

AMERICA STANDS ON ITS RIGHTS.

Washington, Oct. 11.—The American memorandum on use of neutral waters by belligerent submarines, the text of which was made public by the state department Tuesday night, declares the allies have failed to show that such vessels should be denied entrance to neutral ports, and that no circumstances have been set forth rendering the usual provisions of international law inapplicable to underwater craft. The United States reserves complete liberty of action in dealing with belligerent submarines.

No special mention of the Deutschland is made in the memorandum, although the allied communication is understood to have been prompted by the failure of the United States to consider that vessel as having any characteristics making her status different from that of the ordinary merchantman.

Text of American Note To Allied Governments.

The text of the American memorandum is as follows:

The government of the United States has received the identical memoranda of the governments of France, Great Britain, Russia, and Japan, in which neutral governments are exhorted "to take efficacious measures tending to prevent belligerent submarines, regardless of their use, to avail themselves of neutral waters, roadsteads and harbors." These governments point out the facility possessed by such craft to avoid supervision of surveillance or determination of their national character and their power "to do injury that is inherent in their very nature," as well as the "additional facilities" afforded by having at their disposal places where they can rest and replenish their supplies.

Apparently on these grounds the allied governments hold that "submarine vessels must be excluded from the benefit of the rules heretofore accepted under international law regarding the admission and sojourn of war and merchant vessels in neutral waters, roadsteads or harbors; an submarine of a belligerent that once enters a neutral harbor must be held there;" and therefore the allied governments "warn neutral powers of the great danger to neutral submarines attending the navigation of waters visited by the submarines of belligerents."

International Law Still Applies to Submarines.

In reply the government of the United States must express its surprise that there appears to be an endeavor of the allied powers to determine the rule of action governing what they regard as a "novel situation" in respect to the use of submarines in time of war and to enforce acceptance of that rule, at least in part, by warning neutral powers of the great danger to their submarines in waters that may be visited by belligerent submarines.

In the opinion of the govern-

ment of the United States the allied powers have not set forth any circumstances, nor is the government of the United States at present aware of any circumstances, concerning the use of war or merchant submarines which would render the existing rules of international law inapplicable to them.

In view of this fact and of the notice and warning of the allied powers announced in their memoranda under acknowledgment it is incumbent upon the government of the United States to notify the governments of France, Great Britain, Russia and Japan that, so far as the treatment of either war or merchant submarines in American waters is concerned, the government of the United States reserves its liberty of action in all respects and will treat such vessels as, in its opinion, becomes the action of a power which may be said to have taken the first steps toward establishing the principles of neutrality and which for over a century has maintained those principles in the tradition and spirit of the high sense of impartiality in which they were conceived.

Must Distinguish Between Neutral and Warring Submarines.

In order, however, that there should be no misunderstanding as to the attitude of the United States, the government of the United States announces to the allied powers that it holds it to be the duty of belligerent powers to distinguish between submarines of neutral and belligerent nationality, and that responsibility for any conflict that may arise between belligerent warships and neutral submarines on account of the neglect of a belligerent to so distinguish between these classes of submarines must rest entirely upon the negligent power.

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FULL DETAILS AWAITED.

Washington, Oct. 11.—The policy of the United States regarding the recent U-boat raid off the New England coast will not be determined until much more complete information as to all the facts has been received. This was announced by Secretary Lansing tonight after his return from his conference with President Wilson at Shadow Lawn.

Although the secretary declined to elaborate on his statement, other officials indicated that much would depend on Rear Admiral Knight's report on all the naval phases of the raid, particularly the steps taken to insure the safety of passengers. There was every evidence that Secretary Lansing had gone to see the President more to discuss possible eventualities than with the idea of making a definite decision.

Officials here expect that the report from Rear Admiral Knight, based on the statements of officers on the relief flotilla of American destroyers that were at the scene of the rail off Nantucket, will be ready for reconsideration within a few days.

Whether the German commander took proper care for the safety of the persons he put into small boats from the attacked vessels is a question involving points on which officials believe there is no clear precedent, and on which a decision by the United States might approximate a precedent, at least so far as concerns any further submarine operations Germany may contemplate on this side of the Atlantic.

Before any policy is determined upon, it is expected that the opinion of the neutrality board will be consulted. The board was called into session immediately after the U boat appeared on this side of the Atlantic and several meetings to Secretary Lansing, but will not have been held since. Any decision it renders will be submitted to the board. Much significance is attached to the findings of this board, which in the Appam case, for instance, laid down the policy approved by the department and upheld by the Federal District Court.

Considerable interest centers on the continued silence of the Allied embassies. Again today it was stated positively at the State Department that no representations of any sort had been received from the Allies as a result of the U-53's visit to New port or her depredations off the American coast.

Evidence is accumulating to indicate that in case the actual operations of submarines in the Western Atlantic is guided by the principles of international law, their presence off the coast will not be considered offensive, as was the case of the Allied cruisers, which the United States asked to

have withdrawn earlier in the war. Officials pointed out today that the Allied vessels were only a few miles off land, while the U-boat operations were at least fifty miles off the nearest land. Neither has there arisen any case of the German's pursuing vessels straight down the coast, as did one of the British cruisers, or operating so close to American territorial waters as to require a neutrality patrol. It is realized, however, that should a practical blockade of American ports develop, the government would consider it bad grounds for action.

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ULTIMATUM CALLS ON GREECE TO GIVE FLEET TO ENTENTE.

London, Oct. 11.—Vice-Admiral Dartige Du Fournet, commander of the Anglo-French fleet in the Mediterranean, has presented an ultimatum to Greece, demanding that Greece hand over the entire Greek fleet, except the armored cruiser Averoff and the battleships Lemnos and Kilkis, to the Entente Allies by 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, according to Reuter's Athens correspondent. Demand also is made for the control of the Piraeus-Larissa rail-

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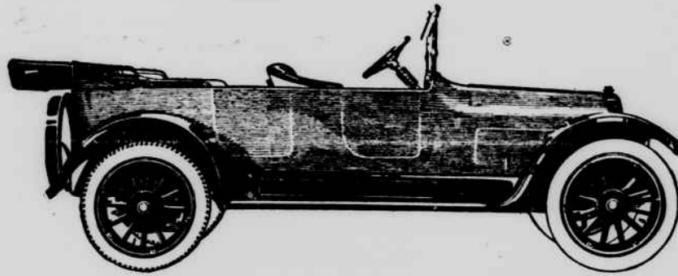
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The minister of marine," the correspondent continues, "says Vice-Admiral Fournet's demands will be complied with and that the fleet will be handed over before the prescribed time.

"The demands were made as a precautionary measure to insure the safety of the Allies' fleet." It is explained that the dispatch of artillery and ammunition to the interior, the movements of Greek ships and the continued activity of the reservist leagues have aroused fears of a disturbance of order at points where the Allies' war vessels are anchored and also endanger the security of the Allied troops on the Balkan front.

Vice Admiral Du Fournet demands the disarming of the Kilkis, Lemnos and Averoff and the dismantling of the forts on the sea coast, while the two forts commanding the fleet's moorings are to be made over to the admiral. Control of certain points must also be placed in the hands of the Anglo-French authorities.

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