

LANSING DISCLOSES BERNSTORFF'S PLOT

PUBLICITY SPOTLIGHT TURNED ON REVEALING GERMAN INTRIGUE.

INVESTIGATION BEING URGED

Kaiser's Ambassador Asks His Government for \$50,000 to Expend in Influencing America's Congress Against War.

Washington—The American government's publicity spotlight revealing German intrigue in neutral lands turned upon the expenditure of money by the Berlin foreign office in an effort to influence congress on the eve of the ruthless submarine campaign which drove the United States to war.

Secretary Lansing made public without comment the text of a message sent by Count von Bernstorff to Berlin last January, asking authority to use \$50,000 to influence congress through an organization, which the foreign office was reminded had performed similar services before. To supplement this move von Bernstorff suggested an official declaration in favor of Ireland for its effect here.

"Pacifists" His Tools.

The organization to be employed was not named. It was freely suggested among other officials, however, that it was one of the societies which flooded members of congress with peace messages when President Wilson was asking that a state of war be recognized.

This disclosure adds another chapter to the amazing story begun with publication of the famous Zimmerman note. It connects the German government and Count von Bernstorff directly and conclusively with machinations which the American public had assumed were a part of the world wide Teutonic intrigue, but which many people firmly believed were carried on or financed by German-Americans without actual authority from Berlin.

Little surprise was occasioned either in official circles or at the capitol, although members of congress were highly indignant. There was some talk at the capitol of demanding an investigation and Senator Overman, chairman of the senate lobby committee, and Representative Flood, chairman of the house foreign affairs committee, arranged to go to the state department and ask for more information.

Acted Suspiciously.

On the floor of the Alabama senate the health of Alabama senatorial he could name 15 or 16 members of the two branches of congress who had acted suspiciously and expressed the opinion that they should be investigated. Generally, however, the disposition was to regard as absurd any suggestion that any part of the \$50,000 sought by von Bernstorff was intended for members of congress.

The von Bernstorff message, dated January 23, follows:

I request authority to pay out up to \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars), in order as on former occasions to influence

congress through the organization you know of, which can perhaps prevent war.

I am beginning in the meantime to act accordingly.

In the above circumstances a public official German declaration in favor of Ireland is highly desirable, in order to gain the support of Irish influence here.

Renewed Kaiser's Pledge.

This message was sent nine days before the German government proclaimed its unrestricted submarine warfare. When he wrote it Count von Bernstorff was assuring the American government and press that under no circumstances would Germany violate her pledges of the Sussex case or do anything that might draw the United States into the list of her enemies. The American government had made no move since the Sussex pledge and there was nothing on the surface to foreshadow impending trouble.

Evidence has been accumulated to prove that the ambassador not only was cognizant of, but actually directed, the activities of Boy-Ed and von Papen, the military and naval attaches, respectively, who were sent home long before the United States broke relations with Germany.

More Revelations Coming.

How complete is the evidence of German duplicity in possession of the government is only conjectural, but that it is far more than has been generally supposed now is certain. It was intimated by officials that the series of revelations is now nearly complete. From the outside there are reaching the state department echoes of the apprehension sounded by friends of men towards whom suspicion has long pointed.

There may be some discussion of the incident in the senate. New provisions proposed by conferences on the trading with the enemy bill, authorizing the president to impose censorship over foreign cable, radio, mail and all other communication and for licensing of foreign language newspapers, are the subjects on which discussion might hinge.

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OLD NORTH STATE NEWS

Brief Notes Covering Happenings in This State That Are of Interest to All the People.

Henry A. Page, food administrator of North Carolina, has assembled all the parts of his own machinery for fighting Germany with North Carolina food.

Appealing to the farmers of the state, in a special message, Governor Bickett urged them to co-operate in making Thrift Month, November, 1917, a period of substantial progress in the agricultural development of the state.

Speaking on the difference between building for temporary and permanent success, William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state and now a resident of Asheville, spoke at the annual meeting of the Asheville Merchants' Association before approximately 150 leading business men of Asheville.

The North Carolina council of defense was in session and received from Governor Bickett and Adjutant General Young a careful outline of plans for the immediate formation of a state guard throughout the state to take the place of the North Carolina national guard, now in federal service in preparation for service in France.

Tuesday, October 9, will be Fire Prevention Day in North Carolina, and Governor Bickett has prepared a proclamation similar to one issued last year by Governor Craig, for its observance in North Carolina. In a few days the proclamation calling upon the people of the state to observe the day will be broadcasted by the North Carolina insurance department.

Several days ago Mr. Chas. Lutes, Wayne farmer shipped a carload of hogs to Baltimore, there being \$2.10 the lot. They were the pigs from 11 sows, being about 10 months old. Their average weight was 150 pounds and they sold for \$18.20 on foot. After paying all expenses of shipping these hogs netted \$2,109.80, which amounts to 15c a pound on foot.

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J. Wesley Helms, young white man of Monroe, was given a hearing by the United States Commissioner at Lenoir a few days ago on the charge of having failed to register. His name was established at 31 and he was required to register in addition to being bound over to the federal court which convenes in Charlotte the first Monday in October. At first young Helms denied having attained his majority, but the evidence presented to the government was so strong that he admitted he was in the wrong.

