

# SIX MEN INDICTED IN GERMAN PLOT

New York, Dec. 23.—A blanket indictment has been drawn up, although not officially returned, against at least six men of prominence in the spy plots.

This was the persistent rumor that spread about the federal building last evening after the adjournment of the federal grand jury, which for weeks has been investigating the organization known as Labor's National Peace Council.

As evidence of the Peace Council conspiracy the government has presented to the grand jury a copy of resolutions adopted on August 1, 1916, at a meeting of the executive committee of the council. This resolution, it was authoritatively stated, was designed to arrange for the collection of a fund to maintain "every worker involved in any strike or lock-out in any part of the country having for its purpose the paralyzing of any private munitions factory."

The resolution, the government asserts, authorizes the officers of the council to recommend to every affiliated labor organization that each of the latter's members be assessed a certain amount towards this fund.

The testimony of Samuel Gompers and Frank Morrison is believed by the federal authorities to have clinched the case against the men named in the indictment.

The grand jury was excused until Tuesday next. On Tuesday, it is learned from an official source, the blanket indictment will be returned. Among the six or more men named will be a present member of the lower house of congress, an ex-congressman and two notorious lobbyists and "accelerators."

It is expected that the men named will be accused of violating the Sherman anti-trust law in a nation-wide attempt to prevent the manufacture of munitions by provoking labor disturbances.

Von Rintelen and David-Lamar are declared by United States Attorney

Marshall to have been the directing geniuses of the scheme to foment labor disorders. Lamar came to town yesterday, expecting to be indicted. When he heard of the adjournment of the indicting body he hurried back to his home in Pittsfield, Mass.

Other big developments yesterday were:

(1) Edmund Justice, an Irish-American, was arrested on a charge of initiating a "military enterprise against the Dominion of Canada," with Paul Koenig. Justice's name is in Koenig's famous index book. He is an employee of the Hamburg-American line. Other arrests of Koenig's agents are imminent.

(2) The government forged the last link in the chain of evidence against Koenig and Richard Emil Leyendecker in the Weiland canal plot. Indictments, it is predicted, will be returned today.

(3) Books and papers of two millionaire steamship men and one big international marine transportation line were subpoenaed.

(4) The government broadened the scope of the investigation to include all conspiracies hatched on American soil by agents of any foreign power against any power "at peace with the United States."

Shortly after Justice's arrest a lawyer representing Koenig appeared before United States Commissioner Houghton and gave \$30,000 bail for the appearance of Justice at a hearing set for Jan. 12. This makes a total of more than \$100,000 supplied by the Hamburg-American company as bail for men accused of plots against American neutrality.

It is charged that at Koenig's direction, Justice accompanied Frederick Metzler, who is also under arrest, to Quebec, and there sought to determine the number of troops being sent to the United Kingdom, what ships they would sail on, together with details of artillery equipment and other supplies being sent abroad.