Who Got It?

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BERNSTORFF PLOT TO BRIBE CONGRESS REVEALED IN HIS REQUEST FOR $50,000

COMPLETE BRITISH SUCCESS IS REPORTED BY GEN. HAIG; DEFEAT ADMITTED BY BERLIN

German Official Statement Says Nine Divisions of British Troops, Probably 150,000 Men, Participated in Battle—Haig Repulses All Drives.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—"Complete success" was Field Marshal Haig's epitome to-day of the results to date of the great British drive across the Ypres-Menin road. His official report declared the enemy's losses were very heavy. British casualties, he said, were light.

"Detailed reports confirm the completeness of our success," the British Commander in Chief asserted. "In the neighborhood of the tower and hamlets northeast of Langemarck during the evening our local attacks cleaned up a number of strong points and completed the capture of objectives there.

"During the afternoon and evening considerable forces of the enemy counter-attacked, suffering unusually great casualties.

"The obstinacy of the enemy increased his losses without regaining any valuable ground. Our own losses were light."

"Clear light during the latter part of the day," Haig's report continued, "enabled us to obtain warning of impending attacks. Advancing Germans were destroyed in concentrated rifle, machine gun and artillery fire.

"At night the enemy, exhausted by his previous efforts, did not counter-attack, and we were able to consolidate our positions undisturbed.

"West of Havrincourt and west of Lens small hostile attacks were driven off."

Berlin Official Report Admits Big Gains by Haig.

BERLIN (via London), Sept. 21.—"After fluctuating fighting the enemy was able to advance as much as a kilometer (two-thirds of a mile) deep into our defense zone at Passchendaele and Gheluvelt," declared to-day's official statement describing the British offensive.

Following is the text of the official German report:

"Troops of the Fourth Army fighting under the leadership of Infantry General Sixt von Arnim, have successfully withstood the first day of the third battle of Flanders.

"The fire effect of the last few days presaged a powerful effort on the part of the English and the concentration of fighting means employed by the enemy on Sept. 20 on a front of twelve kilometres (seven and a half miles) reached the limit of its intensity at Hoechstmass.

"Behind a formidable wave of the most intense drumfire from guns and mine-throwers of all calibres there advanced to attack in close formation in the morning between Langemarck and Hollebeke at least nine British divisions, including several Australian divisions [probably 150,000 men], which were often supported by armored cars and flame throwers.

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TO STRENGTHEN THE NERVES take Horsford's Acid Phosphate, when nervous, tired or restless. It nourishes the system and induces refreshing sleep. Non-alcoholic. Buy a bottle.—Adv.

PHILADELPHIA MAYOR HELD IN $10,000 ON RIOT CHARGE

Police Lieutenant and Member of City Council Also Admitted to Bail on Own Recognizance.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 21.—Mayor Smith, Police Lieut. Bennett and Isaac Deutsch, a member of the City Council, accepted service to-day of the warrants sworn out last night charging them with conspiracy, in connection with the killing on Wednesday of a policeman and assault made upon two other men by gunmen alleged to have been brought here from Jersey City by one of the rival factions in the contest for the Republican leadership in the Fifth Ward. The Mayor and others were admitted to bail on their own recognizance in the sum of $10,000 each. They are to have a hearing next Tuesday.

The warrants charged the three men with "maliciously and unlawfully combining to interfere with the conduct of an election and in pursuance and execution of said conspiracy to commit assault and battery, aggravated assault and battery and murder." The charges are made by Isadore Stern, a member of the State Legislature.

Counsel for Stern announced that the evidence "will astonish the community by its volume, fullness, clearness and directness."

Chief of Detectives Tate of Philadelphia to-day forwarded to New York the photographs and finger prints of the two men held there for the slaying of Policeman Eppley.

The prisoner who had given the name of Jacob Mascje was thus identified by the New York police as James S. Gueglia, twenty-one years old, No. 3034 Third Avenue. He was arrested on an assault charge on March 23, 1916, arraigned before Magistrate Breen in the Morrisania Court on May 6, 1916, and discharged. The other prisoner, booked as John Costello, was identified as Henry J. De Roma, No. 708 Van Cortlandt Avenue, Bronx. He was arrested last July on a charge of attempted burglary. Before Magistrate Breen he was permitted to plead guilty to the lesser charge of disorderly conduct, and sentence was suspended. These facts were forwarded to the Philadelphia police.

