

There is a special session of Congress there can be no actual reprisals by this Government in the way of an embargo or embargoes for months at most.

GERMAN ARMY IS CLOSING IN ON OSSOWETZ

Solution Not in Sight.
Secretary Bryan before the Cabinet met today gave no indication of what the policy of this Government would be. Nor would Counselor Lansing. The first thing the State Department and the President will do is to study the order in council and find out just exactly what it means and what will be its probable effect.

In so far as the English reply to the proposals of this country that food be allowed to reach German civilians in Germany will abandon her submarine blockade is concerned, London has given the proposals a negative answer. This means that the order in council is in harmony with the plan and purpose of the allies to isolate and starve the German people.

Situation Is Serious.
It is recognized here that a serious situation is created, but on the other hand the ability of the United States and other neutrals to remedy that situation is extremely doubtful.

It is plain that the questions centering about the subject of neutral commerce are far from a settlement satisfactory to this country than ever. The sweeping nature of the British order in council for the destruction of all trade with Germany leaves no doubt that these questions will become more and more difficult and irritating as the war progresses.

Under the British order, cargoes destined for Germany will be stopped anywhere on the seas, and unless they are diverted to British or allied ports, will be taken into prize courts for litigation. It is expected that the shipment of cotton will be hampered by this. This is indicated by the call of Senator Hoke Smith at the White House and his declaration that the British order is "high-handed and utterly intolerable."

The fact that the effect of the British order will be to shut off supplies of dyestuffs from Germany destined for this country is viewed as of much moment in the textile industry.

As To Cotton Shipments.
The State Department has issued this statement in regard to cotton shipments to neutral countries:
"The British embassy has received information as to the construction to be given to the statement in regard to the shipment of cotton to neutral countries of date March 8.

"The date of shipment is construed as being the date the ship is put on board the port where the cotton was first put on board destined to neutral countries, in cases where the contracts for sale and freight engagements or for insurance were made prior to March 2. This applies to cases where the cotton is landed on land at one port and then shipped to another, the first port governing the date.

"Article 2 applies to insurance placed before March 2 on cotton shipped to a neutral destination for neutral sale on delivery, provided it is landed before March 15, and that the ship sailed before March 15.

"The term 'contract price' means the price at which the cotton was sold at the point of destination, the contract of sale value to control.

In cases of vessels which have sailed since the blockade effective, the contract which shall before the shippers are able to submit the requisite documents for consular clearance, the cargoes will benefit by the arrangement of the contract conform with the requirements for a consular certificate at the earliest practicable moment."

England, Confident and Expectant, Is Awaiting Results of "Blockade"

LONDON, March 16.—Great Britain is "all set" today for the first attempt to pierce her blockade of Germany.

Before many hours, it is certain, a neutral vessel will feel the weight of England's "starvation" decree. Convoys to port by British warships heretofore will be the first test of the strength of the neutral protest.

The greatest activity is displayed about the admiralty. While the text of the order-in-council issued yesterday studiously avoided use of the word blockade, the fact that Germany actually is to be cut off from the world by the British program is to succeed, is admitted. Admiralty officials unconsciously used the word "blockade" in discussing the decree, and asserted that enough British and French warships will be on duty off the German coast to make the blockade effective.

Public sentiment in England, as voiced by the British press today, unanimously backed up the neutral protest. The same support came from the Paris newspapers. Dispatches from Paris, however, reported that one edition of the Temps, once suppressed for using the word "blockade" in describing the British decree.

All the morning papers were positive that neutrals would make strong representations to the British government. They were equally positive that the government would not back down from its position. They took pains to point out that except in certain instances neutral cargoes would not be confiscated, but that their owners would receive the proceeds of their sale.

Russia Admits Kaiser's Forces Are Bringing Up Batteries Near Polish Stronghold.

PETROGRAD, March 16.—A determined attempt to demolish the strong Polish fortress of Ossowetz has been begun by the Germans, according to dispatches from the battle front today.

The Germans apparently plan a terrific smash there to be simultaneous with the expected assault upon Przasnysz.

"The enemy is bringing his batteries closer to the forts of Ossowetz," today's war office statement admits. "The fighting at this point continues to our advantage."

This is the first time since the German movement against Ossowetz began that the Russian general staff has admitted a German forward movement in front of the forts.

Germans Shell Przasnysz.
North and northwest of Przasnysz, large German forces have entrenched several miles from the town. Their heavy guns are bombarding the Russian positions on the outskirts, but persistent attacks by the Russian cavalry are holding the enemy at a safe distance from Przasnysz itself.

The war office insists that despite the most savage attacks by the Austrians attempting to relieve Przasnysz, they have gained no ground for several weeks in the fighting north of the Usok pass. Repeating to the fresh onslaughts by the Austrians, Russian artillerymen are now heavily bombarding Przasnysz.

Turks Prepare Further Defenses of Bosphorus Against Allied Fleet

ATHENS, March 16.—The Turks are making feverish preparations to defend the Bosphorus against attack by the allied fleet bombarding the Dardanelles or by the Russian Black Sea fleet reported cruising less than 100 miles from Constantinople.

Private sources said that big guns are being mounted in heights near Soutari and on other elevated positions along the Bosphorus. These are to supplement the permanent fortifications.

Reports have gained circulation here that part of the Allied expeditionary force said to have been landed in Asia Minor is proceeding against Smyrna. No word has come from Tenedos Island for twenty-four hours regarding the operations against the Dardanelles forts or at Smyrna.

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Maryland—Unsettled and slightly colder tonight; Wednesday probably fair; moderate, northerly winds.

