

TEXT OF GERMAN MEMORANDUM PUBLISHED

Berlin, Feb. 7 (By wireless to St. John, N. B.)—Germany officially has given out the full text of "The Memorandum of the Imperial German Government concerning retaliation against the measures taken by England, in violation of international law, to stop neutral sea commerce with Germany."

It follows: "Since the beginning of the present war, Great Britain has carried on a mercantile warfare against Germany in a way that defies all the principles of international law. It is true that the British government has announced, in a number of decrees, the London Declaration concerning naval warfare, but in reality she has renounced the Declaration in its most important particulars, although her own delegates at the London Conference on Naval Warfare had recognized its conclusions to be valid as international law."

"The British government has put a number of articles in the list of contraband which are not, or at most, are only indirectly useful for military purposes, and therefore, according to the London Declaration, as well as according to the universally recognized rules of international law, may not be designated as contraband. She has, further, actually abolished the distinction between absolute and relative contraband, inasmuch as she has subjected to capture all articles of relative contraband intended for Germany, without reference to the harbor in which they are to be unloaded, or to the hostile or peaceful use to which they are to be put."

"She does not even hesitate to violate the Paris Declaration, as her naval forces have sailed on neutral ships, in violation of her own decrees concerning the London Declaration. She has further, through her naval forces, taken from neutral ships numerous Germans liable to military service, and has made of them prisoners of war."

"Finally, she has declared the entire North Sea to be an area of war, and if she has not made impossible the passage of neutral ships through the sea between Scotland and Norway, she has rendered it so dangerous that she has, to a certain extent, effected a blockade of neutral coasts and neutral ports, in violation of all international law."

"All these measures have the obvious purpose, through the illegal nationalization of legitimate neutral commerce, not only to strike at the German military strength, but also at the economic life of Germany and, finally, through starvation, doom the entire population of Germany to destruction."

"The neutral powers have generally acquiesced in the steps taken by the British government, especially, they have not succeeded in inducing the German individuals and property seized in violation of international law. In certain directions they have also aided the British measures, which are irreconcilable with the freedom of the sea, in that they have obviously, under the name of 'Dr. Wood's' is 25c and only by The T. M.

the pressure of England, hindered by export and transit embargoes, the transit of wares for peaceful purposes to Germany."

A Knock for Neutral Powers.

"The German government has in vain called the attention of neutral powers to the fact that it must face the question of whether it can longer persevere in its hitherto strict observance of the rules of the London Declaration, if Great Britain were to continue its course, and the neutral powers were to continue to acquiesce in these violations of neutrality, to the detriment of Germany."

"For her violations of international law Great Britain pleads the vital interests which the British Empire has at stake, and the neutral powers seem to satisfy themselves with a theoretical protest. Therefore, in fact, they accept the vital interests of belligerents as sufficient excuse for every method of warfare."

"Germany must now appeal to these same vital interests, to its regret. It therefore sees itself forced to military measures aimed at England in retaliation against the English procedure, noted as contraband. She has designated the area between Scotland and Norway as an area of war, so Germany now declares all the waters surrounding Great Britain and Ireland, including the entire English Channel, as an area of war, and thus will proceed against the shipping of the enemy."

"For this purpose, beginning Feb. 18, 1915, it will endeavor to destroy every enemy merchant ship that is found in this area of war, without its always being possible to avert the peril that this threatens persons and cargo."

"Neutrals are therefore warned against further entrusting crews, passengers and wares to such ships. Their attention is also called to the fact that it is advisable for their ships to avoid entering this area for even though the German naval forces have instructions to avoid violence to neutral ships, in so far as they are recognizable, in view of the misuse of neutral flags ordered by the British government and the contingencies of naval warfare, their becoming victims of torpedoes directed against enemy ships cannot always be averted."

"At the same time it is specifically noted that shipping north of the Shetland Islands, in the eastern area of the North Sea, and in a strip of at least thirty sea miles in width along the Netherlands coast is not imperilled."

