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FOUR GERMAN SAILORS SEIZED BY U.S. AGENTS NEAR DU PONT WORKS AND ON **GOVERNMENT DREDGE CLOSE TO FORT**

Technical Charge Against Them Is Breach of the Immigration Laws

View Is Held, However, That Federal Department of Labor Would Not Take Trouble to Run Men Down if There Were Not "More to It"

Four German seamen, reservists of the Four German seamen, reservists of the German army, whose vessels voluntarily interned the day they arrived in Ameri-can ports, July 20, 1914, which happened in be the day of the outbreak of the Deropean war, were arrested last night t Wilminston, Del, and given a hear-ing today before the United States Im-migration Board at Gloucester, N. J. The men came to this country on mer-siant vessels, and profess not to know hat they broke the Immigration laws by leaving their ships without giving up being for admission to the country as semigrants. This is not considered a serious offense.

This is not considered a serious offense, cording to Government officials, but a fact that the men obtained work, in the fact that the men obtained work, in the course of their unauthorized wander-ings about the country, two of them in a factory overlooking the activities of the du Pont Power Works at Wilming-ton Del, and two of them on a Govern-ment dredge, which has been at work of Fort du Pont and other United States de-fenses in the Delaware River, led to be suspicion that they had chosen work that would beat help their Fatherland in the event that they hoped to serve it when in this country.

tile in this country. The men described themselves as fol-

TAIL, ALTMAN. 25 years old, of Hamburg, demany, seaman on the proight steamship kield, arriving at Wilmington, N. C. July 25 1914, which is now voluntarily interned

KARL KLAPPETEIN, 55, of Bremen, Ger-many, seaman on the Kichi.
 KARL GROUMAN, 28, of Berlin, seaman on the Kichi.

the Siehl. RHEDHICH RRUGER, 34, of Brenien, sea-mas on the freight steamship Rhein, arriv-my at Baltimore July 20, 1914, and now vol-umarily interned there.

TWO ARRESTED ON U. S. DREDGE. Altman and Klappstein were taken into cutody by Immigration Inspector William J. Crimellus while working on the Government dredge Minquas, which has been working of Fort Dupont. The other two

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GLI ITALIANI E I SERBI IN DIFESA DI SCUTARI?

A Roma Si Vede Ancora la Possibilita' di Andare in Aiuto del Montenegro

rammi da Roma dicono che cola'

MYSTERIOUS FEATURES IN CAPTURE OF GERMANS NEAR DU PONT WORKS

Four interned German sailors, who had broken parole, arrested by United States agents in Wilmington. Two had positions in plant overlooking du Pont powder works. Two had jobs on Government dredge at work in river opposite Fort

du Pont.

Sailors come from German merchant vessels docking at Wilmington, N. C., and Baltimore, July 29, 1914. They went ashore, without permission of Government immigration officials, to get jobs.

Held on theory that they may know whereabouts of missing members of crew of Prinz Eitel Friedrich and Konprinz Friedrich Wilhelm, Ger-

Held on theory that they may know whereabouts of missing members of crew of Prinz Eitel Friedrich and Konprinz Friedrich Wilhelm, German cruisers interned at Norfolk.
Du Pont works engaged in filling gigantic powder order for the Allies. Rumors afloat in powder towns that German spies were at work and that plants would be wiped out mysteriously.
All Germans reported discharged from du Pont's. Series of mysterious explosions at du Pont works since the arrival of the Prinz Eitel Friederich on March 10. Ship was interned April 9. First and second officers and "certain members of crew" reported missing. The du Pont explosions and fires since April 30: April 30—Powder mixer. Carney's Point, N. J. Six hurt. May 15—Powder still-house, Carney's Point. Six killed. June 26—Powder mill, Wayne, N. J.
July 13—Part of plant at Wilmington. August 10—Part of plant at Wilmington. Del. Two killed. September 29—Part of plant at Pompton, N. J. One killed. October 12—Part of plant at Pompton, N. J. Seven burned. November 13—Powder mill, Rising Sun, Del. November 13—Powder mill, Rising Sun, Del. November 13—Powder mill, Rising Sun, Del. November 13—Powder mill, Lissing Sun, Del. November 13—Powder mill, Lissing Sun, Del. November 13—Powder mill, Upper Hagley yard; one hurt. Furnishing mill, Upper Hagley.

mill, Upper Hagley. Government investigation, directed by President Wilson and Attorney General Gregory, followed the last three explosions, in co-operation with the du Pont police officials.

