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| Via London, July 104h.-Germany's offer, embodied in the raply to the |  |  |
| American note regarding the nilik- |  |  |
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| American Ambaseador Gerard luxt night, is: |  |  |
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| aufely Germany entertaining in return the conldent hope that the American Government will nee that these ahipe do not carry contraband; much shipa to be provided with dis:tinguinhing marks and their arrival announced a reasonable time ahead. |  |  |
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| thus available for ' pascenger-rervice prove inadequate, Germany is will. ing to permit America to place four |  |  |
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| American flag to ply between North America and Europe under the same conditions. <br> The text of the note follows: |  |  |
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| make the following reply to Hit Excolleney Ambassador Gerard, to the |  |  |
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| sote of the 10th ultimo reference tic impairment of American interests by the German submarine war. | 4 xd |  |
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| lmperial Government is quite willtag to permitt ite statements and decleveres in the prowest case to be eagr- |  |  |
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| erned by the prineiples of humanity fust an it has done always. <br> The Imperial Government wel- |  |  |
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| May 16 itself recalled that Germany always had permitted herself to be governed by the principies of prog- |  |  |
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| Franklin and Thomas Jeffernon the treaty of friendehip and commerev of Septomber 9,1785 , between Pruasia |  |  |
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| and the Republic of the West, Gier man and American statesmen, have in fuct, always stood together in the |  |  |
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| etruggie for the freedom of the scas und for the protection of peaceablo trade. In the intermational proceed- |  |  |
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| trade. In the international proceedinga which since have been conducted |  |  |
| lor the reguiation of the laws of mar- <br> itime war, Germany and Amerien have jointly advocated progrexsive principles, |  |  |
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| of the right of capture at sea and the protection of the interests of neotrale. |  |  |
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| trals. <br> "Even at the beginning of the proeent war the German government |  |  |
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|  | the defnite hope that some way will be found when peace is concerned, or perhape earlier, to maviute the lait |  |  |
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| on that oceasion. <br> Britain is Blamed. <br> "If in the present war the princi- |  |  |
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| ples which should be the Ideal of the future have been traversed more |  |  |
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| and more the longer its duration, the |  |  |
| German government has no guilt .rain. It is known to the American government how Germany's ad- |  |  |
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| versaries, by completely puralyzing peaceable trafic betwoen Germany and neutral coumtrien have aimed |  |  |
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