

KAISER AND RUSS IN SECRET TREATY

Trotsky Bares Alliance by Which Nations Were to Aid Each Other in Event of War.

Petrograd, March 30.—The text of a secret treaty signed by the German emperor, William, and Emperor Nicholas of Russia in 1905, by which it has been charged the German emperor sought to bring about an alliance between Germany, Russia and France against Great Britain, was among the secret documents made public by Leon Trotsky, the foreign minister, of the bolshevik government.

This treaty was signed by the two emperors on board Emperor Nicholas' yacht, the Polar Star, off the island of Björke, on the Swedish coast, in August, 1905. It bears the date of August 25. The instrument has been designated as the "Björke treaty" and was so referred to by Emperor William.

Agree to Aid Each Other.

"Polynaya Zvezda" (Polar Star) "Björke, August 24, 1905. "Their imperial majesties, the emperor of All Russia on the one hand and the emperor of Germany on the other, with a view of insuring the peace of Europe, have agreed to the following points of a treaty regarding a defensive union:

"Point 1. Should either of these empires be attacked by any other European power, the ally shall come to its aid in Europe with all its land and naval forces.

"Point 2. The contracting parties obligate themselves not to make a separate peace with the common enemy.

"Point 3. The present agreement shall come into force at the signing of a peace between Russia and Japan and shall remain in force until a period, the date of which shall be fixed upon a year in advance.

"Point 4. The emperor of All Russia, on the coming into force of above treaty, shall take the necessary steps to inform France of said treaty and shall propose that France should join the same as an ally.

(Signed) Wilhelm.
(Signed) Nicholas.
(Countersigned) Von Tschirsky and Benckendorff
(Countersigned) (A. Birleff."

Clint Rogge at College; Is Lost to Indianapolis

Clint Rogge, a pitcher with Indianapolis in the American association, probably will be lost to the club this season. Rogge, who is attending college, advised President McGill that he intends to finish his course this season and will not permit base ball to interfere. He intimated that he would like to report about June 1, but McGill will not agree to this proposal. McGill was counting on Rogge to bolster up the pitcher staff.

Vernon Franchise May Be Taken to San Diego

J. W. Coffroth and Jack Atkin have a proposition on to purchase the Vernon franchise in the Pacific Coast league and transfer it to San Diego. The negotiations are only in the preliminary stages, but San Diego seems bound to break into the Coast league and is sure the deal will go through.

"Lady From Hell" in Omaha Tells of Experiences on Battle Fields of Europe

By MABEL GUDMUNDSEN

Wounded twice in battle, and one of the three survivors of his company, Sergeant Kerr, "Lady from hell," has only a simple story to tell of his two years in the trenches and of his experiences in the battle of Ypres and the first battle of the Somme.

And his unemotional telling of an ugly duty well done is more eloquent than the most sensational trench story.

"Of course war is hell, we accept that," smiled the Scotchman, "and I am not ashamed to admit that when I first went into the trenches my knees shook until I'm sure my companions could have heard them if it were not for the booming of the big guns, or, possibly, their knees, too were shaking.

"I have seen young boys go bravely into battle with their faces as white as this," and the sergeant fingered a sheet of paper on his desk.

"I shan't attempt to describe my horror when I first saw a man killed in battle.

Gets Used to It.

"But, gradually I became accustomed to it all, until in time it did not bother me so much to see some companion with whom I had been talking a minute before 'get his.'

"You learn to accept the booming guns, the bursting shells, the slaughter and fields of dead and dying as a part of the war and you learn that duty is all that counts, and so you try to do your bit and don't worry a great deal about the rest of it."

Sergeant Kerr tells of horrors of battles as mere incidents in the bloody business of war. He tells of sitting on what he thought was a bundle of old coats and rags one night during the battle of the Somme and of smiling to himself in the dark at his luck in stumbling onto such a soft seat. At dawn he found that he was sitting on the body of a slain soldier.

A Ghastly Find.

Another night during the same battle the man found a hard projection in the part of the trench they used for an entrance. It served for a foothold. In the morning they found that it was the head of a German soldier that had become lodged in the mud of the trench.

