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BRITAIN EXPLAINS NEUTRALS' RIGHTS ON THE HIGH SEAS

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The following statement was issued by the Foreign Office to-night:—
"The use of a neutral flag is, with certain limitations, a well established practice as a ruse-de-guerre. The only effect in case of merchantmen wearing a flag other than her national flag is to compel the enemy to follow the ordinary obligations of naval warfare and satisfy himself as to the nationality of the vessel and the character of her cargo by examination before capturing her and taking her into the prize court for adjudication. The British Government always considered the use of British colours by foreign vessels legitimate for the purpose of escaping capture. Such practice not only involves no breach of international law, but is specifically recognised by the law of this country, according to the Merchant Shipping Act of 1894.
In instructions to British Consuls in 1913 it is stated:—

"A ship is liable to capture in British character is improperly assumed, except for the purpose of escaping capture.
"As we have in practice not objected to foreign merchant vessels using a British merchant flag as a ruse for the purpose of evading capture at sea at the hands of a belligerent so we should maintain that in the converse case a British vessel committed no breach of international law in assuming neutral colors for a similar purpose if she thought fit.
By the rules of international law, the customs of war and the dictates of humanity it is obligatory upon a belligerent to ascertain the character of a merchant vessel and cargo before capture. Germany has no right to disregard this obligation.
To destroy the ship of a non-combatant and his crew is, as Germany many announces her intention of doing, is nothing less than an act of piracy on the high seas."

SHIP PURCHASE BILL STRANDED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Frustrated again today in their plan to recommit the Government Ship Purchase bill with instructions for its amendment, administration leaders of the senate tonight were considering a proposal to let the bill go to committee without instructions, with a view to bringing it up again on a motion to discharge the committee, if it should fail to act promptly.
Senator Fletcher, in charge of the bill, said he would be willing to vote to recommit if he could have assurance of enough votes to carry a motion to discharge the committee. By such a plan, he said, the bill could be placed before the senate again as readily as through the passage of the motion to recommit with instructions.

MINERS KILLED BY EXPLOSION

(Special to the Guardian)
FAYETTEVILLE, Va., Feb. 6.—An explosion occurred this morning in the mines of the New River Coal Company at Carlele, near here. One hundred and thirty miners had gone on and it is feared many have perished.

ITALIAN CAVALRY FINEST IN WORLD.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Italy has three unique corps, the Bersaglieri, the Alpini and the Cavalry. The first are light infantry of great mobility. They are always seen on the run and their picturesque costume, with low-crowned plume hat, is a feature of almost every Italian landscape.
The Alpini are especially trained to manoeuvre among the northern mountains, and their target practice consists in sharpshooting across the vast open spaces, where the atmospheric condition would confuse the soldier of the lowlands.
As to the cavalry, experts have said that it was the finest in the world. At any rate, the corps have won easily from the Cossacks and our own Western cavalry at international horse shows, and photographs of their operations on the Campagna Romana reveal men and horses performing seemingly impossible feats.
Besides these unique corps, there are the famous Carabinieri or national police, who are recruited from the army and then usually return to it as non-commissioned officers after seven years service. This corps is considered the finest school of non-commissioned officers in the world. Its training and administration are also unique.

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Minard's Liniment Cures Neuralgia.

GERMANY EXPLAINS PROPOSED BLOCKADE OF BRITISH COAST

(Special to the Guardian.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The German Embassy declared in a statement issued to-day with regard to the decree placing the waters around the British Isles in the war zone, that Germany does not intend to molest or seize American vessels laden with food-stuffs for the civilian population of the enemy countries.
The statement expresses the hope, "that England will not make necessary a reconsideration of this attitude by seizing American ships like the *Wilhelmina*."
The German Ambassador has not received instructions regarding the decision of the German Admiralty,

but, according to the text of the decision, the following seems clear:—
"There is nothing new in the communication made Feb. 8 by the German Admiralty with respect to the attitude of the German imperial navy towards ships of the enemy or towards neutral commerce. It is absurd to describe this as the proclamation of a paper blockade of the British Isles. The communication is simply a statement of what has been, since the beginning of the war, the attitude of all belligerent powers towards ships of the enemy."
A few months ago the English Admiralty proclaimed the closing of the

