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## BREAK WITH BERLIN SURE IS VIEW AT U. S. CAPITAL

Official Quarters Expect Severance of Relations,

WILSON BOUND TO ACT

## President Cannot Let Situation Stand Unchallenged.

Washington, Feb. 1. -Following a conference today between President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing, the opinion became generally prevalent in official quarters that a break in diplomatic relations with Germany seemed inevitable, although it was thought probable that an ultimatum or warning to the Berlin Government might precede this action.

The view was taken widely in official quarters that the United States could not let the situation stand unchallenged.

## EMBARGO ON COAL CERTAIN TO FOLLOW IF STATES WARS

Secretary of Retail Merchants' Association Says Situation Is Serious.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—H. A. Harring-ton, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association (coal section) is seriously alarmed over the coal situation in Canada. "Mark my words" said Mr. Harrington, "I am not a prophet, but if the United States is dragged into this war we will not get another pound of coal across the border. The demands of the navy alone will be enormous, passenger trains should be cut off with the exception of mail trains for a week or ten days. This has long ceased to be a municipal matter. It is of national importance. It is necessary to move all the coal possible. Not only the commercial interests of the country are threatened, but imperial interests are involved. If the United States is forced to abandon their neutrality, one of the first moves will be an embar-

## "WE WILL STAKE ALL," CHANCELLOR'S WORD TO THE HUN REICHSTAG

Kaiser's Aides Hold a Special War Session.

CHALLENGED TO FIGHT

Hollweg Boasts That Central Powers Will Come Out Victorious.

Berlin, Jan. 31—Via London, Feb. 1.— nancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and her ministers attended an important the Centrist, Nat rogressive parties.

TO STAKE ALL.

cannot be expressed more strongly. We have been challenged to fight to the end. We accept the challenge, we stake everything and shall be victorious."

"Where has there been any change in the situation?" the chancellor asked. "In the first place, the most important factor of all is that the number of our submarines has been very considerably increased as compared with last spring, and thereby a firm basis for success has been established. The second co-decisive reason is the bad cereal harvest of the world. This fact already confronts England, France and Italy with serious difficulties, which by means of unrestricted U-boat war will be brought to a point of unbearableness. The coal question, too, is a vital question in war. Already it is critical, as you know, in Italy and France. Our submarines will make it still more critical."

## SENSATION IN ENGLAND

London, Feb. 1.-The German declaration of unrestricted war at sea has creared a profound sensatior in England, where it was unexpected.

A! interest centres on the policy which neutral maritime nations will

The decision of the United States is awaited with the most intense interest, as it is recognized that it will have a strong influence on other neutrals, and be the most important factor in the solution of one of the most serious crises of the war. Officials decline to discuss the

# INTERNED IN STATES POR

S. S. Liebenfels Sent to Botto m at Charleston, S. C .- Scandinavian-American Line Postpones Sailing of a Liner—French Announce No Change in Sailing Dates.

ligolay, booked to leave at 2 p.m. today with 300 passengers and cargo, for Copenhagen, via Kirkwall, had been indefinitely rostroned.

CAN'T SCARE FRENCH.

SUB NOTE MEANS

WAR DECLARATION

Wilson Told There Can Be But

One Reply

TO INSULT OF HUNS

trals and Civilization.

SAYS U. S. PRESS

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 1.—The German freighter Liebenfels of the Hansa Line, tied up here since the beginning of the war, began sinking slowly at 9 o'clock this morning and marine men believed she had been scuttled. This belief seemed to be borne out by the fact that the captain declined the aid of

SAILING POSTPONED. New York, Peb. 1.—Announcement was made here this morning by a representative of the Scandinavian-American Line, that the sailing of the passenger liner Hel-

### Spanish Capital Amazed At Note On Sub Warfare

Danish and Dutch Cabinets Meet To Consider the Situation.

London, Feb. 1.-A Reuter dispatch from the Hague says that the Dutch foreign minister received on Wednes-day evening communications from the erman and Austrian ministers detailing the new German blockade areas. The communications are similar to hose transmitted to the United States Launched War on All Neu-

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## HUNS ANNOUNCE RUTHLESS SUBMARINE WARFARE IN NOTE TO WASHINGTON [Continued On Page Three.]

## ADMIRALTY TAKES CONTROL OF SHIPS

### GERMAN LINERS WATCHED

U. S. Customs Will Prevent the Interned Vessels Escaping.

New York, Feb. 1 .- The American Line steamship St. Louis will sail Saturday as scheduled and no effort will be made to paint the ship in conformity with the regulations prescribed by the German government as a guarantee for the safety of the vessels flying the American flag, according to announcement today by officials of the International Mercantile Marine, which controls the American Line vessels.

"We see no reason," sald an official of the line, "to change our sailing dates for the American Line ships. We expect the St. Louis to sail as usual and to dispatch also the St. Paul on her return trip after her

Paris, Feb. 1.—The central committee of French shipowners informed the Associated Press today that the new German submarine policy will cause no change whatever in sallings from France.

The Germans, it was declared, can do no more with their submarines than they have already done, and the only result will be to increase insurance rates and freight charges. arrival here next week." New York, Feb. 1.—Although representatives here of leading British, French and Allied shipping lines said today that the movements of their vessels would proceed as scheduled, egardless of the German note defining a new naval warfare, it was undertood on good authority that the movement of all ships will from now on be controlled to even a greater degree han heretofore by orders of the British dmiralty.

London, Feb. 1.—The German declaration of unrestricted submariae was discussed at a special method of the Spanish cabinet, according to a Reuter dispatch from Madrid. An enormous sensation has been caused in the Spanish capital by the publication of the note, the dispatch from the German submarine note and its probable effect on Denmark.

