

### PRESIDENT TELLS CONGRESS OF ACTION

Mr. Wilson Solemnly Notifies Congress and the Nation of Action He Has Taken in Crisis.

### MAKES ADDRESS TO WORLD

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effect an abandonment of its present methods of submarine warfare against passenger and freight-carrying vessels, the government of the United States can have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations with the German empire altogether."

**Kaiser's Sussex Note.** "In reply to the declaration the imperial German government gave this government the following assurances: "The German government is prepared to do its utmost to confine the operations of war for the rest of its duration to the fighting forces of the belligerents, thereby also insuring the freedom of the seas, a principle upon which the German government believes now, as before, to be in agreement with the government of the United States."

"The German government, guided by this idea, notifies the government of the United States that the German naval forces have received the following orders: In accordance with the general principles of visit and search and destruction of merchant vessels recognized by international laws, such vessels, both within and without the area declared a naval zone, shall not be sunk without warning and without saving human lives unless these ships attempt to escape or offer resistance."

"But," it added, "neutrals cannot expect that Germany, forced to fight for its existence, shall, for the sake of neutral interest, restrict the use of an effective weapon if its enemy is permitted to continue to apply at will methods of warfare violating the rules of international law. Such a demand would be incompatible with the character of neutrality and the German government is convinced that the government of the United States does not think of making such a demand, knowing that the government of the United States has repeatedly declared that it is determined to restore the principle of the freedom of the seas, from whatever quarter it has been violated."

**Responsibility Is Single.** "To this the government of the United States replied on the 8th of May, accepting of course the assurances given, but adding:

"The government of the United States feels it necessary to state that it takes it for granted that the imperial German government does not intend to imply that the maintenance of its newly announced policy is in any way contingent upon the course or result of diplomatic negotiations between the government of the United States and any other belligerent government, notwithstanding the fact that certain passages in the imperial government's note of the 4th instant might appear to be susceptible to that construction. In order, however, to avoid any misunderstanding, the government of the United States notifies the imperial government that it cannot for a moment entertain, much less discuss, a suggestion that respect by German naval authorities for the rights of citizens of the United States upon the high seas should in any way or in the slightest degree be made contingent upon the conduct of any other government, affecting the rights of neutrals and non-combatants. Responsibility in such matters is single, not joint, absolute, not relative."

"To this note of the 8th of May the imperial German government made no reply.

**Kaiser Withdraws Assurances.** "On the 31st of January, the Wednesday of the present week, the German ambassador handed to the secretary of state, along with a formal note, a memorandum which contained the following statement: "The imperial government therefore does not doubt that the government of the United States will understand the situation thus forced upon Germany by the entente allies' brutal methods of war and by their determinations to destroy the central powers and that the government of the United States will further realize that the now openly disclosed intention of the entente allies gives back to Germany the freedom of action

which it reserved in its note addressed to the government of the United States on May 4, 1916. "Under these circumstances Germany will meet the illegal measures of its enemies by forcibly preventing after February 1, 1917, in a zone around Great Britain, France and Italy and in the eastern Mediterranean, all navigation, that of neutrals included, from and to England and from and to France, etc., etc. All ships met within the zone will be sunk."

**Issue Up to United States.** "I think that you will agree with me that, in view of this declaration, which suddenly and without prior intimation of any kind, deliberately withdraws the solemn assurance given in the imperial government's note of the 4th of May, 1916, this government had no alternative, consistent with the dignity and honesty of the United States, to take the course which in its note of the 18th of April, 1916, it announced that it would take in the event that the German government did not declare and effect an abandonment of the methods of submarine warfare which it was then employing and to which it now purposes again to resort."

**Relations Are Severed.** "I have, therefore, directed the secretary of state to announce to his excellency, the German ambassador, that all diplomatic relations between the United States and the German empire are severed, and that the American ambassador at Berlin will immediately be withdrawn; and, in accordance with this decision, to hand to his excellency his passports."