North Sea, the waters of which are essentially neutral. Germany does not profess to close even the English Channel to neutral commerce, and does not intend to molest or seize American vessels laden with food-stuffs for the civilian population of the enemy countries.
The statement concludes with the following:—
"The warning may also be taken as in the nature of an answer to the offer of the price of \$2,500 made in England for the first British merchant ship that should succeed in ramming and sinking a German submarine, an offer calculated to revive the long abandoned practice of privateering."

GERMANS ARE DEFEATED

(Special to the Guardian)
PETROGRAD, Feb. 7.—(Official)—Three German companies of Infantry were annihilated by the Russian Artillery in fighting on Skiermi-will-Bol on the front of the Ralwaka River after they had crossed on a "barrel bridge" to attack the Russian line.

PROMOTION IS GAZETTED

(Special to the Guardian)
OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 6.—The promotion of Rear Admiral Kingsmill to rank of Vice Admiral, is officially gazetted today.

CRUISER WRECKED

(Special to the Guardian)
SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 6.—The Japanese cruiser Asma, which struck an uncharted rock, off the western coast of Lower California, is a complete wreck, according to information reaching her today. Two States cruisers are reported to be standing by the vessel and two Japanese warships are speeding to assist the crew.

GERMAN FORCE IN SOUTH AFRICA WAS REPULSED

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Pretoria correspondent of the Telegram Co. says a force of 800 Germans which attacked the village of Kabanas, in Kenhardt district, Cape Colony, was repulsed. The German casualties were nine killed, 22 wounded, and 15 men made prisoners. The British lost one killed and two wounded.

GIRL DRINKS POISON BEFORE WHOLE CLASS.

MILLVILLE, N.J., Feb. 6.—In the assembly room of the High School, which was filled with students, this afternoon, Miss Grace Myers, pretty and popular eighteen-year-old daughter of Charles Myers, drank laudanum in an attempt to commit suicide.
Miss Myers, who has been making an effort to graduate this year so that she might enter college, had taken extra studies. When she read her average and found she had failed in chemistry, she drank the poison.
No sooner had she swallowed the drug than she realised her rashness and became hysterical. Physicians to-night give hope for her recovery.

PEACE IN THE AIR

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—A cable to the Herald from London this morning says:—
"Alfred Arnold, a New York Herald and London Daily Express correspondent, who has just returned after a tour of Frankfurt-On-Main, Dusseldorf, Elberfeld, Bremen, Hamburg and Munich, writes that the most significant symptom he observed was the appearance of a definite peace party in the industrial centres and the organization of peace meetings and placarding to stop the war. Posters in Dusseldorf were discovered and led to the arrest of several persons, who attended a peace meeting. Two of these were shot."
On the whole the prevalent sentiment in Germany, is one of depression and anxiety. Stories of sweeping victories, especially over the hated British, are no longer credited. War news is scanty and has lost its power to cheer.
The coarseness of the now prevailing foods, actually scarce, but the fare is war fare is significant and revolts the German appetite. All dainties are reserved for the hospitals.
Only paper money now is used in Germany, and all gold and silver has to be surrendered to municipal authorities.

POPULATION OF TORONTO.

TORONTO, Feb. 5.—According to a statement just issued by the Night Directories, Limited, Toronto now has a population of 534,322. These figures were based on the official returns sent out by the federal census bureau. This shows an increase over the previous year of almost 30,000.

SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—With the German and Russian Emperors as eyewitnesses, the armies of Russia and Germany are still contending for the positions which protect the Polish capital of Warsaw from invaders. The Russian Emperor has been at Russian headquarters for several days, and a German report announces that the German Emperor has joined his generals and has actually visited some of the trenches. Nothing has been disclosed as to the progress of the battle which, when last reports were received, was raging with unabated fury. The Russians, according to Saturday's official statement, had strengthened their positions on the western bank of the Bzura River, which they had crossed near its mouth, have captured another German vantage point. They have also captured a long line of German trenches near Borjow, which has been the centre of most desperate fighting. In East Prussia another big battle is developing. The Germans having sent reinforcements, apparently from the Ezura front, to that region. In the Carpathians, while the right is advancing, the Russians are only able to report that their left has checked the Austro-German offensive. With regard to all this fighting the German official report simply says no essential events have taken place.
Fighting in the West is merely a repetition of that of the preceding days. There have been lively artillery duels and a few infantry attacks in which both sides claim to have gained some ground. No further fighting in Egypt is reported. The Turkish account of that which has already occurred there refers to it as an encounter of vanguards and adds that battles are still in progress. This probably is a delay of announcement. Turkey has at last given Italy satisfaction for the Hodeida incident. The British consul has been released and the Italian flag saluted. English refugees from Constantinople declare that the former German cruiser Goeben now owned by the Turks, was so badly damaged by striking a Turkish mine that it will be impossible to repair her at Constantinople. This loss of the services of the Goeben reduces the Turkish fleet to a state of inferiority as compared with the Russian Black Sea fleet, which is about to be strengthened by a new Dreadnaught constructed at Sebastopol. It is believed that when this ship joins the fleet Russia will attack the Bosphorus and Black Sea while the Allied fleets will attempt to force the Dardanelles.
Pope Benedict's prayer for peace was read in all Catholic churches in England and France to-day.

OFFICIAL

(Special to the Guardian)
PARIS, Feb. 6.—The French office this afternoon gave out a report as follows:—No infantry engagements are reported as having occurred during the day of February 5th. "From Arras to Rheims there were artillery engagements with results satisfactory to us."
In Argonne and Woivre, district the French artillery dispersed convoys of the enemy and set fire to a convoy train of 25 wagons.
"There has been nothing to report from the rest of the front. We brought down a captive balloon and the German lines at a point north east of Sommepe."
MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF N.Y. MAN.
NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—A nationwide search has been inaugurated for Henry Clarke Coe, jun., of Boston, who disappeared mysteriously on Saturday last after leaving his home for the Standard Oil Company's offices in Boston, where he was employed. Coe is 22 years old, the son of Dr Henry Clarke Coe, of New York, and his family is prominent socially both in New York and New England.
"Thousand's of circulars, bearing the young man's photograph, have been sent to all parts of the United States and Canada. No reason is known for his disappearance, and his family fear foul play.
Young Coe was married last June to Miss Helen Ainlie, daughter of a well-known local hotel man of Boston, New York and Florida.

BATTLE FOR MASTERY OF WEST POLAND IS STILL IN PROGRESS

(Special to the Guardian)
PETROGRAD, Feb. 6.—More than a quarter of a million picked troops and more than a thousand heavy guns are engaged in a terrific battle in the region of the Buzza and Rawka Rivers in Poland. Upon the outcome of this conflict hangs the fate of the present

campaign for the mastery of Western Poland.
For a week heavy artillery have been shaking the blood soaked earth with its thunder, and attacks by Germans' counter attacks by Russians have left the battlefield covered with corpses.

HALIFAX SOLDIER CHARGED WITH SERIOUS OFFENCE

HALIFAX, Feb. 4.—Private Crossman, of the Royal Canadian Regiment was arrested by detectives tonight on a charge of violently assaulting a woman on the outskirts of the city. He is charged with attacking the woman at night, and beating her so badly that her condition is serious. The victim is a Mrs. Church, a trained nurse. The motive has not yet been disclosed. Crossman came here recently from Moncton.

