

## CAPTURE 8 MEXICAN BANDITS

HUN-MEXICAN  
PLOT EXPOSED  
IN NEW YORK

Germans Planned Invasion of  
the United States With  
Joint Army.

## INTELLIGENCE DEPT. REPORT

American Secret Service Man  
Gets Offer as Spy Against  
His Country.

By Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Revelation of extensive German plots in Mexico during the war, which included a proposed invasion of the United States by a German-Mexican army of 45,000 men, at the same time that the Germans launched their last drive on the western front in July, 1918, was made here Saturday night by the national association for the protection of American rights in Mexico, which gave out a statement by Dr. P. B. Altendorf, formerly of the United States military intelligence department, reciting his experience as an American secret service agent in that country.

Dr. Altendorf, the son of a Polish banker in Cracow, Austrian Poland, abandoned a medical course in the University of Vienna at the outbreak of the war and fled to Mexico, where he was offered a position as a German spy to operate against the United States by Kurt Jabinski, head of the German secret service in Mexico.

Readers Service.  
"With pretended reluctance, but with secret joy I accepted," he said, "and at once found myself in a position to render valuable service to the allies in general and to the United States in particular."

He opened communication with the border as a volunteer worker to the military intelligence department, he claims, and was later sworn in as a special agent of the military intelligence department.

The association states that it has investigated his claims and that Brig. Gen. Marlborough Churchill, the head of the military intelligence department, "spoke in terms of the highest praise of the Zeeland trustworthiness of Dr. Altendorf and the great value of the services he rendered."

In addition to explaining his activities in Mexico, Dr. Altendorf warns the people of the United States against a proposed German commercial conquest of Mexico.

May Control Mexico.  
"Within six months after the United States ratifies the treaty of peace," he says, "Germany will have complete economic control of Mexico. Within a very few years, if they are permitted to carry out the plans they have formulated and are now executing as rapidly as they can, the Germans will have absolute political, economic and military control of Latin-Mexico, with headquarters in Mexico."

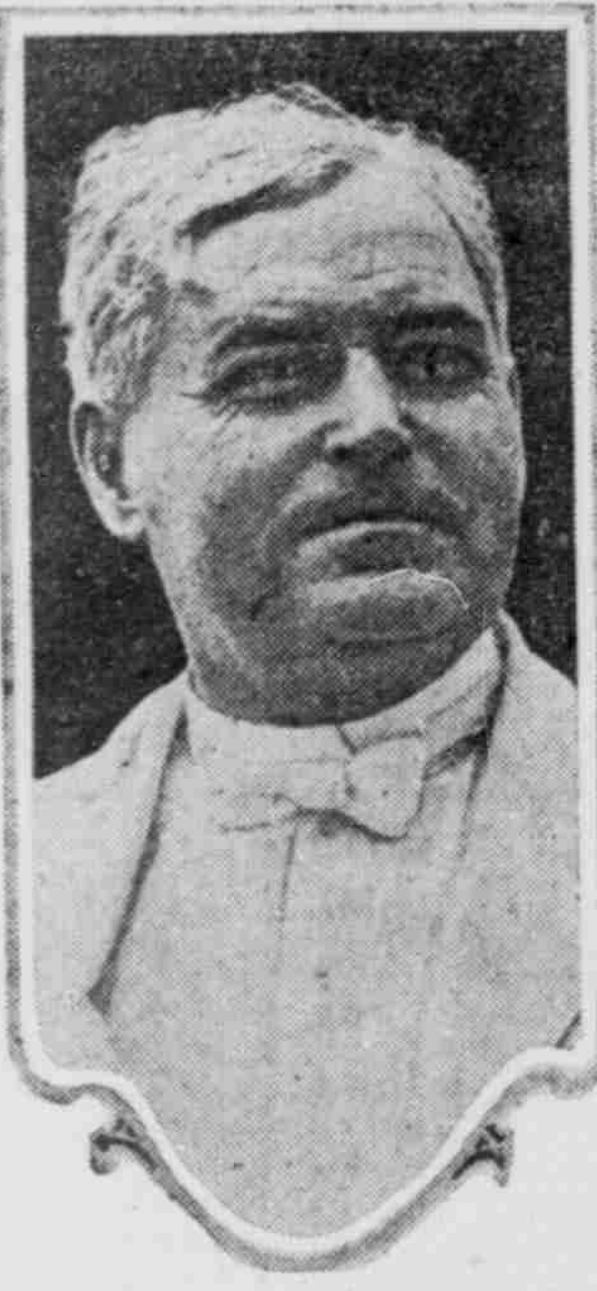
Referring to the proposed invasion of the United States, Dr. Altendorf sets forth that in his dual capacity as a captain in the German army and colonel in the Mexican army he helped train 900 German reservists in Sonora, who were to form the nucleus of the proposed German-Mexican army and that in his true character as an American secret service agent he prevented the raid from being carried out.

