

NATION UNITED IN OPINION ON ISSUE

Washington Finds Belief General That Interests and Honor Are Attacked.

MANY SAILINGS POSTPONED

First Effect of German Declaration Is to Stop Much Neutral Shipping, but This Is Admitted to Be Temporary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—All Administration officials are gratified and surprised at what they interpret as a practically unanimous opinion of the country on the situation so unexpectedly precipitated by Germany's submarine warfare declaration. Not only nearly all of the large metropolitan newspapers reaching the State Department, but also the small country papers, are declared to accept as a basic principle the belief that America's interests and honor have been attacked.

European sailings of all ships flying the American flag should be postponed, according to the opinion of the State Department. Secretary Lansing, in announcing that a message to this effect had been sent to the International Mercantile Marine in regard to the sailing of the American steamer St. Louis for England tomorrow, was emphatic in saying no orders had been issued against her sailing, but that the opinion of the department had been given that it would be wiser to await the decision of the country in the broader issue of the controversy with Germany.

Germany Still in Dark.
Germany is understood by officials here to be in the dark as to America's probable position. Not until the American course has been formally announced at home, it is said, will Germany receive her answer. No hints, intimations, or direct messages will be conveyed. Many cablegrams have been exchanged between the State Department and Ambassador Gerard since the German pronouncement, it is said, but none of the information has gone further. Especially is the Ambassador being fully informed of the state of public opinion in this country.

American diplomats abroad are under standing instructions, it developed today, to warn Americans at any time that it may be necessary for them to leave a belligerent country. On the ground it is believed the State Department will not issue a formal notice through Ambassador Gerard for Americans to leave Germany before the situation has been fully clarified.

A similar situation prevails with Americans in France and other entente and neutral European countries.

Neutral Shipping Checked.
The German declaration is thought to have had the immediate effect expected in the temporary stopping of much neutral shipping. The United States is prohibited her vessels from sailing, and Denmark has suggested to shipowners that they first ask officials of those nations will hold to harbor.

These postponements of sailings, however, are admittedly only temporary pending action on the main issue involved.

Co-operation by some neutrals is forecast here as a distinct possibility. The whole neutral diplomatic corps has shown a degree of interest hardly surpassed during the war, as the double question is involved not only of the United States is going to do, but what action their own governments will take.

All Neutrals Affected.
No other proposition of the war has so completely affected all neutrals alike, it is pointed out. The German note was addressed to all of them, and its effects are felt by all of them without any distinction of nationality.

The Spanish Ambassador, Mr. Riano, called at the State Department today, largely for information and also, it is understood, with thought that Spain might be asked to take over the affairs of the United States and of the countries which the United States represents in case of an actual break. He is known, however, to have been approached on that subject as yet. The actual accomplishment of the German campaign are being watched with the deepest interest, and now that the day has passed, officials are inclined to believe the campaign may be more spectacular than it is.

CHURCHES OFFER SUPPORT
Message Sent by Federal Council, Representing 18,000,000 People.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, representing a constituency of 30 denominations with a total membership of 18,000,000, today sent the following telegram to President Wilson:

"Realizing the burden that rests upon you in making so momentous a decision as you are now being called upon to make, the administrative committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America have instructed us to send you an expression of loyalty, the deepest sympathy, earnest and constant prayers of the churches for your wisdom and success in the discharge of your duty."

The message was signed by Rev. Frank Mason North, president, and Rev. Charles McFarland, general secretary of the council.

France Adds 100,000 to Army.
PARIS, Feb. 2.—L'Intransigeant says probably 100,000 men will be added to the Army as a result of the re-examination of 350,000 men who had been exempted for various reasons.

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GERMAN AMBASSADOR, WHOSE DISMISSAL SEEMS NEAR.



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NOTE ROUSES BRAZIL

Germany Declares War Against World, Says Paper.

TRADE HOSTAGE ADVISED

Final Agony Is Seen by Another.

United States Faces Test as Real Nation, Is View—Americans Expected to Act.

RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 2.—Commenting on the new German note, the newspaper A Noticia today says: "Germany has declared war against the entire world. The German menace will bring in its wake the intervention of North America and consequently that of South America. North America undoubtedly will play a decisive role in the conflict."

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The Epoca says: "There are to be no more neutrals. The entire world will revolt against morbid Prussianism."

