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GREAT BRITAIN BEGINS TO STARVE OUT GERMANY

Order-in-Council Issued For Blockade of the German North Sea Coast, Without Using That Precise Term.

Programme For "Starving Out the Kaiser"---The Blockade Order is Effective at Once---No Merchant Vessel Permitted to Continue Her Voyage to a German Port.

(Special to the Whig.) London, March 15.—Great Britain today struck the promised blow against Germany. By issuing an order-in-council, she throttled Germany's commerce in a drastic manner, unprecedented in international law. The decree practically declares a blockade of the German North Sea coast, without using the precise term. This is contrary to all precedents, which require the presence of blockading warships. To complete the programme of "starving out the Kaiser," the government laid certain drastic restrictions upon neutral commerce. These are designed to prevent Germany from exporting or importing any commodities through Holland or Scandinavian countries on the Baltic Sea, controlled by the German navy. The "blockade" order is effective at once. In fact, the government served notice that it had been in effect ever since March 1st. No merchant vessel of any nation, which sailed from its port of original departure after Premier Asquith's announcement of March 1st, will be allowed to continue on its way to a German port. No merchant vessel, which steamed from a German port after March 1st, carrying a cargo of German goods, will be permitted to continue to her destination. Her cargo must be discharged at a British or allied port.

Treatment of Neutral Vessels. The next section of the order-in-council, dealing with the treatment of neutral vessels carrying goods to neutral countries, but ultimately destined to Germany, or carrying German goods transhipped at a neutral port, is different in its phraseology. This fact was considered highly significant in government circles. In the preceding paragraphs, dealing with voyages direct to or from Germany, the order-in-council uses the positive phrase: "No vessel will be allowed to proceed." In its reference to commerce between neutral governments, over which the most emphatic protests are certain to be made, the word "may" is used. In some quarters, it was asserted that by avoiding the positive word "will" the government left a loophole, though it might be withdrawn if diplomatic negotiations failed to smooth out difficulties with the United States and other neutrals.

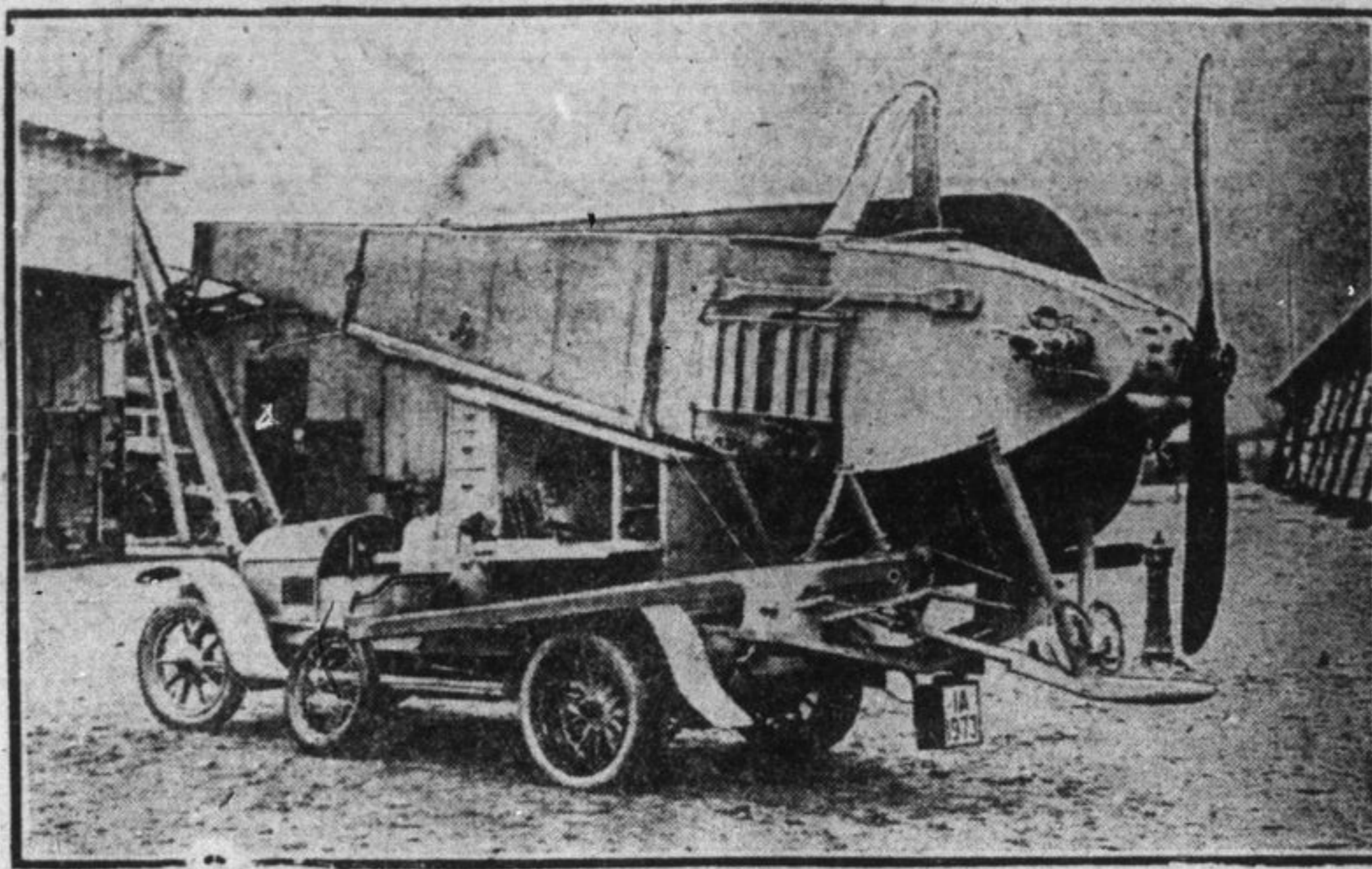
The government laid emphasis on the statement by Premier Asquith that while neutral commerce might suffer, no neutral ship would be endangered nor the lives of non-combatants imperilled in the carrying out of the provisions of the decree. In this respect British action was contrasted with the note of warning from Germany that her submarine warfare might result in the loss of neutral ships and cost the lives of non-combatants.