"This ambitious scheme," he says "was financed by Von Eckhardt, German ambassador to Mexico, and was undertaken with the cooperation of Carranza."

Enumerates Services.  
Dr. Altendorf, enumerating his services in Mexico, says in part: "I delivered into the hands of the United States military authorities the German agent Lathar Witke, alias Pablo Wabinski the most important individual capture of the war so far as America was concerned. Wabinski boasted to me that he had blown up several munitions plants and stores of explosives, including the Black Tom explosion in New York; blew up some ships and caused disastrous fires in the forests of the Pacific Northwest."

"Wabinski was on his way to the United States by way of Nogales, Ariz., on another mission of murder and destruction when captured with me. On his person was found a copy of the German imperial code and this is understood to be the first time that code came into the possession of the United States."

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CONFERES WITH WILSON  
ON FOOD PROBE

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, photographed in Washington recently following a conference with President Wilson in connection with the high cost of living problem which is receiving the entire attention of the administration.

CITY DAY PROVES  
TO BE GALA DAY

Thousands of Local Folks Enjoy  
Themselves at Howard  
Park.

Thousands of South Benders who surged into Howard park Saturday afternoon and night to help in the celebration of City day were unanimous in their opinion that the day was a success from every viewpoint. From the time festivities started in the afternoon until Elbel's band played the final dance number late in the evening, every minute was spent in entertaining and amusing the crowd.

The credit for the successful staging of the first City day this city has ever attempted goes to the municipal recreation committee, of which R. E. Wolfe is director. Heretofore the recreation committee has contented itself with conducting a municipal Christmas tree and a Fourth of July celebration, but with the results obtained with the City day celebration Saturday the committee in charge intends to make it an annual event.

Athletic Program.  
Besides the program of athletic events that marked the day's exercises for the younger set, other amusements for the grownups were also included. Elbel's band rendered concerts during the afternoon, moving pictures were shown, and dancing on the lawn was enjoyed by more than 300 couples.

Following the completion of the athletic program, Miss Effie Harmon led in the singing of several community songs. These songs included patriotic and popular numbers. Between the hours of 6 and 7, time was out for the staging of the basket lunch picnic. Extra tables and benches had been secured for the convenience of the picnickers, but several hundred people contented themselves with sitting on the lawn to eat their lunches.

In the athletic events Kenneth Schutt easily captured first honors in the mile swim. He also won the 220 yard dash. Cy Clybourne, a local swimmer of renown, captured all of

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Financial Aid From All  
Parties to be Solicited

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 23.—All political parties are expected to contribute heavily to the national labor party, which will draft its platform at a national convention in Chicago Nov. 27.

Max S. Hays, temporary chairman of the executive committee, said here today the organization will draft a platform patterned after the British labor party platform. Two thousand delegates representing ten

INFORMATION IS  
ASKED ON TREATY  
BY COMMITTEE

Senators Vote to Amend Pact  
by Striking Out Shantung  
Proviso.