"Let us defend ourselves against the German pirates."

"Germany is entering upon the final agony. The only result of this 'bluff' will be to alienate the last sympathies of the United States and of the countries which the United States represents in case of an actual break. He is known, however, to have been approached on that subject as yet. The actual accomplishment of the German campaign are being watched with the deepest interest, and now that the day has passed, officials are inclined to believe the campaign may be more spectacular than it is."

MADRID GIVES ORDERS
MILITARY INSTRUCTIONS BASED ON "GRAVITY" OF EVENTS.

Spanish Premier and United States Ambassador Confer for Two Hours After Midnight.

MADRID, Feb. 1, via Paris, Feb. 2.—The Minister of the Interior has announced that the war and navy departments have given the naval and military authorities instructions required by the gravity of the circumstances. Premier Romanones was in conference with United States Ambassador Willard from midnight until 3 o'clock.

Later the Premier announced that although Spain had entered a difficult hour, the government would neither close Parliament nor suspend the constitutional guarantees. He declared, however, that the administration would refuse to discuss the German note in either house and urged every one to keep calm.

LINERS ADVISED TO WAIT
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of their ships, local representatives announced tonight. During the day five freighters, one of them an American vessel, left for trans-Atlantic ports. The American ship was the Dohra, of Genoa. Several ships of Great Britain and allied nations, among them the White Star Line's Undelagic, are announced to sail tomorrow.

A complete tie-up, temporarily at least, of Dutch and Scandinavian shipping, was indicated today by cable instructions received by various lines. Ships of the Royal Netherlands Steamship Company, which has ten vessels in American ports, loading cargo consigned to the Dutch government, had been ordered to remain in port until further notice. Six vessels owned by the Swedish-American-Mexican line also have been stopped pending further orders.

New Amsterdam Is Recalled.
The Holland-America line, with the steamer Noordam here loading to sail Monday for Rotterdam with passengers and cargo, was advised that the liner Nieuw Amsterdam, its largest vessel, had been recalled, and it was expected, officials said, that cables would bring them similar instructions to those received by other neutral foreign lines.

Ships of Holland and Scandinavian countries have for nearly a year been calling at Kirkwall, in compliance with

the order of the British government, for examination and inspection of passengers and cargo there. Under the provisions of the German note, as it is interpreted by local representatives, they are barred from going into the indicated war zone around the British Isles. These conflicting orders have added to the uncertainty and seriousness of the situation.

PORT OF NEW YORK GUARDED
Collector With 1200 Men Prepares for Any Emergency.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—On the receipt of special instructions from Washington, Dudley Field Malone, Collector of the Port, conferred late today with representatives of the Department of Justice and the New York police. None of those who attended the conference would discuss what was considered beyond saying questions relating to a "possible emergency" were talked over.

Mr. Malone has increased his force of dock guards and special inspectors until he now has more than 1200 men under his command. Harbor police boats and four tugs of the coast guard cutters service, under command of the collector, are at their docks with steam up and their crews sleeping on board.

It was learned that the commanders of several of the German ships self-interested here have refused permission to the collector's officers to go below their main decks on trips of inspection. Mr. Malone declined to discuss the subject except to say that the ships' officers were within their rights unless he obtained evidence that neutrality regulations were being violated.

The arrangements, it was said, include the mobilization of all the secret service in the harbor in the event of order that points of great strategic importance may be safeguarded.

FOUR SHIPS LEAVE BALTIMORE

Only One, However, Will Proceed Direct to Destination.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 2.—Four foreign steamships sailed from Baltimore today, but only one of them was expected to proceed to her destination direct. This was the British freighter Ramsay, for Gibraltar for orders. The others sailed for American ports, presumably for further instructions.

Leading foreign shipping firms here today declared they had received no orders from the British Admiralty to delay clearances.

At the Customs-house, Collector Ryan said no extraordinary precautions were being taken to guard the three interned German liners here.

Patrol Doubles in Boston.
BOSTON, Feb. 2.—An inspection today by customs officials of the six German steamers tied up at this port showed "absolutely nothing to arouse the least suspicion," according to Eli Perry, acting solicitor of the port.

The Boston police detailed 30 men to assist the port authorities to guard the property of the German liners and in addition the regular neutrality patrol was doubled.

RESERVE FLEET ACTIVE
SUPPLIES BEING LOADED AND MACHINERY OVERHAULED.