LOSSES SPELL A TRAGEDY. CANADIAN DEAD, 159. Since War Began 400,000 Men Have Been Slain. Ottawa, March 15.—The death roll of the first Canadian contingent including the Princess Patricia's, has now mounted up to 159. Of these 53 have been killed in action, while 101 have died of disease or accidents. The total number of wounded is well over the 200 mark. The daily lists of killed and wounded are now heavier than ever before, since practically the whole of the first contingent and the Princess Patricia's are right at the front.

CANADIANS UP TO STANDARD OF BEST IMPERIAL TROOPS

Field Marshal Sir John French Praises Their Work on the Firing Line---First Death in the Second Contingent.

Toronto, March 15.—A Mail and Empire cable from London says: Sir John French has sent a message to General Alderson, commanding the first Canadian contingent, praising the work of the Canadians on the firing line. Sir John French says the Canadian force is one of the finest bodies of men he has ever seen, and that they are fully up to the standard of the best Imperial troops. The first death in the second Canadian contingent since its departure from Canada occurred on Saturday, when Gunner L. M. Johnson died of pneumonia in the military hospital at Shorncliffe. Gunner Johnston was formerly a Canadian Pacific Railway constable in Montreal. He leaves a widow with a family. The general in command of the district inspected the second Canadian contingent at Shorncliffe on Saturday, and expressed satisfaction with the good appearance and excellent condition of the men. The members of the Canadian contingent now at Shorncliffe have shown so well in their training that it is believed they will be able to take their places in the firing line in a very few weeks.



AN AEROPLANE CARRIED ON MOTOR CAR CONSTRUCTED FOR PURPOSE. The picture shows an aeroplane with wings folded, packed on a special car for conveyance to another point.

TO RESUME TRAFFIC. Daily Steam Service Between Flushing and Folkestone. Amsterdam, March 15.—Announcement is made of the resumption of a daily steam service between Flushing and Folkestone on Monday. Cross-channel service has been irregular since the announcement of the German submarine blockade order, and presumably also because of the heavy movement of troops from England to the continent. All regular sailings were postponed. Announcement from Amsterdam of the re-starting of such trips is to be construed as indicating supreme confidence by the British in the abatement of the submarine peril.

LONDON'S MAYOR SUES. Wants Unstated Damages Against Free Press For Slander. London, Ont., March 15.—A writ for unstated damages on a charge of slander has been issued by Mayor Stevenson against the London Free Press. One of the statements that caused the suit was the allegation that Mayor Stevenson was endeavoring to close up the garage on property bought by the city to form a city hall site, in order that the business might be diverted further down the street to one recently erected in the mayor's property.

ATTACK ON VATICAN FOR NEUTRAL STAND A Famous Belgian Author Says Vatican Has Been Unchristian.

(Special to the Whig.) Rome, March 15.—Maurice Maeterlinck, a noted Belgian author, who is attempting to stir up pro-ally sentiment by lectures throughout Italy, to-day made an attack on the Vatican for maintaining a neutral attitude in the war. He declared that the Holy See, in taking this position, has abandoned the teachings of Jesus Christ. Maeterlinck delivered his bitter criticism of the Vatican in the course of an appreciation of United States aid to the starving people of Belgium. "On the other hand," said the Belgian writer, "I am sorry to say that the Vatican has proved un-Christian. It has not followed the teachings of Jesus Christ." The Vatican, in this war, has allied itself with the rich oppressor—Germany—by holding aloof. It has not stood by the oppressed, suffering and poor. Its pro-German sympathies are bound to affect the Church in Belgium and France after the war.

