

American Continent is Safe From German Aggression Says Foreign Minister Von Jagow

Declares Rumors Emanating From Canada Absolutely Untrue

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BERLIN, via London, April 8.—Recent dispatches have brought word of statements from the Canadian parliament and Canadian newspapers that Germany was planning after this war to plunge on the American continent and particularly to demand cession to Germany of the Dominion of Canada. In a conversation with Herr von Jagow, minister of foreign affairs, the Associated Press correspondent referred to these rumors. The foreign minister's first reply was an outburst of laughter.

"How can people invent or believe such stories," he asked. "To anyone not entirely blinded by passion it is evident beyond a doubt that Germany never pursued such senseless aims and never contemplated doing so.

"Can one imagine a state of affairs in Europe after the war such that we

should have the leisure or be free handed enough to divert our strength and efforts to a task on the American continent?

"Equally ridiculous, though unfortunately this phase has a serious side, are rumors which I understood are current here and there in the United States that Germany after the war will take revenge on the United States by pursuing an anti-American policy. It is even reported to me that some apprehensive souls in America foresee from victorious Germany an attempt to break down the Monroe doctrine, plant its flag in South or Central America, or even a design to leap on the United States and crush them in order to attain mastery of both continents.

"I need hardly assure you such reports which from time to time have been set afloat by enemies of Germany with the evident intention of stirring feeling against it, are too absurd for denial. I need only recall that Germany has never placed herself in opposition to the American principle of the Munroe doctrine.