Guard Is Doubled at Village Where Germans Are Interned and Visits to Warships Restricted.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—Preparations for the enforcement of neutrality regulations were made here today by the collector of the port in co-operation with officials at the Navy-yard. The torpedo-boat destroyer Joubert was stationed inside the Delaware breakwater tonight with orders to examine all ships and to let none pass without clearance papers.

Four steamers, two British and two Swedish, bearing capacity cargoes, sailed from here today for ports in the forbidden area outlined by Germany. Six others obtained clearance papers.

At the Navy-yard there was unusual activity about the warships of the Atlantic reserve fleet throughout the day. Jackies and laborers were busy loading supplies on the swift scout cruiser Frairie and a large number of stevedores carried supplies into the holds of the battleships, while mechanics overhauled the machinery of the big fighting units.

The guard of marines in and about the Navy-yard was greatly augmented and no person will be permitted to visit the warships without special permission. The marine detachment on duty at the village of interned officers and sailors of the auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich was doubled. 24 men, their rifles loaded with ball cartridges, standing guard about the ships.

MR. TAFT IS FOR PEACE—WITH HONOR

Wilson Should Know America Will Support His Decision, Says ex-President.

GERMANY HELD AGGRESSOR

Criticism of Roosevelt and Others of League to Enforce Peace Is Answered Before National Chamber of Commerce.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Ex-President Taft prefaced a prepared speech on the League to Enforce Peace here tonight with a reference to the new German crisis, declaring that if the United States were drawn into war Germany would force it by "her defiance of plain principles of justice and humanity which should obtain between civilized nations."

"The responsibility which now rests on the President and Congress is very heavy," said Mr. Taft. "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."

T. R. Has Others Answered.
The ex-President was speaking before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, answering particularly criticism of Theodore Roosevelt, William J. Bryan, Senator Borah and others of the League to Enforce Peace idea.

"Of all things, we would avoid war," he said, "before Germany started 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."

"If all things, we would avoid war. We are not prepared for it. Its awful consequences we know from Europe's suffering. Our prayer is for some escape from it in this critical hour, if consistent with our National honor. But we must face the facts."

Germany Declared Aggressor.
"In her campaign against her enemies, Germany proposes ruthlessly to wage war upon the property and lives of neutrals in flagrant violation of their rights," she began with a 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 100 innocent Americans on the Lusitania we condoned in view of her pledge against aggression. The pledge is now withdrawn and she avows her purpose to resume her shocking course."

"If war is to come between us, she will be the unprovoked aggressor."

Warning to Germany Voiced.
"We would avoid being drawn into the European vortex by every honorable concession. If she forces us into it, she will do so by her defiance of plain justice and humanity which should obtain between civilized nations."

"In spite of her great strength and marvelous efficiency, Germany's chief weakness has been in a failure to understand other peoples and to appreciate the moral forces working in the case of other nations. The influence of the good-natured, tolerant, war-hating giant she now challenges. She may overestimate, as she has done before in the case of other nations, the influence of her military might, the inertia of comfort and of dissension among us which she may expect to paralyze our action."

Real Preparation Possible.
"She may stir an active patriotism in our people which she does not expect. She may shock us into a real preparation for war and the sacrifice it involves as nothing else might."

"She may push us at once into a league to enforce peace, which she may force us into an organization of our potential military strength on the one hand, and into a moral leadership in the maintenance of justice on the other."

"Our isolation from the wars and the world's affairs has been a result of the unrestricted submarine campaign. The eyes of our people in spite of warnings of statesmen who are looking backward, would be opened not only to the wisdom, but to the necessity of our leading the nations into a permanent world's league to enforce peace."

PROFITS TAX CONSIDERED
Senate Committee Probably Will Grant Hearings on Subject.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Democratic members of the Senate finance committee conferred tonight on plans for consideration of the Administration revenue bill which passed the House yesterday.

Hearings have been asked and probably will be granted on the provision of the bill for a tax of 8 per cent on net income of corporations in excess of an exempted \$5000 and 8 per cent profit on investment.

January Wet at Astoria.
ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—January was wet month in Astoria, according to the records in the local weather bureau. The rainfall during the month totaled 3.48 inches, the greatest precipitation being on January 27, when 2.16 inches fell. The snowfall during the month was 2.4 inches. The mean temperature was 39.7; maximum, 52; minimum, 21. The coldest day was January 31, when the thermometer stood at 31 degrees. There were eight clear days, two partly cloudy and 21 cloudy.

