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## GERMAN RAIDERS OFF ATLANTIC COAST; INTERNED WARSHIP BLOWN UP BY CREW

Refusing to Submit to Seizure by United States Of-Blow Her Up at Pier in Guam - Seven of Ship's Complement Are Killed and More Than 300 Are Taken Prisoners—Had Given Trouble to Navy Since Her Internment.

Washington, April 7-The interned German cruiser Cormoran at Guam has been blown up.

The Cormoran refused to surrender to the 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, 12 warrant officers and 321 enlisted men were taken prisoner.

The navy department's announcement said:

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The message was received at the navy department at 9 a. m. today from Capt. Roy Smith, governor of Guam, and commandant of the naval station there!

The destration of the Cormoran took place at 8 o'clock last

night, Washington time. Internment of the Cormoran at Guam has been the cause of continual conflict and disagreeable incidents between the American naval officers in charge of the island and the German crew.

On several occasions former German Ambassador Von Bernstorff appealed to the state department on behalf of the Cormoran's officers and crew to have the vessel transferred to San Francisco. Each time the navy department refused-

The Cormoran was chased into Guam by Japanese warships soon after the declaration of war between Japan and Germany. The ship had exhausted her fuel supply randing merce and was compelled to burn her woodwork structure to to reach that port.

#### WATERBURIAN HELD FOR REVILING FLAG; ANOTHER TRIES TO KILL SOLDIER

Waterbury, April 7-John Hurnick, 31, who said he was a Russian,

Judge McGrath also ordered John Grosnoff, 38, a Lithuanian, held for was bound over today to the superior the superior court in \$2,000 on the charge of assault with intent to kill.

Grosnoff, it is alleged, fired a shot John F. McGrath on the technical through the window of his home at charge of breach of the peace. It Private Norman England of Company was charged that Hurnick had insult- B, First Connecticut infantry, who ed the American flag by saying "to was patrolling the property of the Hell with the flag; America is no New Haven road close to Grosnoff's boarding place. The bullet struck the William Lanko, who overheard Hur- ground a few feet in front of Private portion of the lawn occupied by nick, made complaint to the police. England and tore a hole in the Hurnick demied having insulted the ground, according to England's testi-

## Bopp, Hunted GERMANS MUST As Fugitive, Comes Back

San Francisco, April 7.-Franz Bopp former German consul general, under prison sentence for violating American neutrality, telephoned to federal authorities here today from St. Helena, Cal., that he was on his way to sur-

A few minutes previously federal agents announced that he was a fugitive, believing he was heading for the Mexican border.

#### Will Examine Home Guards Here Tonight

Because of the fact that the armo purposes the Home Guard drill sched. the public safety: uled for tonight has been postponed used for that purpose.

Guard will be in this city tonight to in the manufacture of explosives." examine enlisted men at city hall. They will work between 7 and 9 Governor Ready to p. m., and will again be in session at Eagles' hall at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. All men enlisted in the Home Guard who have not heretofore been examined must report at once.

#### Allied Forces Lose 44 Airplanes in One Day on French Front

Berlin, April 7, via