GERMAN SAILORS OF TYPE CAPTURED AT DU PONT PLANT

These are members of the auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel, which was interned at Norfolk last year. Some of them have since escaped. The picture shows the nervy, clean-cut looking type of men who have made the German navy synonymous with daring.

BRAVE WOMAN RESISTS

capes From House After



NEW YORK, Jan. 14. In response to an inquiry addressed to him regarding the Kaiser's condition, the Imperial Chancellor today sent the following wireless message:

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"The United Press: "BERLIN (via wireless), Jan. 14.—His Majesty receives guests every evening. He receives in audience his Ministers of State and officers of high rank for daily conferences. The Kaiser takes walks in the palace gardens when weather permits. He has never been confined to his bed and will very shortly resume his customary activities. VON BETHMANN-HOLLWEG." customary activities.

The Chancellor's message was in reply to the following inquiry sent by wireless:

"America flooded with varying reports Kaiser's illness. Will you kindly favor us with authoritative statement of nature and seriousness of illness."

BOTTLE SUCCEEDS BATTLE

AIM IN SENATE Veteran Arrested for Intoxication Says Drink Is His Only Friend TO END WILSON

An old Civil War veteran who fought through the big battles of the war on the Northern side stood before Magin-trate Collins today accused of being in-toxicated. He gave his name as William Little and said he had no home. His clothing was tattered and he was hat-less. The crutches on which he stood, be-cause of rheumatism, looked as if they would snap and inrow him to the floor. "Why do you drink so much, you know Senator Works Wishes Con-"Why do you drink so much, you know

it will kill you?" said the magistrate. "All my friends and relatives are dead," replied Little. "Drink is my only remain-ing comfort and friend."

Little said he didn't intend to stay in Philadelphia, and he was released on his

promise to leave the city.

\$250,000 High School for Lancaster

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 14 .- The city actionl board approved plans for the building of a new Boys' High School at a cost of approximately \$250,000. BRITAIN ASKS FOR FACTS Carranza Pledges Redress for Murder of Americans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.-Gen. Venustiano Carranza, head of the de facto Government of Mexico, today pledged that the murderers of the 17 Americans near Chihuahua would be brought to justice. He wired Eulesio Arrendondo, his Ambassador here, to make this announcement:

gress to Take Situation

in Hand

"The attack on the passenger train near Chihuahua was made by the only remaining band of out-laws in that region. This band is being actively pursued by my troops to insure its capture, when condign punishment, which their crime deserves, will be meted out

to every guilty participant. "Troops of the Constitutionalist Government have been instructed to establish a complete patrol of the entire railway from end to end in order to forefend against similar outrages. You will make this declaration to the press of the United States. "VENUSTIANO CARRANZA."

Direct intimation from England of her interest in the recent Mexican outrages, determination of President Wilson not to change his purpose of giving General Carranza a chance to prove himself, and word from Carranza declaring in effect that he could and would handle the situation and a

QUICK NEWS

MARTIAL LAW FOLLOWS HONOLULU RIOT

HONOLULU, Jan. 14 .- Part of this city was under martial law today as a result of the raiding of the tenderloin district last night by 500 colored troopers, members of the 9th United States Cavalry. Many buildings were wrecked and looted. The police were powerless, and it was not until United States infantrymen charged the mob of troopers with fixed bayonets that they were dispersed.

PARKWAY SITE FOR CONVENTION HALL

A ite for the proposed Convention Hall, at 21st, 22d and Callewhill streets and the Parkway, was selected by Mayor Smith today after a trip of inspection. He will recommend it to Councils probably on Thursday. "It is the best site that has been suggested," the Mayor said.

AUSTRIA TO PROTEST AGAINST SAILING OF VERDI

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 .- The sailing from New York, with the consent of the State Department, of the Italian liner Giuseppe Verdi with guns mounted **MEXICAN PLAN** on her decks probably will result in a protest from the Austrian Government, was intimated today at the Austrian Embassy. Baron Zwiedinek, the Austrian Charge, today cabled his Government details of the case, and will await a reply before taking action.

