

# GERMAN INTRIGUE IN AMERICA PRIOR TO BREAK DISCLOSED BY COMMITTEE

## SHAMEFULLY ABUSE PROTECTION GIVEN

DOINGS OF GERMANS IN UNITED STATES DURING AUGUST, 1916.

Powerful Explosives and Microbes Secreted on Legation at Bucharest for Destructive Use in United States of Lives and Property.

Washington.—How Germany "shamefully abused 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 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 attention 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 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.

### Suspicious Aroused.

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 raid and examine their contents. The police communicated with American Minister Pupjeka, 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.

### Mr. Andrews' report says:

"Upon my return from the examination which resulted in the discovery of the explosives and the box of microbes, both of which the legation servants admitted having placed in the garden, the former confidential agent of the German minister, Dr. Bernhardt, who had been left with the legation at the German minister's request to assist in the care of the German interests, admitted his knowledge of the explosives placed in the garden; told me that more were in the garden than had been found, that a still larger quantity had been buried in the house of the legation and that still worse things than this box of microbes were contained in the legation, and intimated that they would have been found even in the cabinets of fossilers which I had sealed.

"The Bernhardt also stated that all these objects had been brought to the German legation after our legation had accepted the protection of German interests, which agreed with the statement of the servants. A similar confession was made to the minister by this man.

"The protection of the United States was in this manner shamefully abused and exploited. In this instance, at least, the German government cannot have recourse to its usual system of denial."

Fifty-one boxes were taken from the ground in the garden. Fifty of them contained each a cartridge filled with trinitrotoluene saturated with monomethylamine, among the most powerful explosives known, one fifth of each being sufficient to tear up a railroad track. In the other box were bottles of liquid found to be cultivations of the microbes of anthrax and glanders. It bore a seal showing it came from the German consulate at Kronstadt, Hungary, and inside were found a typewritten note in German saying:

For Horses and Cattle.  
"Enclosed four phials for horses and four for cattle. To be employed as formerly arranged. Each phial is sufficient for 200 head. To be introduced, if possible, directly into the animals' throats; if not, in their fodder. Please make a little report on the success obtained there; in case of good results the presence of Mr. Kostoff for one day here would be desirable.

Foreign Minister Parumbaru accompanied his letter with documents to

### GERMAN INTRIGUE SWAYS SWEDISH ELECTORAL VOTE

Argentine Disclosures Will Deprive Conservatives of Control in Lower House.

Stockholm.—The Swedish electoral campaign closed with elections in Stockholm. It will be several days under the complicated system of proportional voting before the results are known. It is already evident from the few elections that have been held that the influence of the Argentine disclosures will deprive the Conserv-

## More German Plots Exposed

Washington.—Further disclosures of far-reaching German propaganda, intrigues and plots in this country prior to the diplomatic break with Germany, were made by the committee on public information.

"In the form of letters, telegrams, notations, checks, receipts, ledgers, cashbooks, cipher cides, list of spies and other memoranda and records," the committee says, "were found indications—in some instances of the vaguest nature, in others of the 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 in merchant vessels on the high seas.

"Irish revolution plots against Great Britain.

"Fomenting ill feeling against the United States in Mexico.

"Subordination 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 purpose of stirring up labor troubles in munition plants.

"The bomb industry and other related activities."

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 diplomatic officials accredited to this country, or possibly a belief by the Germans that they could not successfully get the munitions to their own country."

bassey in Washington and the consulate-general in New York.

Papers on Payroll.

In the first letter, bearing date of January 10, 1916, acknowledgment was made of an arrangement to pay \$100 a month to the "Illustrated List," published in New York. The second letter, dated November 5, 1915, was sent by the consulate to the embassy to advise that the subsidy of \$100 to the "Telegraph Codicenny," a Polish newspaper, had been paid. The third letter, dated September 24, 1915, was from the embassy to the consulate enclosing a check for \$400 to be paid to the Rumanian newspaper "Desteapate Romane."

The other document submitted by Senator King included a receipt for \$2,000 paid to the "Fair Play Publishing Company" of New York; a receipt for \$1,500 to the same publication, and two other receipts signed by Count von Bernstorff, admitting payment of \$2,000 and \$1,000, respectively.

