

FORTY-FIFTH YEAR

## WHY ARE YOU NOT ENLISTING? YOU ARE PHYSICALLY FIT, AND YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU---JOIN THE 125TH BRANT BATTALION NOW, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

### ONCE MORE WARNING IS GIVEN TO AMERICANS, NOT TO TRAVEL ON VESSELS ACROSS THE OCEAN

Editor of the "Fatherland" Who Warned Passengers Before Lusitania Was Sunk, Sends Telegrams to Big American Dailies, Telling Them America Faces a Real Crisis.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Chicago, Feb. 18.—Despatch to The Montreal Gazette—Under the heading "New Sea Horror Seen by Viereck," the Chicago Evening Post yesterday printed the following:

"Warning of Germany's likelihood of sinking another big passenger liner without warning, regardless of the consequences to those on board, whether they be Americans, Englishmen or citizens of any other nation, was received at the office of Viereck, editor of The Fatherland, official organ of the central powers in the United States.

"Mr. Viereck circulated a similar warning just prior to the sailing of the Lusitania on its ill-fated voyage. After that vessel was sunk and during the protracted and sometimes heated negotiations regarding it, Mr. Viereck insisted there was no Lusitania crisis, but now he admits that the United States is facing a real crisis which may lead to disastrous consequences unless this government arms its merchant vessels belonging to belligerent nations, and not only warns them, but forces them to heed the warning.

"Mr. Viereck's warning comes in the form of a long telegram sent out in all likelihood to papers all over the United States and paid for with money coming from no one knows where, quoting in full a long editorial in the current issue of The Fatherland. It follows in part:

"The United States is facing to-day the gravest crisis that has confronted it in the present war. Whenever newspapers in the country proclaim that our negotiations with Germany were at the most critical stage, war at arms length, the Fatherland declared that there was no Lusitania crisis. Events have proved that the Fatherland was right. To-day we declare with equal emphasis that there is danger ahead.

"GERMANS DO NOT 'BLUFF.'"  
"The central powers have declared that, beginning with the first of March, armed merchantmen will be treated as warships. We may be willing to eat our own words and to refer to our own Secretary Lansing's memorandum on the subject of submarine warfare. We cannot expect the German to do likewise. For is not the German a national game. The Germans are not a nation of bluffers.

"Unless our government issues an immediate warning against travel on belligerent vessels we shall have to face in another couple of weeks the serious situation that a vessel carry-

ing American passengers will be sunk without warning because such a vessel was armed.

"SWORD LOOSE IN THE SCABBARD."  
"Whatever policy the United States may pursue in the matter, it is fatal for us to drift without taking a clear and unambiguous stand before a new catastrophe occurs. If we defer our decision until such a time, our course of action would depend, not on the principles so clearly enunciated by Mr. Lansing in his submarine memorandum, but on the exigencies of the moment. With party strife in the land, the sword will rest but loosely in its scabbard. There would be scant opportunity for reason, because we would be compelled to formulate our opinion, not upon undisputed facts, but upon colored partisan statements and upon the testimony of incompetent witnesses.

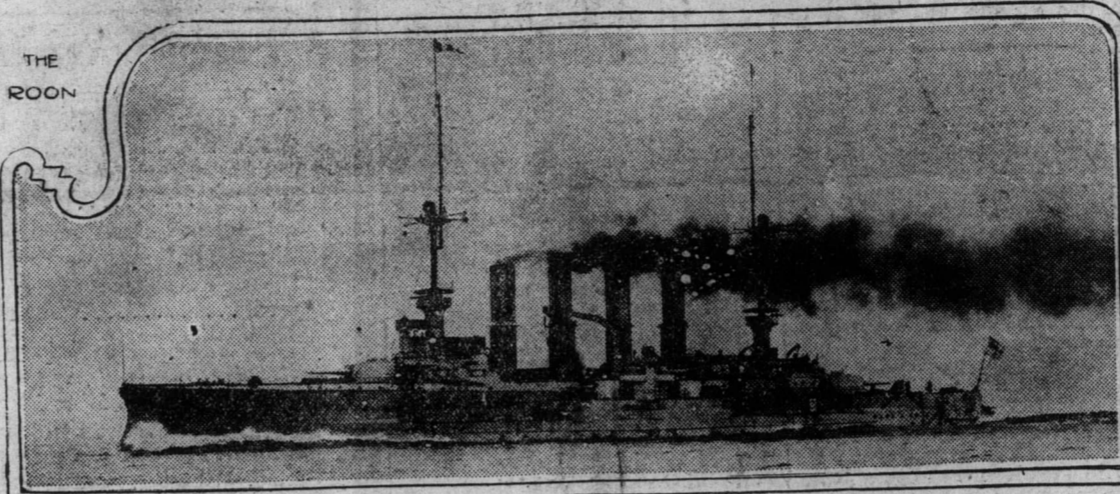
"WHY 'POUL?'"  
"The idea of abolishing the malpractice of arming merchantmen by common consent is hardly feasible in times of a world war. England bent on exterminating the German sea lines by every means, fair or foul, is not likely to abandon that malpractice by amicable persuasion. If we desire to remove every possibility of friction, and if we desire to safeguard the lives of our citizens, there is only one peaceful course open to use: The United States must declare that citizens travelling on board armed ships of belligerent countries do so at their own risk."