MISSISSIPPI FLOOD CAUSES MUCH SUFFERING

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 14 .- With the weather near the zero mark today and high water covering every foot of land unprotected by the levee system, reports in the upper and lower river bends told of considerable suffering among the poor. On Cat Island hundreds of head of stock are standing in water several feet deep. In some plaaces where backwater was created without a river current rescue parties were forced to cut ice from around their stock to get them out. The river threatens to reach the 1913 stage, the highest ever known.

VATICAN POLITICS NOT TO FIGURE IN PEACE CONGRESS

ROME, Jan. 14 .- Political affairs of the Vatican will play no part in the peace conference when the war ends, say the Corriere d'Italia in an article attributed to a semiofficial source. Denial is made of recent reports that the Kaiser has offered Pope Benedict XV the presidency of the Peace Congress, "Up to date," say the Corriere d'Italia, "the Holy See has never directly or indirectly sought to secure the support of either group of belligerents in return for participation in the peace parley. 'The Pope's only desire is to alleviate humanity's sufferings during the present critical hour."

ALABAMA BANK SAFE ROBBED OF \$25,000

CLAYTON, Ala., Jan. 14 .- The safe of the Bank of Clayton was cracked early today and \$25,000 stolen. A posse with bloodhounds was organized to run down the robbers.

\$12,000 JEWEL ROBBERY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 .- A \$12,000 jewel robbery was reported to the police oday by Mrs. Rose Tovan, of 640 Riverside drive. Mrs. Tovan told the police that on Wednesday afternoon she went to a matinee, leaving her apartments in charge of a young man who had been sick and whom she had been nursing back to health. When she returned both the young man and the jewels were missing. Mrs. Tevan refused to give the man's name or tell anything about him.

HARRIS RECOMMENDED FOR CHIEF OF YARDS

Secretary of the Navy Daniels today sent the name of Licutenant Commander Frederic R. Harris, of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, to President Wilson to be Chief of Yards and Docks, succeeding Rear Admiral Standford, whose term expires today,

SENATE GETS ADMIRAL FLETCHER'S REPORT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 .- The report of Admiral Fletcher, showing the proposal that Congress take the mat- failure of the defending fleet to resist an invasion in last summer's Atlantia ter into its own hands were the high fleet maneuvers, was submitted to the Senate today by Secretary of the Navy points in the day's Mexican develop- Daniels. At the request of Senator Lodge, who originally asked for the report, it was decided to print it and refer it to the Naval Affairs Committee



attende che il re Nicola del Monte-nero, vinto ormal ed impossibilitato a rematere piu' oltre alle forze austriache dique volte superiori alle suo in numero e its volte piu' bene armate e plu' its di munizioni, si arrenda comple-ante. Egli ha gia' firmato un armislo con il comandante delle forze aur-nada e si dice che le trattative per la ce asranno in'ziate presto cosicche' mano essere terminate por la fine del corrente.

Bres corrente, Paro' al fa intravedere ancora la pos-milita' di un'azione di forse italiane e sebe attraverso l'Albania settentrionale varse il Montenegro. Sara' possibile una stinne simile se ai agira⁶ presto e se l'ar-mittalo continuera' pe, qualche tempo, mache' esso mentre immobilizza le forze tustriache che sono nel Montenegro non imediace restamente che gil taliani abarmpediace certannente che gli italiani sbar-dine a San Nicolo' e San Giovanni e arcino verso Scutari. Se si potra' salvare Scutari sara' gia'

a grande sollisvo, anche se non si riu-tra ad attaccare efficacemente il Lov-can e Cattaro. Contro Cattaro deve agire en con il blocco la flotta italiana, speente se e' vera la notizia che nue della flotta austriaca si e' con-minata nelle Bocche. L'argere in lla pagina le ultime e piu'

azliate notizie sulla guerra, Bno.)

