Cabinet Considers Formal Protest on Reprisal Plan of Britain and France to Starve Germany by Seizing Food.

WASHINGTON, March 1. No nation has the right to change the International rules of war. Conditions of war under which nations shall wage warfare have radically changed, but the rules as laid down and subscribed by all Powers still exist and must be lived up to.

Stripped of legal verbiage and diplomatic assurances of good will, this will be the answer of the United States to the latest announcement of Great Britain and France. It is the position of the Wilson Administration and will be adhered to at all times.

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callers today that he believes the inter-national rules apply equally to all of the belligerent Powers of Europe. The protest of this Government took up

The protest of this Government took up most of the time of the President and his Cabinet today.

Secretary of State Bryan laid before the session the views of the State Department officials on the British proclamation of a blockade of Germany, and it is understood that the Cabinet unanimously supported the idea of calling upon Great Britain for further details as to the methods by which it plans to enforce the blockade.

A tentative outline of the reply was made, but the Administration will not re-veal its nature until the formal note has been delivered at London and Paris.

The idea of an embargo on exports of foodstuffs from this country to all bel-

igerents was revived, but persons close to the President again scouted it as they did when it first was suggested. A proposal by Senator Hitchcock, of Nebrasan. that the United States take the lead in joint demand from all the neutral co tries that the belligerents cease their terference with the rights of the nation

at peace, found much favor.

Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, expressed the prevailing official view, when he asserted the blockade would injure American commerce seriously. He stated his belief that American shipping could and would be independed for all leaves the be indemnified for all losses thus sus-

LONDON, March 2, The British public today registered hearty approval of the Allies' new plan to starve out Germany in retaliation for submarine attacks. The London pross gave the Government's announcement of an embargo its enthusiastic indorsement. Everywhere it was evident that Premier Asquith struck a popular chord in his speech in the House of Commons yester-

But despite the Prime Minister's sturdy declaration to Parliament and despite the equally strong position taken by the British press, an undercurrent of feeling today carried the opinion that an embargo decree against Germany may never be put into effect. Even in Government direles today many persons were found who were unable to see how the Govern-ment could ever enforce such a widesweeping and unprecedented policy in the face of the combined protests of the strongest neutral countries, including the United States.

Premier Asquith carefully avoided ty rise the Government to a hard and fast policy. "The British and French Govern-ments, therefore, will hold themselves free to detain, vessels bound to or from Germany," was the Prime Minister's

#### CLOSER SUBMARINE RING. GERMAN RETORT TO ALLIES

BERLIN, March 2. Germany's retort to England's declarapaign of increased activity on the part of submarines that ring Great Britain.
It has been noted here that since the aubmission of a note to England and Germany by the United States, suggesting modifications of the attitude assumed by each of the belligerent countries, tha

whether this was due to the belief of the German Government that a com-promise might be effected through the usedium of the United States, no official would state, but that was the general impression here. This hope has now disappeared. England has declared "war to the death." Germany accepts the chal-

#### DACIA TOWED INTO INNER PORT OF BREST BY CRUISER

Cotton Cargo of Seized American Steamship Still on Board.

BREST, France, March 2.-The Amer. can steamship Dacia was towed into the inner port here today by the auxiliary cruiser Europe and anchored.

The cargo, which comprises 11,000 bales of cotton, is still on board, and probably will remain there until the prize court sets.

The crew, Americans and natives of other neutral countries, will be landed and repatriated in conformity with the rules governing the treatment of crews of captured vessels.

#### IRISH CHANNEL TRAFFIC BANNED BY ADMIRALTY

WASHINGTON, March 1-Consul Gen washington, March 2-Consul General Skinner, at London, today cabled the State Department that the British Admiralty has issued a statement warning mariners that navigation is forbidden entirely to all ships in virtually the whole area of the Irish Channel. The Admiralty also has decreed that all traffic wishing to proceed through the North Channel hereafter must have southward of Banin. eafter must pass southward of Raph lin Island between sunset and sunrise

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Steamships to Leave

### Official War Reports

GERMAN

Renewed atacks by strong French orces in the Champagne region have forces in the Champagne region have already broken down in most instances. The enemy's losses were enormous under the German fire, in a few places there were hand-to-hand fights yesterday, in all of them our troops being victorious. They hold their positions firmly.

In the Argonne, the Germans captured several trenches, Eighty prisoners and five mine throwers were taken. Attacks made on Vaquaols were repulsed by the Germans.

Advantages gained by the Germans.

