

THE EDITOR OF GERMAN POST

States His Position in a Letter to the
Standard

A representative of The Standard visited the editor of the German Post regarding his recent interview with a reporter of The Ottawa Journal in which Mr. Christiansen's alleged views were reported.

Interviews are at a discount with him just at present, and he intimated that while he had no objection to stating his opinions to The Standard, with reference to the chief points touched upon, he preferred to do so over his signature.

The following letter, therefore, is from his own hand and may be taken as setting forth his personal attitude with regard to the points at issue.

To the Editor of The Standard:

Dear Sir,—To allay all rumors and reports regarding certain statements I have made in reference to the sinking of the Lusitania and the execution of Miss Edith Cavell, I make this declaration of my true and uninfluenced opinion.

I was horrified and dumbfounded upon reading of the sinking of the Lusitania, to think that Germany, through her military element, had commenced a mode of warfare that must naturally be branded as a crime against humanity. I have never at any time tried to justify or condone this act. The rumor that I had done so probably originated with some ladies who overheard a conversation in which for the mere sake of friendly argument I made statements, upholding Germany's action, that these were so wild and unfounded, that I can hardly believe that they were taken as my true sentiments.

Equally unfounded are the rumors and reports of my statements regarding Miss Cavell's execution. I have indiscreetly remarked upon certain legal aspects of the case. But I realize with every Britisher the horror of the deed and denounce the harshness of German military rule that would put to death a woman that had nursed German and British wounded alike, even though she were guilty of a deed the indiscretion of which she may not have realized at the time of doing it. Quotations of my remarks to reporters are all misrepresented and largely drawn from my evasive answers to their questionings.

Trusting that this explanation is sufficiently explicit to dispell all rumor regarding my incorrect attitude to these cases.

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