Virginia—Unsettled and somewhat colder tonight; probably rain or snow in the south tonight; Wednesday partly cloudy; moderate, shifting winds.

TEMPERATURE
The temperature today as registered at the United States Weather Bureau and Atlecks's:

U. S. BUREAU	8 A. M.	47
8 A. M.	48	47
9 A. M.	42	50
10 A. M.	43	50
11 A. M.	42	51
12 Noon	46	55
1 P. M.	47	55
2 P. M.	47	56

High tide—8:38 a. m. and 9:03 p. m.
Low tide—2:42 a. m. and 3:08 p. m.

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Only Two German Sea Raiders Still at Large

LONDON, March 16.—The destruction of the German cruiser Dresden near Juan Fernandez Island, in the South Pacific, off the Chilean coast, leaves only two of the Kaiser's ocean raiders still at large, these being the cruiser Karlsruhe and the auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm. The auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Eitel Friedrich is hailed up at Newport News, in America, and is likely to intern there.

The Karlsruhe was last reported in the West Indies and the Kronprinz Wilhelm in the South Atlantic.

The Dresden was the sole survivor of the squadron that sank Christopher Cradock's ships and was in turn destroyed by Vice Admiral Sturdee.

Three British cruisers comprised the squadron that finally caught the elusive German raider after a chase that lasted up and down the west coast of South America, in the Strait of Magellan, and on the Atlantic since December 8, when the vessel got away from Admiral Sturdee's fleet only by showing her heels to the Glasgow, which finally helped to corner her.

Once caught there was no escape, for her speed had vanished in months of cruising and her guns were no longer those of her pursuers. The Glasgow alone could have sunk her and with the powerful Kent, carrying fourteen 6-inch guns, the admiralty report of the engagement follows:

Runs Up White Flag.
"At 9 a. m., on March 14, H. M. S. Glasgow, Captain Luce; the auxiliary cruiser Orama, Captain Segrave, and H. M. S. Kent, Captain Allen, caught the German cruiser Dresden near Juan Fernandez Island, and action ensued.

"After five minutes of fighting the Dresden hauled down her colors and displayed a white flag. She sank, much damaged and set on fire and after burning for some time her magazine exploded and she sank.

"The crew were saved, fifteen of them being badly wounded. The Germans are being landed at Valparaiso. There were no British casualties and no damage was done to the British ships."

First To Strike Colors.
This is the first time in the present war that a German warship has struck her colors. The Gneisenau, Scharnhorst, Leipzig, Emden, Neuenberg and Huescha went down fighting. The crews of several submarines have surrendered, but the code of naval ethics offers for them.

The spot where the Dresden was sunk shows the great distance she had traveled since December 8. The Juan Fernandez, some rocky isles about 400 miles west of Valparaiso, are more than 2,300 miles on a straight sea line from the Falklands, an atle ship, doubling back and forth and in and out, must have gone nearly 5,000 miles during that time. Her feat is the more remarkable in that she was not once able to make more than cursory repairs, nor to go into drydock. Recent reports received here from crews of neutral ships she had spoken said she was short of provisions and ammunition. She was obviously in no shape to give battle, and for a long time it was evident that her career was rapidly nearing the only possible end.

Expect To Bag Karlsruhe.
The story of the Dresden is a parallel of that of the Emden, and British naval authorities believe that the same fate will do for the Karlsruhe within a short time.

When the Dresden started out on her raiding career her commander had a crew of 350 men under him. Probably the complement has been reduced, but the British certainly rescued more than 300 Germans, of whom only fifteen were wounded. The one-sided nature of the encounter is evidenced by the fact that not a single man on the British ships was even scratched, and that none of the fleet was damaged.

The destruction of the Dresden is regarded with special satisfaction by the shipping interests which, somewhat harassed at home, have expressed much indignation that they should be obliged to suffer losses abroad, despite the fact that many powerful ships were detailed to run down the few German war vessels remaining at large. German shipping rates to South American ports are expected to benefit by the event.

The Dresden had been cruising alone since von Spee's fleet was routed in the Falkland Islands battle on December 8, when the British squadron under Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee sank the Gneisenau, the Scharnhorst, the Leipzig and the Neuenberg. Previous to that she had taken part in the fight off Coronel, Chile, on November 1, when Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock went down on the Good Hope and the Monmouth was also sunk by von Spee's force.

DIPLOMATIC TANGLE OVER FRYE'S CARGO

The State Department is still in pursuit of information with respect to the case of the American vessel, William P. Frye, which was sunk by the German sea raider, Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

It was stated at the White House that while no formal note on the subject of the Frye had been sent to Germany, there had been oral exchanges between the State Department and Ambassador von Bernstorff, while fuller information is sought on certain matters before formal action is taken.

This information, it is surmised, may relate to the details as to the destination of the cargo of grain on the Frye. The technical question whether the Prinz Eitel Friedrich belongs to the German navy has been settled by a formal note from the German ambassador announcing that the vessel belongs to the imperial navy. This removes the action of the vessel from the possible category of piracy.

The State Department is without information as to the exact facts on the alleged detention on the Prinz Eitel Friedrich of one of the Frye's crew, Charles Frank, a German subject, against his will.

Treasury and Navy officials continue to believe the German raider will intern and not rush out of Hampton Roads to her grave in the Atlantic.

U. S. Submarine Launched.

QUINCY, Mass., March 16.—The submarine La was launched at the Fore River works. The sponsor was Mrs. Charlotte S. Atkins, wife of Naval Constructor L. N. Atkins.

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