

# BRITAIN PUTS COTTON ON CONTRABAND LIST

## COTTON IS DECLARED ABSOLUTE CONTRABAND BY GREAT BRITAIN

### French Government Will Issue Similar Notice Today—Action No Surprise at Washington—Expected Protest Will Be Made Citing Britain's Previous Policy of Holding Cotton Free of Restraint.

London, Aug. 22.—Cotton has been declared absolute contraband by Great Britain, according to a statement issued by the Foreign Office last evening. The statement declares that the government proposes to initiate measures to relieve the depression which might temporarily disturb the cotton market because of the contraband order.

It was learned, upon inquiry at the Foreign Office, that the French government will issue a similar notice today.

The declaration making cotton contraband is effective from today. A royal proclamation concerning the subject was published in a supplement of the London Gazette issued tonight. It is very brief. After a preamble citing previous proclamations concerning contraband, it says:

"Now, therefore, we do hereby declare by and with advice of our Privy Council that during the continuance of the war, or until we do give further public notice, the following articles will be treated as absolute contraband, in addition to those set out in our royal proclamations aforementioned: Raw cotton, cotton lint, cotton waste and cotton yarn.

"And we do hereby further declare that this, our royal proclamation, shall take effect from the date of its publication in the London Gazette."

The proclamation was signed yesterday by King George.

tain, came as no surprise to officials here. Secretary Lansing was informally advised by the British Embassy some time ago that this action had been decided upon, and that formal announcement was delayed only pending the arrangement of details.

This included, it is understood, preparations to protect the market from the effect of the announcement and also an understanding between Great Britain and her allies.

While officials would not discuss the subject Saturday night, it is certain the United States will protest against the British action, citing the previous consistent policy of Great Britain in holding cotton free of restraint. The result, it is expected, will be to draw out a full explanation of the reasons behind the British change of policy.

The first direct effect of the British announcement will be to simplify the discussion over the orders-in-council now in progress. Cotton ships have formed a large percentage of the total number of craft held up under the orders, each case involving much informal debate over arrangements for payment by Great Britain for the cargoes seized. Each case, also, became an additional factor in the formal discussion between the two governments, the United States having steadily maintained that Great Britain was violating accepted rules of international law in halting commerce between neutrals, more especially trade in contraband goods.

With cotton declared contraband, there will be no payment for seized cargoes as heretofore and the formal discussion so far as cotton is concerned is at an end.

## ST. STEPHEN BURGLAR MAKES NEAT GET-AWAY

### Wm. Cripps, Sentenced to 7 Years in Dorchester, Fools Jailer and Makes His Escape.

St. Stephen, Aug. 22.—William Cripps, who by the good work of Marshal Gibson was arrested about a week ago, and sent up for trial, convicted, and finally sentenced to serve seven years in Dorchester Penitentiary for burglary, is still some distance from serving his sentence. He was confined in the county jail in St. Andrews, and was to have been taken to Dorchester on Saturday evening. On Saturday forenoon he asked Jailer McKendrick to allow him to have a wash-up in the jailer's private washroom.

Mr. McKendrick escorted Cripps to the wash-room, which was adjoining, and connected to the jail. But his confidence was misplaced for, while Cripps was in the room, he made a leap through an open window and then disappeared from sight, and up to the present time has not been located. He is not likely to remain long at liberty, however, for he is wanted on a like charge in several states, and in more than one of the Canadian provinces.

## LIEUT. GIBSON KILLED IN BATTLE IN FLANDERS

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 22.—Col. Sir John M. Gibson received a cablegram today announcing the death in battle in Flanders, on Thursday, of his youngest son, Lieut. Frank Gibson. The late Lieut. Gibson was attached to the Fifteenth Battalion, having left with the 48th Highlanders, Toronto. He was wounded early in the war, but had recovered and rejoined his regiment. He was a graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston, and was preparing to study law when he enlisted for service.

### PLAIN TALK

(Hamilton Herald)

Out of Canada's estimated population of 8,000,000, hardly more than one in every hundred has volunteered for overseas service. Canada has received much praise for the part she has played in the big struggle, but these figures do not furnish any ground for satisfaction or pride. They bring home in a startling way just how pitifully small our efforts have been, and should furnish a spur to greater effort to make our contribution commensurate with the place Canada occupies within the empire. If the number of British-born were deducted from the total who have enlisted, the result would be something that no loyal Canadian would care to dwell upon. Though the size of Canada's contri-

## DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES BY FLOODS

### Merrimac River Rises Five Feet Higher Than Ever in Its History and Hundreds of Families Flooded Out.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 22.—The Merrimac river, lined on either side with thousands of pleasure resorts, club houses and summer cottages, went several miles of its banks today, swept away most of these buildings and increased to twenty, it is reported, the number of lives lost in St. Louis county as a result of the flood which followed the recent rain storm here.

