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### PARLIAMENT OPENED TODAY BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING

### **Threats of Outrages Steel** Britain's Determination

### Imperial Parliament Opened Today by His Majesty the King---Smooth From the Throne Says There is no Basis of the Legislature ended in a complete fizzle. Mr. Melanson, ex. P. P., Mr. Mahoney and Mr. Hum-brey were nominated, but each in turn flatly refused to run. Peace in German Overtures.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—King George, in opening parliament today, said t the response of the Allies to the invitation of the President of the indignant over the treatment extended that the response of the Allies to the invitation of the President of the United States outlined their aims as far as could be done at present. The King added: "Threats of further out rages upon public order and the common rights of humanity serve to steel our determination."

The opening of pariiament, always picturesque, was shorn of much of its color and pomp. The peers wore none of the customary robes and regalia. The King was clad in a khaki uniform and all the lords and members of the House of Commons who are entitled to wear either khaki or navy blue followed the example of the King.

There were also other innovations in keeping with the time of war. The imperial escort consisted of officers of the overseas fighting forces. royal gallery in the House of Lords was set apart for returned soldiers.

For the first time in the history of parliament the importance of the with Germany. foreign press was recognized by the allotment of seats in the press gal- A note will be sent to Washington of Denmark lery to correspondents from allied countries. The weather was clear and and calling attention to the fact that crisp, and as the royal procession passed from Buckingham Palace to the for the three scandinavian countries as Houses of Parliament dense crowds lined the streets.

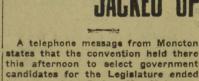
### Great Britain and Her Allies are Resolved

To Secure Reparation and Restitution

King George's speech was as follows:

For the third time in succession I summon you to your deliberations in the midst of war. Certain overtures of which you are aware have been made by the enemy with a view to opening of peace negotiations. Their tenor, however, indicated no possible basis of peace.

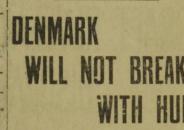
spect of the past, and guarantees for the future which we regard as essential to the progress of civilization.



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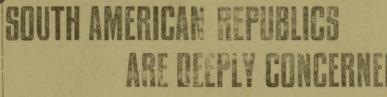
Three straw men were then put up as substitutes, and at last accounts the delegates were looking for a fourth

Mr. Mahoney, who was defeated in to him.



Copenhagen, via London, Feb. 7 .-The the Danish government has decided that it cannot follow the exampl of the United States in breaking relations

inferences between representatives to their international interests are being continued at Stockholm



RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 7 .- The Brazilian reply to the German declaration of unrestricted warfare has been despatched My people throughout the empire and my faithful and to the Brazilian minister at Berlin, according to an official an- cause by stopping the export of munitions. The State Denouncement. According to authoritative information the Bra- partment today hoped to receive early replies from some neuheroic allies remain steadfastly and unanimously resolved to zilian note protests against the violation of international law trals to President Wilson's proposal that they join the United involved in the submarine blockade and points out that such a States in severing relations with Germany, but it was indiblockade could, if effective, close the entire high seas, a situ- cated that no such word had been received so far. ation which could not be permitted. from which a Brazilian merchant ship should suffer by virtue ment's inquiry concerning details of the Austrian submarine of the blockade, and holds Germany responsible for such acts. note, which officials now admit has been received. Dr. Lauro Muller, foreign minister, will confer again today with the representatives of the other South American councommon rights of humanity will but serve to steel our deter-Itries. It is understood that Chile and Argentine will refuse o adhere to the terms of the Brazilian note. Argentina is said o hold that the breach of relations between the United States and Germany has been delayed too long. . Each South Amerian republic will make an independent reply to Germany but he pour parlers between the Latin-American States will

# THE UNITED STATES STEADILY PREPARING

A Stational Manager

**Be** Held at BerlinPuts New Element Situation---Break With Into Austria May Come Soon.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- Reports that German authorities have decided to hold Ambassador Gerard in Berlin until assured of good treatment of Count Von Bernstorff by the Washington government, has put a new element in the situation today. Officials were hopeful, however, that Great Britain's promise of safe conduct for the German ambassador and his party for the sea trip home will speedily remove any possible intention It is stated in .eliable quarters that of detaining the American representative.

