

WAS NOT A PERSONAL GIFT FROM WILLIAM J. BRYAN

Germany Sent Five Hundred Dollars to Welland

The Welland Telegraph on June 14 contained an article setting forth that former secretary of state W. J. Bryan had forwarded a cheque for \$500 "for the alleviation of distress among interned Germans in Welland county," but as there was not a solitary German interned in the county the money was refunded to Mr. Bryan.

In a despatch from the Department of State at Washington it is shown that Mr. Bryan did not make a personal gift.

Upon request of the imperial German government and with the consent of the British government the American consular officers in Canada were instructed to exercise their good offices in behalf of German subjects and interests in that country in the same manner that American consular officers in German and Austro-Hungarian territory were instructed to exercise good offices in behalf of British subjects and interests in those countries for the period in which diplomatic relations between the two governments was suspended. American consuls in Canada having been instructed to make reports on the number, condition and urgent needs of German and Austro-Hungarian subjects in their respective districts, the consul at Ni-

agara Falls, Ont., reporter on March 16, that the sum of \$500 was required for the maintenance of needy German subjects in his district. This report was transmitted in the usual manner by the Department of State to the imperial German ambassador in Washington, who deposited with the department a cheque for \$500, with the request that it be forwarded to the consul. Upon the receipt of the money the consul consulted the local military authorities in Niagara Falls district, and learned that because of the increased opportunities for obtaining employment between the date of his first report and the receipt of the money, there were no German subjects at the time requiring charitable assistance. The money was there upon returned to the department and by it repaid to the imperial German ambassador on May 8, 1915.

The money remitted to the consul at Niagara Falls was a contribution of the imperial German ambassador and not a personal contribution of the secretary of state.

At the Macdonald Institute at Guelph the attendance continues to be limited by the accommodation. The attendance last year totalled 741.