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American Press Unanimously Calls for Severance of Relations With Germany

REPRISALS BY BRITAIN TO FOLLOW FOE FRIGHTFULNESS

Lie Given to Ger-NEUTRALS AND nian Statements: Britain Has Won the First Round

London, Jan. 31.—A finish fight at sea between Germany and Bri-tain, in which all pretense of carrying on the war according to the practice of civilized nations will be abandoned by the Kaiser's naval fores, is expected here as the inevitable consquence of Germany's latest note to the United States.

Great Britain, in the opinion of mayal men here, has virtually won the first round in the combat before it has been fought, by her promptness in extending the mine fields to a new section of the sea arena. Germany will be restricted fur-ther in her submarine barrier of the

British coast by the action of the Norwegian government in closing Norwegian government in closing the waters of that kingdom to U-boats. Norway has declared that no German U-boat shall enter this area unless inpured or forced there by stress of weather. Under such condi-tions the underseas craft must run

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.-Chancellor von Bethmann-Holl-

an important session of the Ways and Means Committee of the reich-

stag today at which the entire war

situation was gone over and new steps planned by the Central Pow-ers were considered. The Chancellor

opened the sitting with a speech of

have been challenged to fight to the

end. We accept the challenge, we stake everything and we shall be

Secret Sessions.

technical military and naval view-point. Detailed statistical data in re-

The Chancellor was followed by the secretary of state for admiralty, who spoke of the situation from the

Enemy Stakes Her All

Bombastic Utterances of Von Bethman Hollweg In Reich-

stag-London Is Not Surprised

Berlin, Jan 31 .- via London, Feb. | by way of Amsterdam. The despatch

Non Combatants of Europe Are Concerned by Latest Hun Defiance

SPANISH

Cabinet Confers on Question, as Does Danish

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Feb. 1.—A Reuter des patch from the Hague says that the Dutch foreign minister received on mitted to the United States govern

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quotes the chancellor as saying:

More Hypocrisy.
"On December 12, I explained to

the Reichstag the reasons which led to our peace offer. The reply of our

opponents clearly and precisely said that they declined peace negotia-

not discuss. They could only be ac-

cepted by a totally defeated peo-nle. It therefore means that we

Germany Will Fight.

"President Wilson's message to Congress shows a sincere wish to re-

Germany Now Strips Off the Mask and RESTRICTIONS WHICH THE Openly Avows Her Intention to Wage Ruthless Warfare Upon Enemy and Neutral Nations Alike

In effect the German note to the United States, published to-day, declares a blockade of the British Isles, the French coast and certain portions of the coast of Holland. It leaves a route for steamers engaged in transcallantia. blockade of the British Isles, the French coast and certain portions of the coast of Holland. It leaves a route for steamers engaged in transatlantic and other deep-seas trade to the open neutral ports of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland by way of a designated sea lane extending from the Faroc Islands to a point near the Norwegian coast, thence southerly past the Danish and Dutch coasts to the Terschelling Lightship. There is no open entrance to the English Channel under this scheme. The Germans propose to prevent all traffic far ther east than Falmouth. American transatlantic steamers will be permitted to ply only on conditions laid down by the Germans. They will be permitted to land and embark passengers at Falmouth, but will be within the danger zone if they proceed therefrom up the Channel. All vessels plying between American ports and Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland must use the northerly route around by the Faroe Islands.

The American lines have received to intimations of any change in sailing programs on account of the sailing programs

The Germans have also served a notice on Britain which means that they intend to sink all hospital ships plying between France, Belgium and Britain in the waters of the North Sea lying south of a line drawn from Flamborough Head due eastward to the Dutch coast, and in the English Channel from a point between Land's End and the French coast near Brest. This means that all wounded must be shipped from Brest or French ports south of it, and must be landed at ports in the west of England or Scotland instead of ports in the English Channel and the North Sea. The excuse given is that such vessels have been used to transport munitions and troops. This charge the British Government vigorously denies, and adds that "if the threat is carried out reprisals will immediately be taken by the British authorities on intimations of any change in sailing programs on account of the newly announced German naval policies. Paris, Feb. 1.—The central committee of French ship owners, informed the Associated Press today that the new German submarine policy will cause no change whatever in sailings from France.

