

That American Protest Regarding Shipping

(By Henry Dalby)

THE warm sympathy of the great majority of the American people with the Allies is cordially appreciated by the latter. Its constant manifestations shows that our American friends realize that the Allies are fighting the battle of human liberty and civilization for all races. Under these circumstances every possible allowance must be made for any apparent inconsistencies on the part of our "great and good friend," President Wilson and his cabinet, in their maintenance of the neutrality of the United States, even at the risk of offending the majority of their own people.

If the United States Government's interpretation of the obligations of neutrality are neither judicial nor judicious, it must not be hastily assumed that it is because our "great and good friend" has allowed Count Bernstorff to pull his great and good leg, but rather to a disposition to be so upright on the question of neutrality, as to lean over a trifling backwards for fear of seeming to lean toward the natural preferences and inclinations of his own people.

Not a Diplomatist.

President Wilson is before all things a school man, and they do not teach diplomacy in the schools. If Germany had to deal with a Roosevelt, Teddy's rough and ready diplomacy would have found expression in vigorous action long ago. He would have said to the Kaiser (no doubt in diplomatic, but plain English), "You are violating all the laws of war; you are breaking treaty obligations to which your Government is a party; you are outraging the laws of humanity openly and defiantly; you are threatening to violate the independence of the United States; you are inflicting vast injury upon the commerce of the United States, and jeopardizing American shipping and the lives of American citizens upon the high seas. You are at liberty to carry on the war to its inevitable end—the ruin of your country and the destruction of your dynasty. That is your business, not ours; but these outrages I have enumerated have got to stop within twenty-four hours; or I shall be under the painful necessity of terminating a neutrality which is becoming irksome and irritating to the people of the United States."

And They'd Stop.

The outrages would stop, and the

Kaiser would have to fight fairly and like a man.

Not even a Hohenzollern can afford to offend the sense of justice and humanity of all mankind all the time. The war will not last for ever, and when it is over, public sentiment will count for much in the tedious process of the rehabilitation of German trade and commerce.

For many years to come, the brand "Made in Germany" will be a stigma of infamy on German imports into many lands besides those now engaged in the war. Were His Imperial Majesty resolutely set upon making the economic ruin of Germany complete and permanent, he could not adopt a policy more likely to achieve that result than that which he is now following.

Climax Of Offences.

His latest proclamations ordering the use of dum-dum bullets—with the lying excuse that the Allies have set the murderous and cruel example—is the climax of his offences against humanity. It reads like the last scream of baffled rage and impotent malice, and it will have about as much moral effect upon the troops who are fighting his armies as water upon a duck's back.

Until the full text of the President's protest is published, it would be well for the British people to suspend judgment upon the issues raised. At present it is not quite certain what are the issues involved.

Two very distinct and different questions have been raised: One is the

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right of "visit and search"; that is the right of a belligerent to stop and search a neutral ship for contraband articles intended for enemy's use, whether shipped directly or indirectly to the enemy's territory; the other, the question of preventing cargoes of any description being shipped to or from the enemy's country by blockade.

Admits the Rights.

The United States government has not only admitted, but asserted the right of blockade, very properly taking the ground that the only test of the legality of a blockade is its effectiveness. Under the Declaration of London in 1865, confirmed by the Hague Conference in 1909, it is laid down as the Law of Nations, that to constitute a blockade there must be a sufficient force to make access to the prohibited ports difficult and dangerous.

This ground was also taken by President Madison in a communication to the American Minister in London.

The right of "Visit and Search" is universally recognized, the only condition formally affirmed by the Declaration of London being that in the case of mail ships it must be exercised with as much consideration and expedition as possible.

U.S.A. Would Lose.

Too much importance should not be attached to the President's protest, because no country stands to lose so much by the acceptance of the principle laid down as the United States. That country has everything to lose and nothing to gain by aiding and encouraging Germans and thus prolonging the war.

The foolish cackle indulged in about coercing the Allies by cutting off American trade with Great Britain, France, Russia and Japan is too silly to be worth a moment's serious consideration. Great Britain has shown the friendliest feeling towards the United States by undertaking that the cargoes of German dye-stuffs shall not be molested on their way to American ports. The orders now placed by Great Britain in the United States for supplies of various kinds amount to more than Germany's whole trade will come to for many years.

In fighting against the Kaiser for human freedom Great Britain is fighting for America as well as for British liberty and independence, and doing the job cheaply for our esteemed neighbors. The blockade of Germany is effective and complete, and therefore strictly legal, and will not be stopped by the American copper lords or any other speculators.

ADVISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

EDISON SETS WAR'S DURATION AT TWO YEARS

Thinks Belligerents Can Keep up the Great Conflict That Much Longer—Has High Opinion of Submarines But Believes Their Attacks Can Be Combated

West Orange, N.J., Jan. 8.—Thomas A. Edison believes the war will last two years longer. He considers that the submarine has proved itself the greatest naval instrument of offense, but believes that means have been found though not yet demonstrated, for the defense of the big ships against underwater attacks.

"While the submarine has not obviated the need for the dreadnought, it surely has lessened its value. But

you may bet that the ships that England is now constructing will be protected against submarine torpedoes. The effect of a primary explosion can be greatly reduced in constructing a dreadnought and this in all likelihood is what is being done," said Mr. Edison.

A Great Mistake.

"Germany has made the great mistake of believing Great Britain and France decadent nations. The Germans are a great people commercially, industrially, and agriculturally, but they have been brought up in the atmosphere of egotism. It is too bad that everything in the country has been subordinated to the military caste, and I think the sooner this system is ended the better for the German people.

"The present war has taught the world that killing men in war is a scientific proposition. With all the implements of destruction and plans for offensive operations so carefully mapped out, and with the great number of men that can be drawn into the fray by both sides, the conflict will be a long drawn affair. There have been wars that have lasted thirty years, but those days are past. Killing men is a different matter today, and I believe the present struggle will not end for two years at least, although I hope it may end sooner than any of us expects."

Caused No Worry.

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People Surprise Him.

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