"Notwithstanding this unexpected action of the German government, this sudden and deeply deplorable renunciation of its assurances given this government at one of the most critical moments of tension in the relations of the two governments, I refuse to

believe that it is the intention of the German authorities to do in fact what they have warned us they will feel at liberty to do. I cannot bring myself to believe that they will indeed pay no regard to the ancient friendship between their people and our own or to the solemn obligations which have been exchanged between them, and destroy American ships and take the lives of American citizens in the willful prosecution of the ruthless naval program they have announced their intention to adopt. Only actual overt acts on their part can make me believe it even now."

**Will Ask Authority to Act.** "If this confidence on my part in the sobriety and prudent foresight of their purpose should unhappily prove unfounded; if American ships and American lives should in fact be sacrificed by their naval commanders in heedless contravention of the just and reasonable understandings of international law and the obvious dictates of humanity, I shall take the liberty of coming again before the congress to ask that authority be given me to use any means that may be necessary for the protection of our seamen and our people in the prosecution of their peaceful and legitimate errands on the high seas. I can do nothing less. I take it for granted that all neutral governments will take the same course."

**Would Avoid Conflict.** "We do not desire any hostile conflict with the imperial German government. We are the sincere friends of the German people and earnestly desire to remain at peace with the government which speaks for them. We shall not believe that they are hostile to us unless and until we are obliged to believe it; and we purpose nothing more than the reasonable defense of the undoubted rights of our people. We wish to serve no selfish

ends. We seek merely to stand true alike in thought and in action to the immortal principles of our people, which I have sought to express in my address to the senate only two weeks ago—seek merely to vindicate our right to liberty and justice and an unmolested life. These are the bases of peace, not war. God grant that we may not be challenged to defend them by acts of willful injustice on the part of the government of Germany."

**McGraw Signs Rookie Boosted by Coakley** Sterling Stryker, a semi-pro pitcher from Atlantic Highlands, has been recommended to the Giants by Andy Coakley and will be given a tryout by Manager McGraw.

### WIFE CHASES HIM FOR NINE YEARS

From Russia to America She Pursues Albert Rosenbloom—Vodka Did It.

An alleged forced marriage, resulting from a "vodka party," staged in a town in the interior of Russia in 1908, and a several years' pursuit through Europe and the United States by a "wife," who, he asserts, was thrust upon him, are features of a strange suit filed in district court—a petition

of law that might be made the basis of a tale of romance and intrigue for the pen of a modern Balzac or Tolstoy. The story harks back to a spring evening in the town of Lored, Russia. There was a merry-making party at the home of one of the townspeople. Albert L. Rosenbloom, now an Omahan, was a guest. So, 'tis said, was Rachel Cohen. According to Rosenbloom the vodka, the Russian national drink, flowed freely. He alleges that Rachel's "matrimonial agents" induced him to drink large quantities of the fiery liquor. His brain befuddled, Rosenbloom asserts, these same "matrimonial agents" compelled him by force and

threats and for the amusement of the other guests, to act as the unwilling bridegroom in a marriage ceremony. Rosenbloom alleges that the ceremony was contrary to the laws of Russia, as no state license had been obtained. The plaintiff in the district court suit says that he did not live with Rachel for even one day, but left her immediately. He further alleges that she persisted in claiming that she was his legal wife and followed him through Europe and to this country, pressing her attentions upon him. Rosenbloom says Rachel is now in Philadelphia. He asks the local court to declare the ceremony performed in Russia in 1908 to be null and void and wants Rachel to drop the name of Rosenbloom. Persistent Advertising Is the Road to Success.

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South Aisle—Main Floor

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### A Special Note To Misses

Do not make the serious mistake of going into a Corset Department and asking for a dollar or a dollar and a half corset. Instead, go to a responsible store and ask the corsetiere to select, carefully, the correct corset for your particular figure. The cost is no greater, and the comfort and healthfulness of a right corset is surely worth this small trouble.

We shall be pleased to be of assistance to you.

Thompson-Belden's line of Misses' Corsets is exceptionally large.

Prices, \$1 to \$3.

Corset Section—Third Floor.

### Leguemeine Beads

Will be much in favor for hat decorations this coming spring. Our assortments are very complete. Ask to be shown.

Art Needlework, Third Floor

# THOMPSON BELDEN & Co

## A Thousand Remnants Silks and Woolen Dress Goods Monday About Half Price

Women of this community await eagerly the coming of this sale because they know that we do not buy for sale purposes. Every yard is from our regular stock, our aim being to clear stocks. All goods are priced to sell quickly.

