Interesting History Item:

On 9 July 1916, the captain of the German submarine *Deutschland*, Paul Koenig, docked in the U.S. A merchantmen, and therefore carrying no munitions, the newfound ability of the Germans to dispatch submarines across the Atlantic was duly acknowledged by the governments of all belligerent nations as significant.

While the U.S. government allowed merchant vessels from all warring nations to dock at U.S. ports and to freely trade, in practice Britain's dominance of the seas ensured that Germany was effectively excluded from the U.S. market. Thus the arrival of the *Deutschland* threatened to challenge Britain's naval blockade, at least so far as trade with the U.S. was concerned.

Britain, in a joint statement with the other Allied governments, promptly dispatched a note of protest to the U.S. government arguing that submarines should not be regarded as merchant vessels. In support of this argument the Allies suggested that as a submarine could not be stopped and inspected for munitions in the same manner as other vessels, her real intentions could not be verified.

The U.S. government - under constant pressure from the German government on account of suspected favoritism granted to the Allied nations - responded at the close of August 1916 with a rejection of the Allies' arguments; unarmed submarines, from whatever nation, were to be regarded as merchant vessels and accordingly permitted to trade.

Go to this link for pictures and the historic 1916 visit to Baltimore of this at the time unarmed submarine.

http://www.colorantshistory.org/SubmarineDeutschland.html

This link contains some remarkable movie film of the 1916 visit.

http://www.criticalpast.com/video/65675024144\_Deutschland-Bermen-ship\_Paul-Konig\_crew-of-ship-with-name-plate German-flag-on-ship