

DISCUSS EMBARGO AS POSSIBLE ACT

America Considers that Its Questions Have Not Been Answered by Britain and France.

MATTER IS STILL IN DOUBT

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The United States government considers that Great Britain and France, in the British order-in-council and in the accompanying notes, have not answered the questions propounded to them as to what warrant there is under international law for the establishment of an embargo on all commercial intercourse, directly and indirectly between Germany and neutral countries.

Question of Fact. It was stated that the American government considers that a blockade is a question of fact and requires certain advice and notifications to that effect, which have not been given.

The order-in-council, it was pointed out, did not mention "blockade" nor was any exact "radius of activity" given limiting the area of operations, the announcement merely confining it to "European waters, including the Mediterranean."

Not Embargo. Some officials thought, for instance, that it no longer could be charged as an unneutral act to levy an embargo on supplies to the belligerents should congress bestow that power on the executive.

It was stated officially at the State department today that this government still does not know whether the action of the allies is intended as a legal blockade, or whether the ordinary rules of contraband and noncontraband are to be the legal basis for future decisions. On a determination of this question probably will depend, not only the nature of any steps which may be taken by the United States at this time, but also the basis for the many claims for damages arising out of interruption to American commerce under the new policy of the allies.

Declares Chicago Starved in Week if Canned Foods Gone

CHICAGO, March 19.—Chicago would starve to death in a week, New York in three days, if all canned foods were removed, G. W. Drake, secretary of the Western Association of Cannerymen, told the convention of the National Cannerymen association here today.

"The development of the canning industry is so thorough," he added, "that there can never be a famine in America. In case of war the canning industry could supply enough canned food to feed the greatest army the nation could possibly assemble. The 1,300,000,000 cans we turn out annually represent only one-third of the capacity of the country."

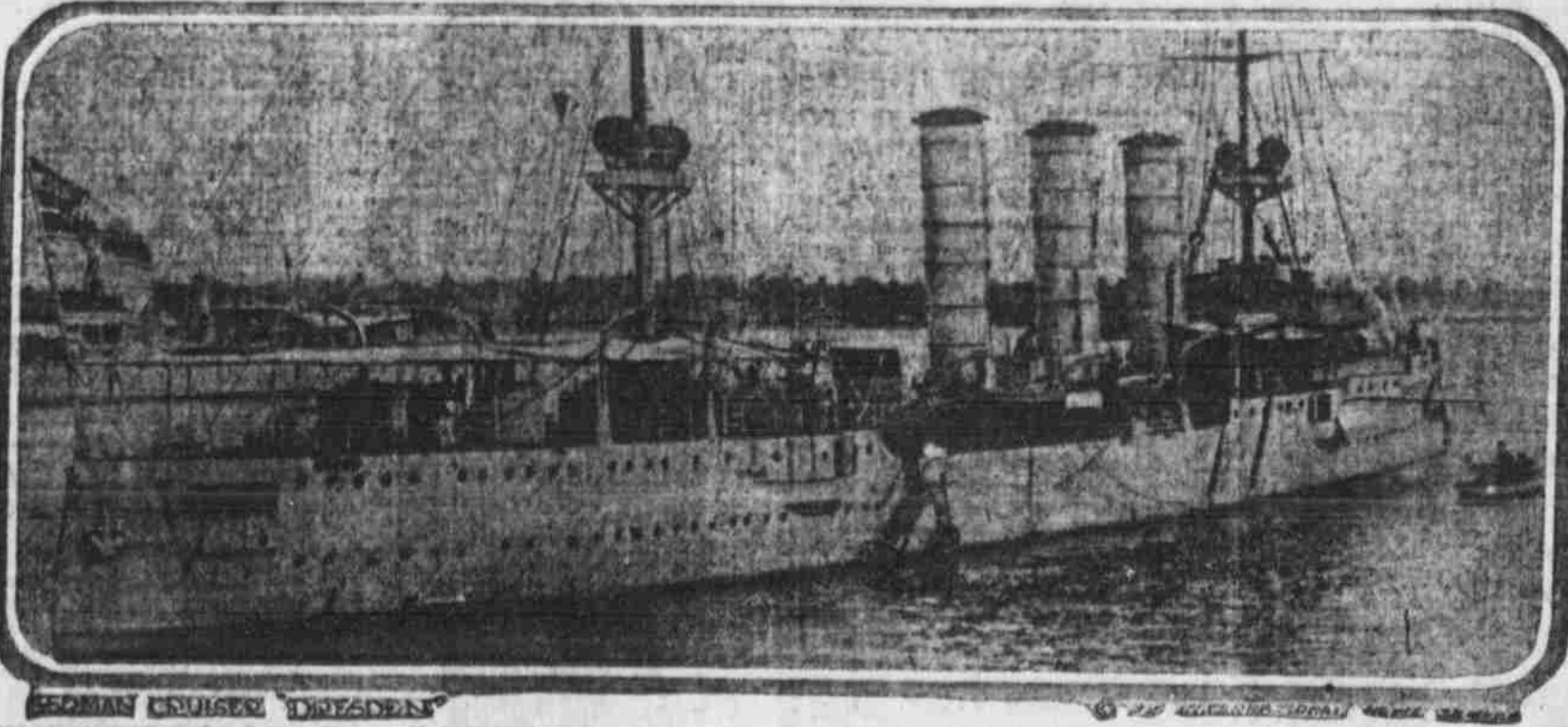
There was, he said, a single authenticated record of ptomaine poisoning from canned food in 2,000 supposed cases reported to the association and investigated.

