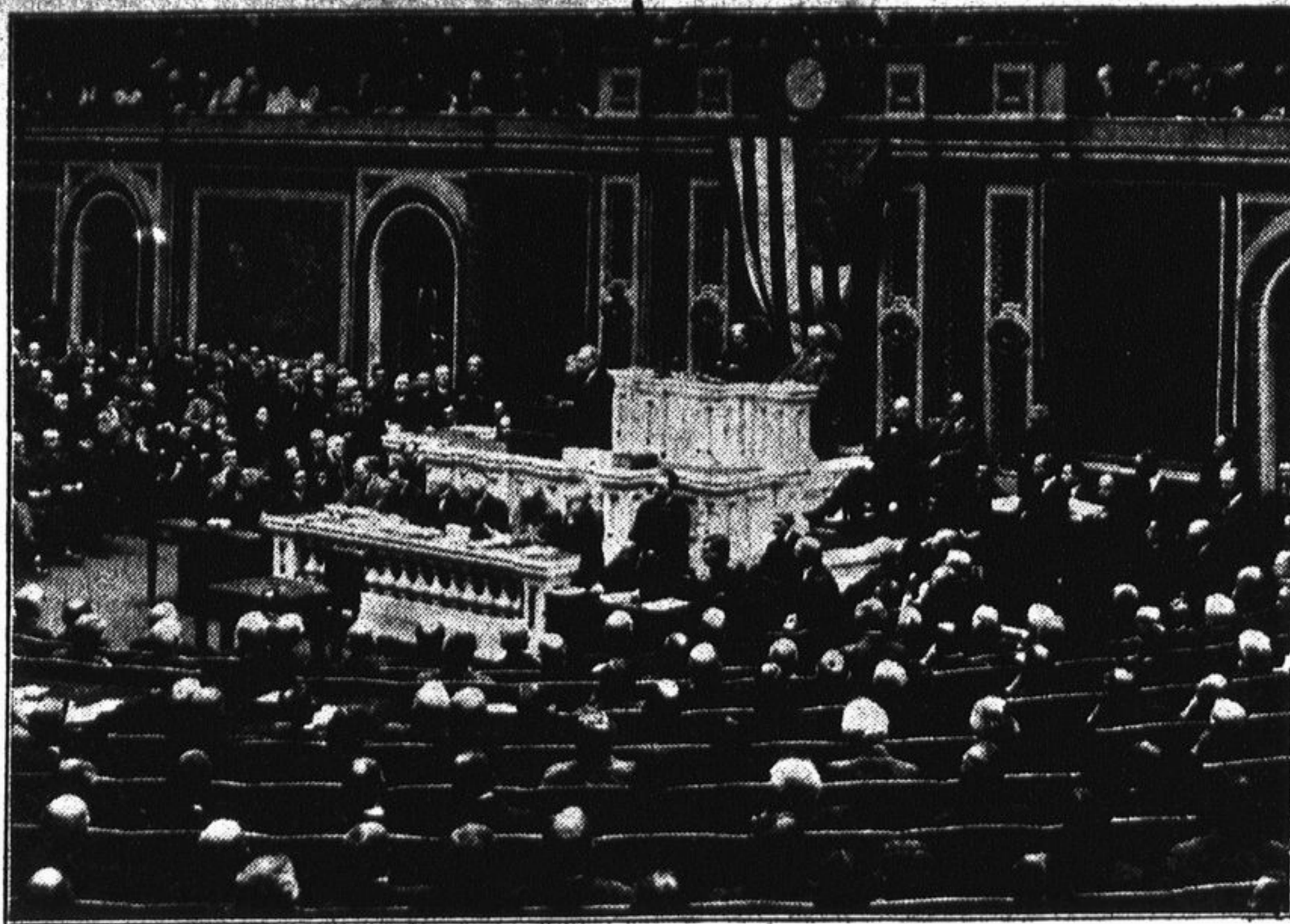


WILSON TELLING CONGRESS OF THE BREAK



President Wilson addressing congress February 3 on the developments following Germany's decision to wage ruthless submarine warfare and telling the lawmakers of the breaking off of diplomatic relations with the kaiser's government.

might appear to be susceptible of that construction. In order, however, to avoid any possible 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 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 eighth of May the Imperial German government made no reply. On the thirty-first of January, the German ambassador handed to the secretary of state, along with a formal note, a memorandum which contains the following statements: '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 determination to destroy the central powers, and that the government of the United States will further realize that the now openly disclosed intentions of the entente allies give back to Germany the freedom of action which she reserved in her note addressed to the government of the United States on May 4, 1910.

"Under these circumstances Germany will meet the illegal measures of her enemies by forcibly preventing after February 1, 1917, in a zone around Great Britain, France, 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."

No Alternative Consistent With Country's Honor.

"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 fourth of May, 1910, this government has no alternative consistent with the dignity and honor of the United States, but to take the course which, in its note of the eighteenth of April, 1910, 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.

