

Lastly, there is a further practical consideration which may induce the American Government to refrain from pressing to the uttermost degree their objections to the so-called naval blockade. That measure was taken in retaliation for an infinitely more alarming and unprecedented interference with neutral trade on the part of Germany. The establishment of the war zone and the indiscriminate destruction of innocent persons and property on the high seas furnishes a very cogent argument against prolonging the means of resistance of a nation which resorts to such methods, and weakening the pressure of the only maritime power which can cope with such an evil.

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