Professor Who Sold Mobilization Plans of Italy Sentenced

ROME, March 19.—(Via Paris)—Prof. Monesti, who was convicted in November of selling to a French agent secret plans for the mobilization of the Italian army, has been sentenced to a term of seven years and six months in prison and a fine of 10,000 francs (\$1,000).

Cavalry Sergeant Pettiglia, who was found guilty of obtaining the information sold by Monesti, was sentenced to six years and eight months and a fine of 7,000 francs (\$1,000).

GERMAN CRUISER DRESDEN, SUNK OFF "ROBINSON CRUSOE'S ISLAND," in the South Pacific ocean, 150 miles north of Coronel, where the German fleet, under Admiral Von Spee, defeated Sir Christopher Cradock's British cruisers. The Dresden was of the same class as the Emden, and was the only vessel to escape when Admiral Sturdee's fleet rounded up the squadron off the Falkland islands.



GERMAN CRUISER DRESDEN

U.S. PROBES MUELLER AFFAIR

Departments of State and Justice Take Prompt Action Following German Protest.

TREATY VIOLATION CHARGED

WASHINGTON, March 19.—On receiving a protest from the German embassy, the Departments of State and Justice today took prompt action to ascertain the circumstances incident to the service of warrants on the German consul, Dr. Wilhelm Mueller, and his assistant at Seattle, on charges of conspiracy.

At the request of the State department the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice telegraphed its Seattle agent to look into the case and make a complete report of the facts to Washington. The German embassy protested to the State department that Mueller, the consul, and Schulz, his assistant, were arrested in violation of a treaty between Germany and the United States.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 19.—Another complaint that treaty rights of Germany had been violated by American officers was made tonight by Dr. Wilhelm Mueller, German consul at Seattle, who was technically arrested yesterday on a state warrant charging conspiracy to bribe an employe of a corporation.

Dr. Mueller, through the German embassy at Washington, complained that state officers had violated treaty rights in invading his office. Further violation of treaty rights, this time by federal officers, was alleged tonight by Dr. Mueller, who declared that on Monday custom officers boarded and searched the Hamburg-American liner Saxonia, interned at Eagle Harbor, across Puget Sound from Seattle, without notifying him.

The captain of the Saxonia reported the matter to the consul today.

Senior Captain F. M. Dunwoody of the United States coast guard service, said tonight that no search of the Saxonia had been made. He explained that Captain Benjamin Liehtenberg, commanding the coast cutter scout, while calling at Eagle Harbor on his regular rounds, had boarded the Saxonia to make a "social call" and that there had been no thought of searching the vessel.

Jim Hill Says Roads Are in the Last Ditch

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 19.—Railroads of this country have been driven "to the last ditch and are no longer able to compete with each other or anyone else," James J. Hill, railroad builder, told the railroad committee of the Minnesota house and senate late today at a joint hearing on the bill before the legislature to increase the railroad passenger rate in this state from 2 cents per mile to 3 1/2 cents.

ATTACKED BY TWO CORPS

Investment of Przemysl a Gigantic Undertaking Upon the Part of the Russians and Allies.

GERMANS HOLD THEIR POSITION

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) PETROGRAD, March 18.—Some idea of the magnitude of the undertaking involved in the Russian investment of Przemysl may be formed from the statement that the circumference of the fortress amounts to seventy-five miles. The portion of the Russian army which is necessary for the mere operation of sitting tight in this spot is therefore large enough so that if released it would have a very material influence on field operations. It is estimated that at least two full Russian army corps, together with a large force of cavalry and heavy artillery, are mobilized by the investment of Przemysl.

