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Another Tense Day Of Waiting For Decision

Wilson Has Said Nothing As Yet To Germany

No Communication Sent, Says Lansing; Silent as to Orders to Gerard

What President Has Decided Upon May Be Made Known to Cabinet This Afternoon—Various Phases of the Situation

Washington, Feb. 2.—The new submarine crisis seems to have resolved itself into another day of waiting. Tonight or tomorrow the American people may know what course their government has decided upon to answer Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare.

Secretary Lansing said he was unprepared to disclose whether or not any announcement would be made today.

Some Speculation. Washington, Feb. 2.—United States action in reply to Germany's proclamation has been definitely determined by President Wilson, according to official belief here today.

ADMIRALTY ON THE ALERT. London, Feb. 1.—Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty, referred in a letter excusing himself from an address to the House of Commons on account of indisposition.

CHANCELLOR UNMASKED. London, Feb. 2.—The Times says that there is nothing surprising in the German note to those who are nearest the war. It contends that the communication is merely "the logical application of principles upon which Germany has acted from the outset, namely, necessity knows no law."

Paris, Feb. 2.—A Havas despatch from Madrid says that even the Germanophile press characterizes the Central Empires' blockade note as a document of real gravity and calls upon the people to group themselves around the government to lend aid without reserve in conflicts that are bound to present themselves.

London, Feb. 2.—The Norwegian steamer Portia, of 1,127 tons gross, has been sunk, Lloyd's shipping agency announces. The crew was landed.

THE NIGHTMARE. A dramatic illustration showing a man in a dark, confined space, possibly a submarine, looking distressed.

GERMANS NEED NOT HOPE FOR A FINAL VICTORY

French Marine Minister Not Worried Over New Campaign

REASSURING SPEECH

Says France is Not Worried by the German Declaration and Same Calm as Before is Maintained By All

Paris, Feb. 2.—Rear-Admiral Lacaze, minister of marine, speaking in the Senate yesterday, declared that only one-half of one per cent of all the submarines which entered French ports during the last eleven months have been sunk by German submarines.

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STREET WORK. The city's public works department has several teams at work removing snow from the streets and gutters and catch basins are being cleared.

FORGOT ABOUT FRIDAY. A Fredericton despatch says: "Delegates to the Farmers and Dairywomen's convention left by special train this morning for the experimental station where they are to witness a demonstration in live stock judging."

WEATHER REPORT. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

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ARMED LAVERGNE TO RAISE BATTALION? He Does Not Deny Truth of Report in Military Circles in Quebec. Quebec, Feb. 2.—It was reported in military circles here that in the very near future Armand Lavergne will form a French-Canadian battalion, recruited in the district of Quebec.

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FORTY DIE AS GAS EXPLODES IN CHICAGO TENEMENT

Twenty-Four Flats in House and Sixteen of Them Occupied—Mercury 10 Below as Tenants Rush Into Street Scantly Clad

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Forty persons are believed to be dead and as many are injured as the result of a gas explosion and fire that wrecked a tenement building at 813-23 14th Place, in the heart of the west side early today.

SOME ALIVE? Firemen attacking the ice-covered wreckage penetrated through the outer crust at 10 a. m. and declared they could distinguish what seemed to be voices beneath them.

GERMANS FAIL IN ATTACK ON WEST FRONT. Paris, Feb. 2.—French trenches south of Verdun, in Lorraine, were attacked last evening by the Germans.

UNCERTAINTY TODAY'S FEATURE IN WALL STREET. New York, Feb. 2.—Wall street 10:30 a. m.—Gains and losses were so evenly divided at the opening of today's market that a conflict of opinion among investors was suggested.

THE GREEK BLOCKADE. London, Feb. 2.—A request has been made for the raising of the Greek blockade on the ground that the demands of the Entente Allies, including in great measure the transfer of troops to the front, have been complied with.

F. W. DANIEL TAKES PLACE IN COUNCIL OF BOARD OF TRADE. At a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade at noon today, the vacancy caused by the death of F. C. Smith was filled by the election of F. W. Daniel, as a representative of the retail merchants of the city.

START THIS MONTH WORK OF BUILDING HIS NEW SCHOONER. In the near future the revival of shipbuilding in New Brunswick will be a reality. On February 19 a crew of men will assemble at Peter McIntyre's new ship-building yard at Moss Glen and begin to lay down the keel for a large new wooden schooner.

MISS STELLA NEVERS. The death of Miss Stella Nevers of Lincoln, N. B., occurred at her home this morning. She was twenty-one years of age, and the youngest daughter of late Ashley M. Nevers, of Lincoln.

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THEY'RE TRYING TO ECONOMIZE ON COAL

Munich, via Berlin, Feb. 1, to London, Feb. 2.—Owing to difficulties of transportation necessary to supply coal, the military authorities have ordered all schools, theatres, museums, moving picture houses, concert halls and the university closed temporarily. Restaurants will be allowed to heat and light only one general room and a closing hour, ten o'clock, has been established for them.