This is a semi-annual affair and as choice fabrics are scarce we advise you to attend Monday—early comers have the best choice.

Prices Quoted Are Merely an Indication of Hundreds Equally Good

4 3/4 YARDS TAN METEOR, \$2.50 quality, remnant - - - \$5.48	Remnants of Woolen Fabrics
3 1/2 YARDS PINK CREPE DE CHINE, \$1.50 quality, remnant - - - \$2.49	6 3/8 YARDS WISTERIA WOOL CREPE, \$1.25 quality, remnant - - - \$3.61
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4 1/2 YARDS PINK CREPE DE CHINE, \$1.50 quality, remnant - - - \$2.69	2 1/2 YARDS FRENCH SERGE SKIRTING, wisteria and white, \$1.50 quality, remnant - - - - - \$2.21
4 3/4 YARDS COPE SATIN METEOR, \$2.50 quality, remnant - - - \$7.27	3 3/8 YARDS BLACK WOOL POPLIN, \$2.25 quality, remnant - - - \$4.29
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2 1/2 YARDS BLACK CHIFFON VELVET, \$5.00 quality, remnant - - - \$6.25	

Silk Section—South Aisle—Main Floor.

### Style Tendencies in Millinery for Early Spring

Shapes—Smart hats with high close-fitting Puritan crowns and tiny brims are very much in evidence

Materials—Aside from the satin and silk fabrics so much in vogue, we see shiny lisere straw and jap braids

Colors—Black is predominant for the moment, but innumerable high vivid shades are coming to the front

Trimmings—Distinctly oriental and Indian are the trimmings—in metal and woven silk effects

—A Showing of Newly Arrived Trimmed Hats representative of the latest modes

Priced from \$8.95 to \$25.00

## Spring Fashions

As Revealed in

### New Suits, Dresses, Coats, Skirts and Blouses

A delightful change from the more sombre colors of winter. A contrast of striking proportions. Lovely fabrics and delightfully harmonized colors bring a breath of warmer climes and an intimation that spring is not so far away.

Present Displays are Consistent in Thompson-Belden Quality.

Fashions direct from New York submitted for inspection with confidence in your approbation.

Apparel—Second Floor

### La Grecque Tailored Underwear

Garments of a most satisfactory character, well made of good materials, correctly styled.

La Grecque Skirts, embroidery or lace trimmed, \$1.75 to \$7.50.

Third Floor.

### Silk Hose in Shades to Match Shoe Tops

The hose should match the shoe tops and for this purpose we have chosen a fine Silk Hose in Black and Colors; priced at \$1.75 a pair.

## English and Japanese Nainsooks

For Dainty Undermuslins

Soft, Silky Finished Fabrics You'll Like.

<b>English Nainsook by the Bolt.</b>	<b>Japanese Nainsook by the Bolt.</b>
20c quality (36-inch), \$2.25 for a bolt of 12 yds.	30c Nippon Nainsook, (40-inch) \$2.50 a bolt of 10 yards.
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30c quality (36-inch), \$3.00 for a bolt of 12 yds.	50c Imperial Sea Island Nainsook, (44-inch) \$4.00 a bolt of 12 yards.

### A Sale of English Longcloth by the Bolt

30c (36-inch), English Longcloth, \$2.50 a bolt of 10 yds.  
25c (36-inch), English Longcloth, \$2.25 a bolt of 10 yds.  
22c (36-inch), English Longcloth, \$2.00 a bolt of 10 yds.

Linen Section—Main Floor.

## New Sorosis Boots For Spring

Footwear for the coming season, as presented in the New Sorosis Fashions, is to be of exceptional beauty. Several of the most attractive new boots are developed in gray kid, ivory kid, tan kid with white kid tops, field mouse brown with white kid tops, and white kid boots, both lace and button styles, with covered Louis heels.

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# SAMPLE SHOES

which we bought from a big eastern manufacturer at less than half price—and a few of our own lines to fill out the sizes. These shoes include

## Colored Kid and Kid Combinations

### HIGH TOPS AND SLIPPERS—SALE STARTS MONDAY

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