

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 poofficial outline of the British order in council shutting off trading with Germany was very displeasing to the United States government. He declined, however, to enter into a discussion of the order with callers because he had no opportunity to go through the official text. Discussion among the other officials was taken. to admit that the government would give Great Britain and her allies a protest more vigorous than any of the notes hitherto sent.

In some official quarters it was thought this protest might take the form of firm insistance on a compliance with international law. Officials at the state department who have studied the British order say it raises new and embarrassing complications for neutral commerce to which it never has been subjected in maritime war. Diplomatists declared that the next from the United States would require some positive terms.

Concern Over Neutrals

Interference with trade between this country and neutrals, suggested in the order, is giving officials here in the order, is giving they read the most concern, for as they read the British order commerce to those Girl," in which she offers helpful sug-is the usual story of attack and countport embargoes on contraband arearn their living. ticles practically will be held up. They contend there is no warrant for exists at the time of the detention, who work, proving beyond doubt that the goods

are destined to belligerents.



Along Polish Front-Attacks and Counter Attacks in Carpathians and Along Western Front.

LONDON, March 16 .- The Russians again are advancing in northwestern Bukowina, according to a change Telegraph company from

Rucharest from Rumania. The oper-Novo Sulitza the Russians carried Austrian trenches at the point of the with heavy losses."

Bombarding Ossowetz

the East Prussian front appears to open." be the resumption of the German bomhardment of Ossowetz. 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, The Russian reports maintain that the attacks on the forts have been countered.

Petrograd claims that the Russians Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of the are holding their antagonists on allate Pierpont Morgan, who gives more most the entire Przasnysz front, here time to social service than to serving the Germans are keeping a violent arsociety, has extended her work into tillery fire.

gestions to those American girls who er attack with Vienna claiming a slow advance after sanguinary assaults on Miss Morgan is the leading spirit mountain tops held by the Russians, They contend there is no warrant for such interraction unless legal proof in many organizations which have for while the Russians on the other main-their purpose the betterment of girls tain that they are more than holding their own in these regions. Weath-

er conditions in the Carpathians where the snow is deep, makes the that those suilty of killing John I

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 Prodispatch received here by the Ex- greso were received today from two sources.

American Consul Silliman at Vera ations are going forward slowly be- Cruz reported that Carranza, "at the cause of the bad weather. Near request of President Wilson, has recalled his order closing the port of Progreso,"

Carranza's minister of foreign afbayonet, the Austrians retreating fairs telegraphed the Carranza agency here:

"I beg to advise you that from The only military activity along March 14 the port of Progreso will be

Situation Quieting Down

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 effec-

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

a military question now. and the president indicated that if the rail-road north from Mexico City to the American border were kept open as president indicated that if the rail-American border were kept open as an avenue for egress for foreigners,

To Protect Foreigners The president said he had no doubt



BOY LOCHINVAR DEFIES "DAD," RUNS OFF WITH SWEETHEART

"Just 16" is the age of Philip the good ship matrimony. The law Hone Leftoy Jones, who, with the was against them, too, but Philip today is "training, training and more boldness of a Lochinvar, and the full heard about Tennessee, where marripurse of a young prince, ran off from age laws are lax in regard to age. So nothing else keeps ships and men fit. New York City the other day with with a bank roll of \$700 they cloped Today they are fit and ready." his schoolmate, Margaret Andrews, to Bristol, Tenn. They were honey-

aged 17. mooning in Chicago when their par-The two had been planning to gettents heard where the "children" married ever since their mud pie were. Maybe all will be forgivenmaking days, but "papa" Jones and anyway, the boy Lochinvar has his "papa" Andrews insisted that both be bride, his bank roll and a legal mar-Vera Crnz line is considered more of of legal age before setting sail on riage certificate.



AMERICAN NAVY MOST EFFICIENT

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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 adaption, new tactics, are being carried out day and night. The motto of the navy of training; practice and more practice,

Navy Most Effective

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 navy, saying it showed its wisdom of 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. With-BALLOU'S DEATH TO NEW HAMPSHIRE in 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 levia-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."

Cotton shipments would suffer particularly under the order, and cottor 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 helligerent, whereas Great Britain has transferred it to the neutral shipper.

