

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Regulationing by the British Government of the American Transatlantic Line steamship *Hocking*, protested by the State Department, has been postponed for three weeks, Secretary Lansing has been advised. The steamer is at Halifax, where it was taken by a British warship. Ambassador Page's presentation at London of the American protest is believed to be one cause of the postponement. The American Consul general at Halifax had previously requested the British authorities to allow the steamer to proceed, but the request was denied. The British authorities are now considering the request, but the request was moved by the attorney's request for the steamer to be released, obtained by the English Attorney General at the request of Colonial authorities.