PECTS PROMPT REPLY TO SUBMARINE INQUIRY

is Government Will Give Reasonable Time for Germany to Make Investigation.

CH EVIDENCE NOW IN HAND

retary Lansing Indicates That No Action of Any Kind Will Be Taken for Several Days at Least—Considered by Cabinet.

VASHINGTON, April 4.—After to-'s meeting of the Cabinet it was ted authoritatively that the United tes would expect a prompt reply m Germany to the inquiry regarding British channel steamer Sussex and er vessels, which evidence before the te Department indicated were atked by German submarines.

t is understood, however, that no empt will be made to determine at course the United States shall rsue until a reasonable time has en given for completion of the instigation which Ambassador Gerard, Berlin, has been informed the Gern government is making. Secretary nsing indicated that no action of any nd would be taken for several days least.

Only in the case of unreasonable dey by Germany in denying or assumg responsibility for the attacks will y step be contemplated on the basis the evidence already gathered by the nerican embassies at London andris.

OULD TAKE STEPS TO STOP ENDANGERING OF AMERICANS

Cabinet members agreed steps should taken to stop the endangering of mericans, but until additional inrmation in the cases of the Sussex, nglishman and Manchester Engineer received nothing will be done.

Officials expect Ambassador Gerard ill report definitely within a week hether Germany denies attacking the ussex and other vessels. Germany's port will be considered in connecon with an accumulation of affidavits d other evidence collected by Secrery Lansing.

Great Britain's replies to American rotests against mail seizures and deention of passengers on the steamer hina were also laid before the Cabiet. Neither reply is satisfactory, urther steps in the China case will e taken soon.

ERMANY WILL MEET U. S. MORE THAN HALF-WAY

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The administration has received intimations from erlin that Imperial Chancellor von ethmann-Hollweg will meet Secretary f State Lansing more than half-way n the submarine warfare controversy. his information was forthcoming tonight from a high authority.

The intimations received are such, it vas asserted, as to remove the possile peril of a diplomatic break with ermany, despite the apparent seriousess of some of the cases pending, especially that of the Sussex.

The statement was made that Germany, in good faith, made definite romises to the United States respecting her conduct of submarine activies, but that she never committed herself to a policy that would prevent her attacking armed enemy vessels. Her pledges related only to noncombatant armed merchant ships.

NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT MAKES INQUIRY OF BERLIN

LONDON, April 4.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the Norwegian government has requested the German government to investigate whether German submarines were responsible for the torpedoing of the large number of Norwegian ships destroyed recently. If it is proved that German submarines were responsible, Norway will demand full compensation.

NO AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE WAS NEAR THE TURANTIA

BERLIN, April 4 (via wireless).—The Austrian minister at The Hague has informed the Dutch government that no Austrian submarine was near the Dutch steamship Tubantia when she was sunk.

Germany has disclaimed responsibility for the sinking of the Tubantia last month. Officers of the steamship stated she was torpedoed.

MEXICANS KILL MORE THAN THIRTY OF VILLA'S MEN

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that the direct Juarez-Chihuahua railroad offered that means, a large number of troops must be sent to Columbus immediately for campaigning in Mexico.

To re-enforce the line of communication would require the calling of the few regiments in the United States other than those engaged in border guard duty or stationed in the Southern Department. None of the troops along the border should be used, in the opinion of army officers here, unless replaced by other units. Some of the regiments that might be called are the Second Cavalry and the Third and Thirteenth Infantry.

The army men do not believe, however, that the troops along the line other minor engagements that may occur is only indirect so far as the greater problem of catching Villa is concerned. Engagements of that character, it was said, may be expected now from time to time, and the running down of the marauding bands is essential to the safety of the American column, but it was indicated the only effects, so far as Villa is concerned, will be to destroy the morale of his supporting force.

OTHER BANDS OPERATING IN THAT PART OF MEXICO

There are known to be other bands operating in that part of Mexico, and a part of the American forces must remain to deal with them, while the other part pursues the fugitive chief.