Sergeant Kerr was buried three times within a half hour when the Boches sent a shower of shells to his part of the line during the battle of the Somme. "Yes, one shell buried me and another one came along and blew me out again," he explained quaintly.

One shell buried him up to the neck in the dirt and mud of No Man's Land and just as his companions were going to help him out, he saw another shell coming and shouted: "Get back; this is mine."

The shell fell about four yards from him and he set his teeth tight and waited. It seemed ages before the thing exploded, and, when it did Kerr was thrown skyward and landed head first in a trench.

Many Were Killed.

"When I got up and found that I was unharmed and looked around and saw that others all about me had been killed I felt that some way, it wasn't right. I couldn't understand why I hadn't 'got mine' too.

"I lost all the souvenirs I had collected when I was blown up," he continued. "I had gathered a bag full of German helmets, officers' uniforms and other things from No Man's Land and I carried them with me, strapped

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to my belt, but I never found them after that explosion."

Sergeant Kerr tells of his experiences during terrific shelling by the enemy when an explosion nearby left him feeling that it had blown off a part of his head. "A thousand sledgehammers beating on my head," is the only way I can describe how I felt," he explained; "and, at last, I raised my hand to my head. My helmet was gone and I felt a soft ooze. I thought it was my brains, but when I drew my hand down again I found that it was mud." Sergeant Kerr told of the incident in a simple, humorous way.

Germans Outclassed.

When asked about bayonet fighting, his eyes brightened and, for the first time during the interview, the Scotchman almost forgot his reserve. "We have the Germans bested in that," he chuckled, "they're slow and awkward and usually abandon their bayonets. You must hold your gun this way," and he adjusted his arms to hold an imaginary gun ready to pierce a bayonet through an enemy. "And you must watch your man, if he grabs your gun in the death agony, it will be almost impossible to wrench it from him. As soon as you have one man down you rush on to the next, you never can take time to see if you have killed or only wounded your victim."

Sergeant Kerr was wounded twice by shrapnel and spent a year in French and English hospitals. From England he was shipped to Halifax, where he landed two days before the Halifax disaster.

He is a member of the 16th Canadian-Scottish battalion and wears the slogan Deas Gu Cath (Ready to Fight) on his little Glengary cap.

British Morale Fine.

The morale of the British army is excellent, according to Kerr, who says that they are a cheery bunch of fellows and he knows thousands of them who have refused offers to go home, saying, simply, "I guess I'll stay and see this thing through." Kerr has been doing recruiting for

the British army in Omaha, but, like a true soldier, he longs to get back to the trenches and is happy because he has been promised that "he may return to hell if he wishes."

In answer to the incredulous question, "And do you wish to return?" he smiled and answered, "I left an unfinished job 'over there' and I want to get back and see the thing through."

ALL NATIONS ARE REPRESENTED IN YANK OUTFIELD

An Italian, a Cuban and an Irishman are announced as the trio of regulars for the outfield of the New York Yankees, with a few other nationalities trying to break into the combination. There are eight outfield candidates for Miller Huggins' inspection in all.

Francisco Pizzola Pingus Bodie is picked to play left. Senior Pizzola is the only Italian who really has made a lasting mark on our "national" game, though there have been several others of Italian extraction who have bobbed up now and then. True Ed Abbatichio did second base in the majors some time back, but he never achieved such fame as has been thrust upon Ping Bodie. Ping seems to have leftfield cinched as his own with the Yankees.

For centerfield looms up Armando Marsans, an out-and-out Cuban, who claims Havana as his birthplace and residence. Marsans is a temperamental Cuban, a mighty fine ball player when he feels like playing, and one whose achievements at Cincinnati made him one of the best all-around performers in the National league. Marsans likes to play before the crowds and ought to succeed in New York.

