

TO INVADE CANADA VIA MAINE WOODS

Bryan Orders State Governor to Investigate Rumors of German Plan

Quebec, August 14.—A despatch received here tonight from Maine says that Governor Haines of that State today received the following wire from Secretary Bryan:

“Washington, D.C., Aug. 14.
“Hon. William T. Haines, Governor of
Maine.

“The British embassy advises this department of rumors that a man named Seligman is instigating certain German subjects to join in raids through the Maine and Vermont roads upon the Dominion of Canada. The Department would be glad if you would make enquiries as to the truth of these rumors, in order that proper steps may be taken to prevent the use of United States territory for these purposes.

“(Signed) WILLIAM J. BRYAN,
“Secretary of State.”

THINKS RUMOR ABSURD.

Bangor, Maine, August 14.—Secretary Bryan's request that investigation be made of rumors that raids upon Canada through Maine and Vermont are being planned by German subjects was received by Governor Haines while he was visiting near here today. Governor Haines replied that the rumors “seems absurd,” but promised to make enquiries.