Advantages gained by the Germans in the Vosges during the last few days have been maintained in spite of violent counter attacks. The French losses were especially heavy in an attack yesterday, east of Celles.

Russian advances from the south-east and the south of Augustowo for-est failed. Night attacks made by the Russians northeast of Lemze and cast of Plock were repulsed,

#### FRENCH

Between the sea and Alsne the day was calm. The enemy made an at-tack to the southeast of St. Eloi, which is south of Ypres. It was repulsed by the English forces. In Champagne there was a new bom-

bardment of Rhelms. About 50 shells were fired. Despite the storm our progress between Perthes and Beausejour continued throughout all of yes-terday, notably northwest of Perthes, northeast of Mesall and north of

As a result of this movement, we old the chief points parallel to our front of attack.

front of attack.

It is now known that the forces of the Prussian Guard, which made a counter-attack against us during the night of Sunday to Monday, suffered extremely heavy losses.

In the Argonne, in the sector of Hagatelle and Marie Therese there were combats with mines and by infantry in an advanced trench which we had reoccupied after having abandoned it for a brief time. In the region of Vauquols we have advanced, held the ground gained despite two counter-attacks, and taken some prisoners.

In the Vesges, at La Chapeloutte, near Celles, we captured some trenches and gained 300 yards.

#### RUSSIAN

We concluded yesterday the opera-tions around Przasnysz, where we de-feated and have thrown back to the frontier not less than two army corps The Germans, having compelled the retreat of our 19th Army, set themselves the further task of joining battle with our troops operating successfully in the Miawa region. Their plan was first to drive back, by a demonstration in force, our left wing in this region, and then, apparently by a headlong dash against our right wing in the Chorzellen district, to overfitness our troops in the direction of the Vistula.

#### AUSTRIAN

Successful battles have been fought in the western section of the Car-pathian front. Several Russian posi-tions were captured and 19 officers, 2009 men, and much war material also were taken.

In the region south of the Dniester the Russians have been reinforced, and stubborn battles are proceeding. All attacks on our positions have been repelled with heavy losses to the

In Poland and West Galicia only ar-tillery engagements have occurred.

#### CZAR'S ARMY PRESSES FOE BACK, PETROGRAD ASSERTS

German Retirement Forced Toward Thorn and Soldau.

PETROGRAD, March 2. Alone a 60-mile battle front extending from the Vistula to Przasnysz the Germans have now been pushed back for an average distance of 20 miles. The enemy's retreat continues, according to dispatches from Warsaw today. The new German lines reaching \$5 miles from Lipno to a point near Mlawa, is being pressed back toward the Prussian cities of Solday and

Grand Duke Nicholas has discovered nexpected weathers in the German lines porth of the Vistula, the General Staff

through Plock.

These forces are now massed west of the Niemen, between Augustowo and the forcess of Grondo. The Russian army that recaptured Prassynsz, operating as the right wing of the Russians north of Plock, is sweeping the Germans back in the region north of the Vistula, according to efficials. ng to officials.
The Mlawa-Lipno battle is the most

important engagement developing in the west.

#### RUSSIANS REPORT GAINS IN CAUCUSUS AND ON SEA

Port of Khopa Wrested From Turkish Control.

PETROGRAD, March 2 The following official statement regard-ing the operations of the Russian forces n Aslatic Turkey was issued last night "Our troops operating in the coast re-gion yesterday occupied the port of Khopa (on the Black Sea, 18 miles south-west of Batum). The port was of great military importance to the Turks."

Another statement claimed successes in the Caucusus. It said: "Our advance forces, driving the enemy before them, have reached the River Khopatchal. There is no change in the situation on the other fronts."

#### GERMANS AGAIN BOMBARD RHEIMS, REPORTS PARIS

British Repulse Flanders Attack French Advance in Champagne.

