

# STATE OFFICIALS INSPECT TALENT WATER DISTRICT

The members of the state irrigation commission today made an inspection of the recently formed Talent irrigation district, looking into its feasibility and the values of the land involved. Their report will not be filed with the secretary of state until the suit now pending in court attacking the validity of the proceedings to form the district is decided.

The members of the commission are: Attorney General George M. Brown; John H. Lewis, state engineer, and S. G. Sargent, state bank examiner. They will return to Salem this evening. O. A. Manning, W. J. Hartzell and R. E. Robinson, the directors of the Talent irrigation project, and their attorney, C. M. Thomas, accompanied the state commission on its trip of inspection.

The legislature of 1917 amended the irrigation district-law and incorporated in it that part of the California law relating to certification of bonds of irrigating districts.

The law provides that when a district issues bonds and desires to have them certified they shall file their resolutions. Then the state irrigation commission must investigate the project and make a report on its feasibility to the secretary of state.

The members of the state commission gave no hint of their impressions or as to what report they would make.

# LINEMEN TO VOTE ON STRIKE TONIGHT

PORTLAND, Sept. 21.—Portland officials of unions of linemen and inside electricians of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, announced today that the members in Portland and other Pacific coast cities will vote tonight on the question of striking for more pay and shorter hours. They now receive \$4 per day and want \$5.

# BRITISH HOLD GAINS

during the night and our troops were able to consolidate the positions undisturbed.

"Our losses are light.

"In the course of the night small hostile attacks were driven off west of Havincourt and west of Lens."

**Britains Claim Victory.**

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 21.—British troops at Passendale and Gheluvelt on the Belgian front, at times yesterday pressed forward for a distance of more than two-thirds of a mile, says the official statement issued today by the German general staff. West of Passendale the British were pressed back by a counter-attack. North of the Meuse-Ypres road a portion of the terrain remained in the hands of the British.

General Ludendorff reports that in all the other sectors the English, sustaining heavy losses, were thrown back into the crater field. All the villages in the fighting zone are declared to be in German possession.

German troops, it is announced, successfully withstood the first day of the third battle of Flanders.

So far this morning, the statement says, the English have not resumed the battle.

The statement also said that after fruitless fighting between Langemarck and Hallebeke the British are able to advance for a depth of two-thirds of a mile.

# BERNSTORFF GOT \$50,000 FOR HIS DUPLICITY IN U. S.

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course and worked to secure modification.

It has not been assumed that the ambassador actually attempted to bribe or personally influence any member of congress and doubt that such was his purpose is supported to some extent by the comparatively small amount of money he asked. Fifty thousand dollars, it was pointed out, would go but a short way towards buying the influence of any congressman.

**For Paid Agents.**

Judiciously expended, however, it might do much in compensating paid agents, such as are now known to have belonged to the elaborate machine Bernstorff had so carefully built up for the production of propaganda and for purposes of espionage.

Information in the possession of the government, but not yet revealed, is said to show conclusively a more direct connection of the German 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 reference of the government with utterance to the German ambassador's active personal participation in the maze of plots and intrigues conducted for Germany's benefit in this country since the beginning of the European war.

**Not the First Time.**

The evidence of Count Von Bernstorff's personal activities in connection with 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 pro-

# TO HELP YOUNG GIRLS

A Mother Wants Her Letter Published.

Eaton, Ill.—"I wish you would publish this letter for the benefit of young girls. My daughter suffered greatly from female trouble with cramps, and headache, and backache most of the time. She never felt like working and it seemed as though she was sick all the time. I decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it has helped her in every way, in fact it has really cured her, for she no longer has periodic pains, and no more headaches or backache, and I want all young girls who suffer as she did to know about it."

—Mrs. ALMA MILLIS, Eaton, Ill.

# Another Girl's Experience.

New Castle, Ind.—"From the time I was eleven years old until I was seventeen I suffered each month so I had to be in bed. I had headache, backache and such pains I would cramp double every month. I did not know what it was to be easy a minute. My health was all run down and the doctors did not do me any good. A neighbor told my mother about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I took it, and now I feel like a new person. I don't suffer any more and I am regular every month."

—Mrs. HAZEL HAMILTON, 822 South 15th St., Newcastle, Ind.

Girls who are troubled as these young women were, should immediately seek restoration to health by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

claimed by his reference to "former occasions."

The name of the organization thru 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, altho 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.

# Records Are Plentiful.

Records 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 Paven, the German naval and military aides.

Up to this time Poy-Ed and Von Paven 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, heretofore had been 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 German secret work conducted here, and that there was ample basis for a request for his recall before the diplomatic break with Germany.

# Bernstorff's Activity.

Up to the time of Boy-Ed's and Von Paven'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 Paven's manifold activities officials apparently obtained the impression that Von Bernstorff in most instances had left the conduct of Ger-

man 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 his personal knowledge of specific instances of German violations of American neutrality were not publicly divulged. 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 suggestion was made that by "organization" the ambassador might have meant any one of the different so-called peace societies that were active at that time, but it was learned that state department officials do not know what the ambassador did mean.

# Perhaps Pacifists.

It was assumed, however, that he referred to an organization he had set up, altho some officials were inclined to believe that the method of influencing was the using of pacifists to make out the chestnuts rather than to any direct subornation of congressmen.

At least one of the most active organizations flooded Washington with telegrams just prior to the war and during the days immediately following the break in relations, calculated to influence congressmen to vote against any message looking to war with Germany. It always has been assumed that Teutonic agents were largely responsible for these activities.

Secretary Lansing adhered to his determination not to discuss this latest disclosure and refused to reveal the manner in which the message to Berlin came into the hands of the government. While the United States was one of the neutrals, certain privileges had been extended to the Ger-

man embassy in the transmission of messages, but only after their contents had been made known.

# Lansing Silent.

"No, this was not one that passed thru this government's channels of communication," was the smiling reply of an official at the state department when it was suggested that Ambassador Bernstorff might have added to his duplicity the irony of using the United States as a transmitter of the message. It is known that the message reached Berlin, but whether the German foreign office ever was able to get a reply to America is not known. It was indicated that it came into possession of the state department some time after it was sent, perhaps after the break in relations, and possibly after the declaration of war. It was pointed out that knowledge of the ambassador's action at the time it was taken would have precipitated more immediate action, but the suggestion was answered by the intimation that the mass of evidence being gathered then was of such a character that it might not have been considered necessary or opportune to give undue importance then to a knowledge of the ambassador's duplicity.

# BRITISH SEIZE POSITIONS

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stormed the place with bombs until its occupants raised the white flag. Similar tactics resulted in the fall of another great stronghold northeast of Westhoek.

# Casualties Light.

The British casualties so far reported are exceptionally light, the majority being due to machine gun fire. British airplanes again dominated the air. They were thick over the line of the British advance and carried on a vigorous warfare back of the German positions where tons of high explosive bombs were dropped. German machines were far less active. A large number of prisoners already have been brought back, but it is impossible to give an accurate estimate of the total.

Heavy fighting along this front is expected to follow today's attack, because it is certain that the Germans will not relinquish these positions without a bitter struggle. Air pilots report that the roads back of the German lines are filled with troops being rushed up for a counter-attack, but this is a pleasing feature to the British artillerymen, who express the desire for nothing better than to get as many Germans as possible out in the open where their shells will reach them.

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