Official admission at General Funston's headquarters to-day that the success of the expedition now depended largely on the freer use of the railroads or the material strengthening of the long roundabout line of communication and its branches, revealed a situation that, it was believed, might alter the entire plan of pursuit.

Villa's latest southward shift was credited in official quarters, since it came from consular reports in which the outlaw was located well beyond Chihuahua City, and evidently trying to reach Parral or perhaps even Torreon or Durango City. There are known to be operating near these places organized forces of Villa's men of communication, even if increased by these three regiments, would be adequate to guard the line if it is extended east from Guerrero, and then south as far as the chase of Villa might require.

REITERATES DETERMINATION NOT TO REPUDIATE PAPER

MEXICO CITY, April 4.—General Carranza to-day published a decree authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase paper money of the present issue to the value of $1,000,000 gold Mexican. The paper money is to be destroyed.

The government reiterates its determination not to repudiate the paper issue, and declares it will raise the exchange rate to $10 paper for $1 Mexican gold. The government's efforts are meeting with success. Many merchants have voluntarily lowered prices, and the exchange rate on New York is improving.

FIFTY NUNS FROM MEXICO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 4.—Fifty nuns, deported from Mexico by the de facto government because of foreign birth, arrived here to-day on the Spanish steamer Manuel Calvo, from Vera Cruz. They are on their way to Spain.

GENERAL REYES TO SURRENDER TO CARRANZA

TORREON, MEXICO, April 4.—General Canuto Reyes, commanding the Villa forces in this locality, has sent a letter to General Trevino, Carranza commander, offering to surrender with all his forces if given amnesty. This information was given out to-day by General Trevino.

Carranza authorities here say the surrender of Reyes would break organized resistance to the de facto government and end the hopes of Villa. There is a disposition, however, to accept his offer conservatively, as it was declared that six weeks will be necessary for him to notify all his followers, and there is a possibility that this may be a ruse to gain time for Villa.

It has been frequently reported that Villa was making his way to the north of Torreon, in order to effect a junction with Reyes.

In the letter to General Trevino, Reyes says he deplores the useless continuance of a bloody and hopeless struggle.

In answer, General Trevino said today he was preparing proclamations, allowing all bandits ten days to give up their horses and saddles. He says he is confident that the followers of Villa will respond readily.

General Reyes is the recognized chief of all the small bands operating in the Laguna and Durango districts, including those of Contreras and Hilario Rodriguez.

TO BE HELD FOR PIRACY

Formal Charge Will Be Brought Against Ernest Schiller by Federal Government.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The United States Attorney-General notified local authorities to-day that a formal charge of piracy on the high seas, for which the penalty upon conviction is imprisonment for life, is to be preferred against Clarence Reginald Hudson, alias Ernest Schiller, the German, who unaided, took possession of the British steamship Matoppo after it left early last week for Europe.

The United States district attorney here was requested to have Hudson removed to the jurisdiction of the Wilmington, Del., Federal officials for trial, where Hudson was first jailed. Prior to this, Hudson had been arraigned in a police court and sent to Bellevue Hospital for observation for ten days after it was decided he had not committed a breach of law in this district.

URGE SWEEPING REFORMS IN PACKING INDUSTRY

Former Governor of Kansas and Ex-Judge of Missouri Before House Committee.

INDORSE BORLAND RESOLUTION

Price-Fixing Combinations, They Declare, Are Crushing Live Stock Growers—Will Hear Representatives of Packers To-Day.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—A former Kansas Governor, W. R. Stubbs, and a former Missouri judge, W. H. Wallace, who said they had learned by raising cattle themselves that meat packers, by price-fixing combinations were crushing live stock growers, pleaded with a House judiciary subcommittee to-day to aid in inaugurating sweeping reforms in the packing industry. They appeared as counsel for Western growers and feeders.

They indorsed the Borland resolution now before the subcommittee, which would order a Federal Trade Commission investigation to determine whether packers are violating the antitrust laws, and suggested more stringent laws prohibiting restraint of trade in foodstuffs in general.

