VON BERNSTORFF GIVES PASSPORTS BY WILSON

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cabinet and senators, came to the conclusion that there was only one course for the United States to pursue. Breaking off diplomatic relations brings the United

States to the verge of war.

Never in the history of the world have two first-class powers severed their diplomatic relations without hostilities following. President Wilson, in taking the momentous step, has counted the consequences carefully as have all his advisers. Germany, all her officials have openly said, had counted the cost of a break with the United States and was prepared to pay it in the hope of shortening the war.

When the President returned from the Capitol last night he apparently had made up his mind that nothing remained but breaking off relations. At once he began preparing the address which he will deliver to Congress.

No announcement of the break was made at the White House as that was reserved for disclosure to the public in the address to Congress. Secretary Tumulty would only say that the President would address Congress this after-

Immediately all the machinery of the government was set in motion to safeguard the national interests and further prepare the country for the unprecedented and momentous situation in which it now finds itself.

Secretary Daniels issued an order barring all but officers and men from navy yards, ships and stations. Orders to safeguard American ports were issued through the Treasury Department to customs collectors and the coast guard service.

Not unmindful of the possibility of disturbances by

German sympathizers, officials said steps had been taken to meet the situation.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Just at the time when the decision to break became known Secretary Lansing went over to the White House and had a brief conference with the President He too, would go no further than Secretary Tumulty's brief announcement that the President would address a joint session of Congress this afternoon.

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"You say relations have been broken off and that the President is going to Congress at 2 o'clock,' he said in response to what was told him over the wire. "Are you sure? Well, maybe that is right. No, I have no comment to make and nothing to say."

Confirmation of the information quickly was obtained and then the ambassador informed Countess Von Bernstorff of the news. Upon returning he explained how sorry he was that the break had to come, and added:

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Administration leaders in the Senate who had talked with the President last night were not surprised, but were deeply moved by the climax.

Thought There Would Be Another Note

One of the first to hear the news was Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, Republican, of the Foreign Relations Committee.

"Can that be true?" He fairly shouted. "I did not believe the President would do it. I thought there would be another note. The President would do it. I thought there would be another note. The president would do it. I thought there would be another note. The president would do it. I shought there would be another note. The President would do it. I shought there would be another note. The president would do it. I shought there would be another note. The president would do it. I shought there would be another note. The president would do it. I shought there would be another note. The president would happen it they took the action they to the hope of the first president would be another note. The president would be another note. The president would happen it they took the action they there would be another note. The president would be another note. The president would happen it they took the action they there would be another note. The president would be another note. The president would be another note. The president would happen it they took the action they they they have noted the president would be another note. The president would be another note. The president would another note they have not the season of the president would be another note. The president would happen it they took the action they the president with the president with



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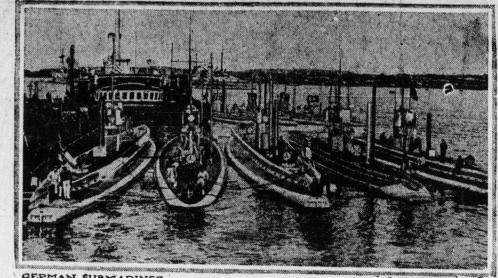
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A NEST OF GERMAN SUBMARINES



According to report, the Germans are prepared for the resumption of ruthless submarine warfare with several hundred supersubmersibles. This picture shows a German submarine base near Kiel. These probably are only a few of the vast number of U-boats which the Germans now have ready for their war on allied shipping.

first question asked by Count Bernstorff of his first caller to-day was whether any definite action had been taken. When informed that no information was available he quickly began to talk of other related subjects especially what prospects of peace would remain should the United States sever diplomatic relations. He said he believed that even if a break should come President Wilson would continue his efforts to restore peace to the world, possibly through the Swiss government. It was during this discussion that his private telephone rang.

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Details of the transfer will be arranged when the German ambassador says good-by to Secretary Lansing. Bernstorff's First Experience

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Count Von Bernstorff said he did
not know the manner of his leaving
the United States or what steps would
have to be taken, "This is my first
experience of the kind," said he, "and
I will have to inform myself."