So heavy has been the troop movement over the main line of the Southern Railway that the company has almost been forced to quit handling freight and in every engine, every car and every available road man in hauling the soldiers. It is no uncommon sight to see from two to four train loads comprising several regiments of soldiers at the Spencer yards at one time. Several thousand men are frequently in sight at one time. Spencer is a resting point and trains frequently stop here from two to four hours.

The mobilization at Camp Sevier of all former national guardsmen from North Carolina was completed with the arrival of approximately 2,900 men from Camp Greene and other North Carolina points. A battalion of the second North Carolina infantry, company D, of the first infantry, and a machine gun company of the same regiment, and company B, engineers attached to the second regiment came here from Camp Greene, arriving on the first troop train.

The cornerstone of the new Central Methodist church in Spencer was laid with impressive ceremonies and with a large crowd in attendance. Presiding over the exercises was the pastor, Rev. C. M. Ploken, and special music was furnished by the choir. Other ministers taking part included Rev. C. H. Deal, a missionary to Korea, Rev. B. S. Richardson, pastor of East Spencer Methodist church, the presiding elder, Rev. Dr. J. O. Rowe, and Rev. Dr. E. L. Bate, of Greensboro, who delivered the principal address.

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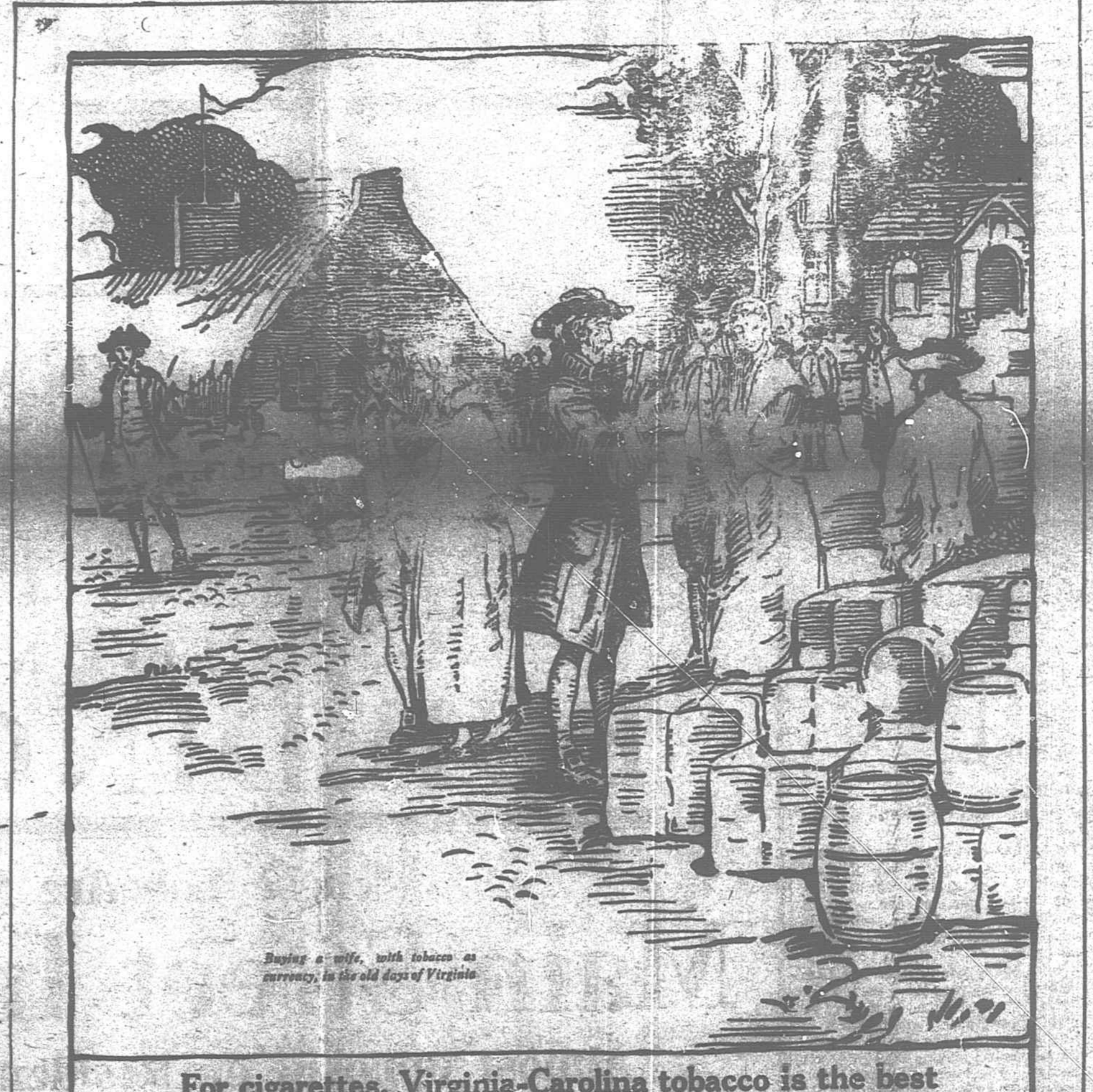
Girl! Make this cheap beauty lotion to clear and whiten your skin.

Squeeze the juice of two lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white, shake well, and you have a quartet pint of the best freckle and tan lotion, and complexion beautifier, of very, very small cost.

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