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stress of weather. Under such continued to surface, displaying the German flag. If she fails to comply with these regulations she will be sunk without warging by the fire of Norwegian naval craft. While this fuling applies to all belligerents, it will affect Great Britain little or not at all, since her submarines rarely move in those submarines rarely move in the subm

Ruthless Submarine Campaign Launched by Germany American Press Comment on One Desperate Stroke Leaves Little Hope of Further Relation - A Break General Verdict is to Effect That Latest Teuton Affront-With U. S. Appears to be Impending

By Courier Leased Wire

Bulletin, Washington, Feb. 1.—After an hour's conference between President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing it became known to-day that the German situation is viewed with extreme gravity and that the American Government had already all civilization. It is especially a debegun to formulate definite steps.

but there was no indication of its nature.

that they declined peace negotia-tions with us and want to hear only of a peace which they dictate. By this the whole question of guilt for the continuation of the war is decid-ed. The guilt falls alone on our op-ponents. Just as definite is our task. The conditions of the enemy we can-There also were indications that no announcement of the course of the govern- and vigorous action by the President ment would be made until certain steps had been taken through the navy department is imperative. and the treasury for safeguarding American ports and other interests.

It was disclosed that President Wilson and Secretary Lansing had a confer-

ence last night, although it was then denied they had conferred at all.

Senator Hitchcock, Democrat, member of the State foreign relations commit-other answer to Germany's note.

The Hun's Last Throw.

tee, was at the White House early to-day.

Passports for Count von Bernstorff, orders for recall of Ambassador Gerard,
solemn warnings to Berlin that breach of her pledges means severance of diplomatic tee, was at the White House early to-day. relations, or tense waiting for an overt act which would sweep aside diplomacy and is the only chance of winning this bring the American government to the point of action, are among the contingenies war; she knows now that she can' which fill the situation to-day.

President Wilson conferred with Col. E. M. House, his friend and adviser, who was hurriedly summoned from New York. Early to-day he had not called any meeting of the cabinet nor any conference with the foreign affairs committee of congress, who have been assured of being taken into the President's confidence before diploma-excuse, or condone, or tolerate the heinous and abhorrent course which

tic relations are broken off. An evidence of the efforts of the German embassy here to keep relations tranquil is found in a comparison of the note handed yesterday to Secretary Lansing by to the turn of the road at last and Count von Bernstorff, with the one handed by the Berlin foreign office to Ambassa- threatened and so long deferred. dor Gerard. The note published in Berlin announces in bold terms the determination of Germany to wield every weapon at her command wtihout quarter, while the note presented to the American State Department says the same thing in softened lang-

The new crisis, however, brings new dangers to the very shores of the United dent Wilder to act with promptness States, where a score or more of German and Austrian ships have been laid up since and vigor to maintain the rights of Americans on the sea. How long the beginning of the war, and where several commerce raiders are interned. Reports will President Wilson endure the ofof ships being armed secretly for a dash to sea, of plots to sink them at the wharves, ficial presence of Count von Bernsor to block American harbors by destroying them in the channels have been under investigation for many months.

This was diplomatic day at the State department, a set occasion for receiving from his dream of the millennium by representatives of foreign governments. Secretary Lansing cancelled it and those Germany's latest note. It is a direct who had routine business were taken into conference by lesser officials. The British es. It is a time for no further parambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice and the Japanese ambassador, Mr. Sato, were leving. That challenge should be accorded within twenty four bourses ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice and the Japanese ambassador, Mr. Sate, among the early callers. Diplomats who asked for Secretary Lansing were told he was very busily engaged, preparing something for President Wilson.

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HUN PLACES ON SEA TRAFFIC

New York, Feb. 1.—Announcement was made here this morning by a representative of the Scandin-avian-American Line that the sailing of the passenger liner Hellig Olav, booked to leave at 2 p.m. today with 300 passengers and cargo for Copen-hagen, via Kirkwall, had been inde-

Germany Places Danger Zones About Ports of the Allied Nations

Berlin, Jan. 31 (via Sayville.-Following is the annex referred to in the final paragraph of the German note sent under Washington

man hote sent dide:
date:
From February 1, 1917, within barred zones around Great Britain,
France and Italy as outlined in the following, all sea traffic forthwith will be opposed. Such barred zones

The North Sea.

