
regulating the trusts
$\mathbf{T}_{\text {gen }}^{\text {HE Unized for States fork. It takes over the ber burean of co }}$ ganized for work. It takes over the bureau of cor-
porations, with all of its records and data. While the fail
ure of coneress to include in the budget necessary apuro ure of consress to include in the budget necessary appro
priations osupport it, will hamper operations, work will
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The commission is cothed with inquisitorial and regu-
lative powers. It anthority enables it to secure authori-
tative information necessary to exercise the latter.


The supplementary anti-trust act of October 15, 1914 gives the commission additional jurisdietion, This act de
clares certain practices, such as price discrimination, re
bating, price fixing and other such aereements, "where the bating, price fixing and other such agreements, "
ffect substantially lessens competition or tends

## LAUGHS

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## THE EUROPEAN BLOCKADES

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isdi, tion to act in such cases.
Besides this investigatie. power, the regulative power
of the commisision is contanined in the section of the trade
commission act dealing with "unfair methods of competi-
tion." The act practically gives the commission power to tion." The act practically gives the commission power
define "unfair methods." The commission may act cithe on complaint by injured parties from the outside,
own motion, and as a result of its investigations.
The commission has the right to determine what con
titutes "unfair methods of competition" and to enfore
 state trade corporations to those of the interstate com
merce commission with railroads. It defines the rules o
usiness, brings into the limelight methods in vogue and business, brings into the limelight methods in vogue an
polices "business crime," but the court's ruling governs.

Wat can the United States do regarding the subma-
rine blockade of Great Britain by Germany and the retaliatory blockade of Germany by the allies? Nothing.
 it will amount to.
Precedent or no precedent, the blockades are estab-
ished. They are legitimate war measures. If neutrals do not want their ships blown up by the Germans or seized Neutrals have a right to sell their products to belliger ents, and the belligerents have the right to scize the ship-
ments to enemies. The risk of delivery should be borne y. the belligerent purchasers, not by the neutral sellers. y established a most effective blockade. It starved out the south as the allies are attempting to starve out th
Germans, and the Germans to starve out the allied nations It may be inhumanity, but an inhumanity we set the ex
ample in practicing. In 1898 we declared a blockade o
$\qquad$ The United States may protest the placing of cotto on the contrabard list. But the United States was the first
nation to make cotton a contraband of war, cutting off cot-
to ton shipments to England from the south. England pro
But the allies are much more considerate than the
nited States was. The allies offer to buy instead of con fiscating cargoes and sinking ships as the Enited Stater did, and the Germans are doing.
The United States will not go to war. The belliger-
ents are within their rights. Even if they were not, the United States could not interfere. It is not, and it is hoped
never will be prepared to make war on the world Pesides we have our Bryan peace treaties with most of the bel ligerants, which provide armarrelon and the United States has not yet reached the German militarist viewpoint, that
a treaty is a mere scrap of paper to be violated at will.

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