"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 be immediately withdrawn, and in accordance with this decision to hand to his excellency his passports.

Cannot Believe Germany Will Carry Out Threats.

"Notwithstanding this unexpected action of the German government, this sudden and deeply deplored renunciation of its assurance, 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 promised 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.

"If this inveterate 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 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.

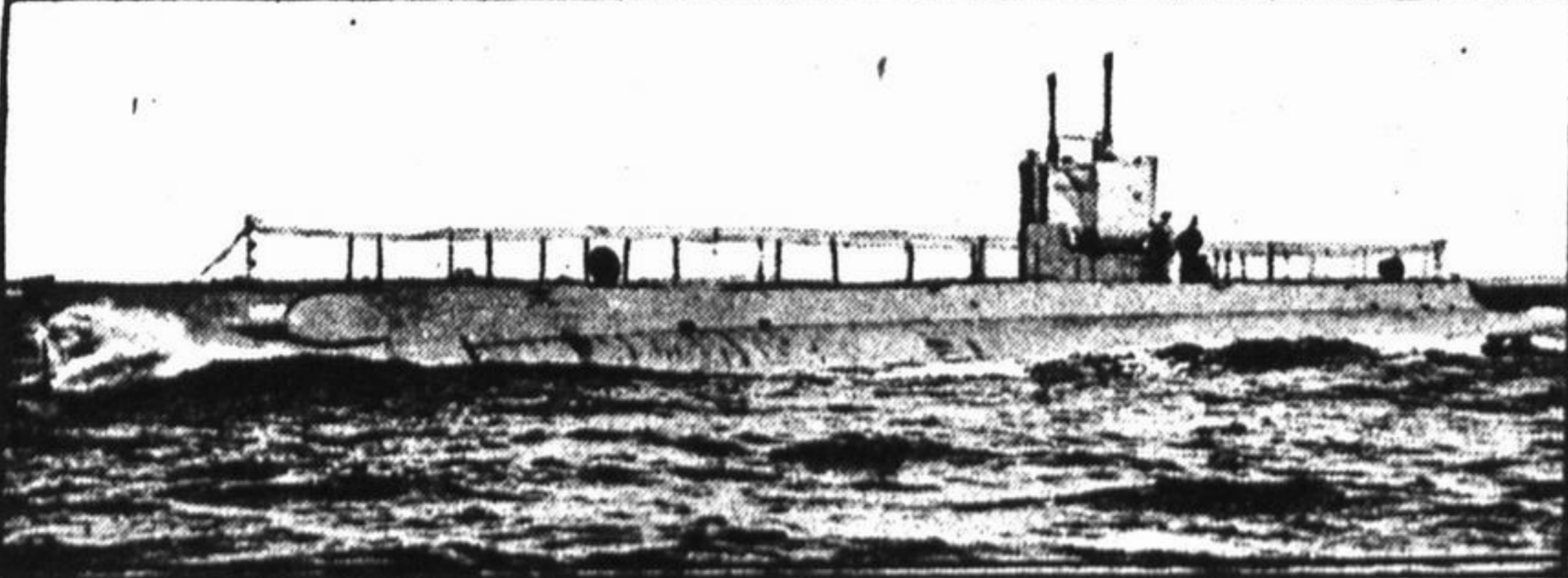
Purpose Only Defense Of American Rights.

"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 sought to express in my address to the senate only two weeks ago—seek merely to vindicate our right to liberty and an untroubled life. These are the bases of peace, not war. Grant that we shall not be challenged to defend them by acts of willful injustice on the part of the government of Germany."

