

# AUSTRIA IS ASKED TO RECALL ENVOY

## United States Charges Flagrant Violation of Diplomatic Propriety--Austrian Ambassa- dor Attempted to Cripple In- dustries of States.

Washington, Sept. 10.—Ambassador Penfield at Vienna has been instructed to inform the Austro-Hungarian Government that Dr. Constantin Dumba no longer is acceptable as an envoy to the United States, and to ask for his recall.

Secretary Lansing formally announced the action. It was the answer of the American Government to Dr. Dumba's explanation of his intercepted letters to Vienna outlining plans for handicapping plants in this country making war supplies for the Allies.

Ambassador Penfield was instructed by cable to deliver the following note to the Foreign Office:

### The Ambassador's Admissions.

"Constantin Dumba, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador at Washington, has admitted that he proposed to his government plans to instigate strikes in American manufacturing plants engaged in the production of munitions of war.

"The information reached this Government through a copy of a letter of the ambassador to his government. The bearer was an American citizen named Archibald, who was travelling under an American passport. The ambassador has admitted that he employed Archibald to bear official despatches from him to his government.

### Conspiracy Against Trade.

"By reason of the admitted purpose and intent of Mr. Dumba to conspire to cripple legitimate industries of the people of the United States and to interrupt their legitimate trade, and by reason of the flagrant violation of diplomatic propriety in employing an American citizen protected by an American passport as a secret bearer of official despatches through the line of the enemy of Austro-Hungary, the President directs me to inform your excellency that Mr. Dumba is no longer acceptable to the government of the United States as the ambassador of His Imperial Majesty at Washington.

"Believing that the Imperial and Royal Government will realize that the Government of the United States has no alternative but to request the recall of Mr. Dumba on account of his improper conduct, the Government of the United States expresses its deep regret that this course has become necessary, and assures the Imperial and Royal Government that it sincerely desires to continue the cordial and friendly relations which exist between the United States and Austria-Hungary."