PARIS, March 2 Renewal of the German hombardment f Rheims and maintenance of the French advance against the Germans in the Champagne region are the two chief features of this afternoon's official com munique. The Germans made an attack southeast of St. Eloi. in Flanders, yeaterday, but it was repulsed by the British

The operations in Champagne are pro ceeding favorably for the French, though they are working under enormous diffi-culties because of severe weather condi-

GERMANS BLAMED FOR RIOTS ROME, March 2.-The Idea Nazionali ROSES, March 2—The total Nazionale says the Government has collected evidence which shows that the riots at Milan, Bologna and Reggio Emilia and the strike at Naples were organized by German agents, who have been systematically and the strike at Naples were organized by German agents. matically paying the Socialists and Camorrists. The ringleaders have been arrested

## TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DEATHS

# MILLIONS OF BUSHELS STORED IN GRANARIES OF RUSSIA



Forcing of a passage through the Dardanelles, wherein the Allies' fleet has pushed forward manny a complete of miles, with a later opening of the Bosporus, will again link the Black Sea with the Mediterranean in a feasible route and release vast stores of grain now held in Russia. Consequent sharp decline in the record price of wheat may be expected in the United States, while the Allies will be provided with a much needed replenishment of foodstuffs. Russia has been, next to the United States, the greatest wheat exporting country in the world; the war, however, closed the customary outlet for the 1914 crop, of which only 12,074,000 bushels were exported, as against 103,654,000 bushels in 1913. From the Danubian wheat belt, egress for which is given by the Black Sea, only 12,074,000 bushels were exported last year, compared with 38,138,000 in 1913. The basin of the Volga, particularly the governments of Nijni-Novgorod, Kazan, Penza and Simbirsk, is the graniferous centre of Russia, but the wheat belt sweeps toward the south. Odessa is the chief centre of distribution, though other Black Sea ports have gigantic grain elevators. A recent report stated that some 15,000,000 bushels of wheat were already waiting at these ports for speeding shipis the chief centre of distribution, though other Black Sea ports have gigantic grain elevators. A recent report stated that some 15,000,000 bushels of wheat were already waiting at these ports for speeding shipment as soon as the Allies battered their way to Constantinople. Within the past three years Russia has built a system of warehouses throughout its surplus grain country by which the cereal crops have been carried much more safely. Movement to seaboard has been speeded. This fact will make the supply the more readily available if the Dardanelles can be broken through. Russia's armies are largely moved to the frontiers and railroads are less needed for troops and supplies. Russia has within the past five years exported as much as 231,000,000 bushels of wheat and flour in a single year. A recent report that its land forces would co-operate to clear the Strait may be the result of a necessity to find grain markets for that country's surplus. Russia's charges on its enormous foreign debt are constituted largely by its grain exports.

#### RUSSIANS RESUME OFFENSIVE IN BUKOWINA CAMPAIGN

Evacuation of Stanislau Imminent, Petrograd Believes.

PETROGRAD, March 2. Russia has now resumed the offensive n Bukowina and southern Galicia, on the extreme left wing of the 700-mile battle

They have already captured Sadagora, a few miles north of Czernowitz, the capital of Bukowira, and Kolomea, a Galician railway centre, while at the same time they are bringing such heavy pressure to bear on the Austro-German forces about Stanislau that the evacuation of this city is immirent.

One report states that the Austrians

One report states that the Austrians have been forced out of the town. Asser-tion is made that the main Austrian army has been forced into a dangerous position. The Russians from the Stryl Valley attacked from the west and rapidly defeated all the Austrian troops between Dolina and Stantsian. Another Russian column advanced energetically along the left bank of the Pruth and threatened the rear of the main Austrian quarters near Stantsian Column and Column islau, The Austrians are now trying to retrace their route through Kolomea toward Bukowina. Their communications are in danger and a decisive battle may be forced on them near the Rumanian frontier, Fresh Russian artillery is arrivg at Povosielicka, on the extreme Ru-

#### U. S. SHIPS CAN BE OPERATED CHEAPLY AS BRITISH'-BUSH

Witness Before Senate Shipping Lobby Investigating Committee.

WASHINGTON, March. 2.-American ships can be operated as cheaply as British or other foreign vessels compelled to employ crews in American ports, accorddeclared today. To support his offensive in the Mazurian Lakes region Von Hindenburg drew heavily on General Francois' army around Miawa and on the German forces moving toward Warsaw through Plock.

These volumes of the State of the State Shipping Lobby Investigating Committee today.

Senator Sutherland of Flancescaped. Senator Sutherland, of Utah, described

the conditions contained in the La Follette-Alexander Seamen's bill, now awalting the alculature of the President, permitting a crews of foreign vessels to leave their employment in our ports. He asked whether these seamen would not then seek employment at the rate of wakes prevailing in our ports.

Mr. Bush replied that they would and that except for sentimental reasons of attachment to some particular line, the seamen would all demand the American wage, thus equalizing operating costs as

wage, thus equalizing operating costs as between foreign and American vessels. Mr. Bush denied that the difference in operating cost of American and British operating cost of American and British vessels running between New York and South American ports was more than 5 per cent. He added that a ship subsidy was unnecessary, provided ships could be secured to fly the American flag.

