Ultimatum Sent to Germany

President Wilson Calls for an Immediate Reply Under Penalty of Severing Diplomatic Relations.

President Wilson told congress, as sembled in joint session, that he has given Germany irrevocable notification that the United States will break off diplomatic relations if her illegal submarine campaign is continued.

A note, America's last word, prac tically an ultimatum and demanding an immediate reply, was in the foreign office at Berlin as the president was speaking. It was despatched in accordance with the president's plan to have it before the German government at the same moment he was addressing the congress, and its arrival in Berlin was reported by the American ambassador, James W. Gerard.

"I have deemed it my duty," the president said in his address, "to say to the imperial German government that if it is still its purpose to prose-

cute relentless and indiscriminate warfare, the government of the United States is at last forced to the conclusion that there is but one course it can pursue; and that unless the imperial German government should now immediately declare and effect an abandonment of its present methods of warfare against passenger and freight carrying vessels this government can have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations altogether."

The state department allowed it to become known that a reply from Berlin was expected before the end of this week. As no time limit has been fixed, three or four days is regarded as a reasonable time. It was also revealed that the United States has made it clear to Germany that it stands ready to further discuss how submarine warfare properly may be conducted, after Germany has declar ed that her present methods have been abandoned

The president asked no action whatever of congress. He simply informed it of the accumulation of facts proving that Germany's assurances to the United States are being violated; that the submarine campaign, despite the earnest protests of the United States, is being conducted with renewed vigor in contravention of all the laws of nations and humanity and that he means to sever relations unless it is brought within the law. Diplomatic history of the world shows that such a course is almost certain to be followed by war.

The president's note and his address to congress are final. They mark the end of diplomatic exchanges. A continuance of the long standing friendly relations, the president made clear, depends alone upon Germany's conduct.

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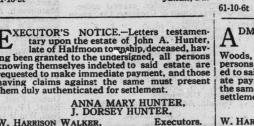
STRANGLED BABE IN DREAM

Vision, Seizes it by Throat.

ever handled by a coroner in Delaware county was that of Mrs. Lillian Hollingsworth, colored, of Cheyney, near West Chester, Pa., who, the coroner's jury found, strangled her baby, a few hours old, when she

Governor Fielding has issued a of May 12 as New Jersey day The state department of conservation and development is behind the plan to boost the state's industries and advantages on that day. All cities are requested to display the flag and schools will observe the occasion by fitting exercises.

Harry K. Thaw was granted a



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