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SITUATION STILL AGUTE IN THE U.S.

General Feeling is That Count Von Bernstorff Will Soon be Dismissed

ther Frightfulness in Submarine Warfare Do Not **Perturb Allied Powers**

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 tonnage which entered French ports during the last eleven months have been sunk by German submarines. He said that this percentage might be a little higher in the future, but that no effotrs of the Germans could prevent the final victory of the

Referring directly to the question ing advice as to future movements of D'Estournelles, Admiral Lacaza of steamships of the American Line. said that he could not repeat information given in the secret scssion, but that the government had neg-

lected no means of defense. One half of one per cent, has been sunk by submarines. Possibly in the future this proportion will be a little No passenger steamers have left higher, but the sole result will be New York for Europe since the dethat the country will understand claration of the German blockade, more thoroughly that we are at war. but several freight ships sailed yes-This will not affect our will to con- terday and last night. The shipping

Admiral Lacaze declared that the opinion, be maintained.

Germans triumph and boast of being States destroyers stationed at the able, thanks to their submarines, to Narrows to guard the neutrality of turn the blockade against the Allies.

This a colossal self-deception. They

A number of American

A number of American

New York, Feb. 2.—Owneys of few women, who wish to serve in American vessels in transatlantic European war hospitals also have trade probably will follow the example of the ship owners of the Entente nations and abide by the instructions of their government in regard to running the risks of the new The executive committee of the German blockade regulations. They Brant Horticultural Society met

Liner to Sail. Unless orders to the contrary are received from Washington the American Liner St. Louis will sail from "Fifty one million tons of merchandise," he said. "entered our gular port of destination. No efforts ports during the last eleven months.

embargo on this port which at first was intended to continue every night until the situation cleared was modiadvantage held by the Germans in the submarine field could not, in his fied last night and several vessels were allowed to pass out. First, were allowed to pass out. First, however, they were subjected to "For the moment," he said, "the careful examination by the United

pretend to gain victory by ferror, but they terrify no one, neither Allies nor neutrals."

A number of American citizens are here to-day anxious to sail for Europe despite the dangers of submarine warfare. Most of them are buyers anxious to get to Europe to prepare for the summer trade. booked passage on the St. Louis.

awaited to-day the reply of the state department to a message sent by P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine, seek-ciety next week.

Attitude of America However Concerns All, and is Subject of Conjecture and ernment has ine warfare. Anxiety Government's Action Approved

By Courier Leased Wire. attitude of the German people in base their opinion of the merits o respect of the new submarine polic, so far as ascertained to-day from clare that two or three months on conversations with persons in various walks of life, in and out of politics is that the inauguration of an unrestricted submarine campaign is dictated by stern necessity and for self preservation and that in such life and death struggle no regard can longer be paid to other consid erations. The all-absorbing question in every discussion concerns the at titude of America

Government Approved Little criticism of the government is heard. Even a socialist speake in the Reichstag committeee meet ing to-day is reported to have aligned the party behind the government

Confident in Submarines Whatever was said in committee was confidential, but in outside circles one hears estimates of the num ber of submarines running to sever al hundred and the conviction is ex pressed that the amuont of tonnages sunk monthly can be increased approximately 1,000,000 tons, in addition to a large amount of neutral tonnage which will be deterred from

Weather Bulletin



Toronto, Feb. 2 -Local snow falls have occurred in Quebec and the Maritime provin-

entering their prohibited areas by Berlin, Feb. 1-via London-The the submarine terror. Those who the decision upon such figures de erations on this scale would—pro-vided the United States were not drawn into the war-bring England to a point where she would be willing to discuss terms,

American Crisis The great likelihood that the step will precipiate a crisis in German-American relations sexerence of diplomatic intercourse, and perhaps further consequences, is generally recognized and undoubtedly has been-taken into account in the gover, that some communication had gone to Ambassador Gerard, probeen-taken into account in the government's calculation. But the beplomatic intercourse, and perhaps ernment's calculation. But the belief is often expressed that the situation is not hopeless and that the some arrangements to alleviate the tainly to-night. marine campaign may perhaps after the recent peace discussions not formation is that there are about 3.-lead to a break with the United 000. Doubtless some efforts would be States, a consummation which would made to get them over the line into be hailed with joy by an overwhelm- Holland, or into some of the other

Discussions mittoe, resolve largely around the question of the prospective rsult of a campaign based on the numbe and efficiency of submarines.

Have Reservists Been Recalled?