## COLLIER CLAIMS PRIZE FOR SINKING SUBMARINE

British Skipper Declares German Craft Was Rammed in Channel.

LONDON, March 2.

Captain John Bell, of the Newcastle collier Thoradis, today laid claim to the \$2500 prize offered by a shipping newspaper to the master of the first unarmed merchantman that sank a German sub-

Captain Bell reported that his ship signted the periscope of a submarine off Beachy Head Sunday morning. The coller's course was changed, he said, and she rammed the German craft, smashing over her periscope. All hands felt the crash, Captain Bell said, and the submarine disappeared leaving. marine disappeared, leaving a trail of oil on the surface. The Syren and Shipping Gazette, which offered the prize, is investigating the captain's story.

123 Canadians Killed in Action TORONTO, Ont. March 2—An official announcement today gives a total of 123 Canadian soldiers of the first contingent killed in action up to date.

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# GERMAN SHIPS PLAN ATLANTIC RAID FROM N. Y., SPY DECLARES

Charge That Naval Attache Is Head of Plot to Arm Interned Vessels Made by Man Indicted on Passport Case.

NEW YORK, March 2. The charge that Germans In this counry are planning to fit out 20 vessels now interned here with torpedo equipment in order to make a sudden rald upon British commerce in the Atlantic is made by Richard Peter Stengler, who was indicted yesterday for obtaining a fraudulent passport and who accuses Captain Boy-Ed, the German Naval Attache, of attempting to send him to England as a spy. In a signed statement in the New York American, Stengler says;

"I have stated that emissaries of the lerman Imperial Government watch every outgoing and incoming ship, Every consignment to the Allies is reported. All this information comes either to Captain Boy-Ed or another attache of

the German Embassy.

"The matter which worries Captain Boy-Ed most, however, is his plan to fit out a squadron of Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd steamers in Hoboken and South Brooklyn for a sudden raid against the British commerce of the North Atlantic.

"A torpedo factory in Brooklyn is now manufacturing a torpedo gun which, mounted on the deck of a vessel, makes it as destructive as a submarine. To outward appearance this torpedo factory is a machine shop. It has been doing business as such for years.

"I have been informed by agents of Captain Boy-Ed that these guns are being placed aboard the German slips. When the time comes they will try to dash out of the Narrows under cover of

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warship. Instead of an ordinary shell however, it starts a torpedo which skims along the water. The torpedo does not, of course, have any mechanism propelling a screw, like some other torpedoes. It is carried to its goal by its own momentum "Of the 20 German ships in New York waters the Vaterland is the flagship. It

s coaled to fullest capacity. Fuel is even stowed in cabins. Divers have cleaned its hull so that the ship is in perfect readiness for flight, "High German officials have their secret

headquarters aboard the Vaterland. There they are protected absolutely against in-trusion. Captain Boy-Ed holds frequent conferences aboard the Vaterland. "It is not planned to send the torpedo squadron out until it becomes necessary for Germany to strike her last blow. This of course is directed at England. She believes England is vulnerable because she is broaden.

is insular.

"Captain Boy-Ed and his associates never took me into their full confidence as to the exact plans for the torpedgrarmed merchant squaron. Possibly Captain Boy-Ed himself doesn't know exactly

where its ships are to go.

"But I do know that instructions came from Berlin to arm the German ships and hold them in readiness. No outsider is allowed within the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd docks."

#### AUSTRO-GERMANS HURL ATTACKS AT LUPKOW PASS

Heavy Losses Result From Mass Formations, Slavs Assert.

PETROGRAD, March 2. In the Carpathians the Germans and Austrians during the last two days have made numerous attacks upon the Russian front near Lupkow Pass.

These assaults, as usual, were made in mass formation, and as a result the attacking forces suffered heavy losses from the Russian artillery fire. All the attacks were repulsed, officials report.

## HALIFAX SCARED BY SHELL HALIFAX, N. S. March 2-A twelve-sound explosive shell, presumably fired

from one of the harbor forts during tar-get practice, entered two houses in the residential district here yesterday. No darkness and pursue their course along the Atlantic trade lanes.

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# ALLIES NOTIFY U. S. OF DECISION TO BAR ALL ENEMY'S TRADE

Official Notes Declaring Purpose of Seizing Ships Are Presented to Secretary Bryan by Britain and France.

