

# BERNSTORFF HAND SHOWN IN INTRIGUE

United States Makes Public Cablogram Sent by Him Showing Plan to Influence Congress.

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of propaganda and for purposes of espionage.

### Prominent Men Implicated.

Information in the possession of the government, but not yet revealed, is said to show conclusively a more direct connection of the German machine in America with the Irish question than that indicated in Count von Bernstorff's message. The records at the Department of Justice are said to contain the names of men implicated in that phase of German intrigues well known in America.

Today's announcement by the State department is the first official utterance of the government in reference to the German ambassador's actual participation in the maze of plots and intrigues conducted for Germany's benefit in this country since the beginning of the European war.

The evidence of Count von Bernstorff's personal activities in connection with the German propaganda here bears the date of President Wilson's address to congress January 22, reciting his appeal to the warring nations to enter into peace negotiations. At the same time the president was addressing congress, apparently Count von Bernstorff was appealing to his government for funds with which to influence congressional action.

It was not the first time, apparently, that Count von Bernstorff had sought to influence congressional action, this being eloquently proclaimed by his reference to "former occasions."

**Washington Well Informed.**  
The name of the organization through which the German government had sought to influence congressional action, the manner in which the money used for this purpose was expended, the previous instances and the individuals carrying on the propaganda, although not disclosed, presumably are known to the State department and to the Department of Justice, whose bureau of investigation for more than three years has been conducting a rigid surveillance of German activities in this country.

Record of the Department of Justice are overflowing with reports from hundreds of agents concerning German intrigues here, many of which led to the German embassy and some of which resulted in the recall, at President Wilson's request, of Captains Boy-Ed and von Papen, the German military and naval aides.

Up to this time Boy-Ed and von Papen had appeared as the master

spirits of German propaganda here. Intimations that German plots and intrigues were directed not by them but by Count von Bernstorff, with the full approval of Berlin, with the aid of met by officials with silence. For months past, however, there have been many indications that the American government had established Bernstorff's direct connection with much of the German secret work conducted here, and that there was ample basis for a request for his recall months before the diplomatic break with Germany.

### Bernstorff Directed Boy-Ed.

Up to the time of Boy-Ed's and von Papen's recall, von Bernstorff apparently, for diplomatic reasons, had sought to remain clear personally of connection with the great volume of pro-German activities conducted here by his attaches. From disclosures concerning Boy-Ed's and von Papen's manifold activities, officials apparently obtained the impression that von Bernstorff in most instances had left the conduct of German propaganda in the hands of his subordinates, with only casual supervision of their activities, if any.

Intimations have been more or less frequent, however, at trials and other proceedings instituted against pro-German agents in this country that von Bernstorff had at least a general knowledge of the work they were conducting. In most instances this knowledge would appear to be only of a general nature. In a few cases leads pointing toward American neutrality were not publicly developed.

The government's purpose in not following these leads with public disclosure was to permit of closer examination into the ambassador's actual participation in them.

The text of the message was given out without comment in the same manner as was the message of Count Luxburg, German minister to Argentina, which has disrupted relations between Argentina and Germany, and the letter of German Minister von Eckhardt, in Mexico City, recently made public.

### Casts Suspicion at Congress.

On the floor of the house, Representative Hefflin of Alabama, asserted that he could name thirteen or fourteen 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.

### Nothing to Foreshadow Trouble.

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. With the Lusitania and other cases in abeyance, the Ameri-

can government had made no move since the Sussex pledge, and there was nothing on the surface to foreshadow impending trouble.

Two weeks later, when von Bernstorff was handed his passports, he professed ignorance of prior knowledge of his government's intentions to throw its promises to the winds.

### Bernstorff Directed Personally.

Evidence has been accumulating to prove that the ambassador was not only cognizant of, but actually directed the activities of Boy-Ed and von Papen, the military and naval attaches, who were sent home long before the United States broke relations with Germany, because of their connection with bomb plots, passport frauds, spying and other phases of the almost unlimited operations in this country of the German secret service.

### Echoes of Suspicion.

How complete is the evidence of German diplomatic duplicity remaining in possession of the United States government is only conjectural, but that it is far more than has been generally supposed is now certain. It was intimated by government officials today that the series of revelations is not nearly complete. From the outside there are reaching the State department echoes of the apprehension sounded by friends of men towards whom suspicion long has pointed.

Official repudiation was given a suggestion that a diplomat now in Washington is about to be placed under the spotlight.

The coordinated intelligence forces of the government are known to be continuing their investigations, however, and it is pointed out that the government has not lost sight of the necessity of watching for German intrigue and espionage.

### Recommends Million and Half in Land Taxes Be Paid

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### Hundreds Injured in Riot Following Ohio Meeting

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