

GERMAN INTRIGUE EXPOSED

COUNTRY HONEYCOMBED WITH BERLIN'S SECRET AGENTS.

Bernstorff Chief of Great Spy System. Irish Plots Fomented Here; Ammunition for Germany.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Further disclosures of far reaching German propaganda, intrigues and plots in this country prior to the diplomatic break with Germany were made today by the committee on public information. In a bulletin styled, "Official expose," the committee quotes numerous letters and extracts from letters seized by the department of justice in April, 1916, in a raid upon the New York office of Wolfe von Igel. Von Igel, in carrying on his manifold pro-German and anti-American activities, was in constant touch with the German embassy and with Count von Bernstorff, then the German ambassador to the United States.

Damningly Conclusive.

"In the form of letters, telegrams, notations, checks, receipts, ledgers, cash books, cipher codes, list of spies, and other memoranda and records," the committee says, "we found indication—in some instances of the vaguest nature, in some others, of most damning conclusiveness—that the German imperial government, through its representatives in a then friendly nation, was concerned with:

"Violation of the laws of the United States. Destruction of lives and property on merchant vessels on the high seas.

"Irish revolutionary plots against Great Britain.

"Fomenting ill-feeling against the United States in Mexico.

"Subornation of American writers and lecturers.

"Financing of propaganda.

"Maintenance of a spy system under the guise of a commercial investigation bureau.

"Subsidizing of a bureau for the purposes of stirring up labor troubles in munition plants.

"The bomb industry and other related activities."

Holland a Way Station.

The committee, of which Secretaries Lansing, Baker and Daniels are members, and George Creel chairman, has this to say concerning Holland:

"It has long been an open secret that Holland is merely a way station for shipments of contraband into Germany. Here is official confirmation from the von Igel records, which would seem to indicate a suspicious and confidential relation between the 'Holland Commission' and the German official accredited to this country, or possibly a belief by the Germans that they could not successfully get the munitions to their own country. The message, in code with interlinear translation, is entered as 'A-2493, and headed 'German' Embassy, Washington, D. C., April 26, 1916.' It runs as follows:

"Telegram from Berlin by secret, roundabout way for Carl Heyesen. Consign Holland 300,000 chests (cartridges) and 200 tons powder. Please get in touch with Holland commission. Sender, war minister, foreign office, in representation. (Signed) 'Hatzfeldt.'"

Prince Hatzfeldt was an official of the German embassy.

Secret Service Headquarters.

In the Hamburg-American line's bureau of investigation, the committee states, an "innocent pretending agency was at the outset the secret service of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company. Under Paul Koepig, its manager, it became an adjunct of the German diplomatic secret service."

A letter dated July 20, 1915, from "O. R.," one of its operatives, to "7-000" (characterized by the committee as Captain Von Papen, former German military attaché), tells of the payment of \$150 to an unnamed person, under peculiar precautions, after the recipient had made this statement:

"I intend to cause serious damage to vessels of the allies leaving ports of the United States by placing bombs, which I am making myself, on board. These bombs resemble ordinary lumps of coal and I am planning to have them concealed in the coal to be laden on steamers of the allies."

Money apparently went from German sources in the United States through the embassy channel to Sir Roger Casement.

Several lines of communication between the German diplomatic service and the Irish revolutionary movement are indicated in the captured documents, the statement continues. "John Devoy, of New York, now editor of The Gaelic American, a violently anti-British paper, was one of the active agents of this connection."

Court Judge Involved.

The following reference to Supreme Court Judge Daniel F. Co-hallen, of New York, is contained, the committee states, in a letter

found in the von Igel papers in cipher with interlinear translation, dated New York, April 17, 1916, numbered 335-16, and inscribed at the top, "Very secret."

"Judge Cohallen requests the transmission of the following remarks:

"The revolution in Ireland can only be successful if supported from Germany, otherwise England will be able to suppress it, even though it be only after hard struggles. Therefore, help is necessary. This should consist primarily of aerial attacks in England and a diversion of the fleet simultaneously with Irish revolution. Then, if possible, a landing of troops, arms and ammunition in Ireland, possibly some officers from Zeppelins. This would enable the Irish ports to be closed against England and the establishment of stations for submarines on the Irish coast and the cutting off of the supply of food for England. The services of the revolution may, therefore, decide the war."

"He asks that a telegram to this effect be sent to Berlin."

"This letter was signed '5132, \$167, T230,' and was addressed to Count von Bernstorff, imperial ambassador, Washington, D. C."

New York, Sept. 22.—Supreme Court Justice Daniel F. Cohalan, of this city, tonight issued a statement in reply to a reference to him contained in the exposure by the committee on public information at Washington in regard to the German propaganda and plots in this country prior to the break in diplomatic relations. The statement said in part:

"I do not know and I can not understand how my name was connected with any papers of Mr. von Igel, as I never met nor knew him and never heard of his existence until the time of his arrest. I never sent or requested the sending of the remarks which are attributed to me."

"I pointed out in Carnegie Hall on last Easter Sunday that the record of the Irish throughout the entire history of the country had been one of unconditional and unqualified loyalty and that whatever their sympathies in the great world war had been before our entrance into the struggle, they are now, as they have always been, for America first, last and all the time."

Microbes to Kill Horses.

Washington, Sept. 23.—"How Germans shamefully abuse and exploited" the protection of the United States by secreting in the German legation at Bucharest, after the American Government had taken charge of Germany's affairs at the Rumanian capital, quantities of powerful explosives for bomb plots and deadly microbes with instructions for their use in destroying horses and cattle, was revealed today by Secretary Lansing.

It was another of Mr. Lansing's series of disclosures of German intrigue made public without comment in the same manner as the von Luxburg telegrams which have brought Argentina on the verge of war with Germany, the von Eckhardt letter from Mexico City and the von Bernstorff telegram asking the German foreign office for authorization to spend \$50,000 to influence Congress.

The Latest Story.

The latest story is told in a report to the State Department from William Whiting Andrews, secretary of the legation at Bucharest, and a letter from Foreign Minister Parumbaru of Rumania.

Parcels and boxes taken into the German consulate at Bucharest with display of great precaution aroused the suspicions of the Rumanian Government. On August 27, 1916, the evening prior to the date of Rumania's declaration of war, some of the cases were taken to the German legation, located in a different building from the consulate. Convinced that the boxes were not taken away from the legation by the German diplomatic mission on its departure from Bucharest, the Rumanian authorities later ordered the police to find and examine their contents. The police communicated with American Minister Vopicka, then in charge of German interests, who reluctantly assigned Secretary Andrews to observe the search. The boxes were found buried in the garden of the German legation.

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on his table. Noticing his bride's smile, he turned to a waiter and said 'Look here, boy, where is my honey?'

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