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## German Raider Is Off The New England Coast

### Nantucket Lightship Reports Enemy Craft Seen This Morning—Warning Sent to Shipping

Newport, R.I., April 7.—A German sea raider was officially reported off Nantucket at 7:40 o'clock this morning. The deputy collector of customs warned all shipping not to leave port until further notice.

The raider, according to information received by Deputy Collector of Customs Wolcott, was bound west.

Word that the raider was approaching the New England coast caused great activity in naval circles, although plans for dealing with the enemy were not made public. The collector of customs made every effort to get in touch at once with shipping agents at other ports to warn them of the danger.

The name of the ship or station which sent the report was not revealed. Some destroyers are on patrol off the coast.

Boston, April 7.—The following message was received today at the Boston Navy yards from the Nantucket Lightship: "Commerce raider passed Nantucket Shoals Lightship boom west at 7:20."

Newport News, Va., April 7.—The presence of a German raider off the Virginia Capes was officially reported here today. A sea-going tug has been dispatched to sea to warn all outgoing and incoming vessels, and to order all outgoing vessels to turn back. The tug is equipped with wireless and is expected to reach all ships in the danger zone.

Washington, April 7.—The navy department was advised early today by the Nantucket Shoals Lightship by radio that an unknown ship had passed near that vessel. No information as to the character of the ship was given.

Boston, April 7.—Naval officials here reported that the raider had two masts a large stack and was painted slate color. Her size was reported as about 10,000 tons.

## WASHINGTON NEWS CHEERED ON THE CANADIAN FRONT Soldier Lads Welcome United States Into War and Proceed to Give Enemy the Information

With the British Armies in France, April 6.—Via London, April 7.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.)—The news of the action of the United States senate in voting for war with Germany reached the far-flung western battle line today and was hailed with cheers. Nowhere was the satisfaction greater than along the section of the front held by the Canadians with whom many thousands of Americans are serving. Many Canadian and British companies were busy preparing signs to hold up over the trenches, telling the Germans the tidings from Washington. "This is the favorite plan of the Tommies to convey all sorts of bad news to their enemies across No Man's Land."

German prisoners taken today had not heard of President Wilson's address and knew only in a vague way of the breaking of diplomatic relations in February. Some of the trench signs which were prepared included a brief translation into German of the president's statement that the United States was entering the fight against the German government and not against the German people. Others included the latest slogan: "No peace with the Hohenstollers," which still others read: "Get rid of your Kaiser."

The British army as a whole has regarded the United States as practically in the war since the severance of relations. It was said then that active participation was only a matter of time.

The president's address was just reaching the front trenches today in its entirety. The gist of the speech had been sent out by wireless and also by telephone and telegraph but the soldiers generally preferred to wait for congressional action before spreading the news to "Fritz." The weight of America thrown into the war scales just at this juncture in what is regarded as the critical year of the struggle has sent a renewed thrill of confidence all along the front.

Toasts were drunk to America at many a front line dugout tonight. The British look forward eagerly to the participation of the United States, thus helping completely to outwit German militarism. It can be truthfully said that the khaki clad army faces the foe tonight with renewed determination to bring about a quick and decisive result. There was a note of joyous confidence as the British and Canadian cannon hurled tons of shells against the German positions.

## MORE TROOPS ARRIVE IN CITY Men of Two Battalions From the Prairies Given Hearty Welcome

Again there is a martial air about the city. This morning more than 800 khaki clad lads from the rolling prairies arrived in this city, where they will be temporarily quartered. The units are the 217th Battalion from Regina and the 219th Battalion from Moosejaw.

The first section of the 217th arrived at 9:30 o'clock and they were closely followed by the first section of the 219th. The strength of these sections were about 400 men each. The soldiers were met at the station and recruited in Moosejaw. The total strength is 308.

The unit has two bands, a bugle and cornet. The commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel W. E. Seaborn, has had a wide military experience. He has been connected with the Canadian militia for several years. The section that arrived this morning was in command of Major O. M. Mainland.

**HOME FROM WAR**  
Private Patrick Shelley of 68 Moore street arrived home from the war recently, after spending nineteen months on the western front. He was wounded on September 20 in the knee, and as a result he went through six operations. He is home at present, but will leave on May 16 for a hospital in Toronto for further treatment.

**BURIED TODAY**  
The funeral of Richard J. Fitzgerald took place this afternoon from his late residence, Duke street, to St. John the Baptist church, where burial services were conducted by Rev. F. J. McMurray. Interment was made in Holy Cross cemetery.