THE WEATHER

Well, if we can't have a little sunshine aw and then there are apparently several That deatined to give satisfaction. It cold right now outdoors, but it is to get colder. Yesterday at 8 a. m. temperature was 53 degrees; this ming at the same hour the mercury and at 12 degrees. Business of counting and at 22 degrees. Business of counting mars. "To 43 that's 10, to 33 that's 10 or 4 that's 24, 24-degree drop in 34 hours. "That's funny!" But if you will be at the box of mercurial meanderings another column you will notice that he trop has been consistent, reaching the wast at the box of mercurial meanderings another column you will notice that he trop has been consistent, reaching the wast at 3 o'clock, a very unusual state of stairs, and the prospect is for very invoting developments as the hours mersus. The Elmers and the Penrods if the rest of the kids are having all has at funny feelings up and down the mark, while the fellow with the fur cost her a fur only so far as the collar is mersus. fur only so far as the collar is ad is getting ready to stuff a news-w two under his vest. our or two under his n-in-in-in-in-in-in-ri-

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-ir tonight and Saturday; colder to-obt, with lowest about 15 degrees; ate northwest winds.

LOS! AND FOUND

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ATTACK BY AN ARMED AIDS IN ROUND-UP NEGRO, WHO IS CAUGHT **OF BLACKMAILERS** Dodges Blows With Knife, Es-

Two Suspects Now Held in Widespread Scheme of Extortion

WOMAN'S NERVE

MRS. WINPENNY'S STAND

Work of Blackmailers Throughout the East

Gang said to include 10 or 12 men and women. Sums obtained from wealthy men

and women in the East aggregate \$200,000, according to Federal Agent Garbarino.

Method of extortion-To threat-en "exposure" for alleged breaches of the Mann white slave law. Prominent Philadelphian scared

into paying \$20,000 to avoid scandal, though innocen Judge paid \$2500. dal, though innocent. Up-State Judge paid \$2500. Woman in western Pennsylvania paid \$40,000. Up-State Congressman also caught in net. Many others paid from \$100 to \$1000.

First person with courage to

First person with courage to brave gossips found in this city, when Mrs. Susan G. Winpenny agreed to accuse men who had de-manded \$8000 on threat of arrest-ing her son on charge of "white alayers." slavery."

The arrest of all the memi rs of the most daring and carefully organized gang of blackmailers that has operated in this country in a generation is expected by Federal agents in this city, following the arrest of William Butler in Philadelphia and of Dan Collins in New York, and the accusation mude against the former by Mrs. Susan G. Winpenny. The Department of Justice detectives are now looking for women who were members of the gang, and who helped he blackmailers in some cases to pre-pare "evidence" against prominent and wealthy men. \$1500 ball for court.

wealthy men.

The Mann white slave law was used by the gang to compel victims to pay large sums or run the risk of being pub-licly suspected of having taken stris from one State to another for immoral

purposes. They posed as Government inspectors or marshals, displayed fake badges and are said to have obtained in all \$20,600 from wealthy persons in the big cities of the East and to have obtained and div-

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Swears When Fined for Swearing

Swears when Find the Swearing WiLMINGTON, Del. Jan. 24. - When Robert McCloskey. Jr., was fined 83 and costs today for using improper language, following trouble at the saltoon of his father last night, he swore at the Judge. McCloskey was ardered locked up until tomorrow morning when he will be charged with contempt of court.



was captured and held today in heavy bnit.

The negro, who said his name was The negro, who said his name was Pleasant Atkins, entered the woman's home yeaterday while she was alcep. She awoke as he was about to attack her. The man then drew a knife, which he obtained on the first floor, and warned the woman he would kill her if she made an outcry. She dodged his blows, and after a struggie, reached the lower floor and escaped to the street. Mrs. McGinley then went to a nearby store, where her son was employed, and she informed him of the attack. He notified the police of the 35th street and Lancaster avenue station.

Lancaster avenue station, Lieutenant Savage sent a squad of police to search the neighborhood. The woman gave a good description of her assailant and the police concluded that

he was Atkina. Several polizemen entered his home at 4057 Wallace street and found clothing and other articles, which, it is said, were stolen from the residence of Mrs. Mc-Ginty. Atkins had got word of their com-ing and ran from the rear of the house. He was captured after a chase of several blocks he was Atkins.

hearing before Magistrate Steven-At a identified the son the woman positively identified the negro as her assailant. He attempted a denial, but finally declared that Mrs. McGinty called him into the house to buy a rug, which she wanted to sell. Magistrate Stevenson held Atkins in

DR. CHARLES S. THOMAS DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Had Large Practice and Formerly Was Dean of Hahnemann College

