

## A Secret Document Comes to Light

[From the New York Times.]

Those who think such a thing as a negotiated peace is possible with Germany, who think any kind of peace conference is possible until she has been beaten, who take her words not exactly at their face value but as containing some residuum of truth, should attend to the secret official communication which fell into Hugo Haase's hands and was read by him to the main committee of the reichstag. Haase is the leader of the independent socialists, who are the anti-kaiserite minority socialists. The document he produced was a secret communication sent by Berlin to Vienna outlining Germany's intentions. It was written by Michaelis, who was then chancellor.

This is the same Michaelis who pretended to accept the resolution of the reichstag declaring for peace without annexations. While Michaelis—who, like Bethmann and Hertling, is merely the mouthpiece and puppet of the real rulers and not to be considered as having an identity apart from them—was declaring to the reichstag and the world Germany's moderate and pacific aims, in secret he was communicating to Austria her real aims. Compare them:

Michaelis to the Reichstag, July 19, 1917.

The concentration of the Russian army compelled Germany to seize the sword. There was no choice left to us, and what is true of the war itself is true also of our weapons, particularly the submarine.

Germany did not declare the war in order to make violent conquests, and therefore will not continue the war a day longer merely for the sake of such conquests, if it could obtain an honorable peace.

These aims may be attained within the limit of your resolution as I understand it, (the reichstag resolution declaring against annexations.) We can not again offer peace. We have loyally stretched out our hands once. It met no response; but . . . the government feels that if our enemies abandon their lust for conquest and their aims for subjugation, and wish to enter into negotiations, we shall listen honestly and readily for peace to what they have to say to us.

What we long to attain is a new and splendid Germany, not a Germany which wishes, as our enemies believe, to terrorize the world with her armed might—no, the morally purified, God-fearing, loyal, peaceful and mighty Germany which we all love. For this Germany we and our brothers out there will bleed and die.

Michaelis to Austria in the Secret Document.

The motive of all of Germany's acts is the lack of territory, both for the development of commerce and colonization. Germany has to solve two problems—the freedom of the seas and the opening of a route to the southeast. And these two problems can only be solved through the destruction of England.

Our object is the permanent security of the German empire in central Europe and the extension of its territory. No one who understands the significance of this war can doubt that, in spite of our wish to be moderate, we shall not allow ourselves to be deterred from extending the borders of the empire and from, under all circumstances, annexing such territories as are fitted for colonization and are not subjected to the influence of the sea power.

We can weaken her (Russia) ma-

terially by taking away her border territories, the Baltic provinces. By using skillful policies the Baltic provinces can easily be Germanized. They will be settled with Germans and their population will double itself. That is the reason why they must be annexed. . . . The frontier between the German empire and Poland must be materially altered. . . . The lakes, which we shall not leave in the hands of the Russians at any price, will be included within our borders.

In the Vosges the boundary line must be improved by the annexation of some valleys, so that the German frontier troops can be no longer fired upon from French territory. France will lose Briey and a strip of land west of Luxemburg. The value of Briey in an economic and military sense is evident from the fact that 16,000,000 tons of iron ore are produced there. For the safeguarding of the German and Luxemburg iron industry Longwy must remain in our hands.

Bethmann Hollweg's Instructions.

And now comes Bethmann Hollweg's admission that before the declaration of war he issued instructions to demand from France the cession, pending the war, of the fortresses of Toul and Verdun. Germany's retired chancellors are proving their uses. It is to be hoped that Hertling will soon retire, so that he, too, can begin his contribution to the documentary history of a hypocrisy and perfidy unexampled in modern history and not to be excelled in any history, ancient or modern, civilized or barbarous.

### MR. BRYAN IN PITTSBURGH

Mr. Bryan was in Pittsburgh today for three addresses, one before the ministerial union early today, and two tonight, one in the Emory Methodist Episcopal church, the other in the East Liberty Presbyterian church.

He will talk on prohibition and also touch on so-called pacifism. "There are only two sides to a war," he said today, "our country's and the enemy's. The time for difference of opinion ended when our country entered this conflict. Now every person should, and every true American does, support the government unquestioningly. Division of any kind now only would prolong the war and means a greater waste in the money of the nation and, what is more important, in the lives of our men.

"It is not even a time for criticism now. The criticisms which have been made by some people are very unfair to the government. If I had any suggestion to offer I would speak to the person whom I thought guilty of negligence, in private, not publicly. A criticism made publicly before given in private is intended for political capital, and not to aid in winning the war."—Pittsburgh Post.

