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## PRESIDENT WANTS AUTHORITY TO USE FORCE.

### Asks Congress to Empower Him to Use the Forces of the United States to Protect Our Rights on the High Seas.

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President Wilson, in beginning his address to Congress, referred to his previous appearance on February 3, when he announced the breaking off of diplomatic relations with Germany because of the decision of the German government to order operations of its submarines without restriction.

"Its practical effect," he said, "was disclosed. In summary, however, the continued, that our people, by a much more than that of any other nation, before the world, were the new policy of the United States."

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## LAONIA CASE ESTABLISHED AS 'OVERT ACT'

### First Step May Be Aiming of American Ships With Defensive Guns.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The Laconia case, which was established as an overt act, may be the first step in a campaign to arm American ships with defensive guns.

The following dispatch from Consul Frost at Queenstown, dated at 11 o'clock last night, was received today at the state department:

"Two American ladies believed dead from exposure and bodies lost at sea from Laconia."

"Laconia torpedoed without warning on Thursday, P. M., February 25, 150 miles west of Eastnet, Greenest, heavy swells not breaking, fair breeze."

"Laconia carried 47 gun invisible at night. Second torpedo twenty minutes after first. Thirteen boats got away, of which number eight with Hoy ladies was lost. Wireless had been sent out. Boats picked up admiralty patrol four a. m. February 26. Cargo rotten, food tuffs and non explosive materials. Apparently eight deaths out of 130 on board. Two hundred sixty crew and seventy-five passengers, including many women and children."

"The submarine returned after we had been in the boat and fired an other torpedo which put out the lights and was followed by a terrific explosion and the ship must have sunk soon after. The second torpedo must have been close to the vessel and the crew of the submarine could not have failed to see us as it was moonlight. That was about 9:30 p. m. on Sunday when we took to the boats and about three o'clock on the following morning when we were picked up."

Dr. Hawke gave the highest praise to the behavior of the women and children and said that the captain and crew were marvellous. It appears that two boats reached Bonty with twenty-two people, eight of the occupants having died from exposure. Among those saved was the singer, Miss Miss Saklos of Paris.

The bodies of the eight persons who died were conveyed to the deep. Among the Laconia's foremen were sixteen American negroes.

## U-BOAT CAMPAIGN HAS INJURED EXPORT TRADE

### From Feb. 1 to 14 Only Eight Million Bushels of Wheat Received at Four Ports.

New York, Feb. 27.—The effect on the export trade from Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York of the British fleet at sea, the result of the submarine campaign, is revealed in a statement published here today by the American Railway Association on the basis of the report of the commission, which is operating with the Interstate Commerce commission in effect.

The report shows that from February 1 to 14 the total amount of wheat received at the four ports amounted to 8,000,000 bushels, compared with 15,000,000 bushels in the corresponding period of the same month of last year.

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## GREATEST RETIREMENT OF WEST CARRIED OUT.

### Germans Fall Back and British Sweep Into Pys, Serre and Petit Miramont.

From the Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press, British Headquarters, France, Feb. 26.—On the night of the 25th the British front at the Somme had become a line of movement, rather than a line of position.

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## DRASTIC MEASURES TO MEET FUEL EMERGENCY.

### Rush Orders Sent Railroads for Prompt Delivery of Gas Coke to Towns.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Drastic measures of preparation were adopted today by the chief railroad of the east to meet the emergency of a coal and fuel shortage.

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## Submarine Bremen Was Lost on First Voyage.

Copenhagen, Feb. 27.—Via London, Feb. 27.—While Scandinavian newspapers are printing a report that the German merchant submarine Bremen has not been lost, it is being used as a supply ship in Germany's blockade campaign, which has been in possession of the Associated Press in Berlin for months.

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