Turks Massacre Sixty Families Of Greeks

(Special to the Whig.) Athens, March 15.—Turkish Muslim soldiery have massacred sixty Greek families in the village of Yemari, according to unconfirmed reports reaching here to-day from towns near the Turkish-Greek frontier. The report caused great excitement here, though Government officials were without confirmation. Newspapers which supported former Premier Venizelos in urging a declaration of war against Turkey, give prominent display to the story.

Victims Of Submarines. (Special to the Whig.) London, March 15.—The Admiralty to-day made definite announcement that the steamers Forzan, Headlands and Haridale were sunk by submarine attacks. In an official statement issued Saturday night, it was stated that these steamers were victims either of mines or torpedoes. Germany having informed the Swiss Government that the export of coal from Germany will shortly be prohibited, England has offered Switzerland as much as is required and at the cost price. The death of William Washington Cole, old time circus man is announced in New York.

PITH OF NEWS Despatches From Near And Distant Places.

THE LATEST TIDINGS PRESENTED IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

The Whig's Daily Condensation of the News Of The World From Telegraph Service and Newspaper Exchanges. Rev. Wesley Casson, a veteran Methodist minister, is dead in Toronto at the age of eighty-five. Adolphus Rivaux died at his home in Dover township at the age of one hundred and five years. The council of the Ontario Bar Association will present requests for reforms to the attorney-general. Dr. Cornwall, ex-reeve of Ommeo, and a former warden of Victoria, is dead at the age of eighty-four. Colonel Macdonald, Toronto, in an address on insurance taxation raised the question, "Can a government confiscate funds?" Prince Melemed Burhan-Eddin Effendi, favorite son of Sultan Abdul Hamid, was found strangled in his bedroom in Constantinople. Dr. Patrick Quinn, parish priest at Richmond, Que., for half a century, died at his residence there, aged seventy-nine. The date on the bill before the Provincial Legislature to incorporate Galt as a city has been changed to June 1st, 1916 from March 15. General Manager James Kent of the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company has resigned. He will be succeeded by John McMillan, Calgary. Mme. Sarah Bernhardt was discharged from the hospital at Paris on Saturday pronounced entirely and safely convalescent from the recent operation by which her right leg was amputated.

WITHDRAWING GOLD. (Special to the Whig.) Bucharest, March 15.—German banks at Constantinople are making heavy shipments of gold from Constantinople to Berlin, according to despatches received here to-day. Several German merchants in the Ottoman capital are preparing to leave.

AKOKA LIFE DULL; YOUTH JOINS ALLIES. Missing Farmer's Son Found in France with the Canadian Army. Mandan, N.D., March 15.—I'm with the Canadian soldiers in France farm life is not exciting enough," is the information received by the father of Ray Crandall, and the mystery of the disappearance of a former local high school basketball star is thus solved. Crandall disappeared last fall. A letter says that he and another boy left the threshing fields near New Salem, going to Portal, N.D., and being stopped by the authorities and sent back to Minot. They tried to cross the line again, but were stopped a second time and sent to Grand Forks. Then they crossed the line at night and walked to Winnipeg and joined the army. The father of Crandall is a farmer near Golden Valley, and he made a long search without result. The boy is 22.

To Hang Bulgar Deserters. Paris, March 15.—The Balkan Agency's (Soda correspondent says): "The court-martial which has been hearing the case of the soldiers of the 23 and 34th Regiments, who in July, 1913, were sent against the Roumanians but deserted, has just rendered its decision. A lieutenant-colonel, two majors, twenty minor officers and one hundred men of these regiments are sentenced to be hanged."

A Noted Sea Raider Has Been Sent to Bottom

London, March 15.—The Admiralty announced, this evening, that the German cruiser Dresden, the noted sea raider, has been sunk.

A NEW BRITISH ATTACK DIRECTED BY GEN. FRENCH

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, March 15.—(3 p.m. official)—A new attack has been directed by Gen. French, commanding the British forces, according to official despatches from the battle front to-day. The British have abandoned temporarily their offensive east of Neuve Chapelle, and have begun an energetic assault on German trenches south of Ypres. It was admitted at the war office that the first British attacks yesterday afternoon were not successful. The British were driven back in the region of Stielt, but returning to the assault during last night they drove the Germans from the lost territory and registered a slight advance. The fighting was continuing when the despatches were filed yesterday, with the opposing forces clashing in a series of desperate charges. The enemy has been unable to send reinforcements from Dixmude. In the Dixmude region, the Belgians have kept the Germans busy by a series of attacks in the band of the Yser. The German forces yesterday afternoon made another attempt to recapture lost ground between Four De Paris and Bolante, in the Argonne, but were driven off.