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4-inch Velour Powder Puff.....10c
4-inch Wool Powder Puff.....15c
2 1/2-inch Velour Powder Puff.....5c
Tiz, for tender feet, priced at 19c
Lily of the Valley Liquid Soap.....19c
1-lb. box Boric Acid at.....19c
White Pine and Tar Cough Syrup at 20c, or 3 for 50c
Robertine Liquid Face Pwd. 39c
Pond's Vanishing Cream.....15c
Pond's large-size Vanishing Cream at.....29c
"Diana" French Face Powder.....35c
Woodbury's Face Powder.....20c
Charmis Face Powder at.....25c
Colgate's Dental Cream at.....20c
Colgate's Dental Powder at.....15c
Kolyne Tooth Paste at.....20c
Sweetheart Soap, 3 for.....10c
16-oz. bottle Peroxide at.....25c
4-oz. bottle Peroxide at.....10c
Wild Rose Glycerine Soap.....7c
Cashmere Bouquet Soap, large box, at.....60c
Wright's Silver Cream at.....19c
Large-size Eversweet at.....29c
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GERMAN HOPES HIGH

Destruction of 1,000,000 Tons of Ships Monthly Expected.

EARLY FAMINE FORECAST
America's Entry Into War Would Weaken Her, Exhaust Europe and Leave Japanese Unhurt, Say Unofficial Critics.

BERLIN, Feb. 1, via London, Feb. 2.—Expectations expressed in unofficial circles here that as a result of the unrestricted submarine campaign, the amount of tonnage sunk each month can be increased to about 1,000,000 tons are based upon available figures also showing the total amount of British tonnage, which is estimated at 11,000,000 to 12,000,000 tons.

This is believed here to be the gross registered tonnage on which England can count for the import of necessary supplies, wheat, ores, munitions, etc., and for the export of coal to her allies.

Statistics are cited showing the actual traffic in British ports from July to September amounted to 6,070,000 tons carried in British vessels. In addition, it is said, the neutral and entente vessels, other than British vessels entering British ports during that period brought the total tonnage up to approximately 10,750,000 tons.

It is asserted that grain shipments from Australia to England are making steadily increased demands upon this tonnage, which also must transport from Denmark 60 per cent of England's butter supply, and from Holland virtually all of her margarine supply. Any considerable reduction of this tonnage, it is asserted, would limit England's supply of breadstuffs so critically as to force peace within a few months.

On the other hand, if the United States should be drawn into the war, the unofficial critics foresee a prolongation of the war, and as a conclusion, Europe completely exhausted and America weakened, while Japan's military strength, they assert, virtually would be unimpaired and her financial resources vastly increased.

Guy Andrews in Aberdeen Race.
ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Guy Andrews, president of the Wishkah Shingle Mill Co., filed today as a candidate for Mayor against E. A. Wiley and W. J. Eger, thus making what race a three-cornered one. His entrance into the race was a surprise, and is said to weaken Wiley's chances of winning.

MRS. SANGER IS CONVICTED
Assistant Also Guilty of Conducting Birth Control Clinic.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Margaret Sanger, birth control advocate, and her assistant, Miss Fania Mondell, were found guilty today of disseminating information forbidden by law. They will be brought up for sentence February 2.

Mrs. Sanger is a sister of Mrs. Ethel Byrne, who went on a hunger strike last night to protest against the conviction of her sister. She was charged for her activities in connection with a birth control clinic.

Canadian Metals Valuable.
VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 2.—According to a government bulletin today, the mineral output of British Columbia in 1916 was \$45,971,000. This was an increase of 32 per cent over 1915, which was the banner year up to that time. There was a slight falling off in gold production, but the boom in copper is reflected in the fact that \$18,429,000 was the year's production of that metal alone.

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EUROPE'S IMPORTS LEAD
66 PER CENT OF AMERICAN GOODS GOES ACROSS ATLANTIC.
South America Doubles Purchases and Japan Also Is Good Customer During Year 1916.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—European countries took 66 per cent of American exports in 1916, as shown in statistics announced today by the Department of Commerce. Products shipped to Europe increased 48 per cent in value over 1915 and reached a total of \$2,813,621,000.