

action on the part of the German government was delivered to the State Department today by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, acting on instructions from the German imperial government.

The United States, if it would protect its ships from attacks by German submarines, would be bound to permit Germany to bring pressure to bear on Great Britain to permit food shipments on neutral vessels to go through to Germany, without seizure.

Declaring that the United States was given solemn warning that Germany will enforce its war zone order after February 15 to the limit of its power, and "in consequence," the note stated, "the German government once more would earnestly urge neutral ships to go around by the north of Scotland."

Count von Bernstorff announced to the Government Germany's intention of disregarding absolutely the demand made in the recent note of the United States to Germany that German war vessels visit neutral merchant vessels before making attack.

Outlining the reasons of his government for refusing to consent to such action, the German government's note raised these points: That Germany's information that England's merchant ships have been armed.

That British merchant ships have been ordered to go in groups as a matter of defense and offense against submarines, and that the United States is questioning the search is impossible.

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That German note stated explicitly and with great emphasis that Germany's war zone decree is a matter of retaliation for Great Britain's assumption of the right to seize neutral food cargoes in carrying out her "avowed plan to starve Germany."

Germany's position is that Great Britain "has departed from all the rules of civilized warfare," that to meet this situation the United States is assuming the right to seize neutral food cargoes in carrying out her "avowed plan to starve Germany."

Count von Bernstorff said that he had received no confirmation of the reported suggestion of his government that American merchant vessels might be permitted to pass through the war zone without danger of seizure by being accompanied by an American naval vessel.

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# CRACK PARTY WHIP TO SHIP BILL THROUGH THE HOUSE

## Democrats Go to Tonight's Caucus Reluctantly, Feeling Extra Session Assured.

### TO ADOPT SPECIAL RULE

#### Leaders Advise President That Danger Faces Party in Forcing the Issue.

With the recalcitrant Democrats seeking enough votes to prevent the caucus from binding all present to support the compromise ship purchase bill, indications about the House this afternoon are that the party caucus tonight on the shipping measure will be no more affair.

A lively time was had by all attending. It is expected to be the announcement following the break-up of the spirited party caucus.

There is little doubt that under the party whip, the Democrats will instruct the Rules Committee to bring in tomorrow the special rule calling up the compromise shipping bill, which is to be passed in the House, and sent to the Senate in the hope of bettering the parliamentary situation in the upper chamber.

Insurgents Busy. A large number of Democrats, however, are opposed to this proposed action—some on account of deep-rooted antagonism to the shipping bill itself, others because of the belief that a continuation of the shipping fight for the remainder of the session means an extra session. At any rate, many members want the satisfaction of not being bound by the caucus mandate and the insurgents are quietly working today to prevent the two-thirds majority necessary to the hands of members with the party caucus.

Regardless of binding action, it is expected that at least twenty Democrats will openly serve notice that they will not obey the caucus mandate and will be absolved accordingly. This course, however, is less preferable to the more radical course of a movement today to persuade the caucus to O. K. the President's shipping bill, but not make it a binding party measure.

Many of the Democrats go into the caucus with the feeling that the President presses his shipping bill for another week it will mean an extra session because the appropriation bills cannot be passed in less than two weeks.

The President, in keeping the ship purchase bill before Congress to the exclusion of appropriation bills in the upper chamber, is going counter to the feeling of many influential Democrats. It is said by political leaders today.

Means Extra Session. It is understood that, when members of the executive committee of the Democratic National Committee conferred with the President Saturday night, they warned him of the dangers of an extra session. The President was told that from a political standpoint extra sessions are going to be avoided, although the President's advisers are appreciative of his valiant efforts in behalf of the shipping bill.

Through the House aurs for at least a week of discussion in the Senate, and it is feared by party leaders that this will effectively kill all hope of passing the appropriation bills at this session.

The House, with many members opposed to the shipping bill, will not consent to the extra session. It is to be abandoned as soon as it reaches the Senate. If it is not abandoned as soon as it reaches the Senate, the extra session will come, according to the private opinion of an Administration leader today.

