

ORDER CLOSING PORT OF NEW YORK LIFTED; GUARDS ARE PLACED

German Interned Liners Are
Watched; Destroyers Main-
tain U. S. Neutrality.

SHIPS WERE TURNED BACK

British Naval Preparations in Vicinity
Believed Proof That the British
Knew of Note's Approach.

Ships Now Approaching Danger Zone.

American liner Finland.
American liner Philadelphia.
Norwegian - American liner
Bergensfjord.
French liner La Touraine.
Greek liner Themistocles.
White Star liner Baltic.
Holland-American liner Ryn-
dall.
Italian liner America.
Cunard liner Saxonia.
Anchor liner California.
These ships are due in allied
ports within a few days.
Many British vessels are un-
derstandably on their way to the
United States unknown to ship-
ping on this side, due to orders
of the admiralty vailing with
secret all movements of Brit-
ish ships.

TRAVEL WILL BE HELD UP FOR A TIME

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New York, Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—After
appeal guards had been established
about interned German liners anchored
at Hoboken and other New York piers,
the order issued by Collector of the
Port Malone last night, prohibiting de-
parture of any ship, was lifted by or-
der of the United States treasury
department today. It is possible that
the order may be closed again tonight.
The British and French naval at-
taches conferred today and announced
that they could take no action until
they received instructions from their
home governments.
Officials of steamship lines said no
cancellation of sailings had been or-
dered as yet. They apparently were
taking no action until the situation
clears.
British steamship officials an-
nounced they had no authority to can-
cel or postpone sailings, as such action
would have to be ordered from London.
They were bitter and ironical in their
comments on the German proclamation
and instructions to the American govern-
ment regarding painting ships.
Two torpedo boat destroyers are
maintaining neutrality off the harbor,
steamship officials said.
The huge Vaterland, the world's

largest ship, is the only one of the
interned German vessels in this vic-
inity, according to reports, which has
coal enough for more than a day's
voyage.

By order of Dudley Field Malone,
collector of the port of New York, a
United States destroyer stationed at
quarantine in New York harbor, turned
back all ships last night. It was sup-
posed the action was taken to give
shipowners time to learn the gravity
of Germany's message.

Britain Had Made Ready.
British naval preparations around
New York harbor within the last few
days gave ample proof, according to
shipping circles, that Great Britain
knew of the approaching pronuncia-
mento of Germany.

Great Britain's north Atlantic squa-
dron was ordered several days ago into
waters adjacent to this harbor, osten-
sibly for the purpose of searching for
a German raider. It is now believed
these precautions were taken with a
view to using the warships as con-
voys for allied ships leaving New York
harbor.

It was stated authoritatively that
4000 British ships of various classifi-
cations are available for convoy duty
and submarine chasing on the Atlantic.
Approximately 2000 American citi-
zens are now on the Atlantic, bound
either for this country or Europe. In
addition there are hundreds of Ameri-
cans working as members of crews on
ships carrying supplies to the allies.
The American Scandinavian liner
Helligaard, scheduled to sail at 2
o'clock today with 200 passengers,
was held in port, on orders from the
Copenhagen office of the line.
The Frederick VIII is safely out of
the danger zone westbound and is due
here Saturday morning, it was an-
nounced.

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causing general belief that there may
be an official announcement of this
government's decision at that time.

At the same time, the state depart-
ment has issued an order refusing
passports to travelers planning to sail
for European ports.

This action by the state department
served to increase the tension sur-
rounding all developments today, fol-
lowing receipt of the German note.

It was pointed out that refusal to
issue passports might mean either that
this government was planning to
take drastic action and foresaw an in-
evitable break in relations between the
United States and Germany, or that
President Wilson has determined to
modify his former stand, prevent
Americans from traveling on the high
seas and thus maintain this country's
neutrality status.

Rumors Fly Thick and Fast.
Rumors flew fast about the capitol
throughout the day. They ranged
from rumors that Von Bernstorff
would be, or had been, handed his
passports, to declarations that the
president would pronounce a new doc-
trine of neutrality for the United
States, urging that this country pro-

pose a course of concession and sacri-
fice in maintaining its neutrality for
the good of humanity.

In official circles the belief predom-
inated that a break in relations with
Germany appeared impending, but that
such action would be preceded by a
warning from this country, and that
the loss of an American life would
mean the end.

Modification May Be Possible.
If he follows his Sussex note threat,
he will break diplomatic relations with
Germany, it was declared.

Germany now has served notice
that she will break the pledges made
in the Sussex case. There is no time
for long thought. The new, gigantic
war started last midnight, though
neutral shipping has a few days' grace.
While the break or the ultimatum—
holding Germany accountable under
penalty of a break—seemed to many to
be the logical course, authorities point-
ed out that the president has three
courses of action open, in addition:
He might await an act involving
American rights or lives.

He might make a quick move to get
a relaxation of the British starvation
blockade and a modification of Ger-
many's new move.

He might make a big eleventh hour
peace move intended to call a halt to
hostilities.

Either of the last two courses, how-
ever, appeared to be too daring a step
to have prospect of success at this
late hour.

