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The New "Berlin Decree."

(To the Editor of the Times.)

Sir.—The new "Berlin Decree," which you published on February 5, recalls old times. In November, 1806, little more than a month after Jena and Austerlitz—Napoleon at Berlin issued a decree which declared the British Isles in a state of blockade. On February 4, 1915, the Chief of the Marine Staff at Berlin promulgates another decree, declaring that "the waters round Great Britain and Ireland, including the whole of the English Channel, are hereby proclaimed a war region." On and after February 18, every enemy merchant vessel found in this war region will be destroyed and crew and passengers will not always be saved. Neutral ships also will incur danger if they enter this region.

As history is repeating itself, it will be interesting to look up what it can tell us of the result of the earlier Berlin decree. The object of that, as of the new one was to destroy British maritime trade. When Napoleon issued his decree his powers of injuring our seaborne trade were much greater than those in the hands of the Prussian militarists of our own day. He dominated the coast of Europe, with the exception of that of Portugal, from the Elbe to the Adriatic. From a multitude of ports on that long coast-line commerce, destroyers could emerge to act against our seaborne trade.

This is how it turned out: In 1806 imports into Great Britain were valued at £26,899,658; in 1807 at £26,734,425; in 1808 at £31,750,557 and in 1810 at £39,301,612. In 1811 and 1812 respectively our imports fell to £26,510,186 and £26,163,431; that is to say, to the value at which they stood when Napoleon's Berlin decree was issued. That, however, was not due to the decree, but chiefly to the troubles with the United States which brought about the "War of 1812." Our export trade of the time tells the same tale. In 1806 British exports were valued at £40,874,983; in 1807 and 1808 they fell to £37,245,877 and £37,275,102 respectively, about the figure at which they stood three or four years before. The fall, inconsiderable as it is seen to have been, was in great measure due to the cessation of export from Great Britain to Russia, in consequence of the arrangements come to at Tilsit—a name which can hardly have a pleasant ring in Prussian ears. The exports soon recovered, and in 1809 were valued at £47,371,393, not falling again until our commercial intercourse with the United States was disturbed and then definitely interrupted by the war previously mentioned.

The promulgation of Napoleon's Berlin decree had no more effect on our shipping statistics than it had on those of our imports and exports. In 1806 the tonnage of British shipping was 2,263,714, in 1807 it was 2,281,621, in 1808 it was 2,324,819, in 1809 it was 2,368,468, and in 1810 it stood at 3,426,044. There was an annually repeated increase. Of course there were losses, due to stormy weather, strandings, and the efforts of hostile cruisers, but these were more than counterbalanced by the additions made to our mercantile marine. For instance, there were added to British Registry 377,519 tons in 1807, 448,758 tons in 1808, and 493,327 tons in 1809.

The following are the figures of tonnage "cleared outwards" from the principal United Kingdom ports:

	British.	Foreign.
1806	1,486,302	568,170
1807	1,424,103	631,910
1808	1,372,810	282,145
1809	1,531,154	699,750
1810	1,624,274	1,138,527

It should be remarked that in 1809 a large amount of our tonnage was taken up for the transport of the Army, its "drafts," and its supplies to the Peninsula, and would not appear in the "entered" and "cleared outwards" statistics.

The issue of the new "Berlin Decree" must have been due to one of the following causes. It may have been believed that the operations which it threatens to carry out would prove of military efficiency; to believe this would be to indicate a blundering conception of the principles of naval warfare. It may have been intended, though known to have little or no military justification, to satisfy public opinion; if so, we may ask, how long has public opinion in Germany been allowed to dictate military operations? Again, it may have emanated from brains irritated to the point of lunacy by the conviction of failure. This last is the most probable cause; but, whatever, be the real cause of the issue of the new "Berlin Decree," the opponents of the Austro-German-Turkish Alliance ought to be gratified, for it shows, on the part of our antagonists, incapacity to understand the principles of naval warfare, or weak piliancy in subjecting the management of it to expert public opinion; or, and most probably, something very like insanity in the supreme direction of operations.

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Obituary.

MR. GEORGE BARBER.
There passed peacefully away at Caledonian Mines, Glace Bay, C. B., on Sunday, February 28, George Barber, son of the late George Barber, of this city and brother of Mr. Jonas and James Barber, and Mrs. M. DeWilling, of this city, and W. H. Barber, of Dallas County, Texas. Deceased was a plain and fancy bread baker, and worked with the late J. B. Ayre for twenty-two years and left here with his family some twelve years ago to take a good position in Sydney, where over a year ago he got a touch of paralysis and later received a second attack from which he never recovered. Deceased was well known both here and in Sydney as a good practical mechanic; he is survived by a widow and nine children, two sons bakers and one in the employ of the Coal Company and three girls in good positions. To the sorrowing family we tender our sincerest sympathy.

CAPTURE LAST OF DYNAMITE SUSPECTS.

Seattle, Wn., Feb. 29.—David Caplan, last of the men wanted at Los Angeles in connection with the dynamiting of the Times Building in the autumn of 1910, was arrested last night on his chicken ranch, two miles inland from Rolling Bay, Bainbridge Island, twelve miles from Seattle.

Captain, according to Walter R. Thayer, manager of the Seattle branch of the William J. Burns Detective Agency, admitted his identity and expressed a willingness to return to Los Angeles for trial. He was taken to Port Orchard, where he was placed in jail under an armed guard.



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