

tion to Berlin be accompanied by representations to London and that President Wilson's best solution of the submarine issue with Germany would be to have Great Britain and her allies modify the blockade.

### U BOAT WAR MENACES ENGLISH FOOD SUPPLY

R. P. Houston, Member of Parliament, Urges Radical Action—More Than 950 British Merchant Ships Have Been Destroyed.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, April 12 (Wednesday).—The problem presented by the German submarine war is so serious, so far as England is concerned, that it dwarfs the Zeppelin issue into relative insignificance, according to Robert P. Houston, member of Parliament for Liverpool, and one of the best of the British seafaring men.

Mr. Houston suggests that every ship really needed for military and naval service should immediately be released for commerce. He says that economies in shipping could be effected by a less wasteful employment of ships by the Admiralty and other Government departments, particularly by the War office. He describes the waste as lamentable and urges restricting the demands of the Allies and of the neutral nations who, although they have German ships in their waters and are suffering severely from a shortage of tonnage, do not use these ships.

### ALLIES OCCUPY NEW GREEK BASES

Skouloudis Sends Protest to Paris and London Against the Action.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. ATHENS, via London, April 11.—The Allies have landed troops on the Greek island of Cephalonia, on the west coast of Greece, principally at the island's chief seaport, Argostoli, and at Lixouri, five miles to the north.

### CANADA OUT OF CONFERENCE. Won't Send Representative to Economic Congress of Allies.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 11.—Considerable surprise has been caused in political circles here by the announcement today that Canada will not be represented at the economic conference of the allied Powers which meets in Paris at the end of the present month.

### ALLIES ANSWER SEIZURE PROTESTS

Memorandum Has Been Sent to Neutrals, Commons Is Told.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, April 11.—Sir Edward Grey stated in the House of Commons today that the British and French Governments had presented a memorandum to neutrals protesting against the seizure of enemy property passing through their ports. He declared that the effectiveness of the economic blockade was being maintained in every way possible.

### BRITISH AT KUT IN PERIL. Position Precarious Because of Failure to Get Supplies.

LONDON, April 11.—The situation of Gen. Townshend's army, which has now been surrounded for four months by Turkish forces at Kut-el-Amara in Mesopotamia, is regarded as precarious in London as a result of the failure of the relief column to reach the beleaguered army.

A Puzzling Feature. One feature of the situation which is puzzling here is that the United States is adopting a policy of the utmost secrecy, whereas Germany seems willing that all the facts become known to the public in both countries.

Spain's Policy Assailed. He mentions particularly Spain, which he says is harboring many German ships, is getting the benefit of British commandeered tonnage for wheat from Australia. Mr. Houston further assailed by diplomatic arrangements to confiscate a German ship in neutral waters for every allied or neutral ship allied and also to capture enemy cargo, no matter under what flag it is carried.

TO OCCUPY MORE PORTS. Allies Also Said to Intend to Use Island of Cythos.

LONDON, April 12 (Wednesday).—In addition to Argostoli and Lixouri the Allies intend to occupy the mainland ports of Katacolon and Kalamata, as well as the island of Cythos (Kythira), between the mainland and Crete, an Athens despatch to the Daily News states. A projecting line is to be continued through the island straddled Aegean, the despatch adds.



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Germany apparently wants the case understood, and seems to feel that the more it is commented on the better it will be for Berlin's stand. There are many things which Count von Bernstorff would not hesitate to say for publication were it not for the fact that he fears giving offence to the Administration. He has virtually been enjoined to secrecy.

Neutral Ship Owners Shy. "Between one-third and one-half of the nation's food supply is already coming on neutral ships. If Germany is persistent in sinking every vessel she can frighten us. Already neutrals are shy about sending us cargoes. It is natural, too, seeing that they can find full employment for their ships at profitable freights without coming to those waters at all.

FEARS BULGARIAN SPLIT WITH AUSTRIA. Germany Presses Negotiations for the Partition of Serbia.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. ROME, April 11.—On Germany's initiative negotiations will be initiated soon at Vienna between Austria and Bulgaria with the object of a final settlement of the partition of Serbia.

