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Germany Claims Subma rine Commanders Have Been Instructed to This Effect.

WILL PAY DAMAGES IF NEUTRAL SHIP SUNK

Claims that submarines have repeatedly been warned against attacking neutrals even when carrying contraband.

Washington, May 11.—Germany, through Ambassador Gerard, today notified the United States that submarine commanders had been specifically instructed not to harm neutral vessels not engaged in hostile acts; and that Germany would pay for demages to such ships in the war zone. Neutral ships carrying contraband will be dealt with, the anneuncement says, according to the rules of naval warfare. If neutral ships are accidentally damaged in the war zone, Germany will express its regret and pay damages, without prize court proceedings.

ceedings.

The German government justifies its submarine warfare, on the grounds that England is threatening to starve the civilian population of Germany by prohibiting neutral commerce in food stuffs and other necessaries.

In previous communications Germany has disclaimed responsibility for any harm that might befall neutral vessels venturing into the warene.

The text of the announcement cabled by Ambassador Gerard, which was issued by the Berlin Foreign Office in the form of a circular follows:

"1. Imperial German government naturally has no intention of causing to be attacked by submarines or aircraft such neutral ships of commerce in the zone of naval warfare, or definitely described in the notice of the German Admirally staff of February 4th last, as have been guilty of no hostile act. On the contrary, the most definite instructions repeatedly have been issued to German warships to avoid attacks on such ships under all circumstances. Even when such ships have contraband of war on board, they are dealt with by submarines solely according to the rule of international law applying to prize warfare.

## BRITISH ADMIRALTY REFUTES LYING REPORT SENT OUT FROM BERLIN

German "Yarn" Circulated to Mislead Neutrals Says Several British Warships Mistook One Another for Enemy and Engaged, a Number Being Seriously Damaged.

London, May 11-The British official press bureau today issued

circulated through the German wireless stations and received by the Marconi Company:

"The main headquarters reported some weeks ago that a large number of reports were current, which originated in Norway, that near Bergen, on the Norwegian ceast, during the night from the 7th to the 8th of April heavy sea fighting British and German ships had taken place. Ships coming from that direction also reported that they had seen squadrons of warships. On that night gun fire by the aid of illuminating rockets had been noticed.

"With regard to these reports some light has been thrown upon the matter by the commander of the submarine A-2 which was destroyed in the Dardanelles. According to a letter which came into our possession regarding the North Sea fight which is said to have taken place, the British battleship Superb is said to have been sunk and the cruiser Warrior is said to have been sinking without the German navy having suffered any loss. On Friday, April 9, a number of cruisers are said to have arrived in a damaged condition.

"The Lion was badly damaged. Official reports say nothing of all this.

"Similar reports have come to hand from reliable neutral sources that a number of badly damaged and slightly damaged ships reached English ports for repairs. The manner in which they had been damaged has been left unexplained."

"An especially large number of damaged ships ran into the Tyne. A damaged cruiser was towed into the Tyne. A ship of the Lion type with a starboard list and with her aft funnel missing was towed into the

"The silence of the Admiralty on all this is easily to be understood. As the German navy took no part in any fighting on that night and as a fight with neutral vessels is out of the question a battle can only have taken place between ships of the British fleet which did not recognize each other in the darkness."

The Secretary of the British Admiralty states that there is not a word of truth in this fabrication. It is, however, interesting as a mark of the anxiety of Germany at the present moment to make an impression on neutral states."

### Bomb Falls Into Bed Where Boy is Sleeping, Wounds Him Slightly

German aeroplane flies NO AGREEMENT German aeroplane flies ping five bombs.



A CANADIAN TUG

The Canadian tugboat J. P. Torne, which put into St. Johns, Nid., with her machinery damaged, made repairs and salled on the 4th for Stormaway, Scotiand. From there she will proceed to Archangel to be used by the Russian government.

### RUSSIAN LINE PIERCED, SAYS BERLIN REPORT

Germans Claim Pursuit of Czar's Army in East Continues.

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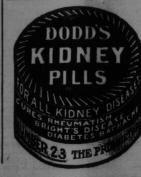
Berlin War Office' says French attacks repulsed and five machine guns captured.

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"In the eastern theatre yesterdihe situation was unchanged. The Russians attempted to arrest the pusuit of our army under General Wackensen on the Brzosko line, which is the branch of the Strodika-Brzezna and at Ropozya, northeast of Ebend Szcruzyn on the Vistula. The beject failed completely. By night the Russian lines were pierced im mainlaces.

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Washington, May 11.—The State Department, late today, made publication as a neutral."

May 29th.

London, May 11.—The salling of the Cunard line steamer Mauretania, sister ship of the Lusitania, advertised for May 29, has been cancelled. Since the beginning of the war the Mauretania had been employed by the Mauretani Was to have resumed London, May 11.—The salling of the Cunard line steamer Mauretania, sister ship of the Lusitania, advertised for May 29, has been cancelled.

Since the beginning of the war the Mauretania had been employed by the Admiralty as an auxiliary cruiser. She was but recently released to resume the passenger service.

Germans cannot understand Pres. Wilson's idea of Righteousness.

London, May 11.—The words "Too Proud to Fight," cover in huge letters most of the placards displayed on the streets of London today to advertise he evening papers. The text of President Wilson's speech at Philadelphia last night, reached London too late for general comment as yet.

The Evening Standard, however,

n an editorial paragraph, remarks in an editorial paragraph, remarks:

"President Wilson is a high-minded man, and we can understand what he meant by this rather unpolitical remark. Unfortunately Germany does not understand this kind of righteousness. If America could only, as the President says, convince Germany of her injustice to mankind, how dignified and useful would be her position as a neutral."

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