**UNDER ARREST**  
Detective Thomas Barrett placed Henry Smith under arrest this afternoon on suspicion of theft of \$18 from his parents, in Brussels street.

### Stars and Stripes Flying Over City Hall, in Ottawa

Ottawa, Ont., April 7.—The Stars and Stripes is given a place of honor on the flag staff at the city hall. Immediately on being notified that the United States had formally declared war, Mayor Harold Fisher ordered that the American flag should be hoisted over the city hall with the British flag as a tribute to the entry of the latest ally into the war.

### RUSHING TO GET READY FOR COMBAT

### Munitions Speeded Up In The United States

### SEIZED SHIPS FOR GOVERNMENT USE

### Sixty German Government Barges Placed Under Arrest—All Radio Stations Seized and Closed— Naval Motor Boat Patrol Mobilized

Washington, April 7.—The second day of war with Germany found every government agency in action, along production lines with congressional committees at work on the new army bill and finance measures.

The navy and its newly organized power boat coast patrol squadrons were being mobilized and naval militia and naval reserves were complying with orders to join the colors. From many cities came word that United States marshals had carried out orders of the department of justice for arrest of sixty Germans whom the government believes it dangerous to allow at large.

Officials had also determined to use the German merchant ships, nearly 100 of which have been seized, for government service, though no announcement was made whether they would be confiscated or paid for at the close of the war.

Government seizure of all radio stations and the closing of all except those needed for naval communication, was authorized by President Wilson.

Both the war and navy departments were arranging with contractors to furnish enormous quantities of supplies; steel manufacturers agreed to furnish the navy their product at last year's prices, affecting a saving of \$18,000,000 in the navy's 1917 steel bill. The treasury department devised means of raising funds, subject to congressional authorization, for the war.

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## BRITAIN WARIS ALL TO GET READY FOR COMPULSORY SERVICE

New York, April 7.—The Tribune's Washington correspondent says: "It was announced by the British Embassy here today that Great Britain will compel all her citizens throughout the world, in neutral countries as well as in her own dominions, to place themselves in readiness for compulsory military service."

The date when the proclamation may be expected is not yet made public, but it is believed that it will be issued shortly.

## GERMANS REFUSE TO GIVE UP INTERNED WAR CRAFT; BLOW HER UP

Washington, April 7.—The interned German gunboat Cormoran, at Guam, refused to surrender to American forces which went to take possession of her and was destroyed by her crew.

Two German warrant officers and five enlisted men of the crew were killed in the explosion. Twenty officers, twelve warrant officers and 921 enlisted men were taken prisoners.

## ARTILLERY IN HEAVY WORK ON WEST FRONT

Paris, April 7.—Violent cannonading went on during last night on the French front south of St. Quentin, in the region of Dallon and Grugies. The artillery was very active also northeast of Berry-Au-Bac.

## DR. N. R. COLTER DEAD IN CAPITAL Former Post Office Inspector, Passed Away Today After Illness of Only Two Days

After two days' illness from pneumonia, which developed from a cold contracted while attending his brother's funeral, Dr. Newton R. Colter, former post-office inspector, passed away this morning in Frederick. He studied medicine at Harvard, Edinburgh and London, and after graduation, located at Woodstock, where his energy and skill soon acquired for him a lucrative practice.

In 1891 he was elected to the House of Commons as a Liberal and was re-elected at a bye-election. In 1896 he was defeated by the late Fred H. Hale, and in the following year he was appointed post-office inspector, holding the office until the beginning of the present month.

He was a keen sportsman and a keen sportsman and took a great interest in turf events.

He is survived by his wife, daughter of the late George Hatt, of Frederick, and four daughters, Marion and Eleanor, of St. John; Mrs. Horace Painter and Jennie, of Vancouver; one sister, Mrs. Thomas Murray, and one brother, Recorder Colter, who resides in Frederick. The body will be interred in the capital on Monday, funeral at three o'clock.

## ARREST OF AMERICAN VICE- CONSUL BY GERMANS REPORTED

London, April 7.—Julius Van Hee, American vice-consul at Ghent, and recently connected with the Belgian relief commission, has been arrested by the Germans and sent to Germany, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The despatch quotes a frontier correspondent as its authority.

## TOASTS KAISER, IS HANGED Man in Wyoming Then is Cut Down and Driven From Town

Thermopolis, Wyo., April 7.—A stranger, believed to be a German, shouted "Hoeh der Kaiser!" as he stood drinking at a saloon bar here, narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of Thermopolitans.

