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BY HITT

**TO-DAY'S Messages.****10.00 P.M.****SHIPPING NEWS.**

NEW YORK, To-Day.
Pending official advice from Secretary of State Lansing of the State Department, President Franklin of the International Mercantile Marine said to-night that no official announcement could be made as to the sailing of the American line ships. The St. Louis was scheduled to leave here at noon to-morrow on her regular trip to Liverpool. Upon being informed that Lansing stated at Washington that he probably would be advised not to send the ship away, he did not naturally say he would act in conformity with such a recommendation. None of the British lines received any new instructions as to the sailing of their ships from their local representatives. It was announced to-night that during the day five freighters, one of them an American vessel, had left for transatlantic ports. The American ship was the *Dochra* for Genoa. Several ships of Britain and the Allied nations, among them the White Star liner *Adriatic*, are announced to sail to-day. A complete list of the ships, and the cable instructions received by the various lines.

THE DANGER TO NEUTRAL SHIPPING.

LONDON, To-Day.
The German danger zone has created a serious complication concerning shipping between American, Scandinavian and Dutch ports owing to the British blockade policy requiring ships bound eastward or westward on that route to enter Kirkwall, as Kirkwall is fifty miles inside the danger zone. American, Dutch and Scandinavian ships conforming to the present regulations cannot avail themselves of the open mine free channels specified in the German memorandum, but must run the danger of mine fields in reaching Kirkwall. This difficulty is recognized by the British authorities as well as in American and Scandinavian shipping circles, and doubtless will receive attention with a view to relieving Americans, their ships being forced to run serious risks while seeking examination. For the present, however, the Foreign Office is not willing to discuss whatever course may be pursued, as the whole range of questions raised by the new German danger zones will doubtless be considered by the War Cabinet.

N. Y. HARBOR POLICE INCREASED.

NEW YORK, To-Day.
Dudley Field Malone, Collector of Ports, has increased the force of the dock guard's special inspector until he now has more than 1200 men under his command. The harbor police boats, four tug and a coast guard cutter, service under command of the Collector are at their docks with steam up, their crews sleeping on board. It was learned from the Commandant that several German ships self-interested

here have refused permission to the Collector's officers to go below the main decks on trips of inspection. Malone declined to discuss the subject except to say that the ships' officers were within their rights, unless he obtained evidence of neutrality regulations being violated.

ON THE BRINK OF WAR.

WASHINGTON, To-Day.
The submarine menace sweeps on and every hour draws the United States nearer to a break with Germany. No restraining developments appear to stem the tide. Official Washington is convinced the crash is only a matter of time. The question form at a long session of the Cabinet and a dramatic night meeting of the President and Senators the war has developed a unanimity of opinion that the challenge to the honor of the United States must be met. The means of doing so appeared to be the only question undetermined when President Wilson and his advisers parted for the night for reflection. As the President himself puts it, apparently it had not been determined whether the United States should delay action until Germany commits an overt act, or whether passports should be handed to Count Von Bernstorff with or without a warning note to Berlin. After the President and Cabinet had been in session for more than two hours, Wilson hurried to the Capitol. This statement was issued at the White House: "The President and Cabinet have thoroughly canvassed the situation, but there is nothing to announce."

CANT HOLD HIS TONGUE.

NEW YORK, To-Day.
Wm. J. Bryan, at a peace mass meeting in Madison Square Garden last night, said that it would be a crime against the nation and the world if the United States enters the European war. He praised highly President Wilson's efforts on behalf of peace and asserted that the President's recent address to the Senate had placed him among the nation's immortals.

NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM ADMIRALTY.

BALTIMORE, Md., To-Day.
Four foreign steamers sailed from here to-day but only one of them was expected to proceed to her destination direct. This was the British freighter *Ramsey* for Gibraltar for orders. Others sailed for American ports, it is presumed only for further instructions. Leading foreign shipping firms here to-day declared they had not got any orders from the British Admiralty to delay clearances.

TAFT SEES WAR AHEAD.

WASHINGTON, To-Day.
Former President Taft prefaced a proposed speech on the League to Enforce Peace here last night with a reference to the new German crisis,

declaring that if the States were drawn into the war Germany would force it by her defiance of the plain principles of justice and humanity which should obtain between civilized nations. The responsibility which now rests on the President and Congress is very heavy, said Taft. They should know, and do know, that the American people will back them to end their decision. May God give them good deliverance.

A GERMAN DESOLA.

