U. S. REPLY TO BRITISH **BLOCKADE ORDER NOW** IN ENVOY PAGE'S HANDS

Text of Note May Not Be Made Public Until Last of Week When Delivered to Foreign Office by Ambassador.

Strong Presentation of Harm Done to American Commerce - London Papers Learn Terms of Answer Are Drastic.

WASHINGTON, March 31. America's reply to the British order in council is now in Ambassador Page's hands in London. It was forwarded, coded, late last night, and as soon as it is presented to the British Foreign Office

will be made public. In announcing the forwarding of the note, Secretary Bryan said that it probably would be given out for publication In this country on Friday or Saturday. It would be impossible to give it out before that time, he said, because it could not be deciphered in London until tomorrow night, and therefore could not be delivered to the British Foreign Office before Thursday. An arrangement then will be made with the Foreign Office for simultaneous publication in this country and in England.

The note asks Great Britain for an amelioration of the terms of the order and makes a stronger presentation of the fucts as to the trade of the United States with neutrals and unblockaded ports than was contained in the December note of this Government to Sir Edward Grey,

Emphasis is laid on Great Britain's disregard for the rights of American THREE BRITISH SHIPS commerce and the cases of the vessels Wilhelmina and Mamarcas are cited. Objection is made to the secrecy surrounding the case of the Mamarcas and the delay concerning the Wilhelmina.

It is pointed out that the actions of Great Britain in the cases of these two vessels are in direct conflict with the representations in the reply of Sir Ed-ward Grey to the December note, wherein he asserted that due expedition was being

taken in all cases.

This Government takes issue with Great Britain on the doctrine of "goods to order" and to "enemy destination." It declares it will not accept the proposition that goods sent to a neutral port, from which they might set into the which they might get into hands of the enemy, are subject to

In general, the declarations in the note for freedom of trade between

LONDON, March 3i.—The newspapers print a dispatch from Washington de-acribing as drastic the United States re-ply to the British order in Council. The British feeling is so inflamed against Germany at present because of the sinking of the Falaba that the Amer-

FRENCH SHIP REPORTS SINKING SUBMARINE

Cruiser Attacks German Craft Off Dieppe and Destroys It,

of oil appeared. The following official statement was issued at the Ministry of Marine today: 'In the afternoon of March 30 a warship of the flotilla of the second light French squadron perceived a German sub-marine navigating on the surface off Dieppe. The warship pursued the sub-marine and forced it to submerge. Then

it bombarded the periscope and maneuvered to approach the enemy's boat.
"The warship passed above the submarine at the moment its periscope disappeared and reported that immediately large sheet of oil appeared at that

BRITISH SHIPS BOMBARD

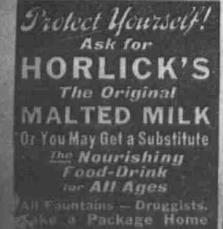
GERMAN SUBMARINE BASE Zeebrugge Shelled as Zeppelins Fly to Attack Fleet.

AMSTERDAM, March 31. British warships are attacking the German naval base at Zeebrugge, according to dispatches received from Dutch correspondents at Sluis today. They report that the sound of the bombardment can be heard at Sluis and that the Germans are using armed trawlers and merchant

ships in an attempt to drive off the war vessels.

Several Zeppelin airships were sighted this morning at Vrieland flying in the direction of Zeebrugge. New Slang From the Front

PARIS, March 21.-New war slang was seconds here by British "Tommiea." To be captured is to be "scuttled"; to be killed is to be "put in a bag" or 'scuppered." A battle is a "big show."



ANGLO-FRENCH FLEET SHELLS TURK TOWNS

Allies' Aviators Make Scouting Trips Over Dardanelles Defenses, Report Ottomans.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 31. Turkish villages on the Dardanelles are being bombarded by the Anglo-French fleet, it is officially announced. Avlators from the international fleet are showing unusual activity, making daily reconnaissances over the Dardanelles.

The following statement was given out

rodaya "The Alles' fleet has renewed He bombardment of Turkish villages, firing over the outer forts defending the Dardanelles. The enemy's airmen are reconnaitring daily."

The Russian Black Sea flect apparently has abandoned the bombardment of the Bosphorus forts. Several Russian warships were sighted 15 miles off the Bosphorus en Monday by Turkish aviators, who reported they were unable to find the Slav squadron in reconnsitering flights yesterday.

LONDON, March 31. Bad weather has interfered with the attack of the Russian Black Sea fleet against the Turkish forts defending the Bosphorus. A Petrograd dispatch, received today, contains the following of-

"On the morning of the 29th (Morday) our fleet approached the outer fortificatinue the bombardment started on Sun owing to the fog, which made e-finding impossible.

One of the smaller ships of our fleet. while scouting, discovered a Turkish torpeloboat destroyer, which had ven-tured from the Boxphorus under cover of the fog, and exchanged shots with it. The Turkish ship turned and headed back for the entrance of the Bosphorus at full speed."

