

# SECRET PLANS OF PLOTTERS ARE KNOWN TO U. S.

Leaders and Financial Backers of German Plots Under Surveillance

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Touton Agents Abandon Efforts to Destroy Munition Plants and Shipping

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The anti-neutrality plots of Austro-German sympathizers are absolutely under control. Government agents now are in possession of all the facts of the nation-wide conspiracy which has threatened to spread devastation and death throughout the country.

Every person concerned in the plot—including the man higher up now is under surveillance. Whether all will be arrested is for Attorney General Gregory, Secretary of State Lansing and President Wilson to decide. The facts now are before them. And, officials declare, there is no longer any danger that any extensive damage will be done by the plotters. The exact situation, so far as the Department of Justice and the Secret Service are concerned, is as follows:

**KNOWS SECRET PLANS.**  
It was learned today that this Government has absolute and complete knowledge of the secret plans of the plotters.

Second—Every person connected with the conspiracy already is known.

Third—The financing of the last expenditure of a dollar, and the places where the "reserve fund" is hidden are a matter of record.

Fourth—The high agent in complete charge of the work in this country is known, his every movement is watched, and every communication he makes is made a matter of record. His arrest would be possible at an hour's notice.

The repudiation by the German Government of the acts of the conspirators has resulted, the Secret Service agents admit, in the abandonment of a plan that carried with it crippling or destruction of five munition plants; sinking of a dozen ships and crippling of copper mines in Michigan and steel plants and factories in Illinois, Pennsylvania and Connecticut. It is also likely that a fund of four million dollars, deposited in three New York banks, will now remain untouched until the end of the war, as this money was intended to finance these outrages.

Photographic copies of more than one thousand checks drawn against these funds, which originally exceeded five millions, are in possession of the Department of Justice. Much of this cash has been traced from hand to hand until its ultimate destination likewise is a matter of record.

It is understood that the entire plot would have become a matter for diplomatic negotiations if it had not been for the prompt repudiation of the conspirators by the German Government. This discovery has led to information to Germany that illegal acts of certain Austrians and Germans in this country were to be punished by criminal prosecutions of every person implicated and that no immunity would be granted to any one, no matter what his station.

The arrest of Paul Koenig and his associates in New York, and of Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken in San Francisco was the first step in the general clean-up. Officials here who know say that the evidence against them is conclusive, and when fully known will startle the country.

**BRITISH FORCED TO QUIT GALLIOLI, TURKS SAY**  
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Klaml Pasha, 11 divisions, operating in the Caucasus.

Fourth army, under Djemal Pasha, six divisions, destined for an invasion of Egypt.

Fifth army, commanded by Field Marshal Limon von Sanders, 18 divisions, of which 15 divisions are defending the Dardanelles and three are at Smyrna.

Eighth army, under Field Marshal von der Goltz, five divisions, operating from Bagdad.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The news of the operation was generally received with expressions of relief, and Prime Minister Asquith, speaking of the operation in the House of Commons, permitted it to become known that it had been decided some time ago to abandon



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The shaded portions on the map represent the areas held at one time by the Allies on the Gallipoli Peninsula. The area around Suvla and Ari Burnu and Kaba Tepesi, occupied by the Colonial and British or "Anzac" troops, has now been completely evacuated. The lower area, at the tip of the peninsula, is apparently to be held at least for the present.

The whole northern zone on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

"Thank God they got out of there without serious loss," is the common expression in military circles when speaking of the movement, and the general tone concerning it is optimistic, although expressions of regret for the terrible loss of life, thus rendered useless, are also heard.

This sentiment found expression also in Parliament. The Dardanelles campaign has long been a sore point with public opinion here, the leaders of the expedition having been blamed many times for what were considered blunders and failures to realize opportunities offered them, as well as for the lack of proper comforts for the troops, notably of drinking water.

The withdrawal from Suvla Bay and the

## TURKS SAY STRAITS COULD HAVE BEEN WON IN MARCH

VIENNA, Dec. 21.—Had the Allied fleet returned to its attack upon the Dardanelles batteries on the day after the great bombardment of March 19 last, the waterway to Constantinople would have been won surely, in the opinion of a number of artillery officers of the defense works near Techanek Kale, expressed to an American correspondent, who has just come from the Dardanelles front to Vienna.

One of the principal batteries had for three of its large caliber guns just four armor-piercing shells each when night ended the tremendous effort of the British and French fleet. For the fourth gun five shells were left, making for the entire battery a total of 17 projectiles of the sort which the aggressors had to fear.

The battery in question was the one which had to be given the widest berth by the allied fleet.

During the evening of March 18 the correspondent talked to several artillery officers from the battery in question.

"Better pack up and be ready to quit at daybreak," said one of them. They are sure to get in tomorrow.

"We'll hold out well enough to make them think that there is no end to our supply of ammunition. But it can't be done if they go about their work in real earnest. With our heavy pieces useless they can reduce our position and other shore without trouble. The case looks hopeless. You had better take my advice."

The correspondent arose early next morning and packed his few belongings, keeping meanwhile an eye on the tower of Kale Sultanie, where the flag showing that the allied fleet was near was usually hoisted. But the morning hours passed and still the danger signal did not appear.

The allied fleet evidently was not inclined to risk more such losses as those of the previous day, when the Bouvet, Irresistible and Ocean went down, and five other ships were badly damaged. And yet even with the 11 remaining ships it appears from the Turkish admissions that the Dardanelles could have been forced on March 19.

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## VIENNA WANTS NO BREAK, SAYS TISZA

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