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Sir Cecil Spring Rice Enquires as to America's Attitude in Regard to Those Who Desire to Enlist

Washington, July 10.-Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, formally applied to the state department today for a definition of the Amercian government's view as to whether British patriotic societies or other unofficial agencies violate neutrality laws in sending subjects of Great Britain from the United States to vol unteer in the British army.

Conferences between the depart nents of state and fustice will question, from which a serious diplonatic controversy may develop. The practice of returning volunteers Britain has prevailed since the be ginning of the European war and it said the British government is prepared to register an emphatic protest i the United States takes the position that it is illegal. The return of ndictments at San Francisco against five persons charged with enlisting recruits for the British army is un-

A Discrimination.

According to the British contention it is unjustly discriminatory to interfere with the transportation of volunteers who are not actually enlisted on American soil when no objection has been made to notifications by consuls to reservists of other countries in the United States. In his connection emphasis is laid upon the fact that Great Britain has no reservists in the same sense as Germany, France, Italy, and other continental powers.

Officials of the department o ustice explained today that they have had no understanding with the state department in regard to reruiting. They pointed out, however. that the criminal code plainly pro hibits the enlistment of "any person" in the United States to fight against the people of a friendly nation. The efforts of the department, it was declared, have not in any instance been directed against volunteers returning to their own country to fight. but against organized efforts to in-

U.S. Neutrality Campaign.

A lull in the neutrality campaign of the department of justice is expected to follow today's developments—the return of indictments in San Francisco in connection with enlistments for the British army and the delivering of supplies to German warships, and the indictments in Chicago against the Monenegrin officials.

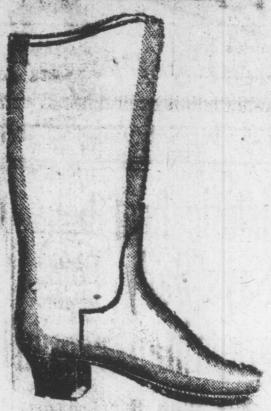
Although little information conerning the San Francisco prosecutions had reached Washington tonight, it was said that the case the men accused of supplying the German ships is one of the most interesting that has been developed months. The indictments were asked because of alleged violation the neutrality laws by the steamship Sacramento, formerly of Hamburg-American Line. Late last the Sacramento cleared from San Francisco for Valparaiso, and according to the department's evidence, while at sea turned over most of her cargo of supplies to the German squadron of warships which subsequently was destroyed off the

Reports to Washington say that when the Sacramento sailed from San Francisco she had aboard as stowaway" an officer of the Gerwhen she had steamed a few miles outside the Golden Gate this man appeared on deck, virtually took charge of the vessel and through the wireless aboard got into communication with the German fleet Upon arrival at Valparaise the Sacramento laid up for the war.

INDICTMENTS AT TRISCO.

San Francisco, Calif., Julyy .- Indictments charging sixteen individuals and four corporations with alleged violation of United States neutrality were returned today by the

Federal Grand Jury. John W. Preston, United States district attorney, said tonight the investigation into recruiting had not been completed and probably will be resumed July 20 when the Federal grand jury reconvened. He said evidence had been secured showing that



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Two indictments were returned against Ralph K. Blair, alleged British recruiting agent. One of them charged him with hiring recruits for foreign military service and the other charged conspiracy to do so. Names of four men besides Blair and one corporation were withheld pending their arrest on charges of alleged recruiting of men for the

British army. Three corporation and eleven dividuals were named in indictments returned in connection with the alleged delivery of supplies to German warships by the steamer Sacramento wlent manifest.

THE BATTLE OF GULLY RAVINE IN GALLIPOLI

Allied Troops in Dardanelles Straighten Out Left Of Line-Moral Effect of Action felt in Spirit of Forces

London, July 9.—The British press representative in a graphic description of the battle of Gully Ravine on June 28, which placed the allied line diagonally across the instep of the boot of Gallipoli by pushing forward a mile on the allies' left wing, emphasizes above all the great moral effect on the British forces, who, he says, "now feel that they at length have got the whip hand of the Turks." They repeatedly failed previously in attacks on the positions now won and their present success is mainly due to a change of tactics and improvement in support afforded by he artillery and to the splendid cooperation between the military and naval forces.

French Straighten Line

"Our left wing has been constantly held up by the strength of the Turkish positions," the account says, but on June 24 the French by a gallant and successful advance straightened out the line on the right and now our left wing has followed, opening up the brightest prospects for the future if only our gunners are kept supplied with rounds of ammunitions.

As an illustration of the exhaust ve nature of the previous the correspondent says that on June 29 the division upon whom the brunt talions without a single officer who originally landed in the Dardanelles.

Borrow French Guns.

On the 25th the British infantry forces were greatly assisted by the loan of some French trench mortars, which, dropping bombs of melinite vertically into the enemy's trenches, were used with deadly effect. "The great difficulty out here has

been to hold captured positions against fierce counter attacks during the night," the correspondent declares. "The ground is so broken and provides so much natural cover that the enemy, having advantage of minute knowledge of its configuration, is able to creep up under cover and retake portions of trenches with the aid of hand grenades. On the night of the 28th these tactics were attempted, but failed, and the enemy who seemed exhausted engaged in no fighting on the 29th. Thus our men were able to consolidate their positions and the enemy's attempts on the 30th to recapture these positions were fruitless and since then they have shown no disposition to

THE MORALE OF RUSSIANS

Remarkable Retreat in Which Grand Duke's Troops Took 53,000 Prison

London, July 13 .- The Times correspondent with the Russian forces on the Zlota Lipa river, Galicia, says he learns that the Russian flanking armies are not retreating through local necessities but owing to the situation in the centre where concentrations of the Germans continue to be directed.

"From information gleaned from high sources," says the correspondent, "I believe that the extreme left of this army would not have been obliged to retire had it been acting independently. The retreat of this army was one of the most remarkable rearguard actions recorded in military history, for, although faced by overwhelming forces of the en emy, it retired with no loss of morale and in six weeks has withdrawn from gun and a plentiful stock of ammuni- has taken 53,000 prisoners, besides inflicting a loss on the enemy probably greater in casualties.

Costly for Austrians.

"All the officers here agree that the Zlota Lipa river is such a strong natural barrier that it could have been held indefinitely if this army's movement were independent. It is futile to speculate how much farther the army will retire, but before Tarnopol is reached there are at least two natural positions and it will cost the Austrians three to four fold our loss in carrying each

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