faces the suprement responsibility to it-suif and to the world. "Already the European catastrophe threatens the faith of mankind in Chrisnity, in civilization

fanity, in civilization The widening of that catastrophe by a treat, powerful nation like ours would seem to challenge the right of Christianity o exist. It calls to the test the potency of

"Putting my trust in him whose steady hand has thus far guided us in the ways of peace, I shall support this measure and then pray God daily to give him the wisdom and the strength to find or make a way to ontinue amid the increasing horrors of an imost universal war to hold this nation up ope and assurance of peace on earth, good

vill toward men." The rebel yell" was invoked by the The rebel yell was involved of Democrats this afternoon as both sides of the House applauded a speech made in favor of the Flood bill by Representative stedman, of North Carolina, a former Confederate soldier.

#### PROTECT THE FLAG

"It is said we are delegating the power of congress to the President," said the old confederate warrior. "He does not of certain persons whose lives might be endangered made it necessary to withhold information as to the exact means by which that power given him. They say the Flood bill is a war measure. It is a pen There is something worse than eineige mitter. war. It is dishonor. The House ought to send a message to all nations that it will senger used by Count Bernstorff to vey the letter to Mexico was caught protect its rights, the lives of its people and the American flag in its pristine splen-dor wherever it may float, over land or vey the le American Representative Decker, of Missouri, who

coted for the McLemore resolution to keep Americans off the ships of the belligerents

in the last session of Congress, spo opposition to the bill, as did Representative illion, of North Dakota. That the United States is virtually con

mitting an act of war in arming or convoying ships that carry munitions and con-traband of war was contended by Repre-sentative Cooper, of Wisconsin, minority SECOND FACE, Corvy., 6 to 5 1 to 2 out 1 Asama, 109, Corvy., 6 to 5 1 to 2 out 2 Sherwood, 100 Ward, 15 to 1 6 to 1 3 to 1 3 Time Jim, 100, Pets., 12 to 1 5 to 1 2 to 1 Time, 115 2-5. Moontone, San Jon, Peace-ful Star and Protagoras also ran. member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, in opposing the Flood bill, "A man who surrenders his judgment in

a time like this, even to 'the President.' said Mr. Cooper, "is not worthy to sit in this House. Suppose we were at war and this House. Suppose we were at war and suppose that some foreign nation, in per-fect English or perfect German or perfect Russian, or any other language should in-sist that it desired to be peaceful and neutral and yet should pass a resolution to arm and defend ships bringing ammunition to be used against us-is there an honest man on this floor who does not know the United States would construe that act as an act of war? And this is what we are proposing to do, while all the time talking of neutrality."

"If I have to choose between W J Bryan and Woodrow Wilson I'll choose Wilson," said Representative Longworth, of Ohio, speaking in favor of the Flood **bill** 

# editor of the Independent, today declared that when he was a visitor to Japan in 1911 he was informed that Germany then was responsible for spreading reports of mis-understandings between the tinited States and Japan. Holf declared Germany's per-sistence only was responsible for the fact that such stories have continued regularly Holt declared the bellef that Japan was

more anxious to hold the friendship of the United States than anything else save the friendship of England. This latest outrage by the German Gov. ernment." Holt said, "shows how absolutely impossible it is for them to understand the psychology of other people."

**Havana** Entries

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th race, 6 furiongs, for three year-olds at claiming Ethan Allen, 1021 Dector at "Scorpli, 106; "Enver Rey, 106; "Roya 1071 Wavering, 1971 Muzanti, 109; "Con-109.

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Third race, 5% furious, for three-yearning up, claiming-Hrobert, 81, 7He Daughter, 92; Pallaade, 92; Olasco, 97; Raty, 97; "Captain Fredericks, 91; Chance, 99; Grando, 110;

Sixth race, mile, four-year-olds and up, claiming - Almeda, Lawrence, 93; •EQ 101; •Wenonah, 104; •Gondwood, 167; Jr. 108; Fin Money, 108; Galway, 112;

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

DEATHS

Church 0.30 a. m. Int. Holy Cross Cell. SCHIILER. — Feb. 28, MARION, wife et Joseph F. Schiller, and daughter of the last Thomas and Ann Kane. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Mon., 8:30 a. m. 943 N. 500 st. Solemn requirem mass at Church of Motase of Sorrows. 10 a. m. Int. Holy Sepulchra Cem.

SMYTH -- Feb 28 at the residence of he orother-in-law, Charles Hall 4316 Otter s. JOHN A. husbard of Armelia L. Smyth (me Hall) and son of the late David P. and Anna North of Wilmington. Del Notice of functa

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RENTH TOY POODLE, white, female, lost Sunday evening, Feb. 25, reward if returned to 1538 Pine st.

