

UNITED STATES VOICES STRONG PROTEST AGAINST BRITISH BLOCKADE ORDER AGAINST GERMANY

SERIOUS BLOW TO SHIPPING OF NEUTRAL LANDS

President States British Embargo on Commerce Is Highly Displeasing to United States Government—Cabinet Meeting Called to Frame Vigorous Protest.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—President Wilson indicated today that the unofficial outline of the British order in council shutting off trading with Germany was very displeasing to the United States government.

In some official quarters it was thought this protest might take the form of firm insistence on a compliance with international law.

Interference with trade between this country and neutrals, suggested in the order, is giving officials here most concern, for as they read the British order commerce to those countries, which have not placed export embargoes on contraband articles practically will be held up.

Cotton shipments would suffer particularly under the order, and cotton growers are preparing through their representatives here to insist upon a strong declaration from the government on the subject.

With reference to the holding of neutral commerce, the burden of proof, the United States contends, should be on the belligerent, whereas Great Britain has transferred it to the neutral shipper.

Officials were much interested to know whether the terms of the British order would be enforced against Austria and Turkey, because Germany's allies were not mentioned in it.

The British order was taken up at length at the cabinet meeting.

The British note in explanation of the notes proposed by the allies, describes their program as a blockade.

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SNIPERS FIRE AT WARSHIP DELAWARE

GALVESTON, Texas, March 16.—The tender of the United States battleship Delaware was fired on by snipers March 10 at Vera Cruz, according to reports brought here today by passengers on the Norwegian steamship City of Tampa.

MORGAN'S DAUGHTER GIVES ADVICE TO AMERICAN GIRL



Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of the late Pierpont Morgan, who gives more time to social service than to serving society, has extended her work into the literary field and she has just published a book, "The American Girl," in which she offers helpful suggestions to those American girls who earn their living.

FOREIGN NATIONS SEE POLICY CHANGE IN MEXICAN CRISIS

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Foreign government representatives in Washington who have looked to the United States for the safety of their countrymen in Mexico, were keenly interested today in the outcome of steps taken by the American government looking to the protection of foreign interests in the southern republic.

Although conditions in east coast territory controlled by Carranza were considered improved as a result of representations to him, affairs in the west coast port of Manzanillo still caused some concern.

NORTH DAKOTA DAY AT SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—North Dakota's building at the Panama Pacific exposition was dedicated today with ceremonies that included addresses by Will E. Holbeln, secretary of the North Dakota commission to the exposition, and representatives of the nation, state, city and exposition.

RUSSIANS AGAIN START ADVANCE INTO BUKOWINA

Germans Resume Bombardment of Ossowitz—Violent Artillery Duels Along Polish Front—Attacks and Counter Attacks in Carpathians and Along Western Front.

LONDON, March 16.—The Russians again are advancing in north-western Bukowina, according to a dispatch received here by the Exchange Telegraph company from Bucharest from Rumania.

The only military activity along the East Prussian front appears to be the resumption of the German bombardment of Ossowitz. At this point the attacking batteries have been brought closer to the forts the reason being, according to official reports from Petrograd, the ineffectiveness of shell fire at a longer range.

Petrograd claims that the Russians are holding their antagonists on almost the entire Przasnysz front, here the Germans are keeping a violent artillery fire.

In the Carpathians and in Galicia it is the usual story of attack and counter attack with Vienna claiming a slow advance after sanguinary assaults on mountain tops held by the Russians, while the Russians on the other maintain that they are more than holding their own in these regions.

On the western front the German attack at St. Eloi evidently was made to counteract the effect of the British success a Neuve Chapelle. Berlin contents itself with claiming that progress has been made in this region, while Paris contends that the British have re-won most of their lost trenches there.

With the exception of a few newspapers which are inclined to the belief that a formal blockade would be a better method of accomplishing the desired result, virtually the whole British press commends the order in council setting forth the British retaliation measures against the submarine blockade of Germany.

CONDITION OF CLERGY, MEXICO, DEPLORABLE

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Conditions among catholic priests and nuns in Mexico were described as deplorable by Bishop Currier of Matanzas, Cuba, who talked today with Secretary Bryan. He recently traveled from Havana to New York with several Spanish and Italian priests expelled by General Obregon.

MEXICAN CRISIS QUIETING DOWN AS PORTS OPEN

Situation Better for Foreigners—Railroad to Be Kept Open to American Line—McManus a Naturalized American—Swedish Residents Are Robbed.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Official assurances that General Carranza has abandoned his blockade of Progreso were received today from two sources.

American Consul Silliman at Vera Cruz reported that Carranza, "at the request of President Wilson, has recalled his order closing the port of Progreso."

Carranza's minister of foreign affairs telegraphed the Carranza agency here:

"I beg to advise you that from March 14 the port of Progreso will be open."

The conditions in Mexico generally are regarded by President Wilson as much less in a ferment than they were a few days ago. He told callers today that the American representations and notes had been effective.

Keeping open the railroad between Mexico City and Vera Cruz, the president regards as an awkward task, because the Carranza forces hold the Vera Cruz end, while their enemies are in possession at Mexico City.

The president said he had no doubt that those guilty of killing John R. McManus, an American, recently, would be punished. With punishment of the offenders and payment of indemnity to the family, the incident probably will be closed.