Dr. Charles S. Thomas, a widely known Br. Charles S. Thomas, a widely known physician who enjoyed one of the largest practices in Philadelphia, and who was formerly dean of Hahnemann Medical College, died early today at his country residence in West Chester after a linger-ing liness of two years. He was 67 years old and, until fits retirement three years ago, maintained an office at 1823 Chestout street.

street. Dr. Thomas was an eminent authority upon surgery and ophthalmology, and a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy, and the State and County Homeopathic Societies. He was born in Watertown, N. Y., May 3, 1846, educated at the Philadelphis Central High School and Hahnemann College, followed by courses in surgery in European universi-ties. He is survived by a widow and three daughters. Arrangements for the America have not yet been made.

BANKER, COMMITS SUICIDE AT HOME

A. ASHTON WORK,

Dies in Hands of Doctor Who Was Attending Sick Daughter

ACCOUNTS IN GOOD SHAPE

A. Ashton Work, scoretary-treasurer of the Northern Trust Company, at sth and Spring Garden streets, committed sui-cide early today, according to the po-lice, at his home, 1102 Duncannon ave-

nue, by shooting himself through the heart, while his wife and physician were in a nearby room attending his sick daughter.

Worry over Ill health is said to have caused him to kill himself. His ac-counts are "scrupulously correct," it was said at the Northern Trust Company,

The shot rang out at 3:30 o'clock this morning from Mr. Work's bedroom, Down the hall, in another room, his daughter, Miss Katherine Work, who assisted in the unveiling of the Poinsett Memorial Monument October 30, last, lay iii, with Dr. George Lewis Smith, of 5538 Wayne avenue, and Mrs. . . ork at

her bedside. In a room adjoining Mr. Work's was Miss Elizabeth Riegnold, a sister of the banker's wife, asleep. The shot, coming in the dead of night.

startled the household, waking up those starting the household, waaring up those sleeping. Miss Riegnold was the first to trush into the room. She found Mr. Work sprawled on the bed. A revolver, with smoke curling from the barrel, was on the floar. Doctor Smith was the second to reach

the room. He made a hasty examination, finding a fatal wound in the bank official's left side. He attempted to re-vive Mr. Work, but death came in a few nents.

Entire confidence at to the corrections of Mr. Work's accounts was expressed by officials of the trust company. A pre-investigation by the Germanliminary investigation by the Germ town police established that worry o heart trouble caused him to end his l

W. Frederick Snyder, president of the w. Frederica Snyder, president of the company, said: "We all very greatly regret the fact of Mr. Work's suicide. It has resulted in no way from any shortage or deficiency in his accounts with the company, not one dollar of its money having been lost through or by him, his accounts being en-tirals correct.

tirely correct.

"It so happens that as late as Decem-ber, in the ordinary course of his exam-ination, the bank examiner examined the accounts and found them in all respects correct. In addition to this, we know from our own annual examination, made

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Philadelphian Is New Navy Chaplain A former Philadelphian was recently appointed to office of chaplain of the of th appointed to office of chaplain of the United States Navy. The appointment dates from December 21, but the duty to which he will be assigned has not yet been designated. The new chaplain's name is the Rev. E. A. Duff, of St. Mary's Catbolic Church, Greenville, 2. C. He is a mative of this city.

ments. These things happened: The British Embassy arranged for a conference with the State Department regarding Mexico.

out "condign punishment" to the bandits who murdered Americans in Chihuahua.

General Rodriguez, Villa's chieftain, reported executed by Carranzistas at Madera.

The President discussed the situation with Senator Stone, who later, warmly defended the Administration's course in a Senate speech.

The White House let it be known that no United States troops would be sent across the border for the present at least.

The Cabinet, in regular session, backed up the President in deferring action.

Senator Works, by resolution, proposed that Congress take the matter out of the hands of the President and intervene.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.-"For God's take, give Carranza a chance." With his voice trembling with emotion,

with his voice the sing sectures. Senitor stone, of Missouri, this afternoon thus set forth the Administration's Mexican policy amid a storm of flerce demands for immediate intervention in the Senate. The veteran Democratic leader had The veteran Democratic lender how for turned from a long conference with the President to find the Senate in a state of excitement. A resolution authorizing and directing the President to intervene in Mexico renewed the battle on the Mexi-can situation in the Senate today.