VICTIMS OF SUBMARINE

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300 feet from starboard. We made off at full speed, but the submurine fired a shell that struck us on the starboard side. It smashed three plates and pen etrated the hull, wrecking three cabins "Finding that we could not outfoot the submarine, the ship cruised about a cir-cle, keeping in the wash of the sub-marine, which kept up a centinual firing. Several shells struck, but failed to sink us and after an hour we escaped in the darkness,

Captain Fry declared that if his verse had carried a small gun it would have been able to sink the submarine.

One of the City of Cambridge's boars was missing when she arrived here, several plates were missing from her side, several of her cabins were strewn with wreckage and the afterdeck was torn

VARE URGED TO WORK FOR LOCAL OPTION

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eral, shows that Senator McNichol is Drive From Bukowina Upon Czar's already planning his campaign, and that his campaign will be waged against any "dry" sentiment that might appear in Philadelphia.

Governor Brumbaugh has started out personally to "line up" the members of the Philadelphia delegation for local option. Eight Philadelphia representa-tives dined with him at the Executive Mansion last night, and local option was

Off Dieppe and Destroys It,
Says Paris Statement.

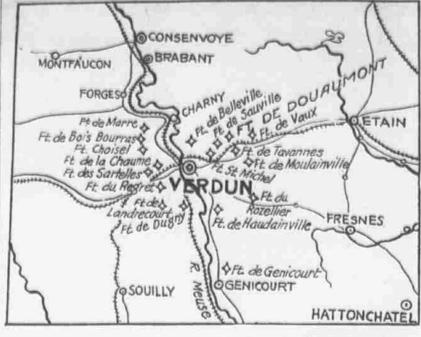
PARIS, March 21.

A German submarine was attacked by a French light cruiser off Dieppe Tuesday afternoon and is believed to have been destroyed.

The French vessel sighted the submarine in the channel and gave chase, firing repeatedly at its periscope when it submerged. The warship passed directly above the spot where the submarine had gone down. The belief that the submarine was destroyed is due to the submarine was destroyed in the submarine was destroyed is due to the submarine was destroyed in the submarine was destroyed is due to the submarine was destroyed in the submarine was destroyed is due to the submarine was destroyed in the submarine was destroyed in the submarine was destroyed in the submarine was destroyed to the submarine was destroyed to the submarine

who are arranging the demonstra-Alba B. Johnson will be at their head.

VERDUN AND ITS OUTER DEFENSES



Fort Dougument is today reported to be under bombardment by the Germans after seven months' of endeavor to break through the French lines. Verdun is one of the most important strongholds in western France and has been an effective barrier against the

VERDUN FORT SHELLED BY BIG GERMAN GUNS

Svidnik, in Hungary, beyond Dukla Pass, the Czar's forces have made marked progress.

Germans, under Prince Joachim of Prussia, have cleared the East Prussia border of Slavs, both of whose recent offensives have failed, according to this afternoon's official report from Berlin. The fee has been pushed 30 miles beyond Tauroggen, captured by the Prince's army.

Vienna bulletins cutting off Russian troops who penetrated Dukla Pass into Hungary. Lost positions at the south end of the pass were recaptured.

GERMANS SHELL VERDUN FORTS WITH GREAT GUNS

French Officially Admit Bombardment After Seven Months' Effort.

PARIS, March 31 After seven months of continued efforts the Germans have finally got near enough to Verdun to bombard the forts defending the city. Fort Douaumont, five miles northeast of the city proper, has been violently shelled by heavy German witzers, a dozen projectiles striking e work. This was officially admitted today by the War Office.

Fort Dounumont is one of a group of six forts and redoubts, north of the Conflans road, defending Verdun on the

AUSTRIANS INVADE SLAV PROVINCE OF BESSARABIA

Soil Admitted by Petrograd.

PETROGRAD, March 31. Austrian troops have invaded the Russian province of Bessarabia, the War Office admits, and are advancing toward Chotin, a fortified town on the Diffester River. Russian military officials pro-feased today to feel no concern over the fact that their left wing had been pressed back about 35 miles.

The strength of the Austro-German

ed the forces in Bukowina evidently have been underestimated. They are conducting an aggressive campaign, having for its alm the flanking of the Russian armies in Galicia and cutting their lines of com-

the submarine was destroyed is due to the fact that upon the surface of the water where it disappeared a large sheet will come to Harrisburg for the hearing will come to Harrisburg for the hearing will come to Harrisburg for the hearing separate offensive movements against East Prussia are now in retreat, the Water was destroyed in the submarine was destroyed is due to torial somination. The Russian armies that attempted two separate offensive movements against the water where it disappeared a large sheet. East Prussia are now in retreat, the War Omce announced today, having been driven back from 15 to 25 miles from the German border. Five hundred more Rus-

sian prisoners have been taken near Krasnopol and 220 near Klimki, northwest of Lomza, North of the Niemen the Slave have

been cleared away from the border for a Continued from Page One
the Austrian line. At Bartia and Joachim's stroops. The Russians who
Svidnik, in Hungary, beyond Dukin were defeated at Tauroggen are falling

back upon Skadville, 30 miles beyond tae border, pursued by the army of the Prince which stormed and captured Tauroggen. Russian attacks north of the Augustowe forest have been repulsed. East of Suwalki the Germans are on the offensive n the direction of Selny and have taken number of prisoners AUSTRIANS ISOLATE SLAVS

WHO FORCED DUKLA PASS

VIENNA, March 3L Russian troops who penetrated Dukla Pass and invaded Hungary are reported n dispatches, received from Austrian readquarters today, to have been cut off a sudden offensive movement on the art of Austrian troops, who succeeded a recapturing their lost positions at the south cod of the pass. The advanced Russian troops, who en-

tered the Ondava and Laborez Valleys, are now being attacked by other Aus-trian forces. Further success for the Austrians in Bukowina were also announced today, but no details were given.