Secretary Bryan today instructed the American consul at Manzanillo, Mex., to confer with Commander Williams of the cruiser Cleveland in regard to the protection of foreigners and to make representations to the local authorities.

Some Americans and other foreigners, the number of whom was not given, have expressed their desire, through the Brazilian minister, to leave Mexico City, and Secretary Bryan late today sent a communication to Carranza, through Consul Silliman, asking that transportation be arranged.

Plundering of two houses belonging to Swedish citizens and the robbing of a Swedish subject in the streets of Mexico City was reported by the Swedish charge d'affaires there, who described conditions under the Zapata occupation as "deplorable" in a message to the legation of Sweden here today.

General Mateo Almanza, a Carranza commander, and his entire staff have been court-martialed for treason and executed at Torreon by

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BRITISH CRUISER HEAVILY DAMAGED

BERLIN, March 16.—The Overseas News agency today gave out what they describe as a report from Athens to the effect that the British cruiser Amethyst sustained heavy damages and had twenty-eight officers and men killed and an equal number wounded during an attack on the inner forts of the Dardanelles, in which five British warships took part.

BOY LOCHINVAR DEFIES "DAD," RUNS OFF WITH SWEETHEART



"Just 16" is the age of Philip (Lone) LeRoy Jones, who, with the boldness of a Lochinvar, and the full purse of a young prince, ran off from New York City the other day with his schoolmate, Margaret Andrews, aged 17.

ACCUSED WOMAN RELATES STORY OF BALLOU'S DEATH

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 16.—Mrs. Helen M. Angle, accused of having caused the death of Waldo R. Ballou in Stamford, June 23 last, told a jury today her story of Ballou's visit to her apartments on the night he met his death.

She described how she had heard a noise in the hall some time after Ballou had left; how on investigation she all but stumbled over him, lying at the foot of the stairs; of her efforts to revive him and of taking him downstairs and out at the street entrance. The man she loved was dead, she added in a broken voice.

"At the foot of the stairs I came upon Mr. Ballou," she said. "I did the first thing that occurred to me," she continued, describing how she had taken him out to the sidewalk.

FOURTH VICTIM OF FLAT IRON SUCCUMBS

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 16.—Victims of the murderous attack upon the family of William C. Balding Sunday night were increased to four, with the death today of Walter, Balding's one year old son. The two children, Thomas and Celeste, were found dead in bed Monday.

Mrs. Balding and three other children were found wounded. Mrs. Balding died last night. Clifford, 12 years old and Irene, 3, were still unconscious this afternoon. The police are holding one man whom they suspect of having committed the crime.

AMERICAN NAVY MOST EFFICIENT SAYS DANIELS

Never Before Has the Navy Been So Powerful, So Ready, So Efficient as Now—Training and More Training Is Order of the Day—Most Speedy Submarines.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 16.—Secretary Daniels, answering critics of the unpreparedness of the navy, in an address here today declared that never before in its history was the navy in better shape to fight. He spoke at a luncheon given in his honor after the launching of the new superdreadnaught Pennsylvania.

"There never was a time," said Secretary Daniels, "when the navy was so powerful, so ready, so efficient as now. Nor has there been a year when the fleet has given so much time to target practice, maneuvers, war games and practices as the present year. Skill, modern adaptation, new tactics, are being carried out day and night. The motto of the navy of today is 'training, training and more training; practice and more practice, nothing else keeps ships and men fit. Today they are fit and ready.'"

Secretary Daniels reviewed the progress of building battleships and said the launching of the Pennsylvania was one of many concrete proofs of the strength, effectiveness and steady development of the navy of 1915.

He praised congress for providing recently for an increase in the value of submarines when it authorized a big increase in the craft. "No nation," he said, "had placed such substantial faith in the deadly power of this undersea craft. Within a comparatively short time when our mighty fleet lies in Hampton Roads ready to traverse the ocean, it will be accompanied by submarines which can make twenty knots and send hurtling through the water torpedoes capable of sinking the leviathan ships any nation can construct. The sixty-third congress has the wisdom to see that the backbone of any naval fighting machine is the great ship able to keep the ocean when it is storm-tossed."

Secretary Daniels said that he had been directed by President Wilson to say for the president that he was proud of the new Pennsylvania and hoped it never would be called upon in war to demonstrate its prowess.

The hope was expressed by the secretary that as the Pennsylvania goes forth as the symbol of American justice and power that her mission would be to help forward a lasting peace of the world, "for," he added, "she is the embodiment in effectiveness of this powerful nation which believes in Bizebol, but also believes with Hosea Bigelow:

"If you want peace, the thing you've got to do, is jes' to show you're up to fightin', too."

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DAVIES ELECTED TRADE CHAIRMAN

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Without formalities, the five members of the federal trade commission took up their offices today. The rooms of the bureau of corporations in the commerce department, which now become the offices of the trade commission, were crowded with government officials when Chief Justice Cuyler of the District of Columbia supreme court administered the oaths.

Commissioner Davies was elected chairman and Commissioner Hurley was elected vice chairman. Other officers will be chosen later.

IOWA HOUSE POSTPONES WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE BILL

DES MOINES, Ia., March 16.—The Iowa house postponed today action on the bill to submit woman suffrage at the next primary election to March 22.