

ACTIVITY IN AMERICA

The Germans are very busy in the United States in three ways. Mr. Bryan's presidential movement is in progress. It was launched in New York by the alleged Peace Party which held three meetings on Wednesday in Madison Square Gardens and the adjacent streets. It was made the occasion of a great German demonstration in which Mr. Bryan figured as the principal speaker. He posed as an injured innocent, having been lampooned by the New York press because he refused to reveal the State secrets of which he was the custodian. The press, he charged, had never expressed the sentiments of the American people. The representatives of Germany, Austria and Turkey were present and Mr. Bryan was hailed as "the Great Interpreter and next President."

Then the Germans are busy through the various organizations of New York—through the American Importers' Association—in demanding that the American National Government shall declare for freedom of trade with every belligerent nation, and that the sentiments of these bodies will be presented to the President next week through a committee of fifteen. German influence is at the back of this, and German opinion is asserting itself.

The third movement proceeds from Germany itself, through its diplomatic and other channels, and is represented by a demand that British naval policy shall be modified, that the mistress of the seas shall not be mistress any longer, and that being denied her rights and privileges Germany will subdue her submarine campaign. Against it, through the Lusitania disaster, the United States has protested in a manner which was calculated to widen out the war zone.

Dr. Dernberg is gone, with the

blessing of America and the guaranteed safety of the British Government, but Germany's emissaries are still numerous in America and they are making their influence and agitation felt. Bryan is their greatest catch. His secession was regarded as an advantage to the Government, but pending the development of his plans the President appears to be proceeding more cautiously, and certainly with less spirit than he evinced in his initial note to Germany.