

GERMAN ADMIRAL ADMITS BLOCKADE IS FINAL CARD

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 19.—The first admission that the present blockade is Germany's last card in the great war comes from Vice-Admiral Kiroff, of the active service of the German navy.

Writing in the Hamburger Fremdenblatt, he declares that there is no question that the blockade must be made extremely effective. He admits that Germany has insufficient war materials and that her present great aim is to bring such a feeling of uneasiness and insecurity that no human nerve can long stand the strain, and so bring directly home to the Allies the dangers that are now impending.

STUDY NEW INFECTION INCIDENT TO TRENCHES

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A new hospital, established by the French Government at Compiègne, at the supervision of Dr. Alexis Carrel, is being equipped by the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research with complete apparatus for the study of the new forms of infection incident to trench warfare.

the institute announced tonight.

It was announced also that the Rockefeller Foundation has voted an appropriation of \$20,000 to be used under the direction of the institute in furthering biological research work under war conditions.

The purpose of the institute in equipping Dr. Carrel's hospital, it is stated, is not only to make his research work of the greatest effectiveness at the moment, but also to make it permanently available to the world of science.

GERMANY'S ACTION AROUSSES CABINET

American Ministers See the
Gravity of Situation—No
Decision Yet.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 19.—President Wilson and his Cabinet discussed at length today the German action against the vessels and commerce growing out of the reiterated determination of the German Government to wage a warfare of submarines and mines on enemy vessels, disclaiming all responsibility for what might happen to neutral vessels venturing into the new sea zones of war.

Canvass of Cabinet officers later disclosed that the administration regarded the developments of the last few days as of grave importance. Members of the Cabinet declined to predict what would be the course of the United States.

Officially, the United States Government had not received from Ambassador Gerard, up to late tonight, the text of the German reply to the American note and until it is received no decision will be reached as to the administration's policy.

**FRENCH CONFIDENCE
IS NOT SHAKEN.**

PARIS, Feb. 19.—The sinking by Germany of merchant ships is simply an extension to the sea of her war against non-combatants on land," said Victor Augagneur, the French minister of marine, to the Associated Press, today.

"The French Government has absolute confidence in the naval situation," continued M. Augagneur, "and is not intimidated by the German blockade. When the steamer Amiral Ganteaume, bearing women and children refugees was torpedoed and twenty lives were lost, great indignation was felt throughout the civilized world, but we now regard the sinking of merchant vessels with a certain calm. Germany didn't wait until February 15 to begin torpedoing."

"With regard to Germany's alleged reason for her announced sea blockade," M. Augagneur said, "Germany evidently felt the great efficiency of the Allies' blockade of the German ports and attempt of a counter-blockade is the result. We expect merchant vessels to be sunk. Not, however, as many as Germany expects. The torpedo is not an infallible weapon as is shown in the case of the steamer Dinorah which, after she was torpedoed, was towed into port."

Submarines Will Be Sunk.

"Measures for protection will be taken, the nature of which I am not at liberty to disclose. Ultimately German submarines themselves will be sunk, perhaps even sooner than they expect. The German cannot justify complaint of the Allies' blockade of Germany, as the right of an army to invade a town and starve it into surrender hitherto has been recognized as legitimate. The present method, although largely exercised through pressure brought to bear on the civil population, shows no essential difference from the investment of a town."

Dealing with the right of merchant vessels of belligerent countries to fly neutral flags, M. Augagneur said: "This practice has always been recognized as a legitimate rule of war, and even has been resorted to by men of war, provided they hoisted their true colors before entering into action. The Germans have no cause for complaint on this score as they used it themselves when the cruiser Emden entered the belligerent port of Penang flying not only false colors but disguised with a false smokestack."

BANK'S FIRST CHECK IS SUBSCRIPTION TO ADVERTISER

ESSEX, Feb. 19.—Essex now has two banks, the Union Bank of Canada opened a branch office here today, with G. H. Campbell, as Ottawa, and acting manager, while his assistants are A. G. Stewart, of Hagersville, accountant, and H. J. Turner, West Lorne, cashier.

The first business transacted by the new bank was the putting through of a check for payment for a subscription to The Morning Advertiser.

MILLIONAIRE CHARGED WITH PLANNING WAR

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—Harry Chandler, assistant general manager of the Los Angeles Times, and millionaire land owner, was indicted today by the federal grand jury here in connection with an alleged conspiracy which had for its object a military occupation of the Mexican territory of Lower California.

Walter Bowker, manager of the California-Mexican Land and Cattle Company, in which Chandler is heavily interested, General R. J. Vinton, a former Boer commander in the war with the British in South Africa, and Baltazar Aviles, a former governor of Lower California, were indicted several weeks ago. The charge is that Chandler and the others were in a conspiracy to violate the neutrality of the United States by recruiting men and gathering supplies on American soil for a campaign in Lower California. The California-Mexican Land and Cattle Company owns an extensive ranch, which lies on both sides of the border between California and Lower California.

BRITAIN'S SHIP OUTPUT DECREASED; STILL GOOD

LONDON, Feb. 19.—(Correspondence.)—Great Britain's output of new merchant ships during 1914 shows a decrease of 248,600 tons over the record year of 1913, at the same time the past year's building of 656 vessels of 1,633,553 tons will compare favorably with any other good period.

Of the vessels launched in 1914, says Lloyd's register in its summary, a fourth were launched in 1914, a fourth of the tonnage went to other countries, of which Holland was the largest buyer. The Clyde district still remains first in Great Britain in ship construction, followed by the Tyne, the Wear, Belfast, Middlesbrough and Hartlepool.

Outside the United Kingdom there were launched 668 vessels of 1,169,200 tons during the past year, a decrease of 231,000 tons, as compared with 1913. Germany led in this production, with 267,192 tons, the United States with 200,762 tons, Holland with 188,153 tons, and France, 114,072 tons.

Warship tonnage is not included in these returns.

RULERS TRIED TO AVERT THE WAR

Letters Between King George
and President Poincare
Prove Statement.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—(5:50 p.m.)—Correspondence between President Poincare of France and King George of England just before the outbreak of the war was published here today. In a letter, dated July 31, President Poincare expressed the opinion that "war would be inevitable if Germany were convinced that the British Government would not intervene." On the other hand, he said, "there would be the greatest chance that peace would remain unbroken if Germany were convinced that the British Government would intervene."

"It is true," added M. Poincare, "that military and naval arrangements leave complete liberty to Your Majesty's Government."

The President recalled the close friendship between the two countries, and the confidence with which they had worked together for the maintenance of peace as justifying him in using the utmost frankness. He concluded his letter thus:

Last Chance.

"It is, I consider, on the language and action of the British Government henceforth that the last chances of a peaceful settlement depend. I am profoundly convinced at the present moment that the military and naval arrangements leave complete liberty to Your Majesty's Government."

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HYDRO MASS MEETING TO BE HELD AT TORONTO

TORONTO, Feb. 19.—At a meeting of the Ontario Hydro Radial Association, held here today, it was decided to hold the big mass meeting in Toronto on February 24. Over one thousand delegates are expected from all points in Ontario.

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12 only Three-Drawer Surface Quartered Oak Dressers, bevel plate mirror, 14x24. Regular \$9.00. Smoke Sale Price \$6.49

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30 pairs Guaranteed All-Feather Pillows, size 18x26. Regular \$1.35, Smoke Sale Price 89c

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