The arrangements for the investment of the fortress are similar to those employed for the defense of a river line. The extent of the front is too great to admit of a continuous line being occupied in adequate strength to resist attack at every point by means of troops actually on the spot. The object of investment is to prevent supplies and reinforcements reaching the garrison, and to confine the latter within the outer circle of forts. This object is attained by surrounding the fortress with a line of outposts, which remain constantly on the alert to detect by means of reconnaissance, any offensive movement on the part of the garrison.

The actual resistance to any offensive movements from within the fortress is offered by reserve bodies of troops, which are held in readiness at convenient points in the rear of the line of investment. By this means the number of troops absorbed in the investment of the fortress is much reduced.

When contrasted with the speedy fall of fortresses in Belgium, the prolonged defense of Przemysl may seem extraordinary. Liege, Namur, Maubeuge and Antwerp were subdued by investment. The Germans brought up artillery of exceptional power, by which they put the artillery of the defenders out of action and destroyed the defenses. The Russians have no guns capable of being transported in the field that are at all able to compete with the guns of the fortresses of Przemysl.

Hence, they have been restricted to the slow process of investment, and as Przemysl was well supplied with food and ammunition, its resistance has been protracted, and the end is not yet in sight. The place was originally invested early in September. It was relieved about October 10, but the repulse later of the Austrians enabled the investment to be resumed, and it has been maintained for the last four months.

Spring Opening



Saturday, March 20



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Announcement Spring of 1915 Men's and Young Men's Highest Quality Clothing

You are extended a most cordial welcome—inspect, compare, try on, examine to your heart's content whether you wish to buy now or later.

THIS Announcement of our readiness to serve you in all sorts of good things to wear, may be considered an invitation to you to come and see how well we've made our preparations.

If every man and young man in this community isn't stylishly dressed in the best clothes made, at prices that afford real economy, it will not be our fault—We Have the Goods Here.

Styles used in this ad are the Varsity Fifty-Five, a marked favorite this season.

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Covert Overcoats for spring wear are the real thing, all the best shades are here for your inspection.

New creations for spring. The most perfectly styled clothes you can find. Beautifully tailored, of fine foreign and domestic fabrics, ready to wear, at prices anybody can afford.

The soft, quiet, rich tones of the Glen Urquhart will appeal to nearly everybody. But some may want the more brilliant tartans, shepherds and club checks or new stripes. Broad assortments to choose from, you'll like the prices, too, from \$15.00 up—and at \$25.00 special values—at any price you choose, the best values you ever saw.

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The Boys' Department is overflowing with good things—new styles and fabrics that will please the boys, at prices that Hayden's are noted for. Most all suits have two pairs of knickers and both are lined with good strong twill, the most serviceable and stylish clothes for boys we have ever shown, the assortment is immense. Glen Urquharts in all shades and combinations, tartans and club check, stripes of all kinds and plain colors.

Priced at \$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.95, \$5.95, \$6.95, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10.00 and \$12.50.

Boys' Reefer Top Coats, at \$1.95, \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$5.00.

Wash Suits at 59c, 89c, 95c, \$1.50 and up.

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY BOYS' ALL WOOL BLUE SERGE SUITS, FOR \$3.50

As an inducement for boys to get their confirmation and communion suits early we offer Saturday an all wool blue serge (color guaranteed), two different style Norfolks, full cut knickers, which are lined; ages, 6 to 17 years—this offer is for one day only—Saturday, \$3.50.

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"THE PRETTIEST LINE OF SUITS IN TOWN"

Said One of Our Enthusiastic Customers Today, and we have been told the same thing scores of times the last week. In silks or cloths or combinations of silk and cloth, we have an endless variety and still each one is individual. We have never shown a prettier line of suits, nor one more reasonably priced. We specialize Saturday in suits, at the following prices—

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Spring Coat Special \$12.50

Stylish, jaunty spring coats, in gabardine, covert or poplin, in all the new colors and every late style.

New Spring Waists \$2.98

New crepe de chine or georgette crepe waists, in flesh, white, maize, sand and putty. All new styles, for one day only.

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Crepe de chine, crepe meteor and silk poplin, in the season's best models and in all the new spring colors.

Saturday Night Special 7:00 TO 9:00 \$3 Silk Petticoats, \$1.45 choice.

For one day only, tailored hemp saliers or round turbans, daintily trimmed with quills or flowers. A big table full of these bargain leaders.

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