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### LANSING DENIES RITTER HAS ACTED IMPROPERLY

WASHINGTON, March L-Secretary of State Lansing said this afternoon he "deeply deplored" press reports that this Government was strongly disapproving the manner in which Dr. Paul Bitter, the Swiss Minister, was handling the affairs Imperial German Government in the United

RYAN -- Feb. 22, JOHN C., son of Inte Mathew and Marg Ryan. Relatives and friends siso A. O. H., No. 76; Court General Mont-gomery, No. 214, F. of A., Invited to funeral Fri. 8.30 a. m. 2344 W. Norris st. Solema requiem mass St. Elizabeth's Church, 10 a. m. Int. Holy Sepulcher Cem. "Doctor Ritter's conduct," said the Se retary of State, "has been thoroughly proper. I regret exceedingly these attacks. It gives the wrong impression abroad of Int. Holy Sepulcher Cem. iRAY — Feb. 25. BRIDUET, widow of John Grav. aged 84. Relatives and friends, also b V. Mary Sodality of St. Joseph's Church, in vited to funeral. Sat. 8 a. mb. 25. Joseph's and Pine sis. Solemm require mass St. Joseph's Church 9:30 a. m. Int. Holy Cross Cem. what we are doing.

## U. S. SECRET SERVICE UNCOVERED CONSPIRACY

NEW YORK, March 1 .- The German plo to align Mexico and Japan against the United States in event of war between the atter and Germany was dekovered by United States secret service agents, and not through any foreign source according dispatch to the New to a Washington York Evening Post.

and Germany on account of the recently

announced submarine warfare," the Post

German Minister actually received the let-ter intended for him, though Secretary Lansing thinks he did. Presumably a con-

firmation copy was sent through another

"Covernment officials have absolutely

their possession." the special dispatel

"The plain implication was that a mes

Havana Results

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Western and the Lehigh Valley will also be represented at the conference, which was ealed by Mr. Trinkle. It was reported today that Attorney General Brown had already given his tentative approval of the compromise. It was also learned that several members of the Public Service Commission had signi-fied their willingness to indorse the agree-ment. It is expected that following the meeting Saturday the commission will an-mone a date for a public hearing. At the Saturday conference it is ex-pocted that all obstacles to the proposed compromise will be cleared away. The commission is expected to proceed in this manner: After it has approved the com-promise and has issued a new order on the city, in accordance with the agree-

the ratificates reducing coal freight rates to this city, in accordance with the agree-ment, the first order will be rescinded and the appeal now before the Dauphin County Court will be withdrawn by joint action of the Attorney General, Plerson & Sherts, and the railroads.

The railroads. The railroads, it is stated, will suffer an annual revenue loss of at least \$1,500,000 s year if the compromise is approved. The conferences leading to the agreement were instituted about seven weeks ago, after At-torney General Brown, at the request of forney General Brown, at the request or Pierson and Sheriz, took action to end delay in the case. At first, it is understood, the railroads advanced a proposition which was immediately rejected by Pierson and Sheriz, and negotiations were on the point of being called off when the complainants' request of attorneys were asked to submit a co proposition. Finally the railroads and the attorneys reached a deadlock. It was then that Attorney General Brown was called in. He made suggestions which were ac-cepted by both sides.

#### GERMANY HEARS MORE **OF U.S. "FRIENDLINESS"**

#### Zimmermann Quotes Ritter's Telegram Saying America Sought U-Boat Parley

LONDON, March 1.—Speaking in the licitistical today. Foreign Secretary Zim-sermann referred to "a telegram from the wise Minister at Washington saying that merica desires to avoid war, provided ermany is willing to treat on the ques-on of the submarine blockade." The quotations were furnished in a wire-a dispatch from the official German press lengy, picked up here.

ing use also quoted as declar-ny is in all ways convinced that ine warfare ought not to be re-

resolved at all coats to blockade, but naturally de-munderstanding with Amer-hing with this object," Zim-

art which Simultied advibility transmitted at Washington at a grahington was minerman by Dis-

officials believe they have frustrated Germany's intentions, vouched for by Presi-dent Wilson himself, to align Mexico and Japan in a hostile conspiracy against this Government

While Government heads do not know for an absolute fact that the Zimmermann letter to German Minister Eckhardt at Mexico City, or its purport or contents, never reached the individuals to whom it was sent, they have every reason to believe such is the case. They believe the historic letter was intercepted in time and in such-a way as to prevent its delivery to Carranga.

That the Japanese Government would no consider any proposition such as that ad-vocated by Secretary of Foreign Affairs Zimmerman in his Mexican-Japanese "plot" note was the conviction expressed by Secretary Lansing today.

Lansing authorized the following state-

The Department does not believe that Japan has had any knowledge of this or that she would consider any proposition made by an enemy.

Secretary Lansing expressed belief that the Mexican Government would also 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.

