

## Bernstorff, While Ambassador to United States, Sends Message Asking Fund to Influence American Congress

### INTRIGUE IS DISCLOSED BY LANSING

Kaiser's Envoy Sought Authorization to Spend \$50,000 "Through the Organization You Know of, Which Perhaps Can Prevent War."

### CHAPTER OF GERMAN DUPLICITY PUBLISHED

Message Sent to Berlin Foreign Office in January Bears Evidence Ambassador Knew of Plan for Merciless Submarine Warfare.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Representative Heflin, of Alabama, said on the floor of the house today that if permitted he could name 13 or 14 members in the two branches of congress who had "acted suspiciously" and ought to be investigated as a result of the disclosure of Count von Bernstorff's letter to Berlin asking for money to influence congress.

Washington, Sept. 21.—An official investigation by congress was suggested by Senator Overman, of South Carolina, chairman of the senate rules and lobby investigating committees. The latter is still in existence and the senator said, in a position to act.

"The whole affair ought to be unraveled to the end," he declared. "It is amazing and shows the despicable ends Germany had gone to."

"That is an insult to this government," Senator Stone, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee angrily declared when he read the Bernstorff message.

"It is absolutely intolerable," he said. Senator Stone said he had no knowledge of any attempt to influence congress as indicated by the German message, but that he, like many other congressmen, had received stacks of propaganda telegrams.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Secretary Lansing today made public as an astounding addition to the series of disclosures of German intrigues in America and elsewhere a message sent by Count von Bernstorff in January of this year to the Berlin foreign office requesting authority to pay out \$50,000 to influence congress through an unnamed organization, apparently known to the Berlin authorities.

Count von Bernstorff indicated in his message that money had been paid this organization on former occasions to perform the same work.

The text of the message, made public without comment, follows: The message dated January 22, 1917, flows: "I request authority to pay up to 50,000 (fifty thousand) dollars in order as 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 declaration in favor of the German cause is highly desirable, in order to gain the support of Irish influence here."

Other Exposures Expected. Whether the state department is in possession of other evidence indicating Bernstorff's activities has not been revealed, but the extraordinary disclosures already made have fixed the belief in the minds of the United States government.

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### Miners May Be Exempt From Work Upon Claims

Washington, Sept. 21.—Flat release of miners of mining claims from doing the customary annual \$100 worth of improvement work on their claims this year will be provided for by a joint resolution adopted today by the house. As passed by the senate the resolution provided that the claim holder should provide \$100 worth of material for use in any or the new in case he did not give his claim to this extent. The resolution goes back to the senate.



COUNT VON BERNSTORFF German, who when ambassador to United States, asked authorization by Berlin government of \$50,000 fund in effort to prevent declaration of war by American congress.

### CHIEF OF RUSS GENERAL STAFF RESIGNS POST

General Alexieff Quits Post as Result of Differences With Premier Kerensky, Petrograd Press Report States.

Petrograd, Sept. 21.—General Alexieff has resigned his post as chief of the general staff under Premier Kerensky, the commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, according to newspaper reports today. The resignation is said to be due to differences with the premier, the latter insisting on the removal from headquarters of all officers under suspicion of complicity with General Korniloff.

### EXORBITANT PROFIT IS MADE FROM FLAGS

Twenty Manufacturers Charged With Exploiting Patriotism of American People.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Twenty leading flag makers in different parts of the country were formally charged by the federal trade commission today with making exorbitant profits out of American patriotism by concerted illegal action to raise flag prices.

The complaint was the result of the commission's recent investigation into the sudden rise in flag prices after the declaration of war, made at the request of the senate. The investigation showed that in some cases 300 per cent profit was made. Hearing on the charges will be held November 5.

The Association of Flag Manufacturers and its chairman, Harold M. Turner, was charged with acting as a clearing house for price information.

### BASEBALL TODAY

Boston, Sept. 21.—The Chicago Americans put an end to Boston's last forlorn hope as a pennant contender by winning today's game 2 to 1. The victory clinches the American league championship for Chicago.

### American League

At Washington—Detroit 7, Washington 1. Batteries: Boland and Stange; Harper and Ainsmith, Gharitty.

At Philadelphia—Cleveland 5, Philadelphia 3. Batteries: Merton and Billings; Shafer, Bush and McEvoy.

At New York—St. Louis 6, New York 9. Batteries: Sothoron and Severid; McGrigg and Reulbach.

At Boston—Chicago 2; Boston 1. Batteries: Faber and Schalk; Leonard and Thomas.

### National League

At Pittsburgh—New York 3, Pittsburgh 1. Batteries: Benton and McCarty; Steele and Schmidt.

At St. Louis—St. Louis-Boston game postponed; rain.