### BRYAN HAILED AS MODERN ST. PATRICK

[From Kansas City Journal, March 18.]

William J. Bryan, erstwhile secretary of state, is engaged in an effort to run the whisky traffic off the map of the United States, and as a part of his nation-wide programme he appeared in Kansas City yesterday and made two addresses—one at the Central Methodist church and the other at the Kansas City Sunday School Association tabernacle.

At each place Mr. Bryan was greeted by crowded houses, and while the years that have elapsed since the memorable "cross of gold" speech in Chicago have left more or less trace upon Mr. Bryan, his voice is clear and silvery as ever, and he

entered into his subject with all the vigor that characterized his presidential campaign tour 'way back in 1896, when he was fondly referred to as "the boy orator of the Platte."

The appearance of Mr. Bryan on the platform at both speaking places was the signal for enthusiastic cheers. At the Central Methodist church, Richard Barton, who introduced Mr. Bryan, said:

"We have with us today, March 17, a modern St. Patrick. You will all recall that the old-time St. Patrick chased the snakes out of Ireland. So far, so good. And Mr. Bryan chased the snakes out of Nebraska, and will never be satisfied until he has run the reptiles out of the United States."

Petitions asking President Wilson and Food Administrator Hoover to join the use of foodstuffs in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages were passed among the audiences at

each of Mr. Bryan's speaking places, and about 2,000 persons, at the two meetings, signed. About 3,000 people heard Mr. Bryan speak.

### ACCURATE

An editor had a notice stuck up above his desk on which was printed: "Accuracy! Accuracy! Accuracy!" and this notice he always pointed out to the new reporters.

One day the youngest member of the staff came in with his report of a public meeting. The editor read it through and came to the sentence: "Three thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine eyes were fixed upon the speaker."

"What do you mean by making a silly blunder like that?" he demanded, wrathfully.

"But it's not a blunder," protested the youngster. "There was a one-eyed man in the audience!"—Minneapolis Tribune.

## YOU CAN TELL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE IRON IN THEIR BLOOD—STRONG, HEALTHY, VIGOROUS FOLKS

Doctor Says Ordinary Nuxated Iron Will Increase the Strength of Nervous, Run-down People in Two Weeks' Time in Many Cases.

"ONE glance is enough to tell which people have iron in their blood," said Dr. E. Sauer, a Boston physician who has studied widely both in this country and in great European medical institutions. They are the ones that do and dare. The others are in the weakling class. Sleepless nights spent worrying over supposed ailments, constant dosing with habit-forming drugs and narcotics and useless attempts to brace up with strong coffee or other stimulants are what keep them suffering and vainly longing to be strong. Their real trouble is lack of iron in the blood. Without iron the blood has no power to change food into living tissue and therefore, nothing you eat does you good; you don't get the strength out of it. When iron is supplied it enriches the impoverished blood and gives the body greater resistance to ward off disease. I have seen dozens of nervous, run-down people who were ailing all the time increase their strength and endure

ance in from ten to fourteen days' time while taking iron in the proper form. And this, after they had in some cases been going on for months without getting benefit from anything.

If you are not strong or well you owe it to yourself to make the following test: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next take two five-grain tablets of nuxated iron three times per day after meals for two weeks. Then test your strength again and see for yourself how much you have gained. There is nothing like good old iron to help put color in your cheeks and sound, healthy flesh on your bones. But you must take iron in a form that can be easily absorbed and assimilated like nuxated iron if you want it to do you any good, otherwise it may prove worse than useless.

NOTE—Nuxated Iron recommended above by Dr. E. Sauer, is one of the newer organic iron compounds. Unlike the older inorganic iron products, it is easily assimilated, does not injure the teeth, make them black, nor upset the stomach. The manufacturer guarantees successful and entirely satisfactory results to every purchaser or they will refund your money. It is dispensed by all good druggists.—Advertisement.

## WERE IT NEW

If life insurance were a new thing and men were not so familiar with it, there is nothing which would appeal any stronger to the average man. The fact that by the payment of a small sum each year he could create an estate sufficient to protect his family, would read almost like a fairy tale. In what other safe way can one by the payment of a few dollars annually make it possible for his family to receive a thousand, two thousand or five thousand dollars at his death?

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