FRENCH REPULSED WITH GREAT LOSS EAST OF ST. MIHIEL

BERLIN, March 31.-Repulse of Germany's foes in the western theatre of war is announced in today's official reort from the German General Staff, at states that the French troops have suffered heavy losses in the Woevre egion near Regnieville, 12 miles east of

Allies' aylators yesterday threw bombs upon the Belgian towns of Bruges, Ghistelles and Courtral, the War Office announced today. In Courtral a bomb exploded near a hospital, killing a Bel-gian civilian and wounding another. No military damage was done.

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MEXICAN CHIEFTAINS IN TEST OF STRENGTH

Carranza and Villa Each Lining Up Troops to Show He Is "Strong Man."

WASHINGTON, March 21.-Carranga la naking a determined effort to show that he, and not Villa, dominates the Mexican situation. Official reports received here today show that he has reduced his forces at Vera Cruz and in southeastern Mexico to the lowest possible number and sent the troops against Villa at Matamoras, against Mexico City and against Torreon. Success at this time, he believes, would explode the Washington Administration's view that Villa is Mexico's strong man.

Villa has gathered virtually his entire army to show that he is. Consequently the present fighting is deemed more important than any since Hueria's exile. portant than any since Huerta's exile.

There is concern over the Brownsville situation. The Villista artillery was bosy for the first time last night. General Functon has reported to the War Department that he is in touch with the commanders on both sides, and has demanded that they keep their fighting away from the river bank.

The Mexico City situation is growing more serious. Unofficial advices and information to the Embassies and Legations indicate that the Zapatistas, antici-

tions indicate that the Zapatistas, anticiare busy looting it. Against Tobacco in the Trenches

LONDON, March 31.—Despite the sol-diers' cry for the "makings," the British Anti-Tobacco League wants the Government to prohibit smoking in the trenches

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GERMAN ARRESTED FOR FIRING TOURAINE

Raymond Swoboda Captured in Paris-Set Fire to Big Liner at Sea.

PARIS, March 21. The man who is charged with having set fire to the La Touraine was arrested

early this morning. Raymond Swoboda, a German subject cas taken into custody at a hotel in the Rue Rivell after a search of his apartments had established the fact that he was responsible for the blaze on the French liner, which imperiled her passengers and crew when she was 700 miles off the coast of Ireland.

Swoboda embarked on the liner at New York on February 27, showing credentials as citizen of the United States. It has been established that he was in reality a German subject and was en-

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MANY conscientious people have been led into the FALLACY that a prohibition law would cure the evil of drunkenness, and that the State of Pennsylvania, under a prohibition statute, would become an abode of sweet peace and sobriety.

THAT this belief is not new or capable of successful accomplishment is borne out by

the testimony of some of the greatest intellects that the world has known-men

who have been pre-eminent among mankind. ABRAHAM LINCOLN made this observation upon the right to use liquor: "Prohibition will work great injury to the cause of temperance. It is a

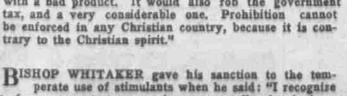
species of intemperance within itself, for it goes beyond the bounds of reason in that it attempts to control a man's appetite by legislation, and in making crimes out of things that are not crimes.'



DRESIDENT JOHN QUINCY ADAMS also observed: *Forget not, I pray you, the rights of personal freedom. Self-government is the foundation of all our political and social institutions. Seek not to enforce upon your brother, by legislative enactment, the virtue that he can possess only by the dictates of his own conscience and the energy of his

WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE, that Grand Old Man of England, commenting upon the right to indulge in stimulating drinks, gave this opinion: "How can I, who drink good wine and bitter beer every day of my life in a comfortable room and among friends, coolly stand up and advise hard-working fellow-creatures to take the pledge?"

CARDINAL GIBBONS gave his views upon the citizen's right to indulge in stimulants: "While I am a strong advocate of temperance, I am certain that prohibition can never be enforced, and that it would make hypocrites and violators of the laws. It would also cause the manufacture of illicit whiskey, which is not good, since it will replace a good product of its kind with a bad product. It would also rob the government of a legitimate tax, and a very considerable one. Prohibition cannot



Philadelphia Lager Beer Brewers' Association (The next article will appear Saturday, April 3d)

the inherent right of every man to temperately use or totally abstain from