In the North Sea, the district around England and France which is limited by a line twenty nautical miles; the district along the Dutch coast as far as the Terschelling lightship, the degree of longitude of the Terschelling lightship to Udir, a line from there across the point sixty-two degrees north latitude, five longitude, westward along sixty-two degrees to a point three nautical miles south of the south point of Farover (Faroe Islands?); from there across the point sixty-two de-grees north,——— degrees west, to sixty-one degrees north, fifteen de-grees west; then fifty-seven degrees north, twenty degrees west, to fortyseven degrees north, twenty degrees west; further, to forty-three degrees north, fifteen degrees west; then one A boy about Afteen years of age in knee trousers, held up a woman on a Chicago street at the point of a revolver, and forced her to give him (Continued on Page Two)

Issue Forced by Germany,

ery Can Mean Nothing but War

The note is a virtual declaration all other neutral countries and upon fiance of the United States on count of the ultimatum, which the It was regarded as not impossible that action of some kind had already been President sent to Germany in the Sussex case and the series of pro-tests which led up to it. Immediate

The Syracuse Post Standard:

The first American merchant vestual declaration of war. There is no

war; she knows now that she can't be conquered there.

Crisis Read of at Last. Philadelphia Inquirer:

that the United States cannot upon any ground or for any consideration Jermany has determined to pursue. Apparently, after all, we have come

How Much Longer? Pittsburgh Gazette-Times: bassador Gerard is insulting. It war. It puts it squarely up to Presi-Americans on the sea. How long

A Direct Challenge. v the president has been awakened

New York, Feb. 1.-The Buffalo | such a war, is completly and eternal-

A Scrap of Paper. St. Louis Republic: The German submarine note is a bald declaration that, for Germany, might will in fu-ture make right on the sea. The treaty with the United States is broken like the treaty with Belgium "mere scrap of paper."
Germany is making a fatal mis-

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The Annual Meeting

CONSERVATIVE **ASSOCIATION**

FOR BRANTFORD RIDING Will Take Place on-

Saturday, Feb. 3rd

at Conservative Headquar-King Streets. Proceedings commence at 8 p.m. and all Conservatives are cordially invited.

There will be election of officers and speeches by W. F. Cockshutt, M. P. and oth-

N. D. NEILL

H. COCKSHUTT,

President

gard to the economic position of the world was supplied by the secretary store peace to the world. Many of his maxims agree with our aims of the interior and Foreign Secretary Zimmerman replied to several namely, freedom of the seas. abolishment of the system of balance of power which always is bound to lead to new difficulties, equal rights of all nations and an open door. But what are the peace conditions of the Entente? Germany's defensive force to be determined. special questions. After the ministers had spoken the committee went into secret sessions at which speeches were made by representatives of Entente? Germany's defensive force to be destroyed, we to lose Al-Centrist, National, Liberal and Progressive parties. To Stake All. sace-Lorraine and our eastern provinces, the Danube monarchy to be dissolved. Bulgaria again to be cheated of her national unity and Turkey to be pushed out of Europe and smashed in Asia. The destructive designs of our opponents can-London, Feb. 1.-Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, 'addressing the Reichstag committee, declared that Germany was ready to stake every thing and fight to the end, accordtive designs of our opponents can not be expressed more strongly. We ing to a Berlin despatch to Reuter's

must fight.

Weather Bulletin



Toronto, Feb. 1 The disturbance which was over 'middle states vesterday is nov centred near the middle Atlantic coast, while a of high pressure and very cold weather covers the western por tion of the contin-ent. Light snow falls have occur-red in Ontario

red in Ontario and western Que-Strong northwest winds, local snow falls and becoming decidedly cold. Friday—Northwest winds,

have been challenged to fight to the end. We accept the challenge, we stake everything and shall be vic-Continued on page four BREAK MUST COME

Washington, Feb. 1-Follow-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

many 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.