## ADOPT LODGE'S PROPOSAL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—After voting to amend the peace treaty by striking out Japan's title to the German rights in Shantung the senate foreign relations committee notified President Wilson Saturday it could not intelligently proceed with its work on amendments until he furnish additional information.

The action on the Shantung provision was taken in short order. Chairman Lodge proposing the amendment and the committee adopting it virtually without debate. The vote was nine to eight with all the democratic members and Sen. McCumber, republican, North Dakota, voting in the negative.

Then the point of inadequate information was raised by republican members. Chairman Lodge declaring there were in the president's hands important documents which are absolutely essential to the determination of questions involved in the committee's work during its entire consideration of the treaty the chairman said the committee had been hampered by lack of information that should have been given it weeks ago.

Democrats Oppose Change.  
Democratic members are understood to have expressed general opposition to any interruption of the committee's plan for prompt action but finally on motion of Sen. Williams, democrat, Mississippi and without a record vote, the chairman was instructed to ask the president for the treaty with Poland signed on July 28, two agreements regarding the Rhine section to which the United States was a party and such information as he may have about the treaties now under negotiation with Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey.

In amending the Shantung provision the committee took the most direct method. Chairman Lodge simply moved to strike out the word "Japan" wherever it occurred in the section relating to the German Shantung rights and to insert the word "China." The effect would be to restore China all the German holdings in Kiao Chow and vicinity.

With the committee's action the fight over the Shantung settlement is transferred to the senate floor. Republican leaders say they have the votes to uphold the committee amendment but administration senators appear equally certain that it will be beaten.

TO BAR ALL MOVIES  
OF MANAGERS BODY

By Associated Press.  
CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—Managers of moving picture theaters were notified Saturday to bar all pictures manufactured by companies affiliated with the Producing Managers Association. This was the latest move in the actors strike. So far as could be learned all managers complied with the ultimatum sent out by officials of the film operators union.

Thomas Reynolds, president of the operators union, announced that if any attempt was made by moving picture theaters to show pictures which have been placed under the ban the operators would walk out. He said five large picture producing companies were on the black list.

With the closing of the engagement of Fiske O'Hara in "Down Limerick way" at the Olympic Saturday night the total of closed theaters reached 10.

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## TEMPORARY AMBASSADOR



Viscount Grey, formerly British secretary of state for foreign affairs, has agreed to represent the British government at Washington pending the appointment of a permanent ambassador.

Lord Grey is consenting to go to Washington temporarily, Andrew Bonar Law, government spokesman, said in the house of commons, in order to deal particularly with questions arising out of the peace settlement.

Mr. Bonar Law added that a permanent ambassador to the United States would be appointed early next year.

TO INVESTIGATE  
PRICE OF COAL

Federal Government Will Use  
Same System as Employed  
During War.

BY LOUIS LUDLOW.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—The coal profiteers must take their turn on the griddle next.

Atty. Gen. Palmer is looking into the coal situation. If he finds conditions as unsatisfactory as they are alleged to be he will recommend some such action as has been taken by the federal government with respect to food stuffs. The federal food administration is no longer active but the machinery it used during the war is still within reach of the federal government and could be used in connection with the coal situation just as the food administration was used to bring the federal government into connection with the food situation.

In the estimation of Atty. Gen. Palmer it is of the highest importance that the people everywhere shall be kept warm next winter.

The attorney general foresees that a coal shortage when the people everywhere are complaining of high food prices would bring the federal government face to face with a very serious problem. So it is the attorney general's judgment that the situation should be dealt with immediately. Congress as a whole also seems to realize that something ought to be done about coal and there is a fair amount of talk on an inquiry either by the senate or by the house or by a joint committee representing the two bodies for the purpose of ascertaining just what the facts are, but thus far nothing has actually been done. The activities of the department of justice are along the line of getting the facts with respect to both anthracite and bituminous coal. If there is danger of a shortage of either anthracite or bituminous coal the agents of the department of justice will try to ascertain the cause.