BUYING OUT PLANT  
JAPANESE WILL MAKE OFFER TO PURCHASE AMERICAN LUMBER CO. IN PHILLIPPINES.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Manila, Feb. 18.—Japanese interests are negotiating for the purchase of an American lumber company from an American business in the Philippine Islands for a sum of \$1,000,000. Increased activity has been manifested by Japanese capitalists in bidding for insular properties. They recently purchased a sugar producing property, formerly belonging to the Dominican Monks at Calamba, to the south of Laguna Bay, Island of Luzon, and they are at present considering the purchase of several large sugar plantations with mills and equipment.

Governor Whitman lost his first test of strength in convention, and while he will be included as one of the "Big Four," he will not head the delegation.

### BIG, SPEEDY GERMAN CRUISER REPORTED AT LARGE



WHEN THE GERMANS CAPTURED THE APPAM ON JANUARY 16, THE ROON, ONE OF THE FLEET CRUISERS OF THE GERMAN NAVY, WAS WITHIN FORTY MILES OF THE SPOT, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE. IT IS DECLARED THAT THE ROON STOOD OFF FORTY MILES FROM THE SPOT AND DIRECTED BY WIRELESS THE CAPTURE OF THE APPAM. THE PRESENCE OF THE ROON IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN DISCLOSED WHEN AN OFFICER OF THE BRITISH NAVAL RESERVE ON BOARD THE APPAM RECOGNIZED ONE OF THE GERMANS WHO CAME ABOARD AS AN OFFICER OF THE ROON. THE ROON IS AN ARMORED CRUISER OF 9,050 TONS, WITH A COMPLETE MENT OF 57 MEN. SHE IS 403 FEET LONG, 65 FEET IN BEAM AND HAS A MAXIMUM DRAUGHT OF 25 FEET. SHE WAS COMPLETED IN 1905, AT KIEL, AND THEN HAD A SPEED OF TWENTY-ONE KNOTS. SHE CARRIES FOUR 8.2-INCH GUNS, TEN 6-INCH, FOURTEEN 24-POUNDER AND FOUR MACHINE GUNS, AND HAS FOUR SUBMERGED TORPEDO TUBES.

### THE BRANT BATTALION IS NOW 1000 STRONG; NEW MEN ARE COMING IN STEADILY; VERY BIG CHILDREN'S PARADE; COMMISSIONERS THANKED

March of the School Boys Last Night Most Inspiring Sight Ever Witnessed in Brantford—Hundreds Thronged in the Streets to See the Spectacle—Parades To-day to Factories to Get Men to Join.

One thousand strong. That is the proud record to-day of the Brant Battalion. The 1000th man put down his name last night. The battalion is within 150 men of its full strength. Last night hundreds of citizens thronged the sidewalks to see the most unique parade ever witnessed in Brantford, the parade of the children.

About 700 school boys formed up on the Market Square at 7 o'clock under Captain Bingle. The kiddies carried banners, some prepared by themselves. Prizes were awarded to the boys carrying the most appropriate banners. Owing to the difficulty of selecting the winner, prizes were divided among Harold Van Neff, Harry Devin, Edmund Suddaby and Cyril Eyre.

The children marched at the head of the battalion. On their account the route march was shortened, and limited to the most appropriate districts of the city. All along the line of march the crowd watched with admiration and enthusiasm. Time after time the people broke into applause as they saw the boys, and after them the men in khaki, step out so bravely. It was a magnificent spectacle, and Brantfordites had reason to be proud of their sons—those who fight, and those who will be able to fight when they are old enough.

This morning the men were dismissed at 11 o'clock so as to be able to parade at noon, in short, squads to the various factories of the city. Literature will be distributed and an effort made to enlist all the men in factories who can be spared from their work.

Literature, in the nature of small cards, hand-bills and dodgers is also being distributed by soldiers to the general public. These read: "Cut out the excuses and come along. Enlist with the 125th" and other similarly worded appeals. All these will bear fruit later.

THE RECORDS.  
Those who signed up yesterday, were:

- GEORGE GRAY, Scotch, roofer, 42, married, 3 years 5th Black Watch, 371 St. Paul's Ave.
- ALEXANDER DOW, Scotch, 27, laborer, married, 3 Blossie Street.
- WILLIAM F. KNIGHT, Can., 29, bricklayer, single, 80 Brighton Row.
- THOMAS LONGBOAT, Can., 29, professional runner, married, 5 years 37th Battalion, (Haldimand), Caledonia.
- JOHN DAVID BOLTON, Irish, 17 had hung on a door.

farmer, single, St. George. RICHARD SIMS ELLTON, Irish, 19, farmer, single, St. George. REGINALD CARLEY, Can., 21, bench hand, single, 3 years 25th Brand Dragons, 17 Port St.

THOMAS DONAGHY, Scotch, 25, boilermaker, married, 3 years 5th Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, 194 William Street.

