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UNITED STATES BREAK WITH GERMANY

As was to be expected, the United States has shown itself unwilling to continue friendly relations with the criminals who calmly announce their intention to murder those whom their submarines encounter in certain areas of the free seas. While word of Mr. Wilson's action was joyfully received in Canada; and throughout the civilized world, we doubt whether there is anywhere more satisfaction at the President's action than in the United States.

Many Americans since they learned of the horrors of the invasion of Belgium, the murder of innocents on the Lusitania, and other Hun barbarisms, have felt dissatisfied with their part in world affairs. They have tried their best to maintain neutrality, because of the President's appeal. They have found this role rather irksome, but have been very patient. Now at last their confidence, somewhat shaky at times, in the President has been justified.

Owing to the direct way in which the Germans this time strike at all neutrals and proclaim their criminal intentions there can be little doubt that Americans now realize more fully that regard for humanity is second in the German mind to military expediency. There can be little doubt therefore that if President Wilson finds it necessary to ask Congress to take the next step, he will have the full support of the American people.

We congratulate our neighbors on the new position which they have now taken in the eyes of the world. We hope they will not find it necessary to follow up their action by joining in the war; but we are glad to have from them this recognition of the fact that the Allies are fighting in the interests of humanity against a powerful and ruthless enemy.

Germany in risking war with the biggest neutral doubtless regards our neighbor as unable to assist the Allies to an extent that would counter the advantages to be gained by unrestricted submarine warfare. We have however a high regard for the abilities of American industrial leaders and for the average American's love of his country and his country's ideals. If President Wilson calls the citizens of the United States to arms in the defense of their rights and their principles there will be a response that will soon be felt in Berlin.

The preliminary program for the annual meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute indicates that some very interesting sessions will be held. There are to be addresses on such subjects as Industrial Preparedness, Industrial Relations and Industrial Research, as well