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**Von Hintze Is Diplomatic Thug**  
**W**E have never believed that the character of the man who happened at the moment to be Imperial Chancellor or Foreign Minister in Germany was a matter of any importance to the Allies, for the simple reason that German Ministers are the servants not of the state, but of the Kaiser, holding office at his will, and liable to be discharged at a moment's notice when they do anything that the War Lord does not approve. Yet there has been a considerable difference in the type of man that the Kaiser has entrusted with the Foreign Office since the war began. The most respectable of them undoubtedly was von Jagow; his successor, Zimmerman, was the most unprincipled; Kuehlmann, lately retired, was the ablest, and it may be that he unwillingly did some of the chores of the Kaiser. At any rate he now speaks with keen pleasure of the prospect of getting out of Germany for awhile, and leaving his little regretted job to von Hintze. Of the latter it may be said that he is probably the most unscrupulous, brutal, dishonest official who has been called to high office in Germany or anywhere else in modern times. If in any significance in his appointment it must mean that Germany contemplates new infamies, new outrages, and has brought her favorite gunman to the Foreign Office to plan and defend them.

plot was also brought home to him, and he was sent home to Germany instead of being interned, as were his subordinates. According to the Brooklyn Eagle which has compiled an excellent dossier of von Hintze, the man is not only an able director of spies, but a very competent spy himself. He boasts that he has been in Paris since the war began, and he certainly was in Switzerland, where he was suspected of being a French agent. It is even said that before going from Mexico to China he passed through England. It is natural that the Kaiser should not permit so faithful a servant to spend his time in idleness with the German navy, and he has been made Foreign Minister, though from the time of Frederick the Great the invariable rule is that a civilian shall be appointed to this office. There will be great curiosity on the part of the Allies, and no doubt even greater curiosity in Germany, as to what particular task is to be entrusted to this diplomatic thug. One thing is certain, and that is that von Hintze is not the sort of Foreign Secretary who would be chosen to negotiate with the Allies. The German peace secretary is not yet in sight.

**THE NET LOSSES.**  
 Canadian Overseas Losses to Aug. 1st Were 115,806.  
 Ottawa, Sept. 27.—The net loss in the overseas military forces of Canada in England and in France up to August 1st were 115,806 officers, non-commissioned officers and men.  
 These figures include those killed in action or died of wounds, died, missing, prisoners of war, discharged as medically unfit, discharged to take up other lines of war work, and those non-commissioned officers and men given commissions in the Imperial army.  
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Von Hintze's name appears in the famous Willy-Nicky correspondence. He was in Petrograd as naval attaché at the German Embassy, and was regarded as the confidential man of the Kaiser. He was on intimate terms with the Czar, and no doubt carried many messages back and forth which could not be committed to paper nor entrusted to the ordinary officials of the Embassy. After his work in Petrograd was completed he was sent to Mexico. There he engaged upon the task of bedeviling Mexican affairs. lining up the Germans in the country, in preparation for whatever might come, and especially trying to set Japan and the United States by the ears. It is said that he assisted Japan to induce Mexico to grant her a naval base in the hope that this would embroil the United States and Japan; and later on frustrated the move with the idea of bringing the United States into collision with her southern neighbor. At any rate it is more than suspected that a German agent stole a copy of the provisional agreement and communicated it to Washington, which led to the mobilization of American troops on the Mexican border in the Taft regime.

In the various Mexican revolutions von Hintze played several parts. He appeared to back Madero, while his agents in the North supported Orozco. Subsequently he upheld Huerta, whom he provided with money from Germany. He finished his task in Mexico shortly after the beginning of the war, and then went to San Francisco bound for China. Fearing capture by a British or Japanese vessel, he disguised himself as a stoker and worked his passage across the Pacific. Great was the amazement of diplomats and officials in Peking when a rather dirty man in seaman's garb turned up and presented credentials as German Minister to China. China at this time was neutral, and of course von Hintze was properly received. He at once set about his plot to keep China neutral, and for this purpose stirred up several revolts against the Government, lavishly using money among the Chinese bandits for this purpose.

He also did solid service for the Kaiser by arranging for the shipment of supplies from China to Germany by way of the Amur river and Russia, and had some success in getting under way propaganda currents which were expected to blow down through India. To keep China out of the war was his chief work, and if this he failed. When relations were broken off von Hintze went to Norway, where he put new life into the German bomb-planters in that country. Ships destined for Allied ports were mysteriously blown up at sea, the same methods being used in neutral Norway by German agents as were used in neutral America. Complaint for little Norway caused the bomb-planters to become reckless and eventually one of the plots was discovered. More important still, the connection of von Hintze with the

"Triplets," the nurse said, grinning after the manner of such. And Newport, his poor head spinning, cried: "Oh, this is two too much!"  
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