Order Has Effect.  
The mere mention of the possibility of calling the fuel administration back to life seems to have had a good effect on some of the mining companies.

The situation with respect to soft coal, according to the information available here at this time, is really serious. It is this branch of the industry to which the government will pay special attention in the inquiry that is just being started. Various explanations for the shortage in soft coal are offered. In some localities, it is asserted, there is a shortage of miners. Strikes have taken place or are now being carried on in some of the fields. The public has been restrained from buying in the usual quantities during the first half of the year, evidently waiting with the hope that prices might fall, and there has been and still is a car shortage in many of the mining districts. These are some of the things the government desires to know more about.

U. S. SOLDIERS  
START CAMPAIGN  
AGAINST BANDITS

Cavalrymen Cross Border Following  
Theft of Twelve  
Army Horses.

## REPORT FIGHT WITH MEXICANS

By Associated Press.

EL PASO, Texas, Aug. 23.—Reports of the crossing of American troops into Mexico southeast of this city were given out Saturday evening by Brig. Gen. James B. Erwin, commanding El Paso district. Border patrols between El Paso and Fort Hancock, fifty miles southeast of here are being doubled and outposts reinforced.

Troop G, seventh cavalry U. S. A. stationed at Fabens, Texas, crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico Saturday morning at five o'clock. Lieut. Robert Gay commands the troops. The crossing followed a raid by Mexicans at Fort Hancock Friday night and the theft of twelve horses on this side of the river. The troops followed the trail of the thieves.

Rangers Join Troops.  
Three Texas rangers from Capt. Steven's command went with the troops. Reports in El Paso that the American force had overtaken the Mexicans and that fighting was in progress could not be confirmed. Nothing was given out at military headquarters regarding the matter and a telephone message to the El Paso Herald from Fabens said that no shots had been heard. Following the raid a battalion of the nineteenth infantry was sent to San Elizario to reinforce the border guard.

Discuss Intervention.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Possibility of American intervention in Mexico is freely discussed by the Mexico City newspapers according to information reaching officials of the state department. Particular interest was manifested here Saturday in one article appearing in the A. B. C. which is said to have created some sensation of a sensation in the southern republic.

This article points out in detail seven ways in which the United States might intervene and discusses each at length. The seven methods enumerated are: 1. Complete invasion, which the paper admits would result in victory for the United States; 2. Partial invasion by seizure of frontier posts and custom houses, which is said would weaken the Carranza government, cause a spreading of the rebellion; 3. Dishearten the constitutionalists and cause "Carranza and his system to topple like a pack of cards";

Would Aid Rebels.  
Aiding or recognizing some rebel group;

Naming of a group of Mexicans and assisting them in the formation of a government;

Withdrawal of recognition for the present government which the paper said would be tantamount to recognition of the rebels;

Presenting an ultimatum to the government requiring assurances that the rebellion would be needed in a definite period; payments of foreign claims within a prescribed time; resumption of foreign debt service and final disposition of the petroleum and mineral lands.

By much the same reason it is the present government could not give these guarantees.

Acting as arbiter between the contending Mexican factions; Nothing could come of arbitration, the paper said, adding that the present government would "deem it beneath its dignity to enter into any negotiations with its enemy."

LOUISVILLE CAR STRIKE  
DEMORALIZES TRAFFIC

By Associated Press.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 23.—After partial resumption of street car operation during the day, the fifth day of the strike of motormen and conductors which has demoralized service on all city and interurban lines except those to Jeffersonville and New Albany, Ind., no cars were in operation here tonight owing to fear of the police that Saturday night crowds might create a situation difficult to handle.

For much the same reason it was announced that no cars will be run tomorrow. Fourteen cars on two city lines were operated for a few hours this forenoon under police escort. During the same time 22 persons were arrested in connection with minor disorders. A brick hurled from the fourth story of a downtown business house at a passing car brought the arrest of nine.

