

GERMANY PLANNED WAR IN JUNE, 1914 DOCUMENTS SHOW

Industrial Concerns Ordered to Open Secret Instructions
For Mobilization June 9, 1914—Within Four Months
After War Starts Huns Send "Destruction
Agents" to Carry Out Plots in U. S.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Another convincing link in the proof that Germany was preparing to start a war of world conquest at least six weeks before the excuse for it was offered by the assassination of the Austrian heir apparent at Sarajevo, concludes the amazing series of disclosures which the American government has given to the public through secret documents brought out of Russia.

Two authentic documents are included in the final chapter of the story which began a week ago with evidence removing any doubt that may have existed that the Russian bolshevik government headed by Lenin and Trotsky, is a tool of the imperial German government. One of these is an original circular from the German staff dated June 9, 1914, directing that all industrial concerns be notified to open their secret instructions for industrial mobilization. Another dated Nov. 20, 1914, is from a German naval general staff and reveals that within four months after hostilities began in Europe "destruction agents" were ordered to Canada and the United States to hire anarchists and escaped criminals for the bomb plots and work of terror which finally played a part in drawing the United States into the war.

Early Financial Plans.
In addition to this authenticated evidence Edgar Sisson, who obtained the papers for the committee on public information, offers a remarkable group of circulars put out in Russian text at Petrograd last winter purporting to be copies of documents taken from the archives of the counter-espionage bureau of the Kerensky government, supplemented by some from the files of the same bureau before the fall of the czar. Some of this matter had been published previously in France and in this country.

The circulars tell of German arrangements six months before the outbreak of war for the establishment of the financial agencies in bordering neutral countries which later furnished the money for the operations of the bolsheviks; of orders to German banks to establish close and secret relations with American and Finnish banks; of the launching of revolutionary propaganda against the czar's government in Russia as early as November, 1914, and of instructions to German diplomats in all neutral countries to co-operate with a general arrangement set up in those countries for stirring up social unrest, strikes and sentiment against war within the enemy states.

Russian Paper Bought.
The name of Scheidemann, already mentioned as involved in the dealings of the German government with bolsheviks, appears attached to one of the unauthenticated documents. It is a note announcing that 150,000 kroners have been placed to the credit of a Russian newspaper and asking that Vorwarts (the name of Scheidemann's organ at Berlin) be advised of what appeared in the subsidized journal.

An appendix to the concluding installment is what purports to be a transcript of a unique telegraphic conversation between Tschitcherine, now bolshevik foreign minister at Petrograd, and Trotsky, at Brest-Litovsk last February a few days before Trotsky made his notorious "no peace—no war" play. Tschitcherine is quoted as promising a separate peace by which Russia would not cause a rupture with the allies and saying that "England and America are playing up to us separately."

Appendix I.
This appendix is of circular of which (except in two noted cases) I have neither originals nor authenticated copies. A number of sets of them were put out in Russian text in Petrograd and other parts of Russia in the winter (1918) by the opponents of the bolsheviks. The circulars were declared to be copies of documents taken from the counter-espionage bureau of the Kerensky government, supplemented by some earlier material from the same bureau when it was under the imperial government. The opportunity for securing them could easily have been afforded to the agents and employees of the bureau, for most of them walked out when the bolsheviks grasped the government and could have taken freely of the contents of their departments.

Some of the documents were included in the publication made in Paris, hitherto referred to. The simple test that I have applied to the circulars is that of internal analysis. To that they respond without contradiction. I have not relied on them as proof, but they fit to other facts of proof, and in the light of it are more valuable for themselves than they were when they stood alone.

Finally, I am now able to prove that two of the documents among these circulars—the circular of industrial mobilization of June 9, 1914, and the agents' destruction circular of November 28, 1914—are authentic. I have them in the original German printed version of their official distribution, and I have the doubly attested Russian and German record that they, in preceding time, reposed in the files of the secret service of the Russian government, from which they were taken by German order and turned over to German representatives of the German government in Petrograd with the intent of eliminating them as international evidence against Germany. (See Document 3 of my Report.)

This group of circulars came into my hands the first week in February, 1918, and a few days later two duplicate sets reached me. I prepared a digest of the set and Am-

Simultaneously with the instigation of strikes it is necessary to make provisions for the damaging of motors, of mechanisms, with the destruction of stocks, setting incendiary fires to vessels of raw materials and finished products, deprivation of large towns of their electric energy, stocks of fuel and provisions. Special agents, detailed to be at your disposal, will deliver to you explosive and incendiary devices, and a list of such persons in the country under your observation, who will assume the duty of agents of destruction.

(Signed) Dr. Fischer, General Army Councilor.

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