"Verge of War" Is Recalled.
The president is said still to feel he
should follow the idea of "no war"
insofar as the call can be answered
honorably. But few persons in au-
thority believe a break in diplomatic
relations can mean anything but war.

Officials recalled today the presi-
dent's past warlike warnings—"the
sparks are flying"—and Secretary
Lansing's "verge of war" comment on
December 21 last.

Officials admitted today they have
foreseen the possibilities of these
hints coming true and it is believed
they had some advance knowledge of
German intent to "cut loose" if peace
maneuvers failed.

Allied sources claimed to have
known it for three months and to
have prepared armament for it.

The president conferred today with
his personal adviser, Colonel E. M.
House, who hastened here secretly
overnight. It was expected the lid
would be kept on congressional discus-
sion for the moment—if possible—and
that as promptly as possible the
president would consult Chairman
Stone of the senate foreign commit-
tee and others high in his councils,
including perhaps his full cabinet.

The president studied the German
war note alone all last evening, and
Colonel House was booked as his first
counsel today. With him he was to
canvass the whole situation.

Starvation Plan Employed.
Germany's historic move is regard-
ed as an act of a people willing to
risk the antagonism of the whole
world in the final effort to win by ap-
plying the starvation means that in
different way has been applied to
her. Officials see in it a desperation
breed of economic sufficiency.

This government's peace suggestions
and the fear of a break with Germany
have been interwoven.

The allied reply to peace overtures

turned the scales. While regarded here
as leaving the peace door open, events
did not develop rapidly enough to ward
off the crisis, officials say.

Germany's new submarine policy
was decided upon, according to Ger-
man diplomats, in the last few days.
The note sent its unfavorable reply to
President Wilson's peace note.

Warning Made Some Time Ago.
It is admitted in these quarters that
since the Sussex note, sinking there
has been little doubt in the German of-
ficial mind that submarine warfare
would have to be resumed in unre-
stricted form.

Germany herself warned of this
when she made her last pledges. In
her note of May 4 she said neutrals
could not expect her, "forced to fight
for her existence, to restrict the use
of an effective weapon for the sake
of neutral interests, if her enemy is
permitted to continue to apply at will
methods of warfare violating the rules
of international law."

Germany further added that if the
United States was unable to lift the
entente blockade "the German govern-
ment would be then facing a situation
in which it must reserve to itself
complete liberty of decision."

Spain Decides to Act.
Madrid, Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—Following
a lengthy special meeting of the cabi-
net today, official announcement was
made that Spanish ships would con-
tinue their traffic with the allies, but
that "severe defense measures would
be necessary."

The foreign minister conferred with
American Ambassador Willard today
relative to a possible communication
to Germany.

Danish Riksdag to Meet.
Copenhagen, Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—A spe-
cially summoned cabinet meeting to-
day discussed the German note to
America. It is understood the riks-
dag (parliament) has been summoned
in secret session.

KAISER'S NEW MOVE
HAS BROUGHT PEACE
NEARER, VIEW TAKEN

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through the British blockade, always
characterized as "illegal and inhuman,"
but because these statesmen and mili-
tary leaders wanted no trouble with
America. Urgent necessity alone can
have induced the dropping of these
considerations for America.

Germany is playing her last
strongest card remaining to her. She
is staking all on this card. She has
a large number of U-boats available
and that England will soon feel this
campaign as perhaps nothing else be-
fore, may safely be heard. Success-
ful or unsuccessful, Germany's new
campaign brings peace nearer. It is
the super-crisis of the war and where
the war will reach its highest curve.

Von Tirpitz Not Responsible.
It will be erroneous to regard the
proclamation as due to Tirpitz. His
relations with the entire ministry, with
the exception possibly of Minister of
Marine Admiral Von Capelle have
been such that it is more than doubt-
ful that he had any influence upon
the decision.

That decision was undoubtedly in-
fluenced wholly by the exigencies of
the situation and the entente's reply
to Germany's peace move in which the
allies particularly confirmed the opin-
ion that their aim was the crushing
of Germany and the dissolution of
Austria-Hungary. It is not conceivable
that the peoples of the central powers
will submit to that until every weapon
in their possession and every means
of defense has been tried.

That the government which sacri-
ficed him to America because it did
not want to pursue his policy against
England, has finally had to come to
that very naval policy will undoubt-
edly be great satisfaction to von Tirpitz
and his friends. Whether this will
mean his rehabilitation remains to be
seen. A few weeks ago it would have
been impossible.

Fight for Existence Is Seen.
Germany's fateful decision was ar-
rived at in the Kaiser's grand head-
quarters where I was with Hindenburg
and Ludendorff on December 5 and 6.
This was the first "submarine confer-
ence" held at the grand headquarters.
In the previous one, when the smoke
of the verbal battle cleared away, Tir-
pitz was standing alone, deserted and
abandoned by all. This time, though
probably absent, he was victor.

Hindenburg and Ludendorff had un-
doubtedly decided the issue. Germany
evidently finds itself confronted now
with a fight for existence. It has
chosen between existence and friend-
ship and peace with the United States
if the American government regards
the means employed to preserve that
national existence as a cause for diplo-
matic rupture or war with the hard
pressed German peoples.