WILLIAM HEALEY, Eng., 38, engineer, married, 3 years 38th D.R.C., 15 Able Ave.

GEORGE FOX, Eng., 38, laborer, married, 3 Able Ave. JAMES S. DAVENPORT, Eng., 30, stereotypist, married, 3 years 38th D.R.C., 1 year 32nd Battery, 116 St. George St.

JAMES G. HONE, Can., 20, laborer, married, 15 Huron Street. GEORGE GARDNER, Scotch, 32, horse-shoer, married, 3 years 38th D.R.C., 4 years Berwick Artillery (volunteers) 37 Emily St.

CHARLES E. HEATH, Eng., 24, machinist, married, 97 Ontario St. DANIEL SLEETH, 33, Eng., moulder, married, 10 Glenville Ave.

AN APPRECIATION  
The following letter speaks for itself: Brantford, Ont., Feb. 11, 1916. From Officer Commanding 125th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F. To the Chairman of the Brantford Street Railway Commission, City: Dear Sir,—I desire to cordially thank you, on behalf of the Battalion, for several favors recently conferred on us, namely, the carrying of our band to Paris and return this week; the special car for bringing one company of the Battalion from Paris, a week ago last Sunday; and more recently your Commission's considerate decision to grant cheaper tickets for all soldiers travelling on city cars. The latter consideration is very much appreciated by all ranks.

I have the honor to be, sir, Your obedient servant, (Sgd.) M. E. B. CUTCLIFFE, Lieut.-Col. O.C. 125th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F.

Young man, have you ever seen a Brantford soldier walking along Colborne street, carrying his little child in his arms? Then doesn't it strike you that, as a single man, you should take his place in the ranks, and allow him to stay at home with his family as long as possible?

"Meat Hound" in North Bergen, N. J., was put in lockup for three times tearing down cupcake an undertaker had hung on a door.

### ERZERUM, BUILT ON A STEEP MOUNTAIN RIDGE, YIELDED TO BAYONET ATTACK, AFTER 38 HRS.

Capture is Unprecedented in History—From Erzerum Russia Can Sweep Eastward and May Even Now Attack Constantinople in Her Forward Movement.

London, Feb. 18.—"Despatches from Bucharest state that the capture of Erzerum by the Russians is crystallizing the decision of Roumania to intervene at an early date," says the Rome correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

"In Roumanian official circles in sympathy with the Entente, it is stated that in March there will be a concentration of Russian troops in Bessarabia for the purpose of permitting Roumania to transfer troops to the Bulgarian frontier. This transfer already is in progress.

"GREAT DRIVE NOW  
"In the meantime the Allies are hastening the transportation to Saloniki of the Serbian, Albanian and Montenegrin armies, which, with the French and British troops, will make possible an offensive movement simultaneously with the intervention of Roumania."

WAS UNPRECEDENTED  
Petrograd, Feb. 18.—The fall of Erzerum, the most important Turkish stronghold in Asia Minor, and for a long while considered impregnable, offers the unprecedented spectacle of a first class fortress, built on a steep mountain ridge nearly a mile above

sea level yielding to bayonet attack, after only 36 hours bombardment. The operations were conducted under the most severe weather conditions, the snow being deep and the thermometer registering at times more than 30 degrees below zero fahrenheit.

TURKS IN FLIGHT  
The Turkish army defending Erzerum, taken by surprise under the methods adopted by the Russians, is now said to be in disorderly flight on the roads leading to Sivas. As the garrison apparently scattered in all directions, it is assumed here that large numbers of men were taken prisoner, although official figures are still lacking.

After the taking of Niskala, it appeared that the Russian attack would be directed upon the Turkish right flank, and by rapidly transferring troops, the Turks made all plans to resist the main assault from this quarter. Apparently they had little fear of the success of this attack because of the strong character of the fortifications in that direction, and even less apprehension of danger from a frontal attack.

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### Change of Tone Has Taken Place in the Fatherland

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
London, Feb. 18.—(New York Times cable)—A Scandinavian correspondent of the London Times writes:

"I recently had a visit from an old university friend, belonging to a neutral country, who has lived in Germany since the beginning of the war, and has associated with well informed industrial circles and consequently has acquired some inside knowledge.

"According to him the most striking fact is the change of tone which has taken place in Germany. The 'Got Strafe England' sentiment is a thing of the past. The pre-arranged declamations in the Reichstag about the Barlong affair, do not really count.

"Many university men, who signed the various mad declarations about German innocence and British perfidy at the beginning of the war, now feel positively ashamed. They excuse their foolishness in putting their names to them by saying that they did not know the exact wording.

"The Liberals begin in private to admit that the German version of the diplomatic prelude to the war tragedy will not stand closer examination and they even recognize Germany's responsibility toward Belgium.

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William Allingham notes in his  
diary on March 3rd, 1881, that  
"Browning dined at Tennyson's last  
night. The Poet Laureate was in great  
form. He said, 'This pair of dress  
boots is forty years old.' We all look-  
ed at them, and I said it was good  
evidence of the immortality of the  
died the sole."