### BACK TAXES ON O. & C. LAND TO BE PAID, IS WORD

Secretary of Interior Recommends Turning Over of \$1,504,841 to 19 Counties in Oregon and Washington.

### LANE COUNTY TO GET MORE THAN \$277,000

Action in Keeping With Law by Congress Revesting Title to Acreage of Railroad Grant in Government.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Payment of land taxes aggregating \$1,504,841 to 18 counties in Oregon and one county in Washington were recommended by Secretary Lane today. When the federal government recovered title to the lands from the Oregon and California Railroad company, congress authorized the payment of taxes levied against the properties while in the possession of the road. The amounts due range from \$478 in the case of Clark county, Wash., to \$300,132 in the case of Douglas county, Oregon.

Lane county's share of back taxes on Oregon and California grant lands will amount to \$277,000.

### STRIKE MISSION SOON TO START FOR COAST

Situation at San Francisco, Where 25,000 Men Are Affected, Deadlocked.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Members of the special commission appointed by the president, of which Secretary Wilson is the head, to investigate labor troubles in the west, today were preparing to leave for the Pacific coast. In addition to the ship yard strike, the commission will include in its inquiry recent deportations of workers and charges of the American Federation of Labor that Arizona employers subsidized I. W. W. activities in order to discredit the labor movement.

In announcing the appointment of the commissioners, President Wilson declared he was anxious to eliminate labor disputes which are hindering industry during the war.

### SITUATION DEADLOCKED.

San Francisco, Sept. 21.—Negotiations looking toward settlement of a strike of 25,000 members of unions affiliated with the iron trades council, who walked out a week ago for higher wages, were deadlocked early today, after an all-night conference between representatives of the men, their employers and federal mediators.

### McNAB IS DESIGNATED.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Gavin McNab, San Francisco lawyer, today was appointed special representative of the federal shipping board in negotiations looking to settlement of the strike of iron workers in San Francisco ship yards.

Chairman Hurley of the board, conferred today with Seattle shipbuilders and representatives of striking workmen there, but it was understood the discussion did not produce any good basis for negotiations. The men, it was said, insisted on a 50 per cent wage increase and most of the builders protested that to pay such a rate would eventually prevent the Pacific coast from participating in the government's shipping program under competition of eastern yards with lower wages.

William Blackmon, federal conciliator, participated in the conference today and it was understood Secretary Wilson might be called upon to exert his influence before his departure for the coast as head of a special presidential commission to investigate all labor disputes.

### STRIKE NOT CALLED OFF.

Seattle, Sept. 21.—At headquarters of the general lumber strike committee, which is managing the eight-hour strike in Washington mills and logging camps and also the strike in the Seattle wooden ship yards, it was announced today that the International Timber Workers having made the most positive denials that the eight-hour strike had been called off, all reports to the contrary were being

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### "Entitled To It."

A soldier of yesterday evidenced his realization of the needs of the soldier of today, when David M. Drake, veteran of the Civil war, came to the Guard office and gave 50 cents to the "Tobacco for the Soldiers" fund.

"I want to get in on that," he said. "I know what it is. I have been through the mill. The boys are entitled to it. I wish they had done that in my day." Here is action stimulated by a realization of the value of tobacco to the fighting man. Here is understanding through memory of days of longing during the Civil war when the soldiers of the North were without tobacco and when, history records, some of them exchanged food for tobacco.

Figures contained in a press despatch from Washington today show that 88 per cent of the soldiers in the regular army of the nation use tobacco in some form.

For every 25 cents contributed to the Guard's "Tobacco for the Soldiers" fund, a kit of tobacco of a retail value of 50 cents in the United States, will be delivered to our boys on the fighting line in France. Don't you think that this veteran of the Civil war is right when he says, "The boys are entitled to it!"

A blank for contributors is published in today's paper.

### UNIVERSITY MUST STAND FOR LOYALTY

Allen Eaton Incident Results in Some Undesirable Publicity From Neighboring State.

The participation of Allen H. Eaton, a member of the faculty of the University of Oregon, in the People's Council for Democracy and Peace, is attracting attention beyond the borders of the state.

Charles H. Bebeck, of Maryland, Wash., in a letter to the Portland Oregonian, states: "No doubt Governor Withycombe has been misquoted in the despatch from Salem relating to the Eaton case, for no loyal persons attended the People's Council for Democracy and Peace, which finally succeeded in holding a short session in Chicago before the troops ordered by Governor Lowden to enforce his mandate arrived."

"Eaton is not entitled to a hearing. Treason and disloyalty fatten on these delays. His attendance and presence in such an assembly is sufficient. It is a matter of common knowledge that the governors of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois had forbidden these disloyal persons to convene within the boundaries of such states. This is no time for weaklings, and no doubt Governor Withycombe will take the action which we have a right to expect from a man and a loyal executive."

