

U. S. TURNS DEAF EAR TO BRITAIN'S ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY BLOCKADE

Administration Not to Be Persuaded to Relinquish Its Right to Force Full Payment for Any Damage Inflicted.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—England's attempted justification of her German embargo will meet with no response in Administration circles. The request that this country look upon the latest order-in-council as a modified blockade and the claim that it parallels the North's action in the Civil War has fallen on deaf ears.

Senators Hoke Smith and Walsh, after conferring with President Wilson and Secretary of Commerce Redfield, today estimated that stoppage of German imports to the United States, even under existing conditions, will mean a loss in custom duties alone of more than \$100,000,000 daily.

In the protest which the United States will make to Great Britain it will be flatly stated that this Government does not recognize any belligerent power's right to establish a blockade against commerce on the high seas.

In preparing the protest undue haste will be avoided. Counselor Robert Lansing, of the State Department, will be assisted by experts on naval law, because, after all, the present question is entirely a naval one.

GERMANS BEAT BACK SLAV FLANKING DASH

Continued from Page One. Three sorties, made by the garrison, have been repulsed. The War Office states that in the Carpathians Slav troops continued the offensive, and in the Tatra region, in spite of the deep snow, a heavy storm and the severe cold, carried the last positions of the enemy, and also carried the trenches of the enemy near Jablonka.

GERMANS ASSAULT CLIFF ON HEIGHTS OF LORETTE

Berlin Officially Reports Success Against British Near Arras. BERLIN, March 17.—After a three-day battle the Germans have succeeded in their efforts to capture a cliff northwest of Arras.

The conflict on the cliff, which is on the slope of Lorette heights, began Sunday. The French are again storming the German trenches in the Champagne region.

At several other points in France violent engagements are proceeding. In the East Argonne region, a French force that occupied the southwest slope of the plateau of Vauquois has been driven from its position and forced to retreat.

SLAV FLANKING MOVEMENT HALTED NEAR EAST PRUSSIA

Foe Again Making Demonstration in Tilsit Region. BERLIN, March 17.—In northern Poland the Russians have been repulsed in a flanking movement directed against the Germans' left wing at Tauragen.

Efforts of Grand Duke Nicholas' troops to cut through the German lines between the Oroy and the Skura rivers also have been checked. This represents an advantage on the Miawa-Prasnyay front, where it was reported yesterday General Francoeur's army was trying for a junction with Hindenburg's forces.

FRENCH CAPTURE GERMAN POSITION IN CHAMPAGNE

Paris Reports Reposal of Bombardment at Soissons and Rheims. PARIS, March 17.—Renouals of the German bombardment of Soissons and Rheims is announced in the official communique from the French War Office.

The communique tells of progress by the Belgian army on the Yser and the repulse of a German attack by the British on the height of Notre Dame de Lorette.

In Champagne, the French have made an important gain by capturing about an acre of a ridge held by the Germans. German attacks in the Argonne have been repulsed.

OFFICIAL BULLETINS

GERMAN Fighting for an advanced cliff on the south slope of Lorette height, northwest of Arras, has been decided in favor of the Germans.

AUSTRIAN Attacks of the enemy against our positions east of Sulejov, near Lonjuzo, in the Kielec region, have been repulsed.

FRENCH On the Yser the Belgian army made new progress yesterday and repulsed a German counter-attack.

RUSSIAN We have destroyed advanced parties of the enemy from Kopolowo. The offensive of our troops on both banks of the Oroy River is progressing successfully.

ITALY'S DEMAND HASTENS CRISIS Continued from Page One. According to the best information, Austria is willing to grant the cession of territory which would give to Italy possession of Lake Garda.

VON BUELOW GIVES ASSURANCES. Despite Austria's objections, reliable information has it that Prince von Buelow, the German Ambassador, has given formal assurances that Germany will be able in the end to overcome the resistance of Austria and induce Vienna to concede to Italy the territorial concessions demanded.

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TERRITORY DEMANDED BY ITALY FOR ITS NEUTRALITY



The territorial demands reported made upon Austria by Italy, as the price of its continued neutrality, would not only restore to the latter country the provinces in the north which possess a heavy Italian population, but would also make Italy mistress of the Adriatic.

RABBI'S PRAYER SAVED CITY. GRODNO WORSHIPERS SAY Miracle Ascribed to Plea Which Cost Suppliants' Life. HARRISBURG, Pa., March 17.—Rabbi Leon Alum, of Kosher Israel Synagogue, this city, today received a cablegram from Grodno, Poland, telling of the death of his brother, Rabbi Moses Juda Rabinowitz, in that city under peculiar circumstances.