Montreal, Feb. 2.—Several American reservists, located in this city the mess than the campaign which tention to break diplomatic relations believe a note had been determined on either announcing intention to break diplomatic relations believe a note had been determined on either announcing intention to break diplomatic relations. Maritime provinces, but the weather is now fair and very cold in nearly all parts of the Dominion.

Forecasts

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Fresh northwest been received from Washington to Fresh northwest winds, fair and very cold today and on Saturday.

Was stated that no omeial word had been received from Washington to take any steps whatever to recall reduced the total president this afternoon.

Whatever measures are being taken in the United States by the administration to prepare the country physical and on Saturday.

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Germany's Threats of Fur-AMERICANS IN TRENCHES WITH BRITISH FORCES FIGHT FOR RIGHTS OF HUMANITY

Fifty Thousand U.S. Citizens are at Front To-day With Allied Forces - Majority are in Canadian Battalions and are Soldiers of the Finest Mettle

With the British Armies in Americans, among those France, Feb. 1.—via London, Feb. ing in the Dominion when the war Canadian artillery. "What part of the Associated Press)—Nearly fifty scattered through the distinctly "Los Angeles," came the grinning gaged in hostilities in the brief cam- in the world. The bulk of the Ameripaign of the Spanish-American war. cans being absorbed in the various

en their lives for the cause of the on the front.

Allies and hundreds of others bear A Canadian permanent scars of the shock of bat-tle, but each new battalion and each

storff Must Go

ment would be made to-day or not.

into another day of waiting.

development in the situation.

Germany. The government's best in-

Huns Expect Break

its official silence, calmly prepared

for the break Count von Bernstorff

adjacent neutral countries.

Many Suffer Canadian battalions, have been Hundreds of Americans have giv-through some of the hardest fighting

A Canadian From Los Angeles. Through all the vast and wondertle, but each new battalion and each new group of reinforcements arriv-Britain from the North Sea to the ing from overseas brings numbers front line trenches, young Ameriof their fellow countrymen to take cans can be met "doing their bit"

U.S. Awaits Further Word

Anxiety and Suspense are Rife as No Announcement

statement to-day that so far no communication had been sent to Germany.

had yesterday prepared a document for President Wilson, but whether it had gone further it was not known. There seemed to be no doubt how-

made to get them over the line into proclamation of unrestricted sub-

The German embassy continued will be announced, remained undis-

Government's action irrespective of had been despatched to Berlin and the protests of neutrals, will be the winning factor of the war.

The Entente embassies fully extra the content of t

Comes From White House---Believed That Bern-

The secretary refused to say whether any instructions had been sent to Am-

Secretary Lansing said he was unprepared to disclose whether any announce-

To-night or to-morrow the American people may know what course their gov-

ernment has decided upon to answer Germany's declaration of unrestricted submar-

and giving him limited time to make White House during the day, or cerSpanish King May

Action Is Decided

States action in reply to Germany's

marine warfare has been definitely

determined by President Wilson, ac

cording to official belief here to-

day. What the course is, or when it

The White House and State de-

Washington, Feb. 2. - United

bassador Gerard, and declined to make any statement for the delay in announcing the

liv- young fellow in the uniform of the war Canadian artillery. "What part of

thousand Americans are estimated English battalions and some are reply. Corresponding answers could as fighting for the Allies and inquiry found among the Australians, South be had from thousands who hailed thousand Americans are estimated as fighting for the Allies and inquiry shows that nearly four-fifths of these are in the khaki clad British army, commanded by Field Marshal Haig. It is computed that the actual fighting force of Americans now in France under the Union Jack is probably larger, then the United Jack is probably larger, then the Jack is probably larger, the Jack is probably larger than the Jack is probably large probably larger than the United states army, which was actually en- as among the best trained soldiers themselves as deeply impressed.

One of today's army reports diverges for the moment from dry routine and the coldly official relation of battle incident during the last twenty-four hours, in order to give the following particulars respecting one of a number of German prisoners taken yesterday:

"He is a man of poor physique and morale who had been rejected of their fellow countrymen to take their places.

The Canadian regiments naturally attracted the greatest number of their places.

The Canadian regiments naturally attracted the greatest number of the Associated Press met one at the end of this time."

Full Avowal of Prime Doctrine of Militarism Made by Germany, Says the London Times

The Times sees in the speech of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg a proof that his real attitude on the submarine question nas been consistent throughout, although in his dealings with the United States "he has some times sacrificed principles to expedi-

"He now proclaims," says The Times, "that he was always ready to adopt ruthless U-boat war as soon as it seemed likely to bring Germany a victorious peace. So he flings aside the pretense of humanity unoctuously affected in his former notes to President

Aims of Both Parties.

