

WILSON FAVORS A STEP TOWARDS WAR

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ment was put into operation. We have asked the co-operation of the other neutral nations to prevent the depredations, but I fear none of them has thought it wise to join us in any common course of action. Our own commerce has suffered, is suffering, either in apprehension or in fact, either because so many of our ships are timidly keeping to their home ports or because an American ship has been sunk.

"Two American vessels have been sunk, the Housatonic and the Lyman M. Law. The case of the Housatonic which was carrying foodstuffs consigned to a London firm, was essentially like the case of the Frye in which, it will be recalled the German government admitted its liability for damages, and the lives of the crew, as in the case of the Frye, were safeguarded with reasonable care. "The case of the Law, which was carrying lemon box staves to Palermo disclosed a ruthlessness of method which deserves grave condemnation, that was accompanied by no circumstances which might not have been expected at any time in connection with the use of the submarine against merchantmen as the German government has used it.

Shipping Tied Up.

"To sum, therefore, the situation we find ourselves in with regard to the actual conduct of the German submarine warfare against commerce and its effect upon our own ships and people is substantially the same that it was when I addressed you on the third of February, except for the tying up of our shipping in our own ports, because of the unwillingness of our ship owners to risk their vessels at sea without insurance or adequate protection, and the very serious congestion of our commerce which has resulted in a congestion which is growing rapidly more and more serious every day.

"This in itself might presently accomplish, in effect, what the new German submarine warfare meant to accomplish, so far as we are concerned. We can only say, therefore, that the overt act which I have ventured to hope the German commanders would in fact avoid, has not occurred. "But while this is happily most true, it must be admitted that there have been certain additional indications and expressions of purpose on the part of the German press and the German authorities, which have increased rather than lessened the impression that if our ships and our people are spared, it will be because of fortunate circumstances or because the commanders of the German submarines, which they may happen to encounter, exercise an unexpected discretion and restraint, rather than because of the instructions under which those commanders are acting.

Greatest Dangers.

"It would be foolish to deny that the situation is fraught with the gravest possibilities and dangers. No thoughtful man can fail to see that the necessity for definite action may come at any time if we are in fact,

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and not in word, merely to defend our elementary rights as a neutral nation. It would be most imprudent to be unprepared. "I cannot in such circumstances be unmindful of the fact that the expiration of the term of the present congress is immediately at hand, by constitutional limitations, and that it would in all likelihood require an unusual length of time to assemble and organize the congress which is to succeed it.

Wants Support.

"I feel that I ought, in view of the fact, to obtain from you full and immediate assurance of the authority which I may need at any moment to exercise. No doubt I already possess that authority without special warrant of law, by the plain implication of my constitutional duties and powers; but I prefer in the present circumstance not to act upon general implications. I wish to feel that the authority and the power of the congress are behind me in whatever it may become necessary for me to do. We are justly the servants of the people, and must act together and in fair spirit, so far as we can divine and interpret it.

Armed Neutrality.

"Since it has unhappily proved impossible to safeguard our neutral rights by diplomatic means against the unwarranted infringements they are suffering at the hands of Germany, there may be no recourse but to armed neutrality, which we shall know how to maintain and for which there is abundant American precedent.

"It is devoutly to be hoped that it will not be necessary to put armed forces anywhere into action. The American people do not desire it, and our desire is not different from theirs. I am sure that they will understand the spirit in which I am now acting, and the purpose I hold nearest my heart and would wish to exhibit in everything I do. I am anxious that the people of the nations at war also should understand and not mistrust us. I hope that I need give no further proofs and assurances that I have already given throughout nearly three years of anxious patience that I am the friend of peace and mean to preserve it for America so long as I am able. "I am not now proposing war or the steps that need lead to it. I merely require that you will accord me by your own vote and definite bestowal the means and the authority to safeguard in practice the right of a great people who are at peace and who are desirous of exercising none but the rights of peace to follow the pursuit of peace in quietness and good will—rights recognized time out of mind by all the civilized nations of the world. No course of my choosing or of theirs will lead to war. War can come only by the willful acts and agencies of others.

"You will understand why I can make no definite proposals or forecasts of action now and must ask for your supporting authority in the most general terms. The form in which action may become necessary can not yet be foreseen.

Wants People's Trust.

"I believe that the people will be willing to trust me to act with restraint, with prudence, and in the true spirit of amity and good faith that they have themselves displayed throughout these trying months; and it is in that belief that I request you will authorize me to supply our merchant ships with defensive arms should that become necessary, and with the means of using them, and to employ any other instrumentalities or methods that may be necessary and adequate to protect our ships, and our people in their legitimate and peaceful pursuits on the seas. I request also that you will grant me at the same time, along with the powers I

ask, a sufficient credit to enable me to provide adequate means of protection where they are lacking, including adequate insurance against the present war risks.

"I have spoken of our commerce and of the legitimate errands of our people on the seas, but you will not

be misled as to my main thought that lies beneath these phrases and gives them dignity and weight. It is not of material interest merely that we are thinking, it is, rather, of fundamental human rights, chief of all the right of life itself. I am thinking not only of the rights of Americans to go and come about their proper business by way of the sea, but also of something much deeper, much more fundamental than that. I am thinking of those rights of humanity without which there is no civilization. My theme is of those great principles of compassion and of protection which mankind has sought to throw about human lives, the

lives of non-combatants, the lives of men who are peacefully at work keeping the industrial processes of the world quick and vital, the lives of women and children and of those who supply the labor which ministers to their sustenance. "We are speaking of no selfish material rights but of rights which our hearts support and whose foundation is that righteous passion for justice upon which all law, all structures alike of family, of state and of mankind must rest as the ultimate base of our existence and our liberty. I cannot imagine any man with American principles at his heart hesitating to defend these things."

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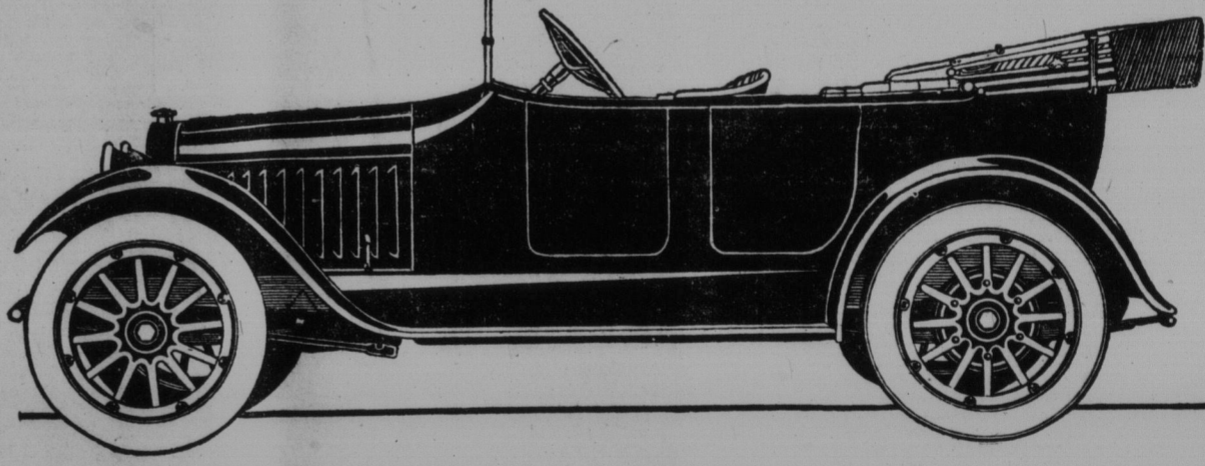
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