

U.S. ON THE BRINK OF WAR

American Press Unanimously Calls for Severance of Relations With Germany

REPRISALS BY BRITAIN TO FOLLOW FOE FRIGHTFULNESS

Lie Given to German Statements; Britain Has Won the First Round

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

NEUTRALS AND TEUTON THREAT

Non Combatants of Europe Are Concerned by Latest Hun Defiance

SPANISH Cabinet Confers on Question, as Does Danish Also

London, Feb. 1.—A Reuter despatch from the Hague says that the Dutch foreign minister received on Wednesday evening, communications from the German and Austrian ministers, detailing the new German blockade areas.

Germany Now Strips Off the Mask and 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 transatlantic and other 'deep-sea' trade to the open neutral ports of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland by way of a designated sea lane extending from the Faroe Islands to a point near the Norwegian coast, thence southerly past the Danish and Dutch coasts to the Terschelling Lightship.

RESTRICTIONS WHICH THE HUN PLACES ON SEA TRAFFIC

SHIPPING IS NOT AFFECTED

German Threats do not Influence Sailings from London and Paris

London, Feb. 1.—All the steamship offices, both American and British, which have ships billed to sail for America are booking passengers and freight today as usual.

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 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 are:

Enemy Stakes Her All on One Desperate Stroke

Bombastic Utterances of Von Bethman Hollweg in Reichstag—London Is Not Surprised

Berlin, Jan. 31.—via London, Feb. 1.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, and other ministers, attended an important session of the Ways and Means Committee of the Reichstag today at which the entire war situation was gone over and new steps planned by the Central Powers were considered.

GREATEST CRISIS OF THE WAR NOW FACING WILSON AND UNITED STATES

Ruthless Submarine Campaign Launched by Germany Leaves Little Hope of Further Relation—A Break 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 begun to formulate definite steps.

Issue Forced by Germany, American Press Comment

General Verdict is to Effect That Latest Teuton Affrontery Can Mean Nothing but War

New York, Feb. 1.—The Buffalo Express: "The note is a virtual declaration of war on the United States and on other neutral countries and upon all civilization. It is especially a defiance of the United States on account of the ultimatum, which the President sent to Germany in the Sussex case and the series of protests which led up to it."

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Feb. 1.—The disturbance, which was over the middle states yesterday is now centered near the middle Atlantic coast, while a pronounced area of high pressure and very cold weather covers the western portion of the continent.

Germany Will Fight

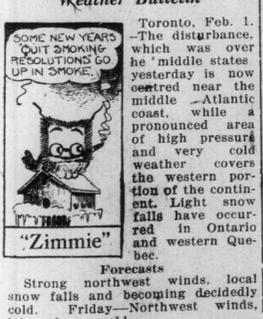
President Wilson's message to Congress shows a sincere wish to restore peace to the world. Many of his maxims agree with our aims, namely, freedom of the seas, abolition of the system of balance of power which always is bound to lead to new difficulties, equal rights of all nations and an open door.

Secret Sessions

The Chancellor was followed by the secretary of state for admiralty, who spoke of the situation from the technical military and naval viewpoint. Detailed statistical data in regard to the economic position of the world was supplied by the secretary of the interior and Foreign Secretary Zimmerman replied to several special questions.

Break Must Come

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



Forecast: Strong northwest winds, local snow falls and becoming decidedly cold. Friday—Northwest winds, fair and very cold.

Only One Answer

The Syracuse Post Standard: "The first American merchant vessel sunk by Germany will be a virtual declaration of war. There is no other answer to Germany's note."

The Annual Meeting

of the CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION FOR BRANTFORD RIDING Will Take Place on Saturday, Feb. 3rd at Conservative Headquarters corner of Dalhousie and King Streets.

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