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Berlin (via wireless to Sayville, L. I., March 13).—The admiralty tonight affirmed the report that a German submarine sank the British auxiliary cruiser Bayano off the coast of Scotland Thursday morning.

London, March 13.—Nine vessels, eight of them British, have been torpedoed in British waters by German submarines in the last 72 hours.

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Of the five other vessels officially reported to have been torpedoed, the admiralty said that possibly two were victims of mines.

The steamer Florizan, 453 tons, of Liverpool, torpedoed off the mouth of Bristol Channel. Crew safe.

The steamer Headlands, 2388 tons, of Liverpool, torpedoed Friday off the Scilly Islands.

The steamer Albusin, not listed in Lloyd's registry, torpedoed or mined off Stilly Islands on Friday.

The steamer Inverlyle, 1794 tons, of Liverpool, torpedoed on Saturday.

Japanese Troops on the Way to China Causing Excitement Report That Tokio Has Forwarded Ultimatum to Peking Denied by Officials.

Tokyo, March 13.—It is officially admitted that Japan is dispatching troops to China. Mixed divisions are being sent to Tientsin, two regiments are going to Tien Tsin and other units are sailing for Korea.

The foreign office denies the reports emanating from the Japanese that they have sent an ultimatum to the Chinese government.

Peking Officially Notified. Peking, March 13.—The Chinese government has received official information that the second Japanese squadron conveying two army divisions of approximately 20,000 men has departed for China.

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Secretary of State Bryan today sent a telegram to Spanish government officials, who with Villa, repeating his demands that the murderers of McManus be punished. Villa and Zapata, who is at present in control of the capital, are in alliance.

No word has been received at the state department informing it that its demands for the punishment of the murderers have been complied with. It was learned today that the latest note to General Carranza was an acknowledgment of his communication to President Wilson and reiterated the demand of this government that protection be given to Americans and other foreigners.

Further it developed today that the suspicion that there has existed among the various factions of Mexico since the outbreak of the revolution, could avoid as long as possible responsibility for outrages against Americans and other foreigners in Mexico City has been stepped to prevent it being operated any longer.

The demands have been so worded under his control. In this way a case may be made concerning the situation in Mexico City, which could be disposed of by either simply abandoning the city temporarily so that new representations would have to be made to the Spanish ambassador called at the state department today to discuss the present state of affairs.

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THOUSANDS SIGN NAMES

Left to right—Miss Ada M. Rice, 300 Jefferson street, and John McK., University Park, father-in-law of Roadmaster J. B. Yeon, signing good roads petition. In center of background is Amos S. Benson, member of good roads committee and ardent worker for better highways.



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