It is thought doubtful by some that
the entente allies will grant many
such safe passage as was granted the
Austrian ambassador. In that event,
the German ambassador might choose
to go to South America or to Mexico.
After Count Von Bernstorff had
called the Swiss minister on the telephone and asked him to take charge
of the embassy, Dr. Ritter hurried
over to the German embassy building and the two men conferred.
After that Count Von Bernstorff declined to answer questions. "Ask the
Swiss minister," said he. "I am only
a private citizen now."
Mrs. George Dewey, widow of the
Admiral, called at the White House
executive office and left resolutions
from the women's section of the Navy
League, pledging unqualified support
to President Wilson.
"Now we must look out for something like Dewey at Manila," remarked Senator Sheppard, of Texas.
"The President has done the only
thing that any self-respecting nation
could do," said Senator Reed, of Missouri.
"I approve the President's action,"

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"I approve the President's action," said Senator Poindexter, Republican.
"I think the country will unitedly support it. It was the only thing to do."
"We have to show our virility as a nation," asserted Senator Saulsbury, Democrat. "Any other course would warrs!" he a restrictory of whether the course would be the course would be a restriction of whether the course would be the course whether whether whether whether would be the course merely be a postponement of what we are doing now."

Chances of Avoiding War Remote Seceretary Lansing, questioned as to



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Harrisburg, Penna

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3 .- Ex-President Taft prefaced a prepared speech on the League to Enforce Peace here last night with a reference to the new German crises, declaring that it the United States were drawn into war, Germany would force it by "her

war, Germany would force it by "her deflance of plain principles of justice and humanity which should obtain between civilized nations. Mr. Taft said: "The responsibility which now rests on the President and Congress is very heavy.
"They should know and do know that the American people will back them to the, end in their decision.
"May God give them good deliverance."

May Use Interned Ships

The ninety-five or more German merchant ships tied up in American ports since the beginning of the war may be used by the United States, but the German owners ultimately must be compensated. Only in case of war there is a possibility of their being consiscated, and even then such action is doubtful, for the United States, in the world court of nations, has been the leading exponent of the inviolability of private property.

Mails Will Continue to Move

ments regarding them.

Nonintercourse Acts

There is, however, one relation between the United States and Germany which ceases through diplomatic rupture. It is the humanitarian task of guarding the welfare of soldiers in the prison camps of their enemies and the care of German divilidus detained in the entente countries.

Precedent for the severance of diplomatic relations is found in modern history only between lesser nations and between first class powers and lesser ones. The United States suspended diplomatic relations with Mexico and only recently were they resumed.

After the breaking of diplomatic relations comes the possibility of other measures termed "nonamicable modes of redress," which also are "measures short of war." These modes of redress may include, reprisals, retaliations, nonintercourse and dispfay of force, and still there may be no state of war. There are precedents of various sort and range for gual action.

Nonintercourse acts can be passed by Congress to stop commerce between the United States and Germany, but as the war already has put the trade at a low ebb the effects will be negligible.

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Mails will continue to move under the Geneva convention and other existing special conventions. There should be no restriction upon the free movement of travelers between the two countries other than the fixed policy of the United States to issue no passports to Americans wishing to visit the war zone unless they have pressing business there.

In fact, so far as individuals are concerned, the status remains practically unchanged by a break in diplomatic relations. Upon the conduct of Americans in Germany and the conduct of Germans and German sympathizers in the United States depends the attitude of the respective governments regarding them.

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The former President was speaking before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, answering particularly criticisms of Theodore Roosevelt, William J. Bryan, Senator Borah and others of the league to enforce peace idea. President Wilson had intended to be present, but sent word that owing to the gravity of the war situation he would be unable to attend.

Continuing, Mr. Taft said:

Crisis Emphasizes Need of League

"I had prepared this address before Germany startled this country and all neutrals by her last note. The actual dangers with which it brings us face to face may seem to make what I have been discussing theoretical, tame and inappropriate. The truth is, however, that this great crisis only emphasizes the importance of the purpose and plan of the league in the future history of this country.

"Of all things, we would avoid war. We are not prepared for it. Its awful consequences we know from Europe's sufferings.

"Our prayer is for some escape from it in this critical hour, if consistent with our national honor. But we must face the facts.

"In her campaign against her enemies Germany proposes ruthlessly to age war upon the property and lives of neutrals in flagrant violation of their rights. She began with Belgium. She now includes them all. Our national conscience is void of offense against her. Her cruel and indefensible drowning without warning of more than a hundred innocent Americans on the Lusitania we condoned, in view of her pledge against a repetition. That pledge is now withdrawn, and she avows her purpose to resume her shocking course.

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BRITAINS ARE NOT WORRIED

See German Desperation and Abandonment of Hope of Military Victory

Military Victory

London, Feb. 3.—Twenty-four hours reflection over Germany's latest threat appears to have left the British public less worried than appears to be the state of public mind in most neutral countries. Two points of the issue stand strongly in all public criticism. First, that the German decision is the counsel of desperation and a vital confession that she has abandoned hope for military victory in the field, and in recent mouting shown no restrain in the confession that she has abandoned hope for military victory in the field, and in recent mouting shown no restrain in the constitution of the future since probably all available submarines have been in full employ and it is unlikely that in the near future Germany can have a much greater number of underwater boats at her command.