More Evidence Expected.

Department of Justice officials gathered the evidence of German intrigue. The investigations by the Secret Service met, it was said, dated back to the beginning of the war. Only illustrative exhibits from the department's storehouse of data appeared in the expose. The congressional investigation is expected to bring out the mass of material.

The showing up of Count von Bernstorff and his accomplices and associates simultaneously with the pope's peace proposals struck official Washington as intentional coincidence, but the state department refrained from admitting any motive for the revelations other than the necessity of exposing the German methods.

Spy Activities Revealed.

Hitherto untold chapters of German spying, plotting and more subtle forms of lawlessness in this country were revealed by the Committee on Public Information.

The announcement is characterized as "the most important revelation of its kind since the first declaration of war in August, 1914." The announcement—which is really a narrative—is based in its entirety upon official documents in the Government's possession. Many of them are made public now for the first time.

They prove undeniably, according to the government, "the intimate relations between the accredited representatives of the Kaiser in the United States and plotters against the laws and the security of this country, who enterprised did not fall short of projected wholesale destruction of life and property."

JACOBSTADT TAKEN BY GERMANS, RUSSIANS FLEE

London.—Jacobstadt, on the Drina, has been captured by the German forces on the Russian front, together with positions on a front of twenty-six miles deep on the west bank of the river, the German army headquarters announced.

The Russian war office admits that the Republican troops on the Riga front have retired to the right bank of the Drina River.

The Russians, after giving up their bridgehead and the terrain it protected, fled to the opposite bank of the Drina, leaving Jacobstadt in German hands, together with more than 400 prisoners and more than 50 guns.

The German aviators engaged in operations at Jacobstadt were under the leadership of Prince Friedrich Sigismund of Prussia (cousin of Emperor William).

Jacobstadt itself is not an important town. With a population of less than 5,000 before the war, it had a small trade in fax, hemp and grain

## 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 house, Representative Hedra of Alabama asserted that he could name 13 or 14 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 22, 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 Pledges.

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 Papien, 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 conscription over foreign cable, radio, mail and all other communication and for licensing of foreign language newspapers, are the subjects on which discussion might light.

Demands Investigation.

Applause greeted Representative Hedra's demand for investigation. "I do not know to whom the count refers," he said, "but I do know that the contents of his message constitutes a serious reflection upon congress and should be investigated. If permitted, I could name 13 or 14 men in the two bodies who have acted suspiciously. If a member has acted suspiciously in or out of congress he ought to be investigated and expelled if the facts warrant it. If any member is not giving his hearty support to the commander in chief in this time of war, he should be put out of the capitol."

## BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

### WAR HEAD ADVISES SCOUTS

Every boy with imagination must feel thrills running up and down his spine when he thinks how stupendous are the days through which he is passing. The world has never before been engaged in such a war as that into which now most of the great nations are plunged.

But how can the American boy best serve his country in this crisis? England is having a bitter experience with her boys. Police regulations are relaxed, the streets are darkened, the schools are closed to release boys for labor, and these things are all having their effect on the morals of the boys. This has been the case all over Europe, and already the leaders in all countries are planning how to overcome the terrifying effect of the great war on the young children, whose minds are already accepting slaughter and pillage as the normal course of life.

Secretary of War Baker sends this word to the boys of the United States through the Boy Scouts of America:

"The fellow who quits on his work now, who loafs and makes nuisance of himself, is not a good American no matter how many parades he watches or how many red, white and blue buttons he wears. There is no time today for dawdling through school and standing on the street corners and trying to make life a huge joke. The boy who is going to be a man must show it when he is a boy—indeed a boy can be a man nowadays."

