

PROTEST TO BRITAIN ON CONTRABAND LIST

U.S. Contends That Extension of Contraband is Merely a Subterfuge

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Washington, Feb. 8.—The protest of the United States to Great Britain against what is regarded here as the extraordinary extension of the contraband list will go forward, it was said to-day, as soon as the Lusitania case is out of the way.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke, American Minister to Holland, will remain here during the final preparation of the note.

The Swedish Minister, W. A. F. Ekengren, also has been a frequent visitor to the State Department the last few days, and it is believed that he has furnished much important information not only as to the interference with neutral trade but also with mails.

Officials said to-day the representations to be made to Great Britain will be very strong and will be couched in more vigorous language than has heretofore been used. The demand will be flatly made that British cruisers cease interfering with cargoes which are contained in an assumed contraband list which this Government has not ratified.

The State Department's contention is that the extension of the contraband is merely a subterfuge, which is indirectly a more serious attack on American commerce than were the orders in council.

TEUTONS PLAN BLOW AT ALLIED FLEETS

Chief of Austrian Navy in Berlin to Confer With Admiral Von Tirpitz

(Special Cable Despatch to The Globe.)

London, Feb. 8.—The Copenhagen correspondent of The Daily Mail says that Archduke Charles Stephen, the Chief of the Austrian navy, has arrived at Berlin with his staff.

His errand, according to the despatch, is to discuss with Prince Henry of Prussia and Grand Admiral von Tirpitz a closer unity in naval action between the Central Empires.

The London Daily Mail naval correspondent points out that the naval conference at Berlin concurs with the reports of intense activity in the German fleet. Admitting that it may be intended to mislead Germany's enemies, he remarks that it is possible that it is a preliminary to a serious attempt.

ONTARIO OFFICERS VISIT FIRE SCENE

SUPT. ROGERS AND MARSHAL HEATON CONFER WITH COL. SHERWOOD.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Superintendent J. E. Rogers of the Ontario police reached Ottawa this morning with the newly-appointed Provincial Fire Marshal, E. P. Heaton, who opened tonight an inquest upon the victims of the Parliament Buildings fire. In company with Col. Sherwood of the Dominion police, Superintendent Rogers went over the debris-filled shell of the burned Parliament Buildings in the afternoon, and the officers conferred together. While the Provincial authorities have nothing to do with the investigation of the fire which destroyed the Federal Buildings, it is known that they have been co-operating with Col. Sherwood in several of his problems concerning alien enemies. Superintendent Rogers has also had several years' experience in investigating fires of mysterious origin for the Ontario Government.

PLAY "THE BRIGAND" ON BATTLE FRONT

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Paris, Feb. 8.—A company from the French National Theatre left for the front to-day to give a series of productions just back of the lines for the entertainment of men from the trenches. The program is largely comic, including an amusing one-act piece, "The Brigand," by Abraham Dreyfus. Madame Bartet will recite poems and Mme. Marguerite Carre of the Opera Comique will sing the "Marseillaise" and solos from "Mignon." The Ministry of War has provided transport for a limited amount of scenery.