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War Practically Certain to Follow, Though Severing of Relations COLLISON IS Does Not Neccessarily Involve Hostilities---Action Came After Deliberation and Consultation by the Government

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> Washington, Feb. 3.-Diplomatic relations with Germany have been broken. Count von Bernstorff been handed his passports and Ambassador Ger ard has been ordered from Berlin.
> Notice of the break is outlined in detail in the address President Wilson delivered to a joint session Congress at 2 o'clock this afternoon.
> In spite of the fact that this became known defin itely, officials at the White House and State Department would not discuss the situation in any form.
> The President completed his message to Congress early this morning and arrangements for its appearance were immediately made.
> Whether the break with Germany would be accom panied by a similar break with Austria-Hungary, could not be learned definitely. Inasmuch as Austria is understood to have ender
> The State Department notified Ambassador Gera rd to ask for his passports.
> The decision to break was reached after the Presi dent's conference with the cabinet and members of Senate yesterday. The President by those conferences came to the oncluson that the country would stand solidly behind him in breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany.
> Breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany does not mean war, but easily may lead to war. It is an act of protest characterized in the usage of nations as a measure short of war.
> The Pesident's address to Congress, while guard ed closely, reviews the negotiations with Germany, climaxed by the note giving warning that the Berlin government had removed restrictions on submarine warfare.
> The decision to break was taken for granted by many senators with whom he talked late yesterday and by members of his cabinet. Although he did not give his decision in these conferences his outline of the situation gave such a serious picture that it was generally believed that he had come to the conclusion that he gould follow no course, but break relations with Germany
> Mr. Wilson remained in his study in the White House throughout the morning and saw no callers. It was learned he began the preparation of his address to Congress shortly after his return from the Capitol last night.
> While the steps leading up to the break were being taken, apparent calm pevailed at the White House and State Department.
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