### SCOUT CAN FEED HIMSELF.

An Oklahoma Scout has kept close figures on all that he has raised this summer, and his example is a good one for the inspiration of other Boy Scouts. Lewis V. Felts of Nowata, Okla., who is not yet a first-class Scout, having only taken his second-class badge, reports to national headquarters, as the result of his summer's work, 120 head of cabbage, 1 bushel of field corn, 24 pounds of cucumbers, 13 pecks of beans, about a bushel of early beans, 14 bushels of potatoes, 10 pecks of peas, 1 bushel of cowpeas, 3 bushels of popcorn, 33 bunches of beets, 8 watermelons, 52 dozen onions, 1 1/2 bushels of tomatoes, 10 pecks of mustard, 30 pecks of lettuce, 5 bunches of okra, 10 dozen radishes and 8 squashes. He figures that he has made a profit of \$67.32.

### SAVING A NATION'S FOOD.

We haven't, we cannot. Products on the farm are worth nothing if they cannot find a market. I am convinced that the most important governmental work is in the improvement of the roads. In this day of motor trucks it is much easier to haul products to the cities or to railroad terminals than it was a few years ago, but we must have good roads to do it. There is not the slightest doubt that good roads many times over pay for themselves. They are a fundamental economic necessity.

"The initial outlay in the building of good roads may seem large, but it is small in comparison with the benefits that accrue. In Alaska we have approximately 900 miles of improved roads, varying from the ordinary country dirt road to the best kind of macadam. In some there is a stretch of road over which in the summer time thousands of tons of products are hauled."

### POOR ROADS ARE EXPENSIVE

Mistaken Idea That Improved Highways Are Solely for Benefit of Automobile Owners.

Poor roads are very expensive things for country communities. The farmer who thinks that improved highways are mainly for the benefit of those who drive automobiles should reflect on the results of a recent investigation by the department of agriculture, which finds that the cost of hauling farm produce over ordinary country roads is 23 cents a ton mile, whereas over hard-surfaced roads it is only 13 cents.

### OPERATION OF A ROAD DRAG

Use Pokiest, Laziest Kind of Team and Let Them Have Their Own Time—Just Keep Moving.

Do not wait for anything; build a drag and get out onto the road. Drive very slowly. Use the pokiest, laziest team you own, and give them their time. Just so they keep moving they will be going swiftly enough. After you have used the drag a year, and have learned when to drive rapidly and when to drive slowly, you can carry a whip or drive a mettlesome team.

### SCOUT ACTIVITIES.

A manufacturing concern in Knoxville, Tenn., has a number of scoutmasters, and these men interested the management in placing 65 acres of the company's land under cultivation. The vegetables are used in its own restaurant.

The Detroit Council of the Boy Scouts of America, including 2,072 Scouts, reports 184 acres in cultivation in large tracts. This is given up mostly to potatoes and beans, but corn and garden truck have also been raised.

Let each boy in the patrol make a copy of the sole of the boot of some other Scout in the patrol, says the Jamaica Scout. Then collect drawings. Now take out of the room one scout at a time till all have been taken, and let each make a plain track across a prepared piece of ground. The sketches are now shuffled and distributed, and each Scout must compare his drawing with the track made, and find to which one his sketch refers. He should, subsequently, also point out the Scout wearing the boot of which he holds the sketch.

## PUBLIC ROADS

### ROADS REDUCE LIVING COST

Make for Prosperity More Than Any Other National Undertaking, Says Alaskan Engineer.

"Good roads, more than any other national undertaking, make for the prosperity, happiness and contentment of the people," declared Col. W. P. Richardson, engineer in charge of highways in Alaska. "This is particularly evident at this time, when in every large city there is protest against the high prices of food. In my judgment, good roads, more than any other agency, will help to solve permanently the high cost of living. Transportation, of course, is at the foundation of prices. It is truthfully said that where there is inadequate transportation food prices mount high. We know that in cities prices are greatly in excess of those in rural districts and it is all a matter of transportation and distribution. If we have good roads, we can get our products to market. If



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The mourners were conspicuously few in number and some attention was attracted by the sorrowing merchant. "The old gentleman was very dear to you?" ventured one of the bearers after the funeral was over.

"Indeed, he was," answered the mourner. "Andy was one true friend. He never asked me to lend him a cent, though I knew that he was practically starving to death."—Harper's Magazine.

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A Scot and an Englishman who were walking down the street together stopped to purchase a couple of rosy apples. The Englishman on taking a bite of his immediately began to quatter. "I believe I've swallowed a worm," he exclaimed.

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