### Valentine Dance to Help Street Improvements

### Couple on Honeycomb Stole Cheese, Is Charged

### District Bankruptcy Rules May Be Revised

### D. T. D. Chapter Elects Delegate to Cincinnati

### CASTORIA For Infants and Children

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# EAST BARN RAIDED BY MASKED DANDITS

## Clerks Held at Bay by Revolvers as Pair Steal \$2,000 From Safe.

### Threatened To Shoot.

"Sit down, d—n you, or I'll kill you," came a sharp command from the rear of the two clerks about this time.

Then, apparently satisfied with the setting for the crime, one of the men, who wore a black mask which completely hid his face, and gloves which made the leaving of finger prints impossible, ran to the line of drawers in which the cash turned up by the conductors during the day is kept.

After rifling all the drawers the man with the black mask went to the safe, which was open. He pulled out several drawers from the safe, emptied these into his bag, made a hasty examination about the office, and still backed to the side of his companion, who was a handkerchief with blood spots a couple of feet away.

Backed Out of Office. The robber with the loot backed out of the office first and had gotten well started down Fourteenth street when his companion, who had still kept Hagerty and Brady covered, turned and fired.

While Brady ran out of the office to watch the fleeing robbers, Hagerty telephoned for a large quantity of paper money and silver in several cash drawers.

Bicycle Policeman German of the Ninth precinct, was the first officer to arrive. Central Office detectives took up the hunt for the robbers, and before daylight were in the city trying to solve the mystery.

All learned of the men so far is that Robber No. 1 was five feet five inches in height and of slender build. He wore a old gray overcoat with a white split in the back, and an old gray cap. He it was who wore the blood-stained handkerchief.

Robber No. 2, whose face was fully covered with a black mask, was five feet seven inches in height and of medium build. He wore a dark suit of clothes and an old slouch hat.

One Known To Be White. While no one saw enough of the man with the black mask to ascertain whether he is a white man, it is known to be a white man. From the tone of his voice, which was heard during the robbery, it is presumed that he is a white man.

Defective explain that this phase of the robbery leads them to believe that the men are former employees of some Washington street car company, and that they live in this city, probably not far distant from the scene of the robbery.

### Austrians' Own Cannon Turned Against Them

### Germans in Italy Are Ordered Out of Country

### Ceramic Society Meet.

### House Pays Tribute To Lewis J. Martin

### GRANDAL'S TODAY AND TOMORROW

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# KAISER TO BID SEA RAIDERS GOOSPEED AT CUXHAVEN BASE

## Emperor Will Leave Eastern Front to See Submarines Start for England.

### BERLIN IS WILDLY EXCITED

#### Press Says War Lord Will Christen Germany's Most Powerful Under-Sea Craft.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15.—Kaiser Wilhelm will give his blessing to German submarines as they take to sea on their mission of "starving out" England.

The Kaiser will go to Cuxhaven, the German naval base, on Thursday, February 18, when Von Tirpitz's new policy of raiding British merchant traffic is formally launched, and will urge his under-sea warriors to wipe English merchantmen from the sea.

Dispatches from Berlin brought this news today, and added that the announcement had created wild enthusiasm there. The Berlin press spoke of the "christening" of Germany's newest and most powerful submarines by the Emperor, and expressed the hope that every man of their crews would feel himself to be embarking upon a most righteous crusade in defense of the Fatherland.

The Kaiser will leave the eastern battle front on Wednesday for Cuxhaven. The sudden change in his plans may necessitate a change in the arrangement for his conference with American Ambassador Gerard. It is possible he will not see the American ambassador until he has wished off the German submarines godspeed as they leave on their new campaign against England.

Elaborate plans are being made for the Emperor's reception at Cuxhaven, according to Berlin dispatches.

### Kaiser Abandons Trip To Lodz as Result of Epidemic of Typhoid

#### LONDON, Feb. 15.—A terrible typhoid epidemic is sweeping Polish villages held by the Germans around Lodz, the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph wired here today.