There now appears to be no desire here to avoid delay, but President Wilson himself has not been heard from on the issue. His action, it is said, may be something of a surprise to the world, and it is expected that his latest American protest will be diplomatically laid at rest along with the others.

Germany's policy was to give her own mercantile fleet when peace is declared a preponderating influence that would never otherwise have been hers. This policy is bound to fail if the other countries follow the example of Portugal and seize the German ships in their waters.

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### FOUR SPANIARDS LOST ON TORPEDOED SHIP

U Boat Commander Gave Those on Santanderino 15 Minutes to Leave.

London, April 11.—Despatches from Madrid state that the owners of the Spanish steamship Santanderino, of 2,254 tons, which was torpedoed yesterday, have learned that four Spanish subjects were drowned when the vessel was torpedoed by a submarine.

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### SAY SUSSEX HIT MINE.

German Reports Also Assert Captain Was Killed in Attack.

Berlin, via London, April 11.—The Overseas News Agency to-day gave out the following despatch concerning the Sussex from Athens: "A Greek naval officer who was on board the cross Channel steamer Sussex when she was damaged by an explosion makes a report of the occurrence in which several Greeks lost their lives. The officer asserts that there is no reason to believe that the Sussex was torpedoed and declares that the vessel must have struck a mine, possibly one of British origin. According to this report the Sussex carried only four lifeboats, which were not sufficient to accommodate the passengers and crew.

### TWO MORE SHIPS SUNK.

London, April 11.—The British steamship Elation, of 2,447 tons, has been sunk. The crew has been picked up. The vessel was unarmed.

### 150,000 STARVED TO DEATH IN ALBANIA

More Than 500,000 More May Die, Says W. W. Howard, Relief Worker.

PARIS, April 11.—In Albania alone in the last eighteen months 150,000 persons have died of starvation, according to William W. Howard, secretary of the Albanian Relief Committee. More than 500,000 may die before normal conditions are restored, he added.

### CALL U. S. UNJUST.

Germanians Say Nation's Honor is Questioned in U Boat Cases.

Berlin, April 11.—Much bitterness has been caused here by reports that Americans are questioning the honor of the German government without waiting for a presentation of all the facts in the Sussex and other cases.

### HINDENBURG'S ATTACK TOWARD RIGA FAILS

Petrograd Reports That the Offensive Breaks Down at Uxkull Bridgehead.

LONDON, April 11.—The first attempt at an infantry offensive against Riga by Field Marshal von Hindenburg's right wing, long expected as a result of weeks of intense artillery preparation, is reported in to-night's Russian War Office statement.

### PORTUGAL ACTS IN AFRICA.

Troops Occupy Klona on German Colony's Frontier.

Lisbon, via London, April 11.—The following statement was issued by the Portuguese government to-night: "Portuguese troops occupied Klona, on the southern frontier of German East Africa, which was taken by Portugal by Germany in 1894, in defiance of treaty obligations.

### TRACING VON PAPAN CHECKS.

Grand Jury Listens to Testimony by Banker.

The Grand Jury which is investigating the alleged plot of Capt. Hans Tauscher to blow up the Uxkull bridgehead was furnished by Von Papan which is believed to have gone to Capt. Tauscher and others in connection with the alleged plot.

### FRANCE REASSURES HOLLAND.

Says Allies Will Not Violate Dutch Neutrality.

LONDON, April 11.—Assurances have been given by the French Minister to Holland that an violation of the neutrality of Holland is contemplated by the Allies, despatches from The Hague state.

### POPE TO APPEAL FOR POLES.

Britain Will Permit Food Imports for Them, It Is Said.

Rome, April 11.—The Pope has acceded to the petition of the Polish Committee, presided over by Henry Skienkiewicz, and has agreed to ask England's consent to the importation of American foodstuffs into Poland to feed the starving people.

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