Mr. Wallace, who prosecuted the James train robbers, heatedly denounced the alleged packing combination.

"We are after a worse crowd now than the James boys," he declared. "These fellows steal more money in a week than the James boys did in their whole career."

By affidavit and testimony as to his personal experience, the judge sought to prove that combinations had existed among packers in the Kansas City yard within the last few years. He submitted an affidavit from a former stock yards' employee declaring that Chicago and Kansas City packing houses were in constant communication regarding proposed purchases from speculators. Earl Cooper, in an affidavit, declared that before the packers came into possession of the Kansas City yards, he used to visit the yards at night and supply them with information as to the number of live stock on hand prior to the opening of the market.

CATTLE DIVIDED BETWEEN TWO PACKING CONCERNS

On one occasion, the judge asserted, he received only one bid on a bunch of cattle at the Kansas City yards, and learned later they were divided between two packing concerns.

Arthur Meeker, vice-president of Armour & Co., questioned the accuracy of the judge's statement regarding one buyer for two houses. Walter L. Fisher, attorney for the American National Live Stock Association, interjected the declaration that he would be able to prove that such a practice was not uncommon. Mr. Fisher produced a sales slip from the Kansas City yards, which, he declared, showed that one buyer had purchased eighty-six cattle from a raiser, and that Morris & Co., and the Cudahy Packing Company had divided them equally.

The session was enlivened by discussions between Mr. Meeker and Mr. Wallace over the proposal of the packers to submit their books to the Department of Agriculture to prove they are not making an unfair profit, and counterproposal of the producers that a tribunal with subpoena powers make the examination. Mr. Meeker declared he was willing to have an inquisitorial body with subpoena powers conduct the examination, but later insisted on his original proposal of leaving the proposed investigation to the Department of Agriculture.

L. McClure, president of the National Live Stock Exchange, testified that restricted competition was responsible for the failure of cattle raisers to make money.

Representatives of the packers are expected to present their side of the case to-morrow.

ARMY IS IN URGENT NEED OF USE OF RAILROADS

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for the use of the railroads be concluded at once.

NEWS REACHES WASHINGTON IN PRESS DISPATCHES

The news of the second fight between United States troops and the outlaws, which is said to have occurred on Saturday, first reached Washington today in press dispatches. Later, General Funston sent a dispatch from General Pershing dated to-day at field headquarters reporting that Colonel Brown with a squadron of the Tenth Cavalry had encountered a Villa band and was pursuing them through San Antonio. The messages said natives from Chihuahua had told of from thirty to forty outlaws being killed, but that this lacked confirmation from official sources.

This news was accepted as indicating that Villa, who, according to State Department advices, is far below Guerrero, heading for Parral, has left his command broken into several groups to occupy the American pursuers while he flees south with a small body of followers.

Secretary Baker expressed the belief that Major Evans, while in pursuit of the bandits, had hurriedly sent a courier stating that fact, but had been unable to send an official report of the actual fighting reported to have ensued.

The Tenth Cavalry is the army's crack negro cavalry, famed for its exploits in the Spanish-American War. It participated with the Rough Riders in storming San Juan Hill, and also gained distinction for fighting and scouting in the Philippines. Some of its troopers figured with the Seventh Cavalry in the first fight with Villa's forces at Guerrero.

A report from General Funston disposed of recently circulated rumors that Colonel Dodd was not with his troops in the attack on Villa's main command on March 29. The message said:

"Troops engaged at Guerrero with Villistas were commanded in person by Colonel Dodd."

FRENCH FORCE GERMAN RETREAT IN DISORDER

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there has been artillery fighting of considerable violence along the front from Avocourt as far as Malancourt. East of the Meuse the night passed relatively quiet.

"The Germans have made no attack against the front between Douaumont and Vaux, re-established by our counterattacks of yesterday.

"French batteries have been particularly active in bring upon enemy positions in this region.

"The enemy has responded but feebly.

"East of the forest of Le Prêtre a strong reconnoissance by the enemy has been dispersed by our fire.