HOPE FOR FALL OF SMYRNA BEFORE END OF WEEK

This is Predicted in the Late Athens Despatches.

MORE WARSHIPS S'NT TO HELP ADMIRAL PEIRSE SMASH DOWN FORTS.

Battleships Are Now Inside the Straits and Battering Away at the Dardanelles' Forts—A Panic Feeling in Constantinople—Capital To Be Removed. London, March 15.—The fall of Smyrna before the end of the week was predicted in Athens despatches received here to-day. More warships have been sent to reinforce Admiral Peirce, whose squadron is smashing away at the Turkish forts and the Smyrna garrison is reported to be preparing to evacuate. Meanwhile another attack on the Dardanelles forts has been begun from inside the strait. Mine sweepers, whose work was hampered by the fire from Turkish land forces, on the European side, have resumed clearing the waters inside the entrance under the protection of French cruisers. Several allied battleships steamed into the strait early on Sunday, according to Athens despatches, and their shells are again grinding away at the land batteries. The attempts to seize the Isthmus above Bulair and cut the line of communication from Constantinople to the European forts has been renewed. Despatches from Sofia, to-day, brought more reports of panic conditions in Constantinople. Refugees declared it has been positively decided by the Turkish Government to remove the capital to Eski Shehr in Asia Minor. War Tidings. The Norwegian Government has determined to spend ten million kroner in a hurried modernization of naval stations at Christiansand, Bergen, and Ofoden. The Swedish steamer Anna struck a mine off Scarborough, on the east coast of England Saturday and foundered. Two members of her crew were killed by the explosion. Eighteen were rescued by a passing steamer. The German submarine U-29 on Thursday torpedoed and sank the French steamer Auguste Cousteau of the Compagnie Des Chargeurs Reunis. The crew were saved and landed at Falmouth, England. A trawler which arrived at Copenhagen brought two pontoons of a German hydroplane which to have been lost in the North Sea. The wreckage was found floating far from land.

Austrian Boys Must Harvest The Next Crop

Venice, Italy, via London, March 15.—Intelligence reaching here from Vienna shows that many articles of daily food have more than doubled in price in the Austrian capital since the war began, and that there has been a secret speculation in foodstuffs, which has aroused the indignation of the people both Vienna and Budapest. The Government is doing all it possibly can to secure labor to harvest the next crop. To this end all school children from twelve to fourteen years of age have been excused from attendance at school and are being drilled for the work ahead of them.

DAILY MEMORANDUM City Council, 8 p.m. Spring assizes, 2 p.m. Tuesday. See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities. Vanderville, Grand Opera House, 1.30 and 7.30 p.m. Musical concert, C.O.F.P. Hall, to-night at 8 o'clock. Admission 15c. Hockey match, Colver Rink, Wolfe Island vs. Versus, 8.15 p.m. THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG Is on Sale at the Following City Stores: Bucknell's News Depot... 295 King St. Clarke, J. W. & Co. 355 Princess College Book Store... 108 Princess Coulter's Grocery... 259 Princess Cullen's Grocery, Cor. Prin. & Alfred Frontenac Hotel... Ontario St. Gibson's Drug Store... Market Square Lowe's Grocery... Portmouth Macdonald's Book Store... 51 Princess McDermott's Cigar Store, Cor. Prin. & King McLeod's Grocery... 81 Union St. W. Medley's Drug Store, 260 University Paul's Cigar Store... 313 Princess Prouse's Drug Store... 313 Princess Vallies's Grocery... 298 Montreal.

MARRIED. MULLIN-HINCKLEY—At Portmouth, on Monday, March 15th, 1915, by Rev. J. Watson, Gta. Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hinckley, Wolfe Island, to Hollie, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mullin, Prescott, Ont. DIED. GRAY—In Kingston, March 15th, 1915, Sarah, beloved wife of Thomas Gray, aged 65 years. Funeral from her late residence, 58 Alma street, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends' acquaintances respectfully invited to attend. KNIGHT—In Kingston on March 15th, 1915, Hannah, widow of the late Jonathan Knight, aged 78 years. Funeral (private) from her late residence, 7 Mack street, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. M'CONNELL—At Winipeg, Man., on March 5th, 1915, Katherine Garrett, wife of John McConnel, formerly of Odessa. Injurer at Winipeg. SMITH—In Kingston, March 15, 1915, Edward William Smith, aged 82 years, and Mrs. W. Smith, aged 72 years. Funeral from his grandmother's residence, Mrs. T. Follis, 34 Elliot st., on Tuesday afternoon.

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