DANISH GABINET MEETS.
London, Feb. 1.—A Conenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that a full meeting of the cabinet was held last night to discuss the German submarine note and its probable effect on Denmark.

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WESTMINSTER GAZETTE

CALLS NOTE CHALLENGE

Believes That President Wilson Cannot ignore it.

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There is no other answer to Germany's note.

Reverts to Savagery.

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Philadelphia Inquirer: It can hardly be necessary to say that the United States cannot on any ground or consideration excuse or condone or tolerate the heinous and abhorrent course which Germany has determined to pursue. Apparent the heinous and abhorrent course which Germany has determ

## STATES CLOSE TO WAR; CROSSING ATLANTIC ORDER PORTS GUARDED; Score of Vessels Awaiting QUICK ACTION ON SUBS

### BOOKING AS USUAL

London, Feb. 1.—All the steam-ship offices, both American and British, which have ships billed to sail for America, are booking passengers and freight today as The American lines have re-ceived no intimations of any change in sailing programs on account of the newly announced

## FIRE IN CELLAR OF DRUG STORE CAUSES CONSIDERABLE LOSS

Blaze Bursts Out at Cairneross & Lawrence's.

BAD WIRING IS BLAMED

Firemen Gain Control Before Most Combustible Contents of Cellar Touched.

Fire, which originated in the front por ands of dollars before the blaze was brought under control.

The fire, according to Rey Cairneross, is believed to have originated from descrive wiring, as there was no fire of any description kept in the cellar. Near the rear of the cellar all the acids trom which spontaneous combustion might have arisen were stored, but the fire had not yet reached this portion of the cellar before the blaze was brought under control.

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Electric Lines Tied Up and Factories Had To Cease

Trouble with some of the cables at

## Ottomans Weary of Pulling LT.-COL. T. B. WELCH NOW

Tense Situation At Washington Follows Kaiser's Notice of Ruthless Submarine Campaign---President and Lansing In Conference Preparing For "Eventualities."

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Washington, Feb. 1.—The United States Government has planned, if it has not already taken its first preliminary step toward meeting the new declaration of Germany, withdrawing all restrictions to submarine warfare. The naval department will be consulted with before a reply is given, in order that American

### HAS ACTION BEEN TAKEN?

Washington, Feb. 1 .- After an hour's conference between President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing, it became known today that the German situation is viewed with extreme gravity, and that the American Government has already bagun to formulate definite steps.

. It was regarded as not impossible that action of some kind had already been taken, but there was no indication of its nature.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Washington, Feb. 1 .- An ultimatum to Germany or an immediate break with her. That was what Washington believed today would be President Wilson's course following the announced intent to strike, unrestrained, at shipping in a big barred area.

The president himself had not announced his course, and in these circumstances officials and international experts recalled that he has always held that war or a break must be avoided up to the last ditch.

It was authoritatively stated that four thousand British ships of various classification are available for convoy duty and submarine chasing on the Atlantic. It is believed here that the Allies' ships are safe, but that neutrals will suffer.

Approximately 2,000 American citizens are now on the At lantic, bound either for this country or Europe

In addition, there are hundreds of Americans working as members of crews on ships carrying supplies to the Allies.

members of citizens watched the proof the fire and were several times
back by policemen, who feared
olosion, due to several barrels of
1 being stored in the front portion
cellar.
the fire apparatus in the city was
a scene.

There also were indications that no announcement of the course of the
Government would be made until certain steps had been taken through the navy
department and the treasury for safeguarding American ports and other interests. It was disclosed that President Wilson and Secretary Lansing had a
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conference last night, although it was then denied they had conferred at all.
SEVERAL CONTINGENCIES.

in motion revived a measure of hope.

LT.-COL. T. B. WELCH NOW RETIRING TO CIVIL LIFE PORT OF NEW YORK

INCEAUED TO SHIPPING WILSON'S PROBLEM.

New York, Feb. 1.—An Associated Press dispatch from Washington this morning says:
Ruthless submarine warfare inaugur-

Lieut.-Col. T. B. Welch, formerly in command of the 99th Battalion, is returning to civil life. Col. Welch went overseas as junior major of the 1st Battalion, and later returned and organized the 99th Battalion, which he also took overseas. He has only recently returned from England.

MAJOR DRURY DEAD.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—Major Edmund Hazen Drury, acting assistant director general of Engineering Services, on the head-quarters staff here, died suddenly in his rooms last night. He was apparently in good health up to within half an hour of his death.

Major Drury, who was born in Hallfax, was a brother of the late Major-Gen. Drury of Halifax and Mr. Harry Drury of Winnipeg. Mrs. Drury resides in Sherbrooke. Lieut. Morris Drury of the R. C. R., Toronto, is a son.

BERLIN BATTLE REPORT.

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New York, Feb. 1.—After being sealed to the 1st was ablantancy of the 1st all night by a cordon of destroyers and to destroyers and constant or destroyers and constant or destroyers and constant or destroyers and constant or destroyers and the port of the 1st was today opened by the custom authorities to all incoming and constituted by the way of the port was that ships could sail at their own risk. They were permitted to clear as usual.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 2th lours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 29; lowest, 17.

Tomorrow Feb. 1—\$ a.m. Forceasts.

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Today—Strong northwest winds; fair and very cold.

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## WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The following is the official text (translated) of the German note addressed to Secretary of State Lansing, and signed by Count Of rights for all nations. Germany would of her enemies, which are so entirely opposed to peace, makes it impossible for the world at present to bring about the realization of these lofty ideals. Germany and her allies were ready to optain their freedom. The Germany and her allies were ready to WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 .- The follow- of rights for all nations. Germany would of her enemies, which are so entirely