WINNER IN CARRIER'S  
WAR STAMP CONTEST

James Cooper, of Newark, Ohio, winner of the recent National Mail Carriers' association war savings stamps sale contest. Cooper sold \$10,000 worth of stamps during the contest.

POLITICS LATEST  
H. C. OF L. VICTIM

Democratic National Committee  
Announces Plans to  
Raise Campaign Funds.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—The high cost of everything else has hit politics, too, according to a statement issued here Saturday night by former Rep. William D. Jamieson, of Iowa, director of finance of the democratic national committee, in announcing plans to raise a \$5,000,000 war chest for the coming presidential election.

The greatest democratic campaign fund raised to date, said Mr. Jamieson, was \$2,500,000 contributed by 300,000 members of the party to elect President Wilson in 1916.

Inaugurate Campaign.  
This year, he said, an intensive campaign will be pushed to obtain subscriptions averaging \$5 from at least 1,000,000 persons.

Mr. Jamieson added, however, that no sharper limit would be put on the size of contributions "than Will Hays will place on the size of republican donations," which he understood to be \$1,000.

Touching on the question of candidate, Mr. Jamieson mentioned President Wilson (in case the league of nations is defeated), William G. McAdoo, Atty. Gen. Palmer, Gov. Cox of Ohio; John W. Davis, ambassador to England; Sen. Hitchcock, of Nebraska, and Vice President Marshall.

TWO AVIATORS KILLED.

By Associated Press.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Aug. 23.—Lieut. Reid Haslam of West Wood, Mass., and Bernard Higgins, machinist, of Shamokin, Pa., were instantly killed near Kelly Field late Saturday, when a new airplane they were testing fell in a tail spin from a height of 300 feet. Lieut. Haslam was pinned under the machine, while Higgins was thrown 20 feet.

FEDERAL TROOPS  
TAKE MEN FROM  
DANCE PAVILIONBIG PACKERS  
DEFEND VIEWS

Appear Before Senate Agri-  
cultural Committee, Which  
Is Considering Regulations.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Refrigerator car operations of the five big packers were defended Saturday before the senate agriculture committee, which is considering the Kenyon and Kendrick bills for regulating the packing industry and the separation from it of the operation of such cars.

C. R. Heilmann, representing the National Live Stock exchange, who said he had been connected with packer traffic departments for 12 years, said that they were not the source of discrimination against wholesale grocers and other packer competitors. He characterized the denunciation by the federal trade commission and others of the effects of packer ownership of the cars as "willful misrepresentation or demonstrations of blissful ignorance."

Mr. Heilmann was preceded on the stand by a series of retailers, producers and others, who all had objections to make to the regulating bills.

Favor Railroad Control.

"Packers would just as soon have the railroads own these cars," he said, "if it were possible for them to get cars when they were needed. It is absolutely false to say that they secure freight rate discrimination in favor of the packers. The interstate-commerce commission has passed upon all phases of their operation. It is ready to act on any complaint. Goods shipped in the cars take exactly the same rate classifications as those shipped in anything else."

The witness went into the details of methods of organizing "peddler car" routes, by which small lots of packer products are distributed to smaller points throughout the United States.

Use Evidence.

According to documentary evidence, the pressure that is being brought to bear on congress in opposition to the regulating bills, takes the following forms:

1.—Sending telegrams to congressmen and senators signed with the names of residents of the legislator's districts, without, it is alleged, the constituents' knowledge, in many instances.

2.—Agents appearing before commercial clubs, farmers' conventions and other organizations and persuading them to send telegrams to their national representatives opposing the proposed legislation.

Many such telegrams are republished by independent action of the organizations.

3.—Following by a detailed system of assembling newspaper clippings every article that may be derogatory to the packers and sending the magazine or newspaper editor a statement of the packers' position.

4.—Distribution of booklets, and pamphlets and paid advertising mediums.