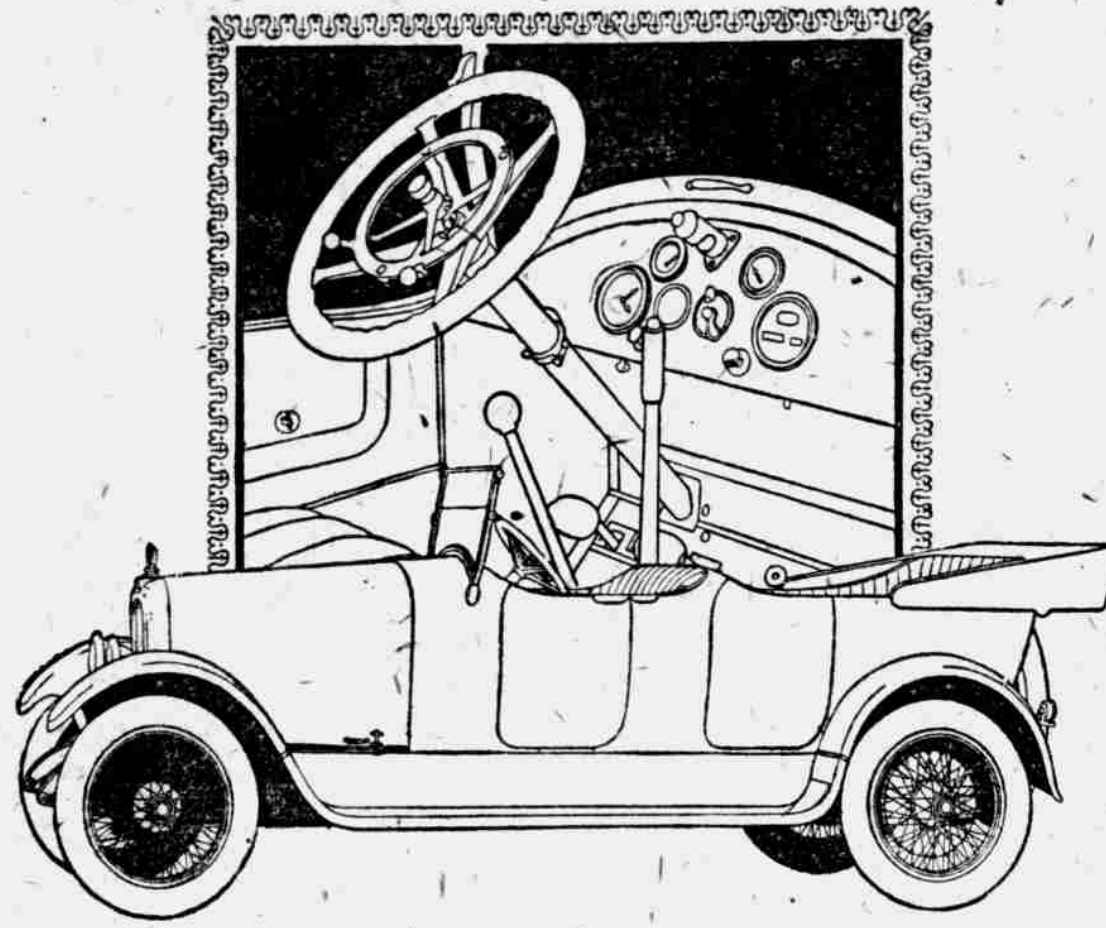
For rightfield there presents himself Francis Xavier Gilhooly, as Irish as they make them. Gilhooly has entirely recovered from the effects of a broken leg he sustained a year ago and in form he has the pulse on the other candidates for the right pasture beat.

Westerzil at Vernon.

Jim Galloway, who was figured on to play third base for Vernon, decided to enlist in the army medical corps, so Manager Bill Essick of the Vernon team has signed Tex Westerzil for a tryout at third base.

