

*March 9, 1917.*—Gregory here to see me this morning. The frontier closed again, but they sent an officer to let Kellogg out; he left last night. The Germans again promise the assurances, say even that the letter is written, awaiting von Bissing's signature. Meanwhile, Gregory is wisely going ahead in the way I wished him to do nearly a month ago—and he would have done so had it not been for the conflicting instructions from Washington and Hoover—and is sending out, or applying for power to send out only, the six men in the North of France, and six or seven more. Villalobar and Van Vollenhoven, after a row, have agreed that in the North of France there shall be four Spaniards and two Hollanders, and that in Belgium the Hollanders shall be in the majority. A dozen Hollanders are coming in at once.