"Professor Schaper, political science teacher in the University of Minnesota, was given 24 hours' notice to appear before the board of regents at its meeting September 14, and was then and there dismissed for being pro-German. Following this action Governor Burnquist said: 'The state university ought to be one of the biggest influences for good in the state. It cannot be so with disloyal men in the faculty.'"

### FISHING IS GOOD, IS FLORENCE REPORT

Banker Says Catches Are Improving; Shingle Mills Are Running and All Are Busy.

J. W. Bergman, a banker of Florence, arrived in Eugene on Thursday and returned home Friday. Mr. Bergman states that everything is moving on nicely in that section of the country. He reports silverides and salmon beginning to bite better than for some time past and net fishers are having better catches. The shingle mills at Florence are running full time and all are busy there. There are no new developments as yet in the prospective ship building plant he states.

### AMERICANS ARE UNDER FIRE OF ENEMY AIRMEN

Members Engineers' Regiment, Loaned to French Army, Hauling Munitions, Attacked by Bombs and Gun Fire.

### SUPPLY TRAIN OBJECT OF RAID BY GERMANS

Crew Forced to Stop Engine and Seek Shelter From Shower of Bullets; No Bombs Dangerously Close.

American Training Camp in France, Thursday, Sept. 20.—By day and by night the men of the American regiment of engineers which has taken over an important line of French strategic railways, are hauling tons upon tons of ammunition and other supplies to the French army units operating against the Germans. The American regiment has been turned over as a unit to the French and is getting all its supplies except clothing from the French government. The officers and men entered upon the work with the greatest enthusiasm and they already have been under German bombs and machine gun fire from airplanes.

Within the past few nights a heavy train of supplies hurrying toward the front was attacked by several enemy planes. None of the bombs came dangerously close, but every time the fire box of the engine was opened for stoking the planes swooped down upon the train and scattered it with steel-jacketed bullets. The fire got so hot that eventually the train was stopped, the crew taking refuge beneath the engine. Relating their experience afterward, these trainmen rather "swanked" about it over their inexperienced brothers.

### BUSINESS MEN URGE PRICE-FIXING FOR ALL NATION'S PRODUCTS

Convention at Atlantic City Adopts Resolution Favoring Action Affecting People as Well as Government.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 21.—Government price-fixing of all essential products, not only in sales to the government but to the public as well, was recommended in resolutions adopted today at the closing session of the war convention of American business men. The convention advocated legislative creation of a general government purchasing department, which, in addition to fixing prices, would have power to distribute the output of industries in a manner most necessary to the conduct of the war.

"It is the spirit of American business," said the resolutions, "that however fundamental may be the change in the relation of government to business, the government should have the power during the period of the war to control prices and the distribution of production for public and private needs to whatever extent may be necessary for our great national purpose."

### MISS CAVE TO HEAD SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Eugene Bible University Announces Election of Woman to Succeed Professor Filer.

The Eugene Bible University today announced the election of Miss Victoria Cave as head of the school of music in that institution to succeed Professor Henry Filer.

Miss Cave taught vocal music in the Regina district of Canada three years, and has been engaged in the evangelistic field in the United States and Canada four years.

Miss Cave is a native of the state of Illinois, but received her musical education in Canada. President E. C. Sanderson of the Bible University stated today that school would open Tuesday morning. Students are arriving in the city and a good attendance is indicated.

### ATHLETICS FOR EVERY MAN IS CAMP SLOGAN

685 Teams Have Already Been Organized at American Lake Cantonment.

Camp Lewis, Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 21.—Athletics for every man is the slogan Major-General Greene has given out for the recreation camp. It is said 685 athletic teams are already organized and a regimental football team will play a team from the Washington State college in the Tacoma stadium October 13. Troops began arriving early today with the coming of an Oakland special at 1:45 and steady arrivals have followed since. The total number due to arrive today is 3,750.

Woo Wing, a Chinese farmer, who arrived yesterday from Vancouver, will take his fighting in the trenches. He does not know how to cook and does not want to. Wing was born in Oregon 20 years ago.

James Gregory of the ambulance company, until recently operated two large logging camps in western Washington. James Vance of the same company is the son of Captain Vance of the Coast Artillery, Fort Stevens.

Elmer Coover is a graduate of the Missouri School of Mines. The Oregon ambulance company is made up mainly of graduates and undergraduates of the University of Oregon and their friends. They were not drafted, but enlisted last June.

Professor Robert D. Scott, who occupied the chair of ancient languages at Whitworth college, Spokane, is one of the members of I company of the 361st Infantry.

The "boys" of an army of another day visited Camp Lewis yesterday, marched five miles across the cantonment barracks and once more became so imbued with fighting spirit that they wanted to rejoin the army.