ALEXIEFF RESIGNS AS RUSSIAN ARMY HEAD

Due to Differences with Premier Kerensky, Say Reports from Petrograd.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 21.—Gen. 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 to-day.

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 Gen. Kornilloff.

The whole supreme command of the Russian Army is being replaced with "men whom the soldiers can trust," Minister of War Verkhovsky announces.

He also declared that the number of soldiers on duty behind the front was being reduced.

12 WOMEN FAINT IN SEND-OFF CRUSH FOR 1,725 N. Y. MEN

Gloom Caused by Passing of Coffin as Brooklynites Depart for Yaphank.

Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Dutchess County sent approximately 1,725 selected recruits to the training camp at Yaphank to-day. Manhattan sent 1,003 men from the upper part of the borough, those from the mid-east side departing from Long Island City and those from Harlem and Washington Heights from the Pennsylvania Station. The Dutchess County quota of 112 men also boarded the train at the Pennsylvania terminal.

The points of departure were jammed with relatives and friends of the departing soldiers and a dozen women fainted in the heat, excitement and crush. Two unthinking baggagemen helped along the hysteria at Long Island City station by wheeling a trunk carrying a coffin covered with flowers across the station plaza in sight of hundreds of women and children gathered to watch the train pull out.

The Manhattan contingent to-day contained an unusually large number of ex-members of the National Guard. They appeared in uniform. The contingent from Local Board No. 151, located in East Sixty-third Street, appeared in command of Miss Margaret Hatton, Secretary of the board. She presented thirty-four selected men and five volunteers for service in case of calls for reserves.

Save for the natural excitement in the crowd of relatives and friends in the railroad station, the departure of the Manhattan contingent was the most orderly that has been witnessed. As each delegation from a local board arrived it was slipped through the gates and marched to its allotted car. In that way the station waiting rooms and plaza were kept clear of selected men, and when the time came for the train to leave every soldier was in his seat.

The Brooklyn boys had a band to cheer up their departure ceremonies. The band was furnished by the Fifteenth Company of the Coast Artillery at Fort Hamilton, and reached the station as escort to the contingent from Bath Beach and Bensonhurst. These boys, 162 in number, rode through the streets of their neighborhoods for an hour before starting for the train and got a great send-off.

Brooklyn furnished in to-day's contribution one of the shortest young men in the National Army. This applies only to stature. The selected man in question is Johnny Martin of No. 1554 Pacific Street, who has been attached to The Evening World's office at Police Headquarters. Johnny is five feet and one and one-sixteenth inches tall. He got in on the strength of the one-sixteenth of an inch.

MEN FIGHT WAY THROUGH THE STATION CROWDS.

The contingent leaving the Pennsylvania station had to fight its way to the train through throngs of travellers and the big terminal was a scene of turmoil and confusion for

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$15 Men's Suits & O'Coats, $9.95

The "HUB" Clothing Corner, Broadway, corner Barclay Street, opp. Woolworth Building, will sell to-day and Saturday, 1,200 Men's & Young Men's Suits and Topcoats, checks, fancy grays, browns, greens & dark mixed, in belt or plain backs; all sizes, 34 to 44. Our special price to-day and Saturday, $9.95 & $11.95. Open Saturday night till 10. The Hub Clothiers, Broadway, cor. Barclay St.—Adv.

Dooling Off to Concord To Aid King Case Inquiry; Takes Mass of Evidence

MRS. FORAKER.

Mrs. Melvin Got $10,000 Soon After Mother's Trust Fund Was Dissolved.

Assistant District Attorney Dooling left for Concord, N. C., this afternoon to assist in the investigation there of the mysterious death of Mrs. Maude A. King. An hour before his departure District Attorney Swann received a telegram from County Solicitor Hayden Clement, at Salisbury, N. C., thanking him for sending his assistant, and asking that Mr. Dooling bring with him every document pertinent to Mrs. King's relations with Gaston Bulla Messrs.

Within a week after the dissolution of the trust fund created for the benefit of her mother, Mrs. Anne L. Robinson, by Mrs. King, Mrs. Mary C. Melvin, sister of Mrs. King, who is now visiting the parents of Moore at Concord, received a gift of $10,000.