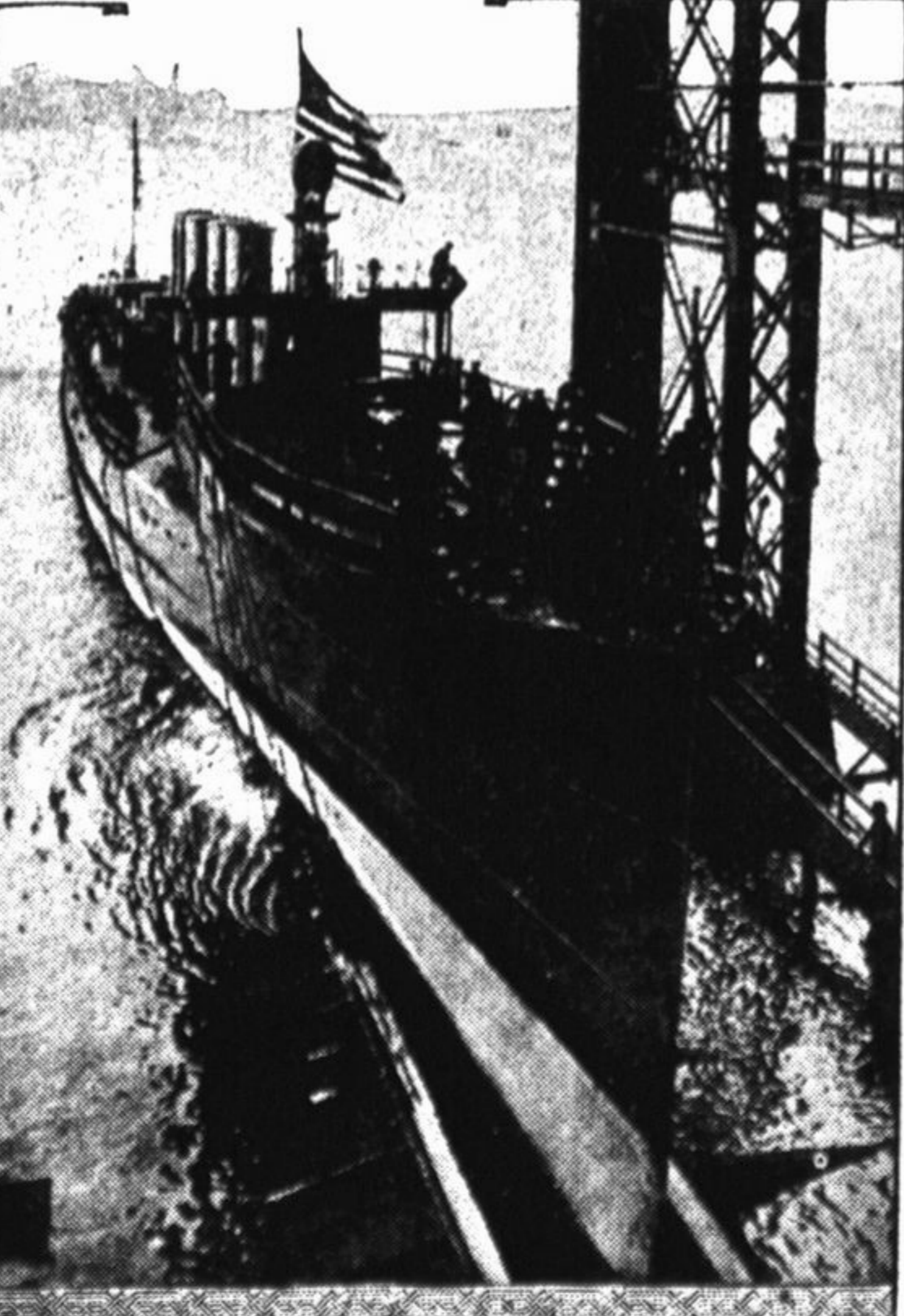
Expect to Do Immense Damage.

Berlin, Feb. 1, via London.—Expectations expressed in unofficial circles here that, as a result of the unrestricted submarine campaign, the amount of tonnage sunk will be increased to about 100,000 tons, are based upon a showing of the total amount of tonnage sunk in the first 12 months, which is estimated at 100,000 tons. This is a record for the first year of the war. It is expected that the tonnage sunk in the first year of the war will be increased to about 100,000 tons.

UNITED STATES SUBMARINE, M-1



UNITED STATES DESTROYER JACOB JONES



POLICE GUARD INTERNED GERMAN SHIPS



Cordon of police guarding the German ocean-going liners Prince Eitel Friedrich and Koenig Wilhelm II at New York. The police are proving a big aid to the neutrality squad in guarding the interned liners.

CONDENSATIONS

There is a Catholic daily newspaper published in Tien-tsin, China. Electric street car service was begun in Matanzas and Cardenas on December 17. A new baby carriage, which includes receptacles for clothing, can be folded like a suitcase. Since it was discovered in Auckland in 1852 New Zealand province has exported gold worth \$118,198,000. There are a number of women miners employed in Bohemia, and their average rate of pay is 25 cents a day.

The finest harbor in the world is said to be that of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

An English scientist has discovered that Eskimos have two more ribs than any other human race. The Brazilian city of Para is planning to sterilize all of its drinking water with ultraviolet rays. Since it was discovered in Auckland in 1852 New Zealand province has exported gold worth \$118,198,000. There are a number of women miners employed in Bohemia, and their average rate of pay is 25 cents a day.

REAR ADMIRAL BRAISTED



New photograph of William C. Braisted, surgeon general of the navy, who has been made a rear admiral. In case of war he will be one of the most important officers of the navy.

REAR ADMIRAL HARRIS



Frederick R. Harris of the engineer corps, who has been promoted to be a rear admiral. His duties, if war comes, will be most important.

Conserving Energy.

Novel use is being made by a Swiss company of the excess of energy that many hydro-electric plants have during a portion of the year. Electric heating elements are placed on the grates under the boilers of a steam plant and can be easily removed when it is desired to return to firing by coal. At the company's Zurich station three boilers furnish 12,300 pounds of steam per day, with a consumption of 7,392 kilowatt hours of electric energy that would have been otherwise unused, saving 1,850 pounds of coal.

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