"The German government gives such notice of these measures that hostile, as well as neutral ships, may have time accordingly to adopt their plans for landing at ports in this area of war. It is to be expected that the peaceful life of the rooms—a light that set off finely the century-old splendor of the costly furniture that had been brought in from other ruined houses. There were inlaid Flemish wardrobes in rococo style, used here to support the ceiling; there were small mahogany tables in empire style, with gilt ornaments in bronze. The coffee cabinet was humming. An ancient clock chimed at the end of every hour the same chorus: 'Only Submit to the Will of God.' But open the door and let in the gray daylight and you hear the enemy's rifle bullets pattering against the walls, incessant and yet so vicious."

DIXMUIRE A CITY OF SUBTERRANEAN LIFE

Well known writer describes City destroyed by Germans—Priceless manuscripts strewn about streets.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—William Scherermann, one of the best known of the German war correspondents, has recently visited Dixmuid, which has become famous through the heavy fighting around it in October and November, resulting finally in its capture by the Germans. He writes as follows: "Dixmuid presents a picture of destruction such as I had not regarded possible, notwithstanding all that I have seen in this war. No house here has escaped, and many quarters of the town are heaps of ruins in which it is no longer possible to distinguish where the streets had been. The large market square is strewn with shells, and in order to reach the point where the beautiful town hall and the parish church of St. Nicholas used to stand, one has to pick one's way among deep holes gouged into the pavement by the heavy shells. The church is still to be recognized from an arch in the wall and a piece of the spire. But inside the debris lies as high as a man's head."

"Dixmuid is dead, the grave of an old culture more touching than any city of the antique world unearthed after thousands of years; for here one sees everywhere mementoes of men

still living whose household goods are scattered in the streets, and whose most precious belongings, half-charred, are rotting away in the rain. I got some idea of the loss from an examination of the archives which I discovered buried among the ruins of the town hall. Manuscripts on fine old hand-made paper and parchment reaching far back into the Middle Ages lay there, singed, torn and thrown topsy-turvy by exploding shells, being ruined by the rain. There was correspondence from the beginning of the fifteenth century, carried on in German between a merchant in Calais and the city government of Dixmuid. There lay the minutes, and other documents of the city government from the time when the Hanseatic League was in the high tide of prosperity, financial accounts reaching back into the fourteenth century, manuscripts of humanistic learning, scientific treasures of an important and fascinating character. But gladly as one would have lost one's self with these discoveries, this was manifestly not the moment to become absorbed in them; for the enemy's fire was directed without interruption at the market square and the former town hall, and at any moment these tottering walls might fall."

City of Subterranean Life.

"No human being was at first to be seen in the ruined streets. And yet there was much life in the city—but underground. Hundreds of eyes were watching us while we were wandering about. At times a sentinel would emerge suddenly from a jumble of

A Great Blessing to be Freed of Indigestion

For Years He Suffered After Almost Every Meal—Attributes Complete Cure to Use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

The experience of many people who suffer from indigestion is like that of the writer of this letter. Stomach medicines may bring some relief, but chronic indigestion is almost invariably the result of derangement of the liver, kidneys and bowels, and cannot be actually cured until these organs are set right. With the liver sluggish there is constipation, and the food ferments in the bowels instead of being digested. This is the source of pain and suffering, and the cause of such dreaded diseases as appendicitis, peritonitis

and kidney disease. It is much better to be on the safe side and prevent such trouble by the timely use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. Mr. J. D. S. Barrett, Nelson, B.C., and formerly of Twillingate, Nfld., writes: "For several years I was a great sufferer from indigestion. The least bit of food caused me considerable trouble, and often I could scarcely eat a meal a day. The many remedies I tried proved futile until I began the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and after using about eight boxes I was completely cured. Since that time I have not been troubled with indigestion, I feel grateful for this cure, and shall advise every inquiry from persons suffering as I did."

