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BLOCKADING THE NEUTRALS

If Germany has taken into account all the probable results of her course as fully as is indicated by the reports, she must have calculated upon a result which, though not apparent at first glance, is reasonably sure. That is that if the United States is forced into war, and if Germany's war zone is as effective as she expects it to be, she will have automatically blockaded the European neutrals.

Granting that she can succeed in cutting off the United States from England, she will also, if we enter the war, cut the United States off from Holland, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark and Spain. If we become her enemy she will attack our ships wherever she can find them and will impartially cut off our trade from every country in Europe. What will be the effect of that severance upon our commercial course?

The effect will be that we shall strain every nerve to deliver our goods to Great Britain, France, and Italy, which will be fighting our adversary. We shall do that merely as a matter of military policy, if for no other reason. The neutrals will be the chief sufferers by the effectiveness of Germany's blockade. At present Germany undoubtedly gets a good deal of what we export to them, notwithstanding the agreements by which they are restrained from delivering such goods to her. There is a thriving trade in smuggled goods across the frontiers. When the neutrals are blockaded from us as well as from England, nothing will be smuggled. The "starvation" of Germany will be accelerated rather than retarded.

Hitherto we have heard numberless assertions as to the hideous wickedness of "starving" the civilian population of Germany—its women and children, the old and the sick—and this has always mystified us, as such measures have been the commonplaces of war since time out of mind, always rec-

ognized, not only as legitimate, but as more humane than most other military devices, as they constituted a device to which the selected victims could put an end if they chose. Before the threatened had been actually achieved, Count Von Reventlow, however, apparently admits that the starvation policy would have been correct if it had been carried out by a legal, that is, an effective, blockade.

That brings us into the realm of reason and precedent, but we are thrown out of it again when we recall that by Germany's own confession the blockade has been, for her, lamentably effective. That having been the case, to about the degree that any blockade can be effective, it must also have been legal. The situation is quite different as regards the campaign against merchant ships which Germany has undertaken. It is conducted by means of submarines, craft of a type that neither can draw a real cordon around a coast nor treat the ships trying to break the German ban in the way that blockading ships must treat merchantmen or be no better than pirates and murderers. For it has never been admitted—it has never before been claimed—that mere entrance of a blockaded area of the sea gave the blockaders a right to destroy without warning, visit, and search. Then, as always, except for escaping or resisting vessels, the usual immunity from destruction remains, and to ignore it is the very culmination of illegality.—N. Y. Times.

MRS. PENFIELD CLOSES SHOP

Vienna, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Frederic C. Penfield, wife of the American Ambassador, today closed the workshop where for thirty months at her own expense, were produced millions of bandages and wound dressings, an effort to which the late Emperor Francis Joseph gave his recognition by conferring on Mrs. Penfield a high order.

The man who insists on giving other people a piece of his mind is usually a man who has little mind to spare.



WHAT THE STATES MIGHT DO

While President Wilson is waiting for Germany to commit the "overt act" which is expected to bring war, the American newspapers are discussing the assistance the United States could render the cause of the Allies. It is recognized that the raising and training of an army on the scale of the European armies would be the work of many months, during which the war might be brought to an end. In the event of a declaration of war steps doubtless will be taken immediately to recruit a great army, but probably the States' greatest assistance would lie in another direction.

Prof. Theodore S. Woolsey writes from New Haven to a New York paper to say that to raise a large army, to arm, train and transport it, would take at least a year, "during which," he adds, "the outward flow of munitions, copper, rubber and various manufactures of contraband would be pretty certain to be checked." He questions if this would not be one of "those measures which are most likely to play into Germany's hands." Prof. Woolsey suggests that the United States "try to supplement" as best they can "the entente war organization already in operation." This means he says: "Placing the navy under British orders; encouraging foreign enlistments; stimulating the export of war material; above all, aiding the enemies of the common foe with our financial resources. In the main this is what Japan has done. To do otherwise is to waste strength."

Services of this nature would be of tremendous value to the Allies. The great weight of America's wealth and the mobilization of her industries for munition making might well shorten the war by months.—Winnipeg Free Press.

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LAND ACT

VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF COAST, RANGE 2.

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MINERAL ACT

Notice to Delinquent Partners.

To Grant Mahood and Patrick Daly.
TAKE NOTICE that whereas we have done and caused to be done assessment work by surveys on the Daly, Sullivan, Edith and Lois Mineral Claims, situated in the Salmon River District, Portland Canal Mining Division, for the year 1916, and have paid for said work and recording same the sum of \$510.00, unless you pay to us the sum of \$255.00 for your share of said assessment work, together with the cost of this advertisement, we shall at the expiration of ninety (90) days from the date hereof, apply to the Mining Recorder at Stewart, B. C., to have your interests in the said Daly, Sullivan, Edith and Lois mineral claims vested in us, in pursuance of the provisions of the Mineral Act.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 15th day of November, A. D. 1916.
JAMES McDONALD,
F. 24.
FREDERICK C. WINKLER.

NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT.
R. S. C. Chapter 115.

Hume B. Bahington and Norman R. Brodhurst of the City of Prince Rupert, in the Province of British Columbia, hereby give notice that they have under Section 7 of the said act deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa and in the office of the District Registrar of Titles at the Land Registry Office at the City of Prince Rupert aforesaid a description of the site and the plans of a wharf proposed to be built in Henslung Bay, Langara Island, in front of Lots 999 and 998, Queen Charlotte Island Land District, Province of British Columbia.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication of this notice the said Hume B. Bahington and Norman R. Brodhurst will under Section 7 of the said act apply to the Minister of Public Works at his office in the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, for approval of the said site and plans and for leave to construct the said wharf.

DATED at Prince Rupert, B. C., this 27th day of December, A. D. 1916.
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