Sen. Harris, Georgia, expressed all these charges today. He read into the Congressional Record recently a letter from J. R. Wilcox, Fitzgerald, Ga., stating that a telegram the senator had received signed "J. R. Wilcox" was filed by a packer's

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U. S. Army Men Camp on  
Mexican Soil Southwest  
of Marfa.

## CAVALRY ORDERED TO CROSS

Carranza Troops Fear Clash  
With Hipolito Villa and  
Gang.

By Associated Press.

MARFA, Texas, Aug. 23.—The American punitive expedition will be ordered out of Mexico within the next 24 hours unless contact is established with the bandits, according to reliable information here late Saturday night. Orders for withdrawal have not yet been received, however, Col. Langhorne said.

The cavalry now is in the vicinity of the homes of Jesus and Apolito Renteria and Jesus Marques, three leaders of the band.

By Associated Press.

MARFA, Texas, Aug. 23.—Eight bandits believed to be part of the Jesus Renteria gang, which kidnapped Aviators Peterson and Davis, have been captured by Mexican federal troops at Coyame, Chihuahua, according to a report to Col. George T. Langhorne from Mexican consul Cosme Bengoechea at Presidio, late Saturday night.

The bandits were captured in a dance hall after the federal troops had surrounded it, the report said. The troops had marched to Coyame from Chihuahua City. The prisoners were taken to Chihuahua City by Gen. Manuel Dieguez's cavalry, the report said.

Army headquarters announced that Mexican cavalry had been seen by aviators marching toward Coyame.

Await Daylight.

United States army cavalry men Saturday night were encamped on Mexican soil for southwest of here, awaiting daylight to make the final dash to the hiding place of the remaining bandits of the Jesus Renteria gang.

Two other detachments of troops crossed the border during the day but soon returned, according to official announcement of military commanders.

Two troops of the seventh cavalry ordered across the border opposite Fabens, Texas, this morning in pursuit of Mexican cattle thieves, were ordered to return late in the afternoon by Brig.-Gen. James B. Erwin, commander of the El Paso district. Failure to locate the trail of the bandits was given as the reason for the withdrawal.

Cross Rio Grande.  
Another detachment crossed the Rio Grande during the day in the Big Bend country in search of lost army mules, but returned after a few hours with the missing animals.

On the California-Mexican border American and Mexican troops are maintaining a discouraging search for Lieuts. Frederick B. Waterhouse and Cecil H. Connelly of the ninth aerial squadron, who disappeared last Wednesday after they left Yuma, Ariz., on a return flight to Rockwell Field, San Diego, Cal.

Pruned Moving.  
Gen. Antonio Pruned, former commander of the Carranza forces in the Ojinaga district, is moving from Cuernavaca to Coyame, on the road to Chihuahua City, according to Mexican consular Cosme Bengoechea, at Presidio, Texas. Coyame is near where the American aviators fell last Sunday. The consular said Pruned had 200 troops in his command. He left the Ojinaga garrison with a cavalry column soon after the American troops crossed.

Danger of a clash with Villa followers under Hipolito Villa, brother of Francisco Villa, is regarded here as improbable now as Hipolito Villa and his band are now believed to be in the southeastern part of the Ojinaga district 50 miles from the zone of operations of the American expedition.

ARREST SOLDIERS.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Three hundred soldiers belonging to Warwick, Berkshire and Gloucester regiments were arrested Saturday at Southampton for refusing to obey orders to embark for France. The ringleaders were driven away in motor lorries.

Mexican Chamber Defeats  
Motion to Help Carranza

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The Mexican chamber of deputies in secret session Saturday defeated a resolution to appoint a committee to cooperate with President Carranza, the senate and the supreme court in forming a policy on international questions, and particularly the petroleum question, according to advices reaching Washington Saturday.

The chamber also defeated another resolution calling for an investigation of President Carranza on relations between the United States and Mexico.

The senate passed a resolution instructing the committee on foreign relations to investigate the cause and character of the international crisis and to make recommendations.

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