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FRENCH ARTILLERYMEN WITH A "75" GUN SHELLING A GERMAN POSITION.



In this picture, drawn especially for this newspaper, the New York Herald and the London Sphere, Pictu Thirst, the artist, shows the French deadly "75" at work clearing the streets of a French village. Describing his picture, the artist says:—"The Germans were becoming troublesome to the French at the village of B—, in the north of France—so much so that the general ordered his 'plous-plous' to take the place. The French infantry attacked and succeeded in occupying the first houses, but could make no further progress. At this juncture a young artillery officer stepped into the breach and with splendid courage brought up one of his '75's' into the main street of the village. With a few shots he destroyed the shelters of the Germans, who were only a few yards off. The French infantry, hidden behind broken walls waiting to see the result of the duel, cheered the artillerymen and then proceeded to clear the village. In a few minutes the village was once more in French hands." The drawing shows the scene during the bombardment of the Germans by the French "75" gun.

timbers and stones to warn us not to cross certain streets, for there are stretches of ground in this desolated town that are swept by the enemy's rifles so incessantly and with such a hail of bullets that it is sure death to try to cross them."

"Again we stopped before one of those confused heaps of ruins. Here were the headquarters of the German commandant. Forbidding as the pile looked from the outside, it was comfortable enough inside. It was some rich man's house, about three-fourths of its height left standing and its rooms on the second floor being left intact. Sand bags and earth had been laid upon the debris covering the upper floors and this made the lower rooms secure against exploding shells. Candles and lamps shed a mild and peaceful light in the rooms—a light that set off finely the century-old splendor of the costly furniture that had been brought in from other ruined houses. There were inlaid Flemish wardrobes in rococo style, used here to support the ceiling; there were small mahogany tables in empire style, with gilt ornaments in bronze. The coffee cabinet was humming. An ancient clock chimed at the end of every hour the same chorus: 'Only Submit to the Will of God.' But open the door and let in the gray daylight and you hear the enemy's rifle bullets pattering against the walls, incessant and yet so vicious."

Trenches Filled With Water.

"A tunnel, partly underground and partly broken through the walls of rooms and houses, leads up to the artillery observation stand. From here we overlooked the battleground. The hostile trenches lay very close to each other, at one point not more than thirty yards. The River Yser, now carrying high water, constitutes the dividing line here. On the other side we could see the French, their machine guns, and their artillery. The enemy was prepared for us a surprise that did not come wholly unexpected. He began to bombard the ruins of Dixmuid with heavy artillery. The first shell struck into a heap of ruins quite near us and made a noise as if the world was coming to an end. 'Every man into the bombproofs,' was commanded, and several officers pulled me along with them into the subterranean dwelling of the commandant. For three hours we remained there listening to the noise and expecting every moment that a shell would strike right over us. Once the very earth trembled; the adjoining house had been struck, came down with a crash above our heads. 'Now,' said the commandant as another shell struck; 'Now,' at one time nearer to us, at another farther away. And through it all the old Flemish clock was chiming out the hours with its choral of submission to the will of God on high."

"Since prudence is the better part of valor and it was uncertain how

long the bombardment would continue, we finally left Dixmuid in the midst of it. To the left and to the right shells were dropping and walls were falling with a crash."—Boston Transcript.

PREPARING FOR A NAVAL BATTLE

If we could see the ships of the Grand Fleet in the North Sea we may be sure they would hardly present that spick and span appearance which we associate with a ship of war during times of peace; their sides all stained, with rust all round the water line, and a generally bedraggled appearance—that is if they have been keeping the sea. But the most startling change would be the stripped and naked appearance they would present for gunnery which we would associate with a ship of war during times of peace; their sides all stained, with rust all round the water line, and a generally bedraggled appearance—that is if they have been keeping the sea. But the most startling change would be the stripped and naked appearance they would present for gunnery which we would associate with a ship of war during times of peace; their sides all stained, with rust all round the water line, and a generally bedraggled appearance—that is if they have been keeping the sea. 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