CHARLESTON, So. To-Day.
Collector Peterson to-day formally took charge of the German freighter *Liobenfels*, which sank in the harbor under conditions leading marine men to believe that she was scuttled. The vessel is lying in 30 feet of water. Local authorities always take charge of abandoned vessels.

FIRST STEP TO RATIONING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, To-Day.
The Food Ministry has issued a public appeal to the nation to limit its consumption of bread to four pounds, meat two and a half pounds, sugar three-quarters of a pound weekly per head. The food controller says, after consideration of the available stocks and the probable need of future supplies, the situation requires that the heads of families should endeavor to limit their household consumption on this basis. He adds that these items will naturally be supplemented by other food products, but that the effect of the suggested restrictions will reveal itself through the returns available. "The food controller said that the nation is placed upon its honor to observe the proposed conditions. Only the food controller adds, 'can the actual situation admit of no delay in informing the country what is demanded of it. Compulsory rationing involves elaborate machinery and ought to be averted as long as possible. Meanwhile, to meet the contingency that rationing may become necessary, the useful machinery for it is being organized so that it may be ready if needed.'"

1.00 P.M.**GERMANY NOT TOO SANGUINE.**

LONDON, To-Day.
Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent says that several German newspapers received in Amsterdam published warnings apparently inspired against exaggerated expectations of the results of the new submarine campaign. The correspondent says the *Rheinische Westfälische Zeitung* adds to its warning the following: "England, we believe, will suppress as much as possible her losses in ships; it is even possible that the figures concerning sunken enemy vessels in the near future will be less than those recently published." The correspondent quotes the *Koelnische Volks Zeitung* as saying, "It would be wrong to expect the sequel of our intensified U-boat war to appear very soon, perhaps within a few weeks. Rome was not built in a day." A dispatch to the *Exchange Telegraph* from Amsterdam says, "Political circles in Berlin are much upset by reports of indignation aroused in America by the announcement of Germany's submarine blockade, it having been believed that the United States, understanding Germany's de-

perate position would start negotiations to bring about an early peace conference. There is still hope that President Wilson's answer will be likely that the British public less worried than appears to be the state of the public mind in most neutral countries. Two points of the issue stand out strongly in all public criticism, first, that the German decision is the counsel of desperation and a virtual confession that she had abandoned hope for military victory in the field, and second, that having shown no restraint in recent months in her submarine warfare on shipping bound to opposing belligerent countries, it is needless to feel dismayed at what she is likely to do in the future, since probably all available submarines have been in full employment and it is unlikely that in the near future Germany can have a much greater number of underwater boats at her command.

BRITISH CONFIDENCE.

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Last Chance To-Night.

Another appreciative audience witnessed the much talked of act "The Habitant" at Rossey's British Theatre last night. Judging by the applause Fox and Carr could easily have given several more of Dr. Drummond's famous poems with equal success. To-night will be the last opportunity to see this wonderful characterization of the quaint French Canadian. The act will also appear at the Matinee this afternoon. For the first half of next week the funny farce comedy "Married by Telephone" will be presented. Five characters are seen in this act, and the principal parts are enacted by Mr. Edmund Fox, Mrs. Jack Rossey, Miss Carolyn Carr and Miss Bonnie Rossey. Besides playing a role in the farce comedy, Bonnie will introduce popular vocal selections and taking it all in all "there'll be a big time at Rossey's next week."

Your Boys and Girls.

It is a good idea to teach your children that the toothbrush should no more be employed in public than the toothbrush. Do not allow them to use it as they parade through public halls, sit in drawing rooms or even at the table. If you have neglected this very important item in their education, instruct them from now on to attend to such matters in private and without compulsory witnesses. If they say that well dressed men and women commit this offence, against decency and good taste, assure them that they were unfortunate in having no well bred parents to teach them better manners, and that they are not to be emulated, but pitied.

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STILL HANGS

WASHINGTON
When President Wilson's Capitol to-night after conference with members of one Senator who had taken said a break of diplomatic relations with Germany is practical. When Senator Myers last night he said the sentiment among the United States should be off relations at once and the President himself, newspaper men only that up to swap views and decide whether anything would be night. There was a general sion all through the plan Senator, but in my opinion of the majority of off relations at once and stoff his passports to-mor propositions, it was said, cussed at the conference to break off diplomatic relations Germany and give Ambassador stoff his passports to-mor until some overt act committed against the United States by Germany taking any action; and this Government's position light of Germany's ruthless campaign. Asked a student contemplated going "Oh, that was not disagree he said. The President, careful not to state specifically he had in mind, said Senator Fletcher and President had as yet done came to seek advice of the as to what he should do was not clear in the mind whether the American ment should proceed on this

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