

A German Illustration of "Freedom of the Seas" in War Time



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THE shaded lines following the coasts of northern Spain, France, Great Britain and Ireland, Belgium and the Dutch coast as far north of the Belgian frontier as Terschelling represent twenty nautical miles from the coast contour. In these areas presumably the Germans will thicken their mine-laying, the mines being laid by undersea boats. From Terschelling to Udir, thence to three nautical

miles south of the southernmost of the Faroe Islands and thence to various points in the Atlantic down to latitude 43, and thence to Cape Finisterre on the Spanish coast—the black line shows these limits of this area—is the outer danger zone in which the German U-boats are to operate to destroy freight shipping of any nation. The dotted line from the western edge of this zone to Falmouth is the sea lane allowed to American passenger ships—one

each way each week—providing they carry no contraband as contraband is defined by Germany. The extreme westernmost point of this line is about 250 miles from the western coast of Ireland. Comparing this "proclaimed area" with that of the German first blockade against Britain it has been enlarged in all directions and goes as far south as the coast of Spain, shutting out France—the object being to interrupt steamers in every ordinary sea lane. Under

Germany's first plan the course for neutrals was close to the Faroe Islands, and thence down the unproclaimed waters that wash Norway. The first British prohibited area included all of the water between the British Isles and the continent as far north as Iceland. The British Channel was closed completely. In the Mediterranean the Germans allow a sixty sea-mile wide steamer lane along the north coast of Africa, with a twenty

sea-mile lane up the Grecian waters to Greece. On the east coast of Spain a safety zone is proclaimed—presumably to facilitate the use of the Spanish coast as a submarine base, which it has been for many months. This also facilitates traffic to Spain in the same way as for Greece. The proclaimed area shuts out shipping to France and Italy. Facts to come will probably soon show just how far Germany can maintain her pompous threat.