STOCK PRICES BREAK
BADLY IN MAD RUSH
TO UNLOAD HOLDINGS

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breaking 17 to 65 and common 8 to 20

There were recoveries of 1 to 10

points before 11 o'clock.

Three quarters of a million shares

were dumped into the market during

the first hour of panicky selling.

Anglo-French loan sold down 5/8 at

92 1/2.

Steel sold below par — at 99 — this

morning for the first time in months.

Of 1,100,000 shares of stocks sold on

the exchange in the first two hours,

357,000 was steel common. Steel was

three points above its morning lot

at noon; Anaconda, four points; Marine

preferred 4 1/2, and Central Leather 4.

Covering by shorts who led the

bear drive on the market was a fea-
ture of the afternoon trading.

United States Steel closed at 102 1/2,
off 3/4; General Motors at 104; Ma-
rine common at 21 1/2, preferred at
69 1/2, and Reading at 93.

It was 3:07 before the stock ex-
change ticker cleared the report of
the last sales on the exchange.

States today were 2,058,000 shares.

Cotton Futures Tumble.

New York, Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—A storm

such as the cotton exchange has never

seen in its entire history, broke at
the opening today when May futures

crashed 12 1/2 a bale to 12 1/2 cents a

pound and March broke 13 on the

bale, selling 13 1/2 cents.

Wavering repeatedly, prices gradu-
ally worked upward. May selling
around 16 cents and March at 16 1/2 at
the end of the first hour.

Wheat Breaks But Recovers.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—(U. P.)—The grain

market closed with wheat showing

substantial gains from the earlier

losses. May closed at \$1.23 1/2, 3 1/2

cents above the opening but 8 cents

below last night's close. July closed

\$1.41 1/2, 1 1/2 cents above the opening

and 5 cents below Wednesday's close.

September at the close was \$1.25 1/2,

3 1/2 cents above the opening and 4 1/2

cents below last night's close.

Corn followed wheat in the tumble.

May opened down 3 1/2 at 96 cents. July

dropped 3 1/2 to 95 cents per bushel.

Oats also dropped. May opened down

2 1/2 at 63 cents and July down 3 1/2 at

50 cents per bushel.

The sudden decline of grains made

itself felt in the provisions. May pork

opened down 3 1/2 at \$27.75.

On the Portland Merchants exchange

the wheat market followed the sharp

decline at Chicago. Bids for Febru-
ary delivery were 5 to 6 cents a bushel

below those of yesterday.

Flour millers made no change in the

prices here during the day but said

that if the wheat market stayed down

values would be again reduced.

DUTCH VESSEL
FIRST SUNK IN
"BARRED ZONE"

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early afternoon editions, the papers

opened their full broadsides of denun-
ciation and vituperation.

The Evening News held the note

frankly declared Germany's intention
to wage sea warfare hereafter without
mercy and regardless of the laws of
nations and humanity.

"The latest note," the editorial com-
mented, "bombastic and sniveling by

turns is a barefaced attempt to force

President Wilson into further peace

efforts. United States commerce as

well as American travelers are plainly

threatened. Frightfulness is now un-
limited and the war may there-
fore assume an entirely new aspect."

British Threaten Retaliation.
Officials were not only surprised at

Germany's open announcement of sea
terrorism, but the note confirmed what
they had understood and anticipated
for a long time. It was to meet just
such a situation as Germany antici-
pates that the recent war council was
held.

Only fragmentary extracts and a
general synopsis of the terms of the
note were available for the morning

papers. For the most part they with-
held comment on the note, entering their
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tempt to sink hospital ships. This move was re-
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What We Need.
From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

In view of present price quo-
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Starts Today

Bessie Love in
her most artistic
and lovable
character—
Nina, the Flower
Girl.



Douglas Fairbanks
will be with us
Sunday in the
great hit—
"The Americano."

"It ranks with
Beban's Sign of
the Rose."

NINA--the Flower Girl

A photo-drama filled to the brim with
human sympathy—with smiles, chokes
and tears—a love theme of unusual
sweetness and a cast of characters
that you'll remember for many a day

Comedy—
"SOME BABY"
—It's one of the most novel
laugh producers ever shown

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Showing World Events
as Happened

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Showing the
Winning of the
Desmond Trophy

Columbia

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A Vital
Question
Answered:

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days
only
3

a big
picture
with
a big
punch

A photoplay dealing with the most perplexing problem in the world yet
unsolved: Should the innocent

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be sacrificed on the altar of ambition? Is the husband or wife to blame for
a childless marriage? Here is a picture that blames the man, a role portrayed
by that wonderful actor:

Richard Bennett

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newest masterpiece is called "The Valley of Decision," from Clifford
Howard's soul-grIPPING stage success. Absolutely nothing to offend.
Although dealing with the most delicate subject, the treatment is artistic
and the picture one of the most heart-grIPPING in months. The programme
includes world events in Selig-Tribune. Positively only today, tomorrow,
and Saturday at the

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Wives, persuade your husbands to see "The
Valley of Decision." Mothers, send your sons.