

GERMANS CONSPIRED TO DESTROY WELAND

Three Men Appear Before United States Commissioner Houghton at New York--A German Bank Clerk Was Arrested on Saturday.

(Special to the Whig)

New York, Dec. 18.—Charged with attempting a hostile expedition against a nation friendly to the United States, the first charge of the kind made by the Government authorities since they began their investigation of pro-German plots, Paul Koenig and R. E. Leyendecker were arraigned here to-day before U. S. Commissioner Houghton.

Frederick Metzler, alias F. R. Reimer, a German youth, said to be Koenig's stenographer, also was arrested early to-day.

The formal charge against the trio is that they conspired to conduct a military enterprise against the "Dominion of Canada by plotting the destruction of the Welland Canal, twenty-seven miles long connecting Lake Ontario and Lake Erie.

Another Arrest Made.

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New York, Dec. 18.—Frederick Schieindel, a German clerk employ-

ed in the National City Bank, the largest banking institution in the country, was arrested to-day charged with participating in the conspiracies alleged to have been directed against the Allies. Schieindel is charged with having furnished to the Kaiser's Secret Service agents here information about financial matters passing through the hands of the National City Bank, in connection with munitions purchases and other transactions of the Allies.

Bail Fixed At \$30,000.

New York, Dec. 18.—In the Welland Canal cases, U. S. Commissioner Houghton to-day fixed Koenig's bail at \$50,000 and that of Leyendecker another of the alleged conspirators at \$30,000.

To objections of their attorneys, the Commissioner said the charges against men were "very serious" and demanded large bonds. Hearings in both cases were put over until January 12th.