Austria and Turkey

Officials were much interested to know whether the terms of the British order would be enforced against United States for the safety of their Austria and Turkey, because Germany's allies were not mentioned in interested today in the outcome of it. The Austro-Hungarian embassy steps taken by the American govern- paptrs which are inclined to the behere has repeatedly notified the deturn notified shippers, that eargoes of cotton could be shipped without ican move a change in the adminisof communication is open for noncontraband their shipment by rail through Austria for Germany, would, terests by the Mexican factions, in the view of officials, alleviate the situation considerably.

The official text order arrived during the day and state department officials began a study of its terms.

Calls It Blockade

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

The British note in explanation of the notes proposed by the allies, describes their program as a blockade. British consul at Manzanillo had ap-All policies issued by the government pealed to the British embassy here for a British man of war, but with

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was not believed the dispatch of Brit-SNIPERS FIRE AT ish ships would be necessary. WARSHIP DELAWARE NORTH DAKOTA DAY

GALVESTON, Texas, March 16 .-The tender of the United States battleship Delaware was fired on by snipers March 10 at Vera Cruz, ac-

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16 .cording to reports brought here to- North Dakota's building at the Pana- ico it was almost impossible for cathsteamship City of Tampico. The ten- today with ceremonies that included der went into the harbor for Captain addresses by Will E. Holbein, secre- dras Negras yesterday and went to cers and men killed and an equal died last night. Clifford, 12 years

upon while inbound and again while sion to the exposition, and represen- at Allende, according to a state dewas wounded. exposition.



Anne Morgan

WASHINGTON, March 16 .- For- lin contents itself with claiming that local authorities, eign government representatives in progress has been made in this reg-Washington who have locked to the ion, while Paris contends that the instructed to urge General Carranza British have re-won most of their lost trenches there. countrymen in Mexico, were keenly

Press Commends Blockade With the exception of a few news-

ment looking to the protection of for. Hef that a formal blockade would be given, have expressed their desire, partment of commerce, which has in eign interests in the southern repub- a better method of accomplishing the through the Brazilian minister, to lie. Some saw in the intest Amer- desired result, virtually the whole British press commends the order in Bryan late today sent a communicadifficulty to Trieste. If that avenue tration's Mexican policy and believed council setting forth the British re- tion to Carranza, through Consul Silthe United States would insist on taliation measures against the sub- liman, asking that transportation be marine blockade of Germany. Many arranged. greater consideration of foreign in-

editorial writers express uneasiness as to the effect this order will have Although conditions in east coast territory controlled by Carranza were on neutrals and they advance a plea representations to him, affairs in traordinary conditions which caused the west coast port of Manzanillo the promulgation of this retallatory by the Swedish charge d'affaires vestigate. still caused some concern. An Amerannouncement.

lean warship however, has arrived there ready to give aid to foreigners

in case they are threatened. Before CONDITION OF CLERGY, the arrival of the American ship the MEXICO, DEPLORABLE

the arrival of the American ship it WASHINGTON, March 16 .- Con

ditions 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 trav-AT SAN FRANCISCO eled from Havana to New York with several Spanish and tlalian priests expelled by General Obregon. The

priests were in rags and told him that under present conditions in Mex-

General Hernandez evacuated Pie-Pass, Texas.

movement of troops difficult, men on McManus, an American, recently, skils being the only forces able to would be punished. With punishment operate freely. The Russians are of the offenders and payment of incombarding Przemysl with heavy bat. demnity to the family, the incident eries while the Austrians are still probably will be closed.

Secretary Bryan today instructed hammering away in their efforts to the American consul at Manzanillo, On the western front the German Mex., to confer with Commander Wilattack at St. Eloi evidently was made liams of the cruiser Cleveland in reto counteract the effect of the Brit- gard to the protection of foreigners ish success a Neuve Chapelle. Ber- and to make representations to the

> Consul Silliman at Vera Cruz was to take steps immediately to insure protection to foreigners and their interests at Manzanillo.

Some Americans and other foreigners, the number of whom was not and called up Ballou on the evening of June 23. leave Mexico City, and Secretary

Swedish Citizens Robbed

Plundering of two houses belong- one for himself. Soon afterwards Tombs prevented this. mg to Swedish citizens and the rob- Ballon departed, the witness said. considered improved as a result of for forbearance on account of the ex- bing of a Swedish subject in the She was preparing to go to bed when had heard whiperings of a plot to streets of Mexico City was reported she heard a noise. She decided to in- abduct Thaw during the brief interthere, who described conditions under

the Zapata occupation as "deplorupon Mr. Ballou," she said. able" in a message to the legation of "I did the first thing that occurred

he met his death.