MISS BRANDON NOTED ENGLISH NOVELIST DEAD

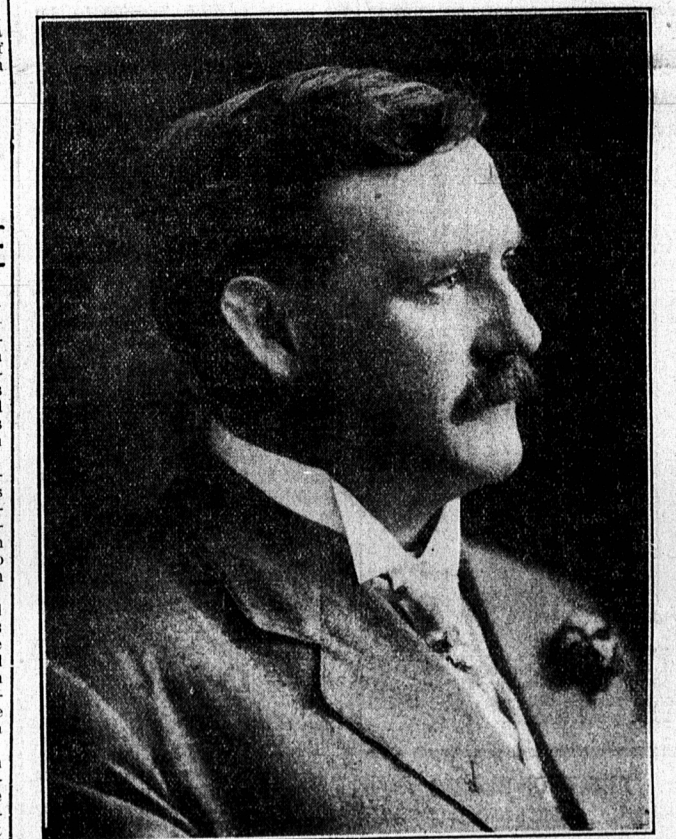
LONDON, Feb. 4.—Mary Elizabeth Brandon, the English novelist, died this morning at her residence at Richmond-On-Thames, after a fortnight's illness. She was born in London in 1837.

CUNARD LINER REPORTED SUNK

(Special to the Guardian)
NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The Evening Journal publishes the following today, dated from Washington.
That the Cunard Liner Campania, now a British troopship, has been sunk by a German submarine in the English Channel is persistently rumored here. The source of the story is reputed to be official with secret advisers. No public official confirmation is available. If the Campania was blown up while carrying troops to France, possibly between 3,000 and 4,000 lives have been lost. The local official Cunard Line said there was absolutely no truth in the report.

SCHOONER FLEETLY ABANDONED AT SEA

HALIFAX, Feb. 4.—The schooner Fleetly, 174 tons of Lunenburg (N. S.), has been abandoned at sea and her crew are now on board the British steamer Mechanician bound for Europe.
This was the news received here tonight from the wireless station at Cape Race (Nfld.), to which station the Mechanician reported having rescued the crew. The position given was about 500 miles southeast of Sable Island so that the Fleetly, which was on voyage from Lunenburg to St. John's (Nfld.) must have been driven far south of her course by the storms. The Mechanician is from Newport News for Liverpool.
Minard's Liniment cures Diphtheria.



Senator Murphy, of Prince Edward Island, and Senator Girroir, of Nova Scotia, the two youngest members of the Upper Chamber moved and seconded the speech from the Throne.

