

ITALIAN EMBASSY TRIES TO JUSTIFY OUTRAGES

Ohioans Experience Cruelties
Practiced by Italians, Are Held
in Prison as German Spies.

Washington, Nov. 10.—Making a desperate effort to justify the outrages which the Italian soldiers are admitted to have committed in Tripoli, the Italian embassy here issued a statement today. It is in the form of a dispatch from the minister of foreign affairs at Rome.

"Our Soldiers," reads the note, "occupied entrenchments at Sidi Nisri. Back of them was a small village. The soldiers gave part of their rations to the Arabs, and also made presents to them. Our men paid without dispute for everything they bought, and even purchased clothes to dress the naked children.

"One day, in the midst of hard fighting, a number of men rushed from the small white houses back of our soldiers. Inhuman and horrible things happened. A surgeon was killed by the father of a girl whom he had cured. A wounded soldier's throat was cut by an Arab woman.

"Hospital attendants were killed treacherously by wounded Arabs they tried to save. An Arab was seen fleeing with a piece of human flesh in a knapsack of a soldier, who was afterward found crucified.

"Naturally, the punishment was proportioned to the crime—a tooth for a tooth. The war has

swept over the oasis like a scythe, and blood has paid for blood."

Rev. Albert Schumacher and his brother of Pandora, Ohio, corroborate the statement of English and German correspondents of cruelties practiced by the Italians.

Rev. Schumacher and his brother were held as German spies, and not allowed to communicate with the American consul. They claim they were thrown into prison with murderers for cellmates.

"Nothing but soup was given us to eat," said Rev. Schumacher. "The cell in which we were confined contained no table or chairs. After eating our soup the cook let a dog into the cell to clean out the bowls. For three days I did not eat. When we were finally released we demanded to know why we had been imprisoned, but no explanation was made."

The minister and his brother related stories of brutalities they had seen committed by the Italian troops upon Arabs.

Both Schumachers were physical wrecks when finally released. They made a report of their case to Secretary of State Knox.

May Force King Victor to Offer Better Terms to Sultan.

London, Nov. 10.—Notwithstanding Italy's denials of atrocities in Tripoli, and counter accusations of just such atrocities by the Turks and Arabs, the stir caused in Europe by the stories promises to force King Victor in-