WASHINGTON, March 2 .- Secretary Bryan has received the British and French notes announcing the decision of the allied Governments to prevent all trade with Germany. The notes are virtually identical. The text follows:

"Germany has declared that the English Channel, the north and west coasts of France and the waters round the British Isles are a war area and has officially notified that all enemy ships found for that area will be destroyed and that neutrai vessels may be exposed to danger.

"This is to effect a claim to torpede at sight, without regard to the safety of the crew or passengers, any merchant vessels under any flag. As is it not in the power of the German Admiralty to maintain any

surface craft in these waters, this attack can only be delivered by submarine agency. The law and custom of nations in regard to attacks on commerce have always presumed that the first duty of the captor of a merchant vessel is to bring it before a prize court, where it may be tried, where the regularity of the capture may be challenged and where neutrals may recover their cargoes.

"The sinking of prizes is in itself a ques-tionable act, to be resorted to only in ex-traordinary circumstances and after provision has been made for the safety of all the crew or passengers. If there are passengers on board the responsibility for discriminating between neutral and enemy vessel and between neutral and enemy cargo obviously rests with the at-tacking ship, whose duty it is to verify the status and character of the vessel and cargo and to preserve all papers be-fore sinking or even capturing it. "So also is the humane duty of provid-

"So also is the humane duty of providing for the safety of the crews of merchant vessels, whether neutral or enemy, are obligation upon every beligerent."

It is upon this basis that all previous discussions of the law for regulating warfare at sea proceeded. A German submarine, however, fuffly none of these obligations; she enjoys no local command of the waters in which she operates; she does not take her captures within the jurisdiction of a prize court; she carries does not take her captures within the jurisdiction of a prize court; she carries no prize crew which she can put on board a prize; she uses no effective means of discriminating between a neutral and an enemy ship; she does not receive on board for safety the crew and passengers of the vessel she sinks; her methods

of warfare are therefore entirely outside the scope of any of the international instruments regulating operations against commerce in time of war.

The Ferman declaration substitutes indiscriminate destruction for regulated capture. Germany is adopting these methods against peaceful traders and noncombatant crews with the avowed object of preventing commodities of all kinds, including food for the civil population, from reaching or leaving the British Isles or northern France.

Her opponents are therefore driven to frame retalisatory measures in order in their turn to prevent commodities of any kind from reaching or leaving Germany. These measures will, however, be enforced by the British and French Governments without risk to neutral ships or to neutral or noncombatant life and in strict observance of the dictates of hu-

to neutral or noncombatant life and in sirlet observance of the dictates of huanity. The British and French Governments ill therefore hold themselves free to dewill therefore hold themselves free to de-tain and take into port ships carrying goods of presumed enemy destination, ownership or origin. It is not intended to confiscate such vessels or cargoes un-less they would otherwise be liable to condemnation. The treatment of vessels and cargoes which have sailed before this date will not be affected.

#### BERLIN REPORTS HOLDING GROUND EAST AND WEST

Successful Resistance Offered to Slav and Allied Offensives.

BERLIN, March 2. Despite flerce attacks by the French and Russian troops the Germans have succeeded in holding their positions in the eastern and western theatres of war, according to an official report from the German General Staff Issued here this German General Staff Issued here this afternoon. It says that in the Argonne region of France the Germans captured several trenches, while in the Champagne region the attacking French forces suffered charmous losses.

In the eastern war theatre, the Russian and a maintaining a offensive more

sians are maintaining an offensive move-ment, attacking the Germans at night, but these assaults are being repulsed, particularly near Augustowo, Lomza and

Doctor Reber Attacks Eye Quacks Many cases of actual blindness have reulted in misplaced confidence in selfstyled "eye specialists." This was the statement made last night by Dr. Wendell Reber, who spoke before a group of physicians at the Philadelphia Clinical Association, 1529 North 15th stret. Resolutions were adpoted indorsing a bill now vending before the Legislature providing that optometrists be required to

# WOULD FREE DANUBE OF MINES

SOFIA, Bulgaria, March 2.-The Bulgarlan Premier has sent a note to the diplomatic representatives of Austria-Hungary, Russia and Servia, protesting against the use of mines in the Danube These have caused heavy damage



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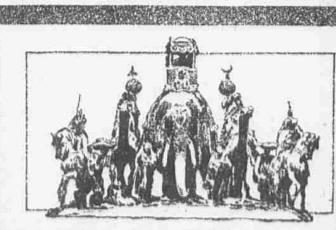
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