STILL MORE INFORMATION

While withholding discussion of the sources of the Government's information on the German plot "lest some one's life be en-dangered," the State Department did admit that it had full evidence of the so-called plot, that the Zimmermann note had reached Ambassador von Bernstorff here, and that it also had reached the German Minister in Mexico. Doubt was expressed that General Car-

ranza himself had ever seen the com-munication or been informed of its con-tents owing to the fact that the plot was not actually to take form except in

event of actual hostilities between the United States and Germany. Japanese Ambassador Sato was called

Japanese Ambassador Sato was called to the department yesterday and toid of the information which had been obtained as to the threatened plot. While Lansing would not discuss in any way what Sato had to say about it the fact that he authorized the statement quoted indicates the Japanese Ambassador must have denied any knowledge of it and sevened any possibility of his discussion

have denied any knowledge of it and scorned any possibility of his Government being in any way "interested." This theory also is borne out by the statement Ambassa-dor Sato made this morning. Secretary Lansing intimated that this Government had been working for the last four months on the case, but that until just recently it had been unable to obtain conclusive evidence of the plot.

LINKS UP CUBA REVOLT

signnife plot revealed by the Ad-ration today through documentary of Germany's michinations was put to sway a dailying Congress and stir-tion to the real parils of the German

n with the revelation of th day the Government tion, or had lines out

quite generally interpreted as of German origin

Authorities here have watched that case particularly closely in view of the da ous possibilities to the United States. the danger-And back of these international plot-tings may be a plot within the United States to force food riots and the conse-

quent possibility of an embargo on suplies to the Entente Allles. It is known that secret service men are engaged, not only on the Cuban-Mexican-Japanese angle, but likewise on the domesc situation.

In the latter Administration leaders have coffed at the idea that natural economic auses were at the root of recent food lots; and furthermore II is hinted that the riots; and furthermore it is hinted that the Department of Justice might have startling facts concerning the food matter shortly. 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 Maxican 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 clear-ly that Germany meant to play this tredous 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. Beside being designed as a check to over-

ernment entertain such "an invitation" Germany attempted to send to Tokio. enthusiastic but perhaps well-meaning paci-fists who. It was foared, would luit the nation into too great a feeling of security it, furthermore, gave the lie direct to German expression of surprise, voiced by Chan-cellor Bethmann-Hollweg over America's "mialterpretation" of Germany's unlimit-ed U-boat decree, and to Bethmann-Hollweg's feigned surprise at the 'brusqueness' of President Wilson in breaking the friend-ly relations between Germany and America that were "an heirloom from Frederick the

Great. A letter forming the basis of Germany's cunning plotting was forwarded from Ber-in January 19 to Count von Bernstorff for the German envoy von Eckhardt at Mexthe 'On the 1st of February we intend to

begin submarine warfare unrestricted." note said. "In spite of this it is our inten-tion to endeavor to keep the United States of America neutral. If this attempt is not successful we propose an alliance on the following basis with Mexico: That we shall make war together

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CASTING OF WAR DIE UP TO U.S.

BERLIN, March L-If the United States | go forward until there is a decisive viclecides the sinking of the Cunard liner Laconia is a cause for war. Germany will

tory. The public has great confidence in the submarine warfare. The Conservative leader. Herr Heydebrand, speaking at a meeting at Hamburg, said: "I have first-hand information of a re-sult from the submarine warfare greater than the navy dreamed of. There is no performation in our submarine warfare. regard responsibility for the conflict as

In well-informed circles it was stated to day that Germany, having warned all neutral countries that all ships in the war zone would be sunk without warning, it is the fault of neutrals if their ships are sunk perforation in our submarine warfare. Those who enter the danger zone will per-

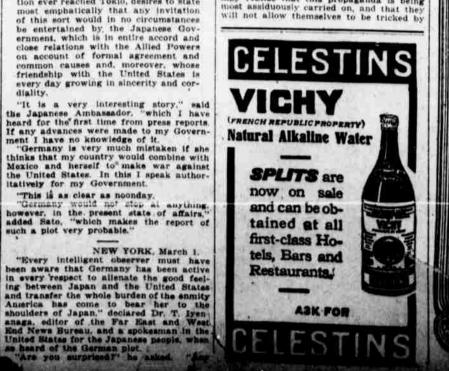
It is because the German people see an The German press and public alike take and to the war through use of the sub-marine weapon that the public is deter-mined to continue. It should be mentioned that all news he reports of the American situation and ending decisions in Congress with

The entire German people feel—as ex-pressed in the Reichstag—that there can be no backward step, but Germany must as to the situation in America comes solely through press dispatches. No ef-ficial advices have been received here.

> one could have read the whole thing between the lines. Japan will not do such a thing-that is the one great obstruction to the fruition of the German plans. Japan could not do it, she would not do it, she has not contemplated doing it.

"Of course, the whole scheme of the "Of course, the whole scheme of the German agents may be seen to have been to alienate this long-standing friendship between Japan and the United States, to between Japan and the United States, to conclude a separate peace with Japan, and if possible. Russia, and then to arrange a joint attack on the United States whenever she might begin hostilities. That has been going on for some two years or more. I have known for some time that such a movement was pending.

"I beg that the people of this country may realize that this propaganda is being most assiduously carried on, and that they will not allow themselves to be tricked by



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