The Merrimac began rising a foot an hour this morning, and the flood was so sudden that hundreds of persons had time only to climb to trees with motor boats, had been in vain early tonight. The river passed tonight a stage five feet higher than ever before in its history.

The worst conditions prevail at the river's mouth. Thousands of refugees from the flooded districts are being housed in churches, hotels and other public buildings nearby. Cots and food are being sent to the scene from St. Louis.

Approximately 9,000 feet of the track on the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad near Moseley, Mo., was washed out.

### Those Angels

(Hamilton Herald)

One of the war stories that obtained wide currency was about angels that were said to have appeared to the British soldiers on the retreat from Mons. The story passed from mouth to mouth in the expeditionary forces spread to England and found its way to this continent. It was referred to in a Hamilton pulp. And it was pure fiction. The authority for this statement is none other than the author of the story, Arthur Machew, who tells all about it in the London Mail. He says the story was invented by him and published by him as a work of pure fiction. He says:

"The editor of the Occult Review was, I think, the first to ask whether the tale had any foundation in fact. He was followed by the editor of Light. I assured both these gentlemen that I had 'made it all up out of my own head,' that it was not based on any rumor or hint or whisper of any kind or sort, in fact that it was sheer invention. And this is the truth, and the whole truth, and nothing but the truth of the matter."

But in men is open to criticism, the quality is not. What a reproach if the glorious record the heroic Canadians have already made on the field of battle in Belgium and northern France should be sullied by slowness or failure of young Canadians at home to respond to the call!

## TIME FOR WORDS PAST, ACTION NOW, ROOSEVELT SAYS, WHILE BRYAN URGES TREATY PLAN

### Every Note to Germany a Sign of Timidity and Weakness on Part of the United States, Ex-president Roosevelt Declares.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Former President Theodore Roosevelt issued the following statement here Saturday:

"I see this suggested in the papers, that the German answer to our last note, that is, the sinking of the Arabic by a German submarine, and the consequent murder of certain citizens, will be adequately met by the administration dismissing Bernstorff and severing diplomatic relations with Germany. I earnestly hope the administration will not take this view, for to do so would be a fresh sacrifice of American honor and interest.

"The President's note to Germany in February last was an excellent note, if only it had been lived up to. But every subsequent note has represented nothing but a weakness and timidity on our side, the sinking of the Lusitania and of the Arabic represent the arrogant answers which this weakness has inspired. Germany will care nothing for the mere severance of diplomatic relations.

"The time for words on the part of this nation has long passed; the time for deeds has come. What has just occurred is a fresh and lamentable proof of the unwisdom of our people in not having insisted upon the hearing of active military preparedness thirteen months ago."

### Bryan For Treaty Plan

Chicago, Aug. 22.—William J. Bryan, former secretary of state, tonight gave out the following signed statement:

"I have read the editorial opinions concerning the sinking of the Arabic which appeared in the papers, but they seem to me to avoid the most important question. The real question is not whether American citizens have a right to travel in the danger zone of the ships of belligerent nations. That is admitted. The question just now is whether an American citizen should put his convenience, or even his rights above his nation's welfare. If American citizens refuse to consider their own safety or the safety of the nation, then a second question arises, namely, whether the government should permit a few persons to drag aside its bias and unite in helping the President to keep the country out of war."

### OBITUARY.

Friends of Arthur G. Brown, of St. George, N. B., will learn with extreme regret of his death. Mr. Brown has been alling for some time and his death was due to heart trouble. He was 28 years of age and until recently was a resident of St. John, living here for many years. He is survived by his wife, father, mother, 1 child, 4 sisters, Belle and Laura, at home, Edna and Annie, both in St. John, and three brothers, George, Harry and Herbert, all at home. The funeral will take place from St. Mark's Church, St. George, on Tuesday at 1.30 o'clock. Mr. Brown was a highly respected citizen and a member of the Foresters Order. Sympathy will be extended from all sides towards his relatives for their sad bereavement.

## BOY SCOUTS Would You Like to Win a Watch?

There is a Line of Type missing out of the following article which was published in the Scout Corner last week, can you find the words? If so, write on a bit of paper what you think the missing words are, fill in the following coupon, pin it to same and forward to the

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not later than Sept. 2nd.