There are some who are even inclined to welcome the threats as providing a useful stimulus to the government and the nation. To the former, as tending in the direction of inducing the admiralty to take whatever steps are possible to countereat submarine activity and to measures on the part of the government and the match of the country was to conserve the food problem at home the ulmost. This question of the consumption of food. In this connection there has been considerable criticism of the government action in taking skilled farmhands for the army when the imperative need of the country was to conserve the food problem at home the ulmost. This question of the conficulties interests of the army and agricular interests of the the other hand, appears less confident of the happy result of the latest stroke. The German praes, on the other hand, appears are warning their readers not the limitation of the confidence of the country was to the present situation.

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Spaniards Want More Time to Return Ships

Extra Armed Guard Pace Around Warships in Docks

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 3. — Extra armed guards were placed around the battleship Louisiana and torpedoboat destroyer Benham at the navy yard last night.

The Louisiana was brilliantly illuminated, armed men walked her decks and the dock where she is moored. There was similar activity on and about the Benham.

The Louisiana is undergoing extensive repairs and is not ready to sail unless her services are urgently needed. She is having new guns installed.

Break With U. S. Was Considered, Paper Says

Berlin, Feb. 2, via London, Feb. 3, than a break in difformatic relations. But the submarine issue from the United States which were eagerly awaited, were received here in the course of the day. They included short excerpts from the leading New York papers. After saying that a break with the U. S. has been considered the Lokal Anzeiger concludes: "Our entire attention should be turned now to the German submarines to which we have entrusted our fate."

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London, Feb. 3.—A large crowd of homeward-bound Americans took the boat train at Euston station this morning. There seemed little apprehension of danger, as to-day's sailing was exempt under the German warning, it being the last one with such exemption.

It turned out that the demands for transportation by Americans desiring to get away from England were less urgent than expected and virtually one entire deck with first class acommodation on the departing steamer was not taken. The plans for the fittine and place of the next sailing are in abeyance pending advices from the United States. Colonel Spencer Cosby, returning American military attache at Paris, and Mrs. Cosby were among the passengers.

Big British Cruiser

Off End of Long Island.

New York, Feb. 3.—A British cruiser, identity not learned, lay in the vicinity of Montauk Point, which is at the eastern end of Long Island, at sunset last evening, according to the officers of the American steamship Amazonia, which arrived here to-day from Liverpool. The warship had four functions. She was of the Essex type.

The Amazonia and other incoming vessels reached here ice-coated due to the severely cold weather at sea.

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U. S. War Department

El Paso, Feb. 3. — Evidence of War Department preparations for difficulties was received here last night, when General George Bell, jr., received orders to hold the 17th Cavalry here instead of sending it to border duty at Brownsville and also to hold the 5th, 7th, 11th and 13th Cavalry regiments of Pershings army here. The 11th and 13th were under orders to remain at Columbus, Army men think the mobilization of troops here is for quick movement when needed.

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CITY RED CROSS READY; IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Prepare to Start Work at Once

to the National cause.

The committee needs volunteers to assist in making these essentials for the work, declared Miss McCormick. The committee meets every Monday and Thursday, from 9 until 12 and from 2 to 5 in the Harrisburg Academy of Medicine.

Members of the volunteer corps who have been for sometime making these things for the foreign countries have shown their patriotic spirit in discussions at several of the meetings, by offering their assistance in all the work should this country be at war.

A small stock of linen is in the hands of the Red Cross Committee but much more is needed and the committee appeals to the public for contributions in linen and money.

Note Makes Germany Outlaw, Hall Caine Says

London, Feb. 3. - "Such a com-London, Feb. 3. — A Madrid dispatch to Reuter's says that the Spanish government has telegraphed the central powers asking that the time allowed Spanish ships to return to port be extended.

Many towns are protesting against the note of the central powers and have sent appeals to the government to support with dignity the interest of the nation. The administration has prohibited an anti-German meeting which was called at Santandre. The consulates of the central powers at Barcelona and the camp of interned Germans near that city are being guarded by the police.

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the Savoy.

Asserts U. S. Knew It Was Coming
Hall Caine said Englishmen had not
been surprised by the latest German
threat, except by its barefaced barbarity. The United States also knew it
was coming, and its imminence was
the true cause of President Wilson's
latest note and speeches.

1,425,000 Teutonic Aliens in America; Protected For Nine Months by Treaty

Washington, Feb. 3. - There are in Washington, Feb. 3. — There are in the United States approximately 250,-000 unnaturalized Germans and 1,-975,000 Austrians and Hungarians who still are aliens. These are the residents of the country who would be subjected to the rules of war in the event of developments more serious than a presk in different relative selection.

League Island Closed First Time Since 1898