TERRE HAUTE GAMBLERS ASSESSED BY THE POLICE Witnesses Tell of Contributions Made to Election Funds. INDIANAPOLIS, March 17.—A system under which powerful Terre Haute gambling house owners were "bided" and forced to contribute hundreds of dollars to Night Chief of Police Jack Nuxent, appointed by Mayor Don M. Roberts, for an election fund, and particularly towards the election of Eli Redman, 2300.

JUDGE UMBEL'S ALLEGED DEAL WITH DUMBAULD Fayette Member of House Wants Legislative Inquiry. HARRISBURG, Pa., March 17.—Assemblyman Sinclair, of Fayette, today introduced a resolution that the Speaker appoint a committee of five members to investigate published allegations of a "corrupt bargain" between Judge R. E. Umbel, of Fayette, and H. S. Dumbauld, treasurer of the impeachment proceedings brought against Umbel by Dumbauld two years ago, should be dropped.

BOMBS FROM TAUBE TAKE TOLL OF BRITISH SHIP'S CREW Another Vessel Attacked in Channel by German Airman. SOUTH SHIELDS, England, March 17.—The British steamship Blonde, arriving in the Tyne today, reported that she was attacked by a German Taube and that one member of her crew was killed.

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CHINA AND JAPAN REACH AGREEMENT ON ISSUES Modification of Latter's Demands Open Way for Peaceful Adjustments. TOKIO, March 17.—"A satisfactory solution of the negotiations between Japan and China is in sight," says an official statement issued by the Japanese Foreign Office today.

JUDGE TO HEAR MELNICOFF "Reddy Jake," Tenderloin Criminal, Will Fight for Freedom. "Reddy Jake" Melnicoff, the champion strong-arm man of the Tenderloin, will be brought before Judge John W. Kephart, of the Superior Court, in the office of the Superior Court Prothonotary, on the fourth floor of City Hall, today.

CORPORATION BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY PROXY Witness in Conspiracy Trial at Reading Describes Methods. READING, March 17.—How David W. Rothensies, president of the Reading Building and Finance Company, manipulated himself in office by employing a list of nominees and gaming houses, which indicated the amount each place was to contribute, and that several gamblers contributed direct to Eli Redman.

THAW PREPARES FOR FIGHT NEW YORK, March 17.—From his Tombs cell, Harry K. Thaw directed the next legal move to keep himself out of Matteawan. Thaw's guiding hand in the litigation is admitted by his counsel. He is primed for the new fight, which opens Friday before Justice Bijur, upon the new writ of habeas corpus.

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SMYRNA BOMBARDED AFTER 24-HOUR TRUCE Turkish Governor Refuses Demands of British Admiral and Will Resist to the Last. LONDON, March 17.—The bombardment of Smyrna by British warships was resumed today after an armistice of 24 hours.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 17. The first Turkish admission that Anglo-French warships had forced an entrance to the Dardanelles and were operating against the forts defending the Narrows was made tonight by the Ottoman War Office. It follows: "There were no further operations against the Narrows on Tuesday. The enemy warships continued to watch the entrance of the Dardanelles."

Captain Finds His Sailors Dead JERSEY CITY, March 17.—When Captain Christopher Slane entered the barge Lehigh Valley Railroad's pier this morning, he found his two assistants, John Craven and Frank Lepinsky, dead in their bunks. They had been asphyxiated by coal gas.

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KAISER REPORTED WORSE

Experiences New Trouble With Throat, Amsterdam Hears. AMSTERDAM, March 17.—The Kaiser is experiencing new troubles with his throat and has to submit to very drastic treatment. This is why he has not been to the front recently.

RAIDER REPORTED WRECKED Sea Captain Reports Karlsruhe Ashore on Windward Islands. NEW YORK, March 17.—According to a story published here the German raider Karlsruhe, which had been raiding British and French shipping in South American and West Indian waters, has been wrecked off the Windward Islands.

DUTCH SLIGHT NATIONAL FEELING THE HAGUE, March 17.—Although yesterday was the centenary of the proclamation of the Netherlands into a kingdom under William I, the Dutch nation did not celebrate the event. On account of the condition of war prevailing in Europe, it was decided not to hold the national festival; no flag was hoisted and no hunting was decreed.

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