Emperor William, now at the eastern front, has abandoned his proposed visit to Lodz because of fears that he might contract the disease.

American physicians are making heroic efforts to check the epidemic. The dispatches said, but are fighting against tremendous odds.

Practically all the German doctors are at the battle front caring for wounded, and a little group of American physicians is carrying on the fight against the disease almost alone.

German military hospitals, the correspondent wired, are full of typhoid victims.

The food situation in the Polish villages has grown more serious daily. Practically all the thousands of starving peasants wait in their cottages, praying speedy deaths.

### Germans in Italy Are Ordered Out of Country

#### GENEVA, Feb. 15.—According to official statistics, there are 72,000 Germans of both sexes engaged in trade in Italy, and 4,000 in the north, chiefly at Milan and Turin. These Germans have received notice to leave the country as soon as they can, and to return to their masters through the German consulates.

The express trains arriving at Chiasso for Basel, on the St. Gotthard line, and at Briga via the Simplon tunnel, are crowded with Germans and Austrians returning to their countries.

Certain portions of the Swiss frontier have been re-enforced.

### Removal Sale!

### COHOS SALMON, No. 1

### FAT NORWAY MACKEREL

### MILLAR'S MARMALADE

### IONA SPINACH

### LOBSTER, No. 1 Flat Can

### SARDINES, Boneless 1/2 (Isapa)

### JAPANESE CRAB MEAT, No. 1

# WOMAN'S WORK TOLD BY CROWN PRINCESS

## Says They Are Doing Their Duty, Caring for the Sick and the Wounded.

### CHATS WITH INJURED MEN.

The majority of the soldiers in the ward were serious cases, and the crown princess, accompanied by Frau Excellenz, visited the ward.

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# "POOR MAN'S CATTLE" SOLD TO J. J. HILL

## Dexeter Herd, Formerly Owned by Mrs. Clarence Moore, Rare in United States.

### CHATS WITH INJURED MEN.

The herd of Dexeter cattle, formerly owned by Mrs. Clarence Moore, whose husband was lost on the Titanic, has just been purchased by James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway.

The sale was made by Dr. T. A. Geddes of Kennington, who purchased the cattle originally in Ireland for Clarence Moore. They were shipped about the same time that Mr. Moore sailed on the ill-fated Titanic, and the herd was sent to the Kennington estate of Mrs. Moore and was later purchased from Mrs. Moore by Dr. Geddes.

The cattle are very rare, being only two other herds in the United States, according to Dr. Geddes. One of these is owned by George J. Gould, president of the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company, and the other by the estate of the late J. P. Haggins, the millionaire oil operator.

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# "POOR MAN'S CATTLE" SPREAD OF SCARLET FEVER NOT FEARED

## Health Department Inspectors Carefully Watching Situation to Prevent Epidemic.

### CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Three men were shot in a running gun fight with motor bandits early today.

A high-powered automobile dashed up to the door of P. Puccetti's saloon, the bartender and forced him into the back box, shot down Antonio Mond, the porter, when he attempted to run out, and were rifling the till when Police-Inspector Martin Hogan, attracted by the shooting, arrived.

Opening fire on the policeman, the robbers dashed for their machine. Hogan opened fire. One of the bandits, who later gave his name as Thomas E. Quinn, dropped from the running board mortally wounded. The two robbers escaped with \$2.

Three cases have been reported among the pupils of the third grade of the Chevy Chase, D. C. school. The local health officer at Chevy Chase, Md., and the county health officer of Montgomery county have been asked to co-operate. One case of the disease was reported at the Bethesda, Md., school.

Inspectors are watching the situation carefully with a view of preventing a spread of the disease. The Maryland State Board of Health, the local health officer at Chevy Chase, Md., and the county health officer of Montgomery county have been asked to co-operate. One case of the disease was reported at the Bethesda, Md., school.

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