

## Germany Warns All Shipping.

### Neutral Vessels Advised by Berlin to Avoid English Channel, Under Peril of Destruction.

Germany has officially promulgated what is virtually a blockade order against France, and warned the ships of all neutral nations to avoid the north and west coasts of that country. This statement supplements the announcement given out by the admiral, which was wireless to the United States and other neutral nations, declaring that after Feb. 18, all waters surrounding the British Isles would be considered in the war zone and that not even neutral merchant vessels would be free from danger of attack, presumably from German submarines.

The last statement, however, seemingly goes further than the announcement of Thursday, in that it intimates German activity against shipping in the English channel at once.

The reason for this step, as given in a statement issued by the chief admiral of the staff of the German navy, is that the kaiser intends to make a determined effort to prevent the transportation of Lord Kitchen's new British army to the Continent. The order follows:

"Enland is on the eve of shipping numerous troops and large quantities of war material to France. Against these English transports we will proceed with all the means of warfare at our disposal.

"Neutral shipping is earnestly cautioned against approaching the northern or the western coasts of France, as in these waters such vessels would run the serious danger of being confounded with ships whose purposes are warlike.

"The best route for the North sea is around Scotland."

### United States May Protest.

Germany's declarations placing the waters bordering on the British Isles and France in the war zone and virtually declaring a "blockade" against these countries, was taken up at the cabinet meeting in Washington.

The stand taken by Germany is regarded as one of the most serious developments of the war thus far affecting the United States, and what action, if any, is to be taken by this government remains in doubt.

In certain official quarters the view is expressed that ground is lacking for a protest, since no objection was raised by this government when the North sea was strewn with mines by Great Britain and Germany several months ago.

From other quarters it was indicated that the so-called "blockade" will be protested against, and that an official statement of the position of this government is being prepared by the state department.

### Say Old People Were Murdered.

That five old men and three old women were deliberately chloroformed to death as they slept in the German Odd Fellows' home on the Tucker road, near Yonkers, N. Y., and that they were murdered because their age and general debility was too much of a care and that their deaths were announced simply as due to old age, is the belief of Coroner James P. Dunn.

The coroner told of his conviction in this regard after he had concluded the first session of the inquest which he is making into the eight deaths at the home. He immediately issued warrants for the arrest of three porters at the home whom he had interrogated, and for Adam Bangert, the superintendent of the home. All were locked up as material witnesses without bail.

### Immigration Bill Killed.

The attempt to pass the immigration bill in the house over the veto of President Wilson has failed, the vote being 261 in favor of overriding the veto and 136 against it.

Two members voted present, and with their attendance 266 ayes would have been necessary to give the necessary two-thirds. The measure falls, therefore, by five votes.

The vote came at the end of a six-hour debate. The discussion was sharp in the extreme at times. Such Democratic leaders as Representative Underwood, of Alabama; Hay, of Virginia, and Sisson, of Mississippi, voted to override the president's veto, while Representative Mann, of Illinois, and other prominent Republicans argued and voted with the president.

### Three Killed in Their Beds.

The bodies of Mrs. Lizzie Drake, sixty-five years old; Mrs. Irene Spencer, thirty-five years old, and her daughter, Gertrude Spencer, twelve years old, were found in their beds at Salamanca, near Buffalo, N. Y. Their heads had been crushed with a sledge hammer.

Coroner Martin believes that the victims have been dead since last Sunday. There is no clue to the slayers. The bodies were found by two young men who called at the house.

### Austrians Strike Serb Army.

It is reported from Bucharest, Serbia, that fighting is in progress between Austrians and Serbians near Ossova and Verchiorova, on the Danube river, in north Serbia.

### Sweden to Paint Her Ships.

Swedish ship owners intend to have the national colors painted on all the vessels in the North sea traffic to avoid being sunk by German submarines by mistake.

## Foreign Office Disapproves of Proposal For Joint Prize Court to Adjust Matter.

It has been announced in official circles in London that the cargo of the American steamer *Wilhelmina*, which put in at Falmouth on its way to Bremen, will be taken before a prize court.

Before this announcement the cargo of the *Wilhelmina*, which consists of food supplies for German civilians, was discussed in the house of commons. The government was asked whether it intended to seize the cargo of the vessel.

In response, Neil Primrose, under secretary of foreign affairs, said: "An inquiry into the nature of the cargo of the *Wilhelmina* is now going on."

Without definitely refusing the suggestion, the foreign office has expressed its disapproval of the proposal for a joint prize court to which one or more judges might be appointed by neutral and the allied powers.

Mr. Primrose, speaking in the house, said the proposal involved such far-reaching changes in the British constitutional and judicial systems and would be so difficult of application that it would not be easy to arrange.

Considerable mystery was attached to the *Wilhelmina* case. Up to Wednesday afternoon the American embassy had received no official word of her arrival.

The *Wilhelmina* will have to remain in Falmouth several days, as a result of damage suffered in storms which she encountered on her voyage across the Atlantic. Two of her boats were broken, her bow plates were started and other damage was received.

Captain Brewer, of the *Wilhelmina*, said that until he reached England he had not heard of the decree of the German government to appropriate foodstuffs. He said he was waiting orders, and did not know what would happen next.