Sweden here today. General Mateo Almanza, a Car- she had taken him out to the sideranza commander, and his entire walk.



HEAVILY DAMAGED TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 16. upon thes family of William C, Bald- frown. ing Sunday night were increased to

seas News agency today gave out Balding's one year old son. The two what they describe as a report from children, Thomas and Celeste, were

Athens to the effect that the British found dead in bed Monday. Mrs. IOWA HOUSE POSTPONES day by passengers on the Norwegian ma Pacific exposition was dedicated olic priests and nuns to stay there. cruiser Amethyst sustained heavy Balding and three other children damages and had twenty-eight offi- were found wounded. Mrs. Balding

Rogers of the Delaware and was fired tary of the North Dakota commis- the assistance of the Villa garrison number wounded during an attack on old and Irene, 3, were still uncon- The Iowa house postponed today acthe inner forts of the Dardanelles, in scious this afternoon. The police tion on the bill to submit woman sufreturning to the warship. No one tatives of the nation, state, city and partment report today from Eagle which five British warships took are holding one man whom they sus- frage at the next primary election to part.

pect of having committed the crime. March 22.

NEW YORK, March 16 .- Harry K. BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 16 .--Mrs. Helen M. Angle, accused of Thaw will not be sent back to New having caused the death of Waldo R. Hampshire by the state of New York than ships any nation can construct. Ballon in Stamford, June 23 last, told as his counsel demanded and he must a jury today her story of Ballou's visit to her apartments on the night return to Matteawan asylum "unless legal paper calling for his detention She described how she had heard in New York county are served upon

a noise in the hall some time after the warden in Tombs prison." Such Ballon had left; how on investigation a reply was Judge Page's decision in she all but stumbled over him, lying judging the appeal for Thaw's return at the foot of the stairs; of her ef- to New England. forts to revive him and of taking him

It was in anticipation of just such downstairs and out at the street en- a decision that the counsel secured trance. The man she loved was from Judge Bijor a writ of habeas dead, she added in a broken voice. corpus which will keep Thaw in the Mrs. Angle said she felt lonesome Tombs until next Friday.

Saved By a Writ

Asylum attendants were in the The witness said Mr. Ballon came court room ready to rush him there over and brought a bottle of wine. by automobile the moment the motion She did not care for wine, and at her for a return to New Hampshire was the embodiment in effectiveness of suggestion Ballon procared whisky denied. By the writ of habeas corfrom the medicine chest and poured pus which had been served half an out a small drink for her and a larger hour before on Warden Hanely of the

val when he should be out of Warden

"At the foot of the stairs I came Hanley's hands when going to and from the prison across the bridge of sighs. Consequently the sheriff to me," she continued, describing how armed 20 deputies with revolvers and

scattered them through the crowd in the packed court room. More deputies were sprinkled among the crowds in the corridors.

"I am taking no chances," the sheriff said. "I am well heeled for an abduction."

Back to Matteawan

Thaw entered the court smiling

BERLIN, March 16 .- The Over- four, with the death today of Walter. Justice Page decided upon the old committment of Justice Dowling.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE BILL

DES MOINES, Ia., March 16 .-

Proud of the Pennsylvaia

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 seeretary that as the Pennsylvania goes forth as the symbol of American justice and power that her mission would he to help forward a lasting peace of the world, "for," he added, "she is this powerful nation which believes in peace, but also believes with Hosea Bigelow :

"'Ef you want peace, the thing you've got to du,

Is jes' to show you're up to fightin' too.'

"But though up to fightin', too, if necessary," he continued, "there

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trade chairman

WASHINGTON, March 16 .--- Withand confident. When the decision out formalities, the five members of -Victims of the murderous attack was announced his smile changed to a the federal trade commission took up

their offices today. The rooms of Thaw was to go back to Matteawan 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 Cov ington of the District of Columbia supreme court administered the

> oaths. Commissioner Davies was elected chairman and Commissioner Hu was elected vice chairman. Other officers will be chosen inter.