

# Germans Arrested at N.Y. Charged With Conspiracy To Blow up Welland Canal

**Paul Koenig, Head of Hamburg-American Line is in the Toils**

**EMIL LYENDECKER WAS HIS EMPLOYEE**

**Plot Was Hatched in Buffalo by Koenig, Who Employed Spies and has 13 Aliases**

New York, Dec. 18.—Paul Koenig, formerly head of the secret service of the Hamburg-American Line, and Richard Emil Lyendecker, were arrested by agents of the department of justice, charged with conspiring to attempt to blow up the Welland canal. The specific charge preferred against Koenig and Lyendecker is a violation of section 13 of the United States, which prohibits the planning within the boundaries of the United States of a military expedition against a foreign power.

Lyendecker claims to be an American citizen and has admitted that he has been employed by Koenig. Koenig has been known by many names. Under the name of Stemmler he was responsible for obtaining from Gustav Stahl an affidavit in which he declared that he had seen guns on board the Lus-

tania the day before she sailed on her last voyage. Stahl was convicted and sentenced to 18 months in Atlanta prison for perjury.

The plan to blow up the canal was mapped out in Buffalo. The complaint alleges that Koenig and Lyendecker left New York on Sept. 27 last for Buffalo over the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Later they went to Niagara Falls, and the complaint specifically charges it was the "purpose and intent of the said defendants to destroy, mutilate and admage the Welland Canal by force of arms."

It is understood Koenig and Lyendecker had employed spies, who went out from Buffalo and Niagara Falls to photograph the canal, prepare plans, and make arrangements for blowing up the waterway at its most important point, and that nitro glycerine was to have been used as an explosive. Koenig and Lyendecker were in Buffalo about four days, according to the authorities, and returned to New York with the execution of the alleged plot left in the hands of their agents. As far as is known by the Department of Justice they still contemplated carrying out the plot when the arrests took place. Koenig is given thirteen aliases in the complaint. They include German, English and Irish names.