Senator Works declared he had always shared with the President that the policy of satchful waiting would win, but that now he had come to a realization that ich a hope no longer has any founda-

"The responsibility for solving the Mex ican problem is too great for the Presi-dent to hear alone," he said. "Congress alone has the power to declare war.

"Interevention means war, but Con-gress must assume its responsibility courageously and without delay," he added

Senator Works opposed appealing to the Pan-American countries for co-opera-tion because the responsibility was en-

tirely our own. The resolution beside desiring intervention asks the President to make use of the land and naval forces of the United States and to maintain them in Mexico until a stable and efficient Government is established.

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, in asking his resolution of April 21, 1914 directing intervention, he reprinted in the ard, made a sarcastic attack upon the ministration.

Our war with Mexico has been brought to a successful conclusion because our enemy, General Huerta, has died in jail," he said.

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U. S. SOLDIER DETAINED BY BRITISH AT KINGSTON NEW YORK, Jan. 14 .- An American soldier in uniform was removed from the United States steamship Santa Marta at Kingston, Jamaica, despite the

President Carranza of Mexico wired fact that the United States flag was flying over the ship at the time, accorda message telling his purpose to mete ing to information brought to port today by the Santa Marta. The American soldier was Albert Clark, of the 5th United States Infantry, who was returning to the United States to report to the Adjutant General in Washington. Clark had completed 19 months' active service in the Canal Zone,

When the Santa Marta reached Kingston a British officer went on board and began questioning the passengers. Clark said he was born in Vienna, but had taken out naturalization papers. He was taken ashore and held for some time. Later he was returned to the ship, but no apology was made.

TURKS ENTER PERSIAN CITY OF KERMANSHAH

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 14 .- Turkish troops have entered the important city of Kermanshah, according to unofficial reports received here today,

Kermanshah, noted for its rugs, is a Persian trading centre of about 20.000. situated 70 miles west of Hamadan, where a Russian force is operating.

BRITISH SHIP ASHORE AT CAPE HENRY

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 14 .- The British steamship Priestfield went ashore early today near the Cape Henry Life Saving Station. On account of the high seas running, the life-savers have been unable to reach the vessel, but she is in no danger. Three tugs today endeavored to pull the British steamship Oilfield off a bar in Hampton Roads, where she ran aground.

GERMAN DASH ON SUEZ ONLY DELAYED

ROME, Jan. 14 .- The Turco-German expedition against Egypt has been delayed, but has not been abandoned. Authoritative reports received here are to the effect that the railroad from Jerusalem has been carried across the Sinal desert to a point only 50 miles from the Suez Canal. Supplies of water and provisions have been accumulated along the route the expedition is to follow, The delay in the attack on the canal is probably due to the fact that the railroad is not yet completed, since the Germans are convinced that military operations in the desert are impossible unless the railroad extends as far as the neighborhood of Ismailiyeh (on the canal, 48 miles from Port Said).

SEIZED MAIL REVEALS SPY PLOT, SAY BRITISH

LONDON, Jan. 14.-The discovery of an organization of spies in Great Britain operating with a branch in America has been made by censoring American mail. The British officials state that the local German spy organization has been using American mails to transmit information to its branch in the United States, which forwards it to Germany by devious routes, of which one of the principal leads through Holland. The plot is said to be widespread.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO AID SHIPOWNERS

PARIS, Jan. 14 .- The French Government, because of the shortage of maritime shipping facilities, has decided to ask the Chamber of Deputies to authorize the advance of 106,006,000 frances (\$20,000,000) to shipewners for the increase of their fleets by the purchase of allied or neutral vessels. The bill empowers the Treasury to make adjunces up to the sum mentioned for the acquisition of ships. The funds will be lent at the interest rate prevailing in the Bank of France for advances on securities,

U.S. MAIL TO SWEDEN CUT OFF 11 DAYS

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 14 .-- No American mail has been received here since January 3. This fact has caused speculation on the part of the newspapers whether the nonreceipt of mail is due to its scinure by Great Britain or to a new American arrangement to send letter post only by Scandinavian steamships.

Great Britaln's note regarding the stopping in transit by the Swedish Guyment of parcel post for England and Russia has been received, but will not be published.

Senator Stone, Administration leader.