To the Boy Scout whom I consider has sent in the most correct sentence, I shall award a **SPLENDID WATCH** as First Prize.

When framing a picture it is a good plan to paste a piece of brown paper over the back to keep out the dust. If this is done by pasting the paper in the ordinary way, a lot of creases will be left, and the paper will not fit properly.

A better method is to wet the paper, all round. Now paste these edges, lay the paper over the back of the picture, and allow it to dry. When dry, the paper will be quite tight and smooth.

### STANDARD COMPETITION For Boy Scouts.

Full Name .....

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## DENIES ARABIC TRIED TO RAM SUBMARINE

### Frothy Streak Made by On-Coming Torpedo First Intimation of the Impending Disaster.

London, Aug. 22.—Numbers of survivors of the Arabic have reached Liverpool and London, and all those who have been seen confirm Captain Finch's assertion that no warning was given by the submarine, and that the frothy streak made by the on-coming torpedo was the first intimation of the impending disaster.

"We're done, boys, they've got us this time," Captain Finch shouted to his officers on the bridge, and the next minute, according to survivors, the torpedo struck his vessel and tore her side and bottom out.

The fumes from the explosion were suffocating, survivors said, and a great column of water rose high in the air and descended on the deck with a roar. Strong men were knocked down and washed overboard, passengers declared, and two women were left dead on the decks. All the survivors paid tribute to the wonderful work of the officers and crew in saving so many persons in ten minutes' time.

The only hint heard here that the Arabic was under convoy came from an American, and has been contradicted by the categorical denial of the British government that the Arabic was being convoyed when she was torpedoed.

Numerous passengers also have attributed the fact that the steamer's boats rowed about for two or three hours before they were picked up. As to the other suggestion that the Arabic possibly attempted to ram the submarine, Captain Finch's statement is to the contrary.



### Anita Stewart and Earle Williams

One the embodiment of springtime, youth, beauty and innocence, the other a modern Apollo, handsome and chivalrous, have given of their talents in producing our latest moving picture feature

## The Goddess

Both of these film favorites are ideally adapted for the parts they play in this really remarkable story of a girl reared in what she believes is Heaven and who comes into the busy world to redeem sinners. You will miss a big treat if you fail to see the pictures at the

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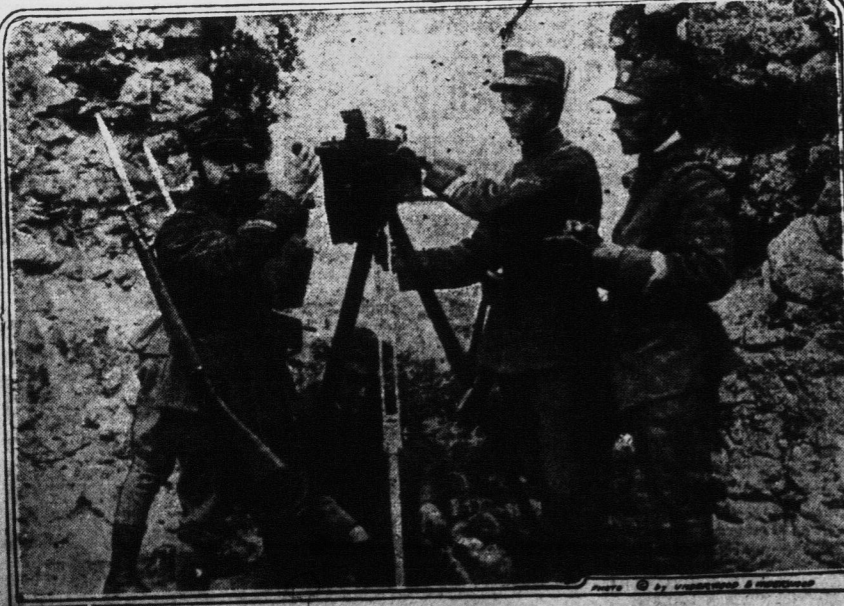
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Harry Horton, Jolly Good Fellow . . . . . John T. Kelly  
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## ITALIAN SIGNALMEN FLASHING THE "ALL'S WELL" SIGN TO AN ARMY APPROACHING THE AUSTRIANS NEAR CADORE



The picture shows a detail of Italian signalmen near Cadore in the ruins of some Austrian fortifications captured by the Italians. The men are signalling the approaching army by means of an optical telegraph apparatus that "all is well."

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