This information was received and confirmed by Assistant District Attorney Dooling to-day. According to Mr. Dooling, Mrs. Melvin was cognizant of the fact that the trust fund had been dissolved, and had told friends she understood this move had been made to provide funds to carry on the fight which was expected to come in connection with the endeavor to probate the second "will" of James C. King, Mrs. King's millionaire husband, which has been declared a forgery.

Mrs. Robinson asserts she did not know the fund had been dissolved and never consented to such action, and it was discovery that

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HIT WITH BAT AND SHOT AT, PAYMASTER ROUTS FOUR

Winfield, Attacked Near Office, Fights Off Gang and Saves $1,300 in Pocket.

Four men held up and assaulted Joseph H. Winfield, paymaster for Guy H. White, commercial metal manufacturers, near the White office at No. 113 East Thirty-first Street this morning, and but for the fight put up by Winfield they would have gotten away with $1,300 he had just drawn from the Fifth National Bank, at Twenty-third Street and Lexington Avenue. The paymaster was struck over the head with a baseball bat by one of the men, and another fired two shots at him, both of which went wild. The four assailants made their escape.

When Winfield reached Thirty-first Street and First Avenue there were just two men on each side of the street, he says. In front of a stable two doors away from his office he received the blow from the baseball bat.

As he fell to the sidewalk Winfield grappled with his assailant with one hand while he held the other on the money in his inside coat pocket and called for help. The other three then rushed up, and one of them fired the two shots and another struck Mr. Winfield on the jaw.

In defending himself Winfield relinquished the money. The men then ran off in the direction of Second Avenue. The bat with which he was felled was taken to Bellevue Hospital and treated for bruises. He resides in Woodcliff, N. J.

MAYOR DENIES NEW AMBITION

Calls Report He Aspires to Governorship "Buncombe."

The attention of Mayor Mitchel was called to-day to a report that he organized the City Democracy for the purpose of running for Governor next year, and that this was the reason a great many organization Republicans lined up that man at the primary election.

"The report that I want to run for Governor is about most crazy and most silly," declared the Mayor. "Why, he asked, "God knows I didn't want to run for this office and I never want to run for any other."

KAISER GOES TO SOFIA.

Restiveness of Bulgarians Said to Be the Cause.

GENEVA, Sept. 21.—The German Kaiser left Budapest yesterday for Sofia, it is rumored here, in an attempt at a meeting of Bulgarian rulers, according to a report received here to-day.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES. 10c. Each Package Colors All Goods. Druggists.—Adv.

BENNETT MAY RUN AS AN INDEPENDENT IF RECOUNT FAILS

To Contest Mayoralty Primary Result at Once and Promises Finish Fight.

"I am not going to be down and be counted out. I'm going all the way through with this fight. So far as I am concerned, the battle has only just begun. The recount will begin just as soon as I get a Supreme Court order, which will probably be Monday. It will start in Mr. Koenig's own district, which, by the way, I carried. I expect it to show results that will put Mayor Mitchel on the defensive at once. Any report that I intend to quit is inspired by Fusion headquarters."

In this aggressive manner William M. Bennett, who threw a bombshell into the Fusion ranks by all but beating Mayor Mitchel for the Republican nomination for Mayor in Wednesday's primaries, to-day served notice on the Mayor, the Fusion managers and Chairman Samuel S. Koenig of the Republican County Committee that they are to have a real fight on their hands every foot of the way to Election Day.

Mr. Bennett's warlike attitude to-day indicated plainly that he will run independently for Mayor in case the recount goes against him.

The man whose remarkable showing in the primaries against Mayor Mitchel gave the city its biggest political surprise in years, paid his respects to both the Mayor and Judge Hylan, the Tammany candidate, in to-day's talk.

"Any reports about my quitting come from persons who are hoping that I might take such an undesirable course," said the former State Senator. "Those who know me best didn't have to ask me what course I was going to take. In twenty-two years I have never backed up politically when I knew I was right. I know I'm right in this fight and I'm in it to a finish."

Mr. Bennett was telling of the numerous communications he had received from districts in all parts of the city to the effect that he had not been given a square deal. The telephone rang and he answered it. After a few minutes' conversation he hung up the receiver and turned to The Evening World man.

"There's an inspector in one of Koenig's east side districts who tells me his Captain directed that no votes were to be counted for me. He says he insisted that, as a result, I was given a real count and then, because of his action, he has been dropped from the Board of Inspectors in that district."

Mr. Bennett said the man had not given his name or the district.