Referring to the note to the United States The Times says "It is for the American government and people and for them alone to take the grave decision that these insolent dmands require. We are not surprised that while opinion is unanimous in reprobation of Germany's programme it should be divided as to the course to be adopted. Counsel or suggetion from the Allies would be an impertinence to Americans. They have now before them in words which cannot be mistaken the full avowal of the prime doctrine of militarism and the acts which it sanctions. They have lately received an authente statement of the war aims of the Allies and the principles underlying their aims. They can judge which of the two creeds now fighting for survival comes nearer their own high ideals of justice and right."

on the Submarine Crisis along the line indicated.

Germany had contracted formal engagements with the United States, says The Petit Farisien. "It is these engagements" continued. America Must Speak. wished to force America the a rup-ture of relations, for it would not be easy for President Wilson to tol-more than the tolerance, the open

Germany's Last Card.

Paris, Feb. 2.—"Germany's last man emperor's game is clear. He card" is the caption under which puts his knife at the throat of neu-several morning newspapers print trals to force them to intervene in Germany's note to the United States, the European conflict and to im-Chancellor von Bethmann-Holl-weg's speech, etc. The editorial prove a singularly dangerous one for comment for the most part is also him. For as a matter of fact he is driving neutrals in the camp of the

engagements," continues the news-paper, "that she is violating to-day the Teutons, writes in The Petit

WAR TO THE KNIFE" IS THE Bulletin, Washington, Feb. 2.—Secretary of State Lansing authorized the SLOGAN OF GERMAN PRESS

Washington, Feb. 2.—The new submarine crisis seems to have resolved itself Germany Will . Now Means in Her Power to Obtain Victory; Hope For Understanding With United States

President Wilson and the limited few who know his plans continued their silence to-day, but it was expected that this afternoon the cabinet would be informed of Berlin, Feb. 1.—via London.— whether they are genuinely neutral what steps have been taken or are proposed. On every hand officials are convinced that nothing less than a break in diplomatic relations is the ultimate development. It United States will understand Ger finished by the fin that nothing less than a break in diplomatic relations is the ultimate development. It united states will understand Germany's position and approve it as fulfilled by the leaders of the empire may be delayed, but they all expect it to come unless there is some wholly unexpected many's position and approve it as the surest and quickest method of shall restrict our martial strength. bringing about peace, but all empha-

As another day of tension began, opinion was about even as to whether any communication actually had been despatched to Berlin. There was no doubt that Secretary Lansing had vesterday prepared a document had been sent either to be a superstance of diplomatic relations. It is officially dependent of the army payr or lations. tervention or mixing in by the Uni-Vorwaerts is the only newspaper to call attention to the fact that this important decision was reached by the leaders of the empire without consulting the people through the reichstag. Vorwaerts and The Tagenight after spending the day in con-ference with President Wilson, and several close advisers of the Presi-

blatt are the only two morning news papers that breathe disapproval. "The decision has come," says the Lokal Anzeiger, "from today our U-boats have a free path. In true British style we have declared Anglo-Franco-italian waters a war zone. The Entente seeks by all means to destroy us, to make us its be Peacemaker powerless slave and so we must use all means under our control to avoid this shameful destiny. For two years unrestricted submarine warfare has Paris, Feb. 2.—The idea that been disputed in Germany. As long as there was any outlook of bring-King Alfonso of Spain may at any opportune moment play an important ing our enemies back to their senses we did not wish to decide for it, but role in the settlement of the Eurosince the haughty rejection of the pean conflict is gaining ground German peace note we know where has said privately he expects, but partment maintained strict secrecy, every day, says a Havas despatch serenely confident that the German as on former occasions when a note from Madrid, and has been strengthwe are, and onw the time has come when all considerations must be silenced. We want to be victorious, for we want to remain alive; there-fore we must fight until the breath ened greatly by the reply of Spain to President Wilson's note. The Im-

pecting the United States to break with Germany, seem to be confident that the new campaign of ruthlessthat the new cam belligerents by his discreet reply to feverish desire which has been evin-

ced for the beginning of the sub-marine work, it concludes:

"We hear confidentially," writes George Bernhard in The Vossische Zeitung, "that the American people to whom our innermost reasons are set forth in the newest note, will understand our motives. If the United States earnestly desire peace

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