George M. Kuhn, 77, who served with the first Minnesota infantry and R. C. Vanvetchen, who was with the Eighth New York cavalry during the Civil war, were the men. Both have been residents of Tacoma for many years.

### BUTTE SHORT WHEN DRAFT ROLL IS CALLED

Detectives Sent to Find 225 Who Fail to Report at City Hall.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 21.—Of 400 men examined and certified for service in the new national army by the city exemption board and who were summoned to appear for roll call at the city hall this morning preparatory to leaving for Camp Lewis on Sunday, 225 failed to appear. The missing men must be rounded up before Sunday. Mayor Maloney, chairman of the exemption board, in a speech to the men who did report, stated that at noon detectives would be sent out to gather in every man of the missing contingent.

Butte is required to send 318 men on Sunday to the national army. The 400 certified men were summoned to appear so that there should be sufficient alternates, in case any failed. The city is now 91 short of the necessary quota. In the meantime preparations are afoot for the most elaborate demonstration ever staged in this state, to take place on Sunday as a farewell to the drafted men.

### MUCH WANTED MAN NOW UNDER ARREST

George Land, wanted at Cottage Grove for passing bogus checks in Cottage Grove last October, was arrested in Seattle Thursday, according to a telegram received in this city. District Attorney L. L. Hay is preparing papers to ask for his extradition for trial.

Land is charged with passing checks signed by a fictitious name upon Cottage Grove business men. Those who were victims were C. M. Bartels, a hotel keeper; S. M. Marksbury, of the Brownville Woolen Mills store at Cottage Grove, and D. J. Scholl, a jeweler at Cottage Grove. The checks were drawn on E. G. Young and company, bankers, Oakland, Cal. Land is also wanted in several California cities on a similar charge it is stated.

### BOMB KILLS TWO

A Pacific Port, Sept. 21.—Explosion of a bomb in a cargo of nitrate in the hold of the Japanese freighter Selyo Maru, while the vessel was lying at Iquique, Chile, killed two and injured ten, it was reported on the arrival of the steamer today. After the blast four other bombs were found. Members of the crew said a German agent was suspected.

### IMPORTANT GROUND GAINED

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Sept. 20.—(Delayed)—The British offensive which began at dawn over a wide front east of the Ypres salient, found the attacking forces late today holding many positions of vital importance and continuing the fight in

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### GERMANS YIELD MILE OF GROUND

Latest Reports From General Haig's Offensive in Belgium Show Completeness of Success in Operation Against Kaiser's War Forces.

### ALL NEW POSITIONS EASILY CONSOLIDATED

Important Territory Captured in British Movement Toward Coast With View to Cutting Off Enemy Aeroplane and Naval Bases.

Today found the British in Flanders holding all the valuable ground they gained in their attacks of yesterday when they surged forward on an eight-mile front on both sides of the Ypres-Mesin road, penetrating the German lines more than a mile in places and capturing prisoners in excess of 2,000.

All the reports emphasize the completeness of the success the British troops achieved. They held Veidhoek, Zvevokote and numerous strategically important farms and wooded tracts which had been heavily fortified by the Germans, but which were captured in the resilient British sweep.

The Germans began to counter attack late yesterday but every thrust was effectively dealt with by the British guns, which wiped out the advancing lines of German infantry. The heavy casualties sustained in these fruitless attacks evidently impelled the German command to order their cessation for there were no repetitions of them during the night and the British were able to consolidate their new won ground without disturbance.

London, Sept. 21.—Field Marshal Haig in later reports regarding the British offensive on the Belgian front to the east of Ypres yesterday when the British troops pushed through the German lines for a distance of more than a mile, says that the completeness of the British success is confirmed by detailed accounts of the battle.

The British war office after the receipt of Field Marshal Haig's report today issued this bulletin: "More detailed accounts of yesterday's battle confirm the completeness of our success. During the evening local attacks delivered by us in the neighborhood of Tower hamlets and northeast of Langemarck cleared up a number of strong points and completed the capture of our objectives in these localities. It is now established that in the many counter attacks delivered by considerable forces of the enemy during the afternoon and evening his casualties were unusually great."

"The clear light of the latter part of the day enabled our troops to obtain warning of impending attacks and in every case the advancing lines of German infantry were destroyed by the concentrated fire from our rifles and machine guns and artillery.

"The obstinacy with which the enemy constantly repeated his attacks only added to his losses without recovering for him any of the valuable ground which we had won.

"Exhausted by his previous efforts the enemy made no counter attacks during the night and our troops were able to consolidate the positions undisturbed.

"Our own losses in the battle are light. "In the course of the night small hostile attacks were driven off west of Havincourt and west of Lens."

### BLISS CHIEF OF STAFF

Washington, Sept. 21.—Major-General Tasker H. Bliss today was named chief of staff of the army to succeed Major-General Hugh L. Scott, who retires from office tomorrow.