"If I get the Republican nomination as a result of the recount fight," continued Mr. Bennett, "and I am practically certain I will, they won't stop me at the polls in November. I will be the only candidate for Mayor who has attained the nomination through direct appeal to the people.

"The Committee of Five, which selected the Fusion candidate, is headed by a man who is responsible for selling paving materials to the city. In putting forth Mitchel as his personally conducted candidate this man, the seller, is attempting to control the city's buyer. It cannot mean a 'B. T. T' man, as a commission to the people will not stand for it.

Mr. Bennett said the leaders of the Republican organization in Manhattan and the Bronx are anxious to see the Fusion ticket defeated and permitted to interfere with Republican

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LANSING SHOWS GERMAN ENVOY DIRECTED INTRIGUE WHILE PLEDGING FRIENDSHIP

Bernstorff Urged Declaration in Favor of Ireland in Request for More Money to Influence Congress "As On Former Occasions."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Former German Ambassador Count von Bernstorff was an active anti-American plotter, while his nation and the United States were still friendly, and asked the Berlin Foreign Office Jan. 22 for $50,000 to influence Congress "as on former occasions."

His activity was in the nature of influencing Congress through an unnamed organization, which he informed his Government could "perhaps prevent war."

The State Department made this fact public to-day in announcing the text of a message he forwarded on that date. The State Department announcement said:

SUGGESTS DECLARATION FOR IRELAND.

"The Secretary of State issues the following message from Ambassador von Bernstorff to the Berlin Foreign Office, date Jan. 22, 1917:

"'I request authority to pay out up to $50,000 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 mean time 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.'"

The State Department indicated that it is convinced of the identity of the organization Bernstorff referred to, though there is sufficient doubt to prevent announcement. It was intimated that propaganda telegrams sent to Congress had their origin in German money.

This revelation on the heels of the Swedish-German-Argentine-Mexican-Philippine exposure, and coupled with the Zimmerman - Mexican - Japanese plot note, clinches this Government's contention that Germany carried on active plottings and propaganda all over the world.

This startling message, however, was the first positive evidence made public that Bernstorff had personal guilty knowledge of the German intrigue in this nation.

SUSPECTED AS DIRECTING HEAD OF PLOTTERS.

It had long been suspected that he was the directing head of anti-American work and this Government had proved that his colleague, the Austrian Ambassador, was conducting a plot while the two countries were still at peace.

Bernstorff's advice concerning Ireland apparently was heeded, for in one of her peace pronunciamentos Germany made much of the fact that she was for some rule in Ireland and in India.

The Bernstorff note shows clearly that the Envoy had been intriguing for some time, because it pointed out that the money would be paid out "as on former occasions."

The date of the communication was at the time when Germany and the United States were directly on the verge of breaking relations, and in less than ten days later the Teutons put into effect their unwarned submarining decree.

TELLING PRESS HE WOULD TRY TO PREVENT WAR.

It was significant also that during this particular period Bernstorff was telling the press that he would do all

Bernstorff Knew He Wouldn't Dare Come Back to U. S.

"I think it is very improbable that I shall return to America, as it is unusual for a diplomat to be sent back to a post from which he has been recalled."—Count von Bernstorff's parting words as he left for home after conducting the intrigue in this country just exposed.

STEAMER AFIRE AT PIER; INCENDIARISM SUSPECTED

Flames in Hold of the Tasmania—Police Guard Thrown Around East River Shipping.

Fire was discovered shortly after 11 o'clock this morning in the hold of the steamship Tasmania, lying at the foot of Pier No. 1, Brooklyn, at the foot of Fulton Street. The Tasmania is a big freighter which arrived Sunday with a cargo of 10,000 bales of jute from Calcutta, consigned to the American Manufacturing Company of Brooklyn.

Part of the cargo in hold No. 1 was taken out yesterday and no trace of any fire was suspected at that time, but exactly after the hatches were taken off this morning clouds of smoke appeared and drove the stevedores off. A steel bulkhead is said to separate hold No. 1 from the hold which is ablaze, but hardly after the firemen arrived smoke was seen issuing from the second hold.

Two companies and a number of tugs responded to the alarm. Chief Kenlay, of the Fire Department, said he expected the fire would be controlled soon and that it would be prevented from spreading to the docks and other shipping, owing to the suspicion that the fire was of incendiary origin a heavy police guard was thrown around the shipping along the East River piers.