> Confirmation of the reported detention was sought at the State Department today.

The government is still waiting for some act of Germany A note will be sent to Washington which might make relations suddenly more serious, but it was stated last night after the cabinet meeting that nothing had occurred to change that attitude. The next step of the United States, if one should be necessary, will be taken without addressing any communication to Germany, it was declared authoritatively.

### Entente Diplomats are Hopeful That

### United States May Not Actually Go to War

Congress and all the executive departments of the government were progressing today in their preparations for any eventualities. It is this activity which has surprised Entente liplomats and caused them today to emphasize their hope that the United States will not actually go to war.

They fear a declaration of war would harm the Entenie

'In response to an invitation by the President of the United States of America, we have outlined, so far as can be done at present, the general objects necessarily implied by these aims. Threats of further outrage upon public law and the mination the more.

### The Navy Has Rigorously Enforced the Blockade of the Ports of the Enemy

"During the winter months my navy has maintained unchallenged its ceaseless watch on the seas and forced with rigor the blockade of the enemy. My armies have conducted successful operations not only in Europe, but in Egypt, Mesopotamia and East Africa, and they are fully prepared to renew the great struggle, and by close and cordial co-operation with my allies on every field, I trust the united efforts will carry the successes already won to a victorious conclusion.

empire, which have borne so glorious a share in the struggle, to confer with my ministers on important questions of common interest relating to the war. The steps so taken will, I trust, conduce to the establishment of closer relations between all parts of the empire.

task to which I have set my hand will entail unsparing degratitude since the war began.

God may give His blessings to your counsels."

## EXAMPLE OF THE UNITED STATES

GENEVA, Switerland, via Paris, Feb. 7 .- The Swiss news-"I invited representatives of my dominions and my Indian papers in their editorial comment approve of the refusal of the Swiss Federal Council to take the same action toward Germany as has been adopted by the United States. The Journal Berlin Tageblatt, the American embassy officials in Berlin de Geneve says:

> 'Having common frontiers, with Germany and Austria being already close to the battle fronts, the dangers to which we

should be exposed would be enormous, and the United States "You will be asked to make necessary provision for the would not be in a position to come to our rescue. Besides, if effective prosecution of the war. Accomplishment of the we followed the lead of the United States in breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany, should we follow them to mands on the energies and resources of my subjects, I am the end-that is to say, as far as war-if we wished to logical assured, however, that my people will respond to every call it would be for that eventuality that we should have to prepare necessary for the success of our cause with the same indom- ourselves. The United States evidently canont ask us to folitable ardor and devotion that have filled me with pride and low their example throughout without taking into account our

special situation. In additon we believe that in Entente allied "I therefore confidently commend to your patriotism the official circles no resentment will be felt at our attitude and of Kremen, says that the merchant submarine Deutschland has

A break with Austria seemed to depend mainly on the re-The note protests, by anticipation against any hostile act ply of Ambassador Pennfield at Vienna to the State Depart-

### The Senate Will Adopt Resolution Today

### Approving of the Break with Germany

In the Senate the resolution approving the break with Germany was to be called up today. Its adoption appeared certain, but not without edbate. Secretary of the Navy Danestablishment of a government monopoly of all radio plants.

The naval bil, with its \$15,000,000 additions made by the House yesterday, was still before that body today, and debate on the army bill is likely to start late this week, following passage of the naval measure.

### GERARD AT BERNE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- The State Department has received a report that American Ambassador Gerard has reached Berne, Switzerland.

#### AMERICANS IN GERMANY.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 7 (via London) .--- According to the have ascertained that there are 2.600 American citizens in Geramny. There are only about 350 Americans in Berlin.

#### GERMANS DRIVEN BACK.

PARIS, Feb. 7 .- German troops, after a spirited bombardment yesterday forced their way into the French positions at the salient of the battle front near Embermenil, in Lorraine, but were driven out again as the result of a French counterattack, says the report issued this afternoon by the war de-

#### DEUTSCHLAND HAS NOT STARTED.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Feb. 7 .--- The Weser Zeitung, measures which will be laid before you, and I pray Almighty that we are in no way expected to berak off relations with not started on her third voyage to America, and remains in a