"In Alsace French batteries were successful in shelling a German supply train on the highway between Thann and Muelhausen."

STRONG FRENCH POSITIONS CAPTURED BY GERMANS

BERLIN, April 4 (via London).—Strong French positions southwest of Douaumont and in the Caillette wood, northeast of Verdun, have been taken by German troops, the War office announced to-day.

Recapture by the British of a mine crater at St. Eloi, south of Ypres, which the Germans had been occupying, is also recorded in the official statement, which reads:

"Western theater: After powerful artillery preparation, the British have taken possession of the crater south of St. Eloi, which we took from them on the 28th of March.

"In the region of the fortress of Douaumont our troops, after bitter fighting, captured on April 2 some strong French defense positions southwest and south of the fortress and in Caillette wood. They repulsed from the captured positions all the enemy's counterattacks, which continued into the night. Employing exceedingly strong forces and at the cost of extremely heavy sacrifices, the French repeatedly and fruitlessly stormed the defense positions which they had lost in Caillette wood.

"During our attacks on April 2 we captured in unwounded prisoners nineteen officers and 745 men, and eight machine guns.

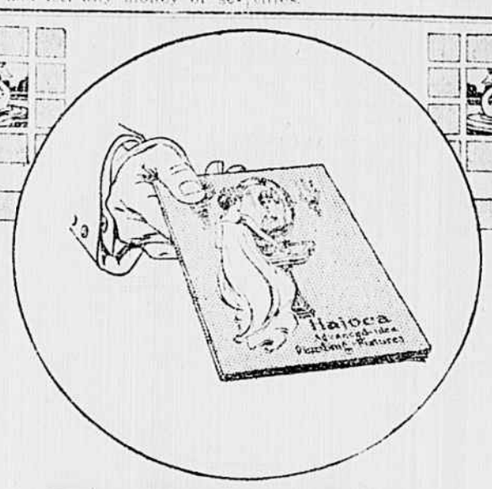
"Eastern theater: The situation is unchanged. The enemy artillery has shown increased activity only north of Vidzy and between Narocz and Wisnew Lakes.

"Balkan theater: There is nothing to report."

VISITED RICHMOND BANK

But John Grant Lyman Does Not Recollect Whether He Left Any Money or Securities.

NEW YORK, April 4.—John Grant Lyman, under arrest here charged with defrauding investors throughout the country in an oil stock promotion, declared to-day when examined in bankruptcy proceedings that he could not recollect whether he had deposited any of the money he is alleged to have obtained in banks or safe-deposit vaults here or other cities visited by him after his flight from New York in February. He admitted having gone to a bank in Richmond, but said he did not remember which bank it was or made with regard to his visits to other cities. Similar answers were made with regard to his visits to other cities, whether he had left any money or securities there.



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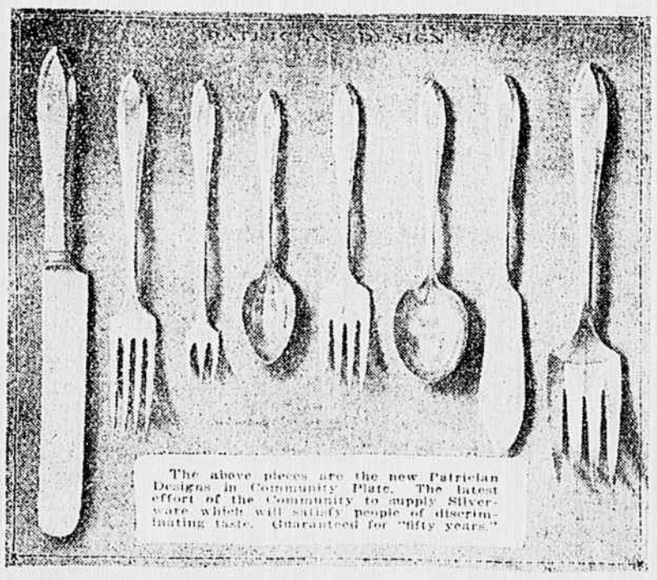

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