The Pall Mall Gazette intimates that the voluntary appearance of the *Wilhelmina* in a British port is part of a scheme, it says:

"The *Wilhelmina* has gone into the Falmouth harbor without giving our ships the trouble of capturing her. The owners of her cargo are inviting us to tread on the tail of their coat. We shall see whether our government will oblige them. If they prefer it, there is an easy way of avoiding a direct challenge on the question of conditional contraband. The admiralty can use its time-honored pre-emption and take the cargo for use of the royal navy on payment. That is a course of action that is not likely to be contested."

### Villa Proclaims Himself President.

General Francisco Villa proclaimed himself provisional president of Mexico. He also announced that he will remain as military chief.

There was general jubilation all along the border, following Villa's announcement. There is a feeling that in establishing a dictatorship he will crush all revolts and bring order out of the present chaos.

Villa gave as his reason for assuming the office that his forces had been separated from the convention government headed by Roque Gonzales Garza, as provisional president, who left with the Zapata forces when they departed south from Mexico City at its occupation recently by Obregon's Carranza troops. Villa telegraphed from Aguas Calientes the following:

"On account of communications having been cut off between the convention government and the division under my command, and as public service cannot be interrupted in the extensive zone which I control, I have found myself compelled to assume the political authority, creating these three political administrative departments:

"The foreign affairs and justice department, in charge of M. Diaz Lombardo; state and communications, General Luis de la Garza Cardenas; treasury and industry, Francisco Escudero."

### Mine Blow-Up Kills Twenty.

Twenty miners were killed and 160 escaped death in an explosion in the Carlisle mine of the New River Coal company at Fayetteville, W. Va.

That so many men escaped after being entombed was due to the fact that the cage and shaft were not damaged. While many were brought out by the cage, some managed to climb out through the air shafts.

Four men were rescued by searching parties, who penetrated the mine soon after the explosion, which is believed to have been due to the ignition of a pocket of gas from a miner's lamp. One of the rescued men, suffering from burns, was sent to a hospital.

Six bodies, none of which has been identified, were found near where the explosion occurred, by the first rescue party to descend. Later a more extended search of the mine, following the clearing away of debris, led to the finding of fourteen more bodies. All had been killed by after damp while at work.

State mine inspectors, who took charge of the mine, learned that 180 men had gone into the workings. All the victims were of foreign birth or negroes.

### Kills Father With "Unloaded" Pistol.

Joseph Martin, of Dorothy, N. J., was shot and killed by his son, Alexander, five years of age. He was seated at dinner, when the child picked up a revolver, supposed to be unloaded, and while playing with it the gun was discharged. The bullet entered the father's neck and came out through the forehead, killing him instantly.

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## Thousands Die in Fierce Charge.

### Suffer Terrible Losses in Hand-to-Hand Combat With Russians For Positions on Snow-Clad Hills.

Details of a desperate fight in the Carpathians with ferocious bayonet charges, described as without precedent in history, reached Petrograd.

According to these reports, repeated German attacks were finally repulsed by the Russians, and the German dead lay in great numbers in front of the Russian positions. The losses are described as enormous.

The scene of the fighting was Ballgrood, thirty miles south of Sanck, in Galicia. It is claimed by the Russian staff that the Hungarian forces in the Carpathians have been augmented by 300,000 Germans and that German officers are directing the Carpathian movement.

The German plan, insofar as it can be observed, now seems to be to abandon gradually their aggressive on the Bzura and in the Vistula region, and to transfer their troops to points where there is greater opportunity of piercing the Russian defensive.

Concentrating their forces the night of Feb. 7 the Germans early the following morning began what doubtless rapidly developed into one of the fiercest attacks in the history of the Carpathian campaign. With their first line almost annihilated, the Germans pushed forward their second line, under the support of heavy artillery, and gained a strategic elevation.

From this position they were almost immediately driven back by a Russian bayonet charge. Attack and counter attack followed in rapid succession, and toward evening the Germans, in great numbers, seemed to be in permanent possession of the heights.

The general counter attack by the Russians resulted in two hours of hand-to-hand fighting, which left the snow-clad hillsides strewn with dead. After a most stubborn resistance the German regiments finally were definitely driven out. A Russian officer claims personally to have counted more than 1000 German dead before the Russian positions on this hill.

The official statement of the Russian general staff follows:

"The Germans, who gradually had been concentrating in East Prussia with fresh troops, began a series of energetic reconnaissances, and on Feb. 7 they opened offensive operations, with considerable forces, in the district between Horseele and Johannsburg. They undertook at the same time active operations on both wings of their front in East Prussia.

"In the vicinity of Lasdennen, east of Tilsit, we drove back a German attack, and almost completely annihilated one German battalion. Following this encounter, our cavalry moved forward toward Sierpe, traveling over the road to Ryplin.

"On the left bank of the Vistula, during Feb. 8, the enemy showed no signs of activity.

"Judging from the corpses abandoned by the Germans in front of our positions, they would appear to have lost in dead and wounded several tens of thousands' of men in the six days' fighting in front of Borjtimow, Goumine and Wola Szydlowiecka.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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