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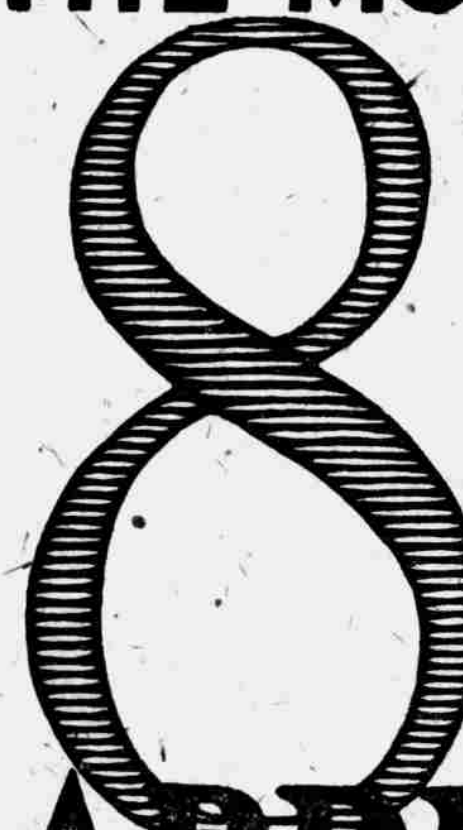
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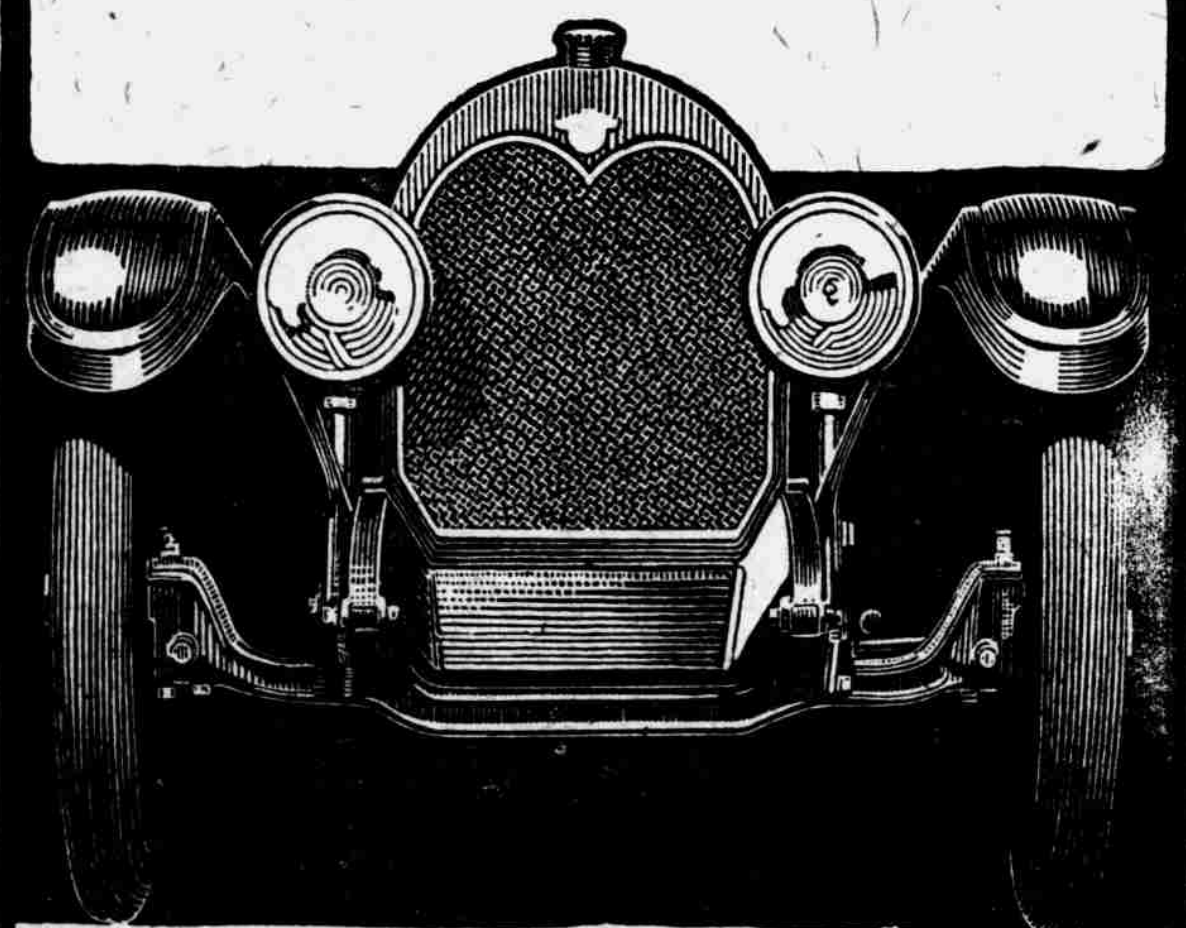
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