

to look round for allies to Mexico and to—Japan! Surely this is a much greater offence than that of the British officer who was alleged to have had an unofficial conversation some years ago at Brussels as to what ought to be done in the event of a German invasion of Belgium.

We must not make the mistake of imagining that the United States has decided to break with Germany because it desires to side with Great Britain. The motive is purely American. But none the less Mr. Wilson's new departure lends the best support it has yet received to the much talked of "League to Enforce Peace," which will no longer be only a paper proposition. It has also done something to consolidate the interests of the English-speaking peoples, and to hasten the day when a mutual understanding between Britain and America will bring with it an effectual guarantee for the peace and prosperity of all mankind.

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SAVAGERY** The announcement of "unrestricted" submarine warfare as from 1st February was obviously a counsel of despair. If Germany could have got out of her difficulties in any other way, she would not have dealt such a staggering blow to the much-vaunted policy of the "freedom of the seas." What she hoped for was that she might be able to maintain the military position she had won by her sudden onset, and then finish the war by a few short sharp strokes at sea. What she has done is to outrage once again the conscience of humanity, and to make herself more than ever the outlaw of the nations. She has foully murdered helpless women and children at sea, and has sought in defiance of international law to effect the destruction of property on the largest possible scale. After what has no doubt been a long period of secret preparation, during which the U-boats had to be built, and the crews trained, these latest German atrocities were introduced and ushered in, as usual, by a characteristically German lie. It was officially stated in Berlin that Britain had been using hospital ships as transports for troops. The inference which neutral