As the stranger lifted the glass to his lips after shouting his toast, he was knocked down by a miner, a rope appeared as if by magic and in a moment the dazed man was hanging from a beam.

His life was extinct, however, the counsel of cooler heads prevailed, and he was cut down by the city marshal. He was revived with cold water, forced to kneel and kiss the American flag and then was warned to get out of town. He did.

## PRUSSIAN PREPARE TO BEND BEFORE STORM

London, April 7.—An Amsterdam despatch to Reuters says that the Koelnische Volks Zeitung reports that preparatory steps for a reform of the Prussian electoral system are imminent.

The paper says that a bill will be introduced immediately after Easter.

## American Warships On Patrol Duty Off The Coast Of Ireland

### SAYS ALL SHOULD FOLLOW COURSE OF UNITED STATES

### Duty American Republics Owe To Washington

### Rio Janeiro Newspaper's Views— Text of Resolution Which Will Bring Cuba Into War on Side of Allies

Rio Janeiro, April 6.—The entrance of the United States into a state of war with Germany, says the Jornal Do Commercio means for all American nations the beginning of concerted action in support of the United States. The newspaper adds: "American nations must choose between the only two possible attitudes: to side with the perpetrators of crimes or with the defenders of liberty. The United States has exercised on this continent a decisive influence which has established for all other American nations an obligation of solidarity. Old Europe is fighting for liberty, justice and right. All the destinies of humanity are at stake. The United States vainly attempted to maintain neutrality. Three years of temporization did not avail in saving the theory of the Brazilian neutrality. It is for us an indelible duty not to leave the United States alone in this decisive hour. Our chancellor must give up its present position. To act in a different way would be equivalent to a disgraceful suicide."

A. Raza declares that Brazil is greatly pleased with the attitude of the United States and the people of Brazil are as enthusiastic as though they themselves were taking part in a similar action.

In Cuba, Havana, April 6.—The following resolution will be presented to a joint committee tomorrow afternoon by Representative Alfredo Betancourt Mandulay for consideration: "The Congress of the Republic of Cuba declares that there has been created and exists a state of war between the United States and the imperial German government and authorizes the chief executive of the nation to adopt all measures necessary to maintain and defend Cuban territory, provide for the security of its inhabitants and co-operate with the United States of America and the other allied nations lending every assistance for the defense of the liberty of the seas, of the rights of neutrals and of international justice."

Representative Jose Estrampes will present at the next session of the house a resolution authorizing the president to organize and place at the disposition of the war department of the United States a contingent of 10,000 men to assist in the military operations of that country in the European conflict. Representative Estrampes, who was a colonel in the Cuban army of liberation, will offer his services in connection with the proposed Cuban contingent.

Sao Paulo, Brazil, April 7.—Great crowds paraded through the streets of the city today singing the national hymn and waving flags. The paraders gathered for the championship of the maritime Black's alley team and they will take it to the border town and defend it. Mr. Black's idea in doing this is to create a still greater interest in the competition for the championship of the maritime provinces and eastern Maine and by defending it on strange alleys give other teams a chance to capture the highly prized trophy.

Black's team will be composed of the five highest men in the city league. To date several players are grouped and it will be two weeks before it is definitely known who will win. Thomas Wilson is almost sure to make the team as he is leading by a good margin, while Blake Ferguson, Clarence Lumley, Allen Bailey, Albert Covey, John Coughlan and a few others will have to fight it out for a place on the team.

There is some talk of the Victoria alleys sending a team to Calais to participate, although definite arrangements have not yet been completed.

## GETTING NEAR TIME FOR TOURNAMENT FOR THE BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Considerable interest is being taken in local bowling circles in the tournament for the Brunswick-Baker-Coleman trophy, which is to take place in Calais on the 24th and 25th of this month. The silver pin is held by Black's alley team and they will take it to the border town and defend it. Mr. Black's idea in doing this is to create a still greater interest in the competition for the championship of the maritime provinces and eastern Maine and by defending it on strange alleys give other teams a chance to capture the highly prized trophy.

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## GERMAN ARRESTED; SAID HE THREATENED LIFE OF PRESIDENT

Toledo, Ohio, April 7.—Charged with threatening the life of President Wilson, Julius Rohrbough, a German farmer, residing at Napoleon, near here, was arrested last night. It is said Rohrbough called the president a vile name, said he should be shot and he was making preparations to take a train for Washington.