

ARMING U.S.MERCHANTMEN.

Americans are now officially at war with Germany; but even before <sup>the declaration</sup> ~~that~~ Nazi submarines had sunk American merchantmen. That's why Congress passed the Bill to permit the arming of all ships in the United States merchant marine. Gun crews are trained by America's naval gunners --- ~~and that's the bad news for U-boat crews~~

RED CROSS GLOVES.

Packing parcels for Christmas is labour of love; especially so when those parcels are going to men of the British Empire who are prisoners of war in Germany. The Red Cross and St.John are doing wonderful work in this connection --- but they need old gloves for the job. At the end of a hard day's tying --- that string begins to feel like red-hot wire.