TO PURCHASE WAR SUPPLIES FOR BRITISH.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Announcement was made to-day that J. P. Morgan & Company, recently appointed commercial agents for the British Government in the purchase of war supplies, have selected Edward R. Stettinius, president of the Diamond Match Company, to take charge of the work.
Mr. Stettinius will lay down his duties as president of the match company for at least three months, and will make his offices at J. P. Morgan & Company's, where it is understood a special department for the purchase of war supplies is in operation.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

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**Come to the Annual Supper of the Strathcona Farmer's Institute will be held at the Florida Hotel, Pownall, Thursday, Feb. 11 at 8 o'clock. 8502-2-5M31.
**A missionary concert in Kensington Hall will take place on Monday evening, Feb. 8. A dialogue, entitled, Why Aunt Polly joined the Missionary Society, will be presented also solos recitations and short addresses. Mrs. Vernon Howatt, Miss Mamie Ross and Miss Maud Thorn will sing. A silver collection will be taken. 8508-2-6M21.
**Subscribers please add to their directories the following new subscribers:—406—C. F. Fisher, Office, 569—C. J. Gallagher, Residence, 351-L—Miss Edna Hurry, Residence, 565-J—F. E. Morris, Sample-Rooms, 265-L—F. E. Morris, Residence, 567 Eastern Trust Co.—18-L—L. E. Wellner, Residence, 556-L—Prof. S. M. Robertson, Residence 391-L—Auld & McLeod, "Meat and Provisions," 277-L—J. Gordon Baker, Residence, 8501-2-5M11.
Minard's Liniment Cures Rheumatism. Minard's Liniment cures garget in cows

GERMAN LOSSES

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 6.—Approximately 15,000 German officers and Marine have been lost since the war broke out.

LUSITANIA ARRIVES SAFELY

(Special to the Guardian)
LIVERPOOL, Feb. 6.—The Cunard Liner Lusitania, reported to have been sunk by a German submarine, arrived here today and landed passengers. The Lusitania was upon the Atlantic when the Germans launched a submarine warfare against the British Merchant shipping and fears were felt for her safety, but these were all dispelled by her safe arrival. It is reported a British cruiser met the Lusitania 200 miles off the Irish coast, and escorted her through the danger zone.

The Lusitania received a wireless from the Baltic of the White Star Line that two submarines had been sighted from that vessel. The captain of the Lusitania, in reply to a question by one of the passengers, declared he had a right to fly the flag of a neutral country for the protection of neutral passengers and mails which his ship was carrying.

ALLIES TO STAND TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON CAUSE

PARIS, Feb. 5.—The following official statement has been issued here:—
"The finance minister of Great Britain, France and Russia have met in Paris to examine into financial questions growing out of the war. It is stated that the three powers resolved to unite their financial, as well as their military, resources to carry on the war to victory."
"With that idea they decided to propose to their respective governments that they share equally in the advances made, or to be made, to the countries which are now fighting with them, or which might be disposed to take the field shortly for the common cause."
"The amount of these advances will be covered both by special resources of the three powers and by the issue of a loan in the name of the three powers at the proper time. The question of the relations to be established between the issuing banks of the three countries has been the object of a special agreement."
"The ministers decided to make, in concert, all purchases for their countries from neutral nations. They have taken the necessary financial measures to facilitate the Russian export trade, and to restore, as far as is possible, parity of exchange between Russia and the allied nations."
"They also decided to meet again as circumstances require. The next conference will be in London."

THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR GIVES HIS OPINION.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—England treats the United States as a besieged fortress," declared Dr Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor of Germany, in discussion with a Danish correspondent with a Danish attitude to prevent imports of food into Germany, says a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.
"Winston Churchill," continued the chancellor, "wants to starve a people numbering 70,000,000 in this barbarian fashion. Against this effort Germany will use every opportunity to take revenge. With regard to the complaint that we are injuring neutral interests, neutral powers have not protested against England's action, and they must take the consequences. We certainly are not going to die of famine."

LONDON'S GAS COMPANY FEELS PINCH OF WAR.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The high cost of coal and the diminution in street and shot-front lighting, as a result of the precautions taken against aerial raids, has produced disastrous effects upon the receipts of the South Metropolitan Gas Company for the second half of 1914. After payment of the statutory dividend of five and a quarter per cent, there was a deficit of £25,546, which was covered by the reserve, leaving only £1,392 to be carried forward.