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Apart from the subscriptions collected by the ladies of Prince Rupert, this city has done nothing yet to show her patriotism to the British cause. This is not because there is less loyalty here, but because it is not properly organized. Steps should be taken at once to start a war fund. The City Council might well appoint some reliable party to handle the funds. The local papers no doubt would give it all the publicity necessary. The columns of The Daily News are open at all times for movements of this kind. Let the word therefore be given at once and let everybody contribute according to his resources.

It would appear that Germany has begun to realize that she cannot ultimately hope to win against the whole world. First she threatened to use force to compel Italy to stay with the Triple Alliance. This failing she interceded with Spain to join her in the fight. What Germany is up against is the lack of communication

with the sea. With either Spain or Italy on her side she would not only have considerably added to her forces but would have an added area to draw food from and might hope to get additional supplies smuggled through the coast blockade. At present she is practically bottled up and should she win a few land battles she would be still cut off from outside supplies.

When the Irish question had reached the crisis in Britain and the army had taken an antagonistic stand General Sir John French was dismissed by the War Office from command. Today when a common enemy is to be conquered we find him again at the head of the army. That, of course, is what we would expect from British statesmen, who have buried all conflicting questions. Why doesn't Prince Rupert bury the hatchet and follow the lead of the British War Office? There are a lot of able bodied young men about town aching for service. The time is fitting to heal the discords of the past.

WARSHIPS IN U. S. HARBORS AND CONTRABAND OF WAR

The United States declaration of neutrality, issued by President Wilson, said concerning ships and contraband:—

"If the ship of war or privateer of a belligerent shall, after the time this notification takes effect, enter any port, harbor, roadstead or waters of the United States, such vessel shall be required to depart and to put to sea within twenty-four hours after her entrance into such port, harbor, roadstead or waters, except in case of stress of weather or of her requiring provisions or things necessary for the subsistence of her crew, or for repairs; in any of which cases the authorities of the port or of the nearest port (as the case may be) shall require her to put to sea as soon as possible after the expiration of such period of twenty-four hours without permitting her to take in supplies beyond what may be necessary for her immediate use and no such vessel which may have been permitted to remain within the waters of the United States for the purpose of repair, shall continue within such port, harbor, roadstead or waters for a longer period than twenty-four hours after her necessary repairs shall have been completed, unless within such twenty-four hours a vessel, whether ship of war, privateer or merchant ship of an opposing belligerent, shall have departed therefrom, in which case the time limit for the departure of such ship of war or privateer shall be extended so far as may be necessary to secure an interval of not less than twenty-four hours between such departure and that of any ship of war, privateer or merchant ship of an opposing belligerent which may have previously quit the same port, harbor, roadstead or waters."

May Not Be Detained

"No ship of war or privateer of a belligerent shall be detained in any port, harbor, roadstead or waters of the United States more than twenty-four hours, by reason of the successive departures from such port, harbor, roadstead or waters of more than one vessel of an opposing belligerent. But if there be several vessels of opposing belligerents in the same port, harbor, roadstead or waters, the order of their departure therefrom shall be so arranged as to afford the opportunity of leaving alternately to the vessels of the opposing belligerents, and to cause the least detention consistent with the objects of this proclamation."

Limit Set on Supplies

"No ship of war or privateer of a belligerent shall be permitted, while in any port, harbor, roadstead or waters within the jurisdiction of the United States to take in any supplies, except pro-

visions and such other things as may be required for the subsistence of her crew and except so much coal only as may be sufficient to carry such vessel, if without any sail power, to the nearest port of her own country, or in case the vessel is rigged to go under sail, and may also be propelled by steam power, then with half the quantity of coal which she would be entitled to receive if dependent upon steam alone, and no coal shall be again supplied to any such ship of war or privateer in the same or any other port, harbor, roadstead or waters of the United States, without special permission, until after the expiration of three months from the time when such coal may have been last supplied to her within the waters of the United States, unless such ship of war or privateer shall, since last thus supplied, have entered a port of the government to which she belongs."

"And I do further declare and proclaim that the statutes and the treaties of the United States and the law of nations alike require that no person, within the territory and jurisdiction of the United States, shall take part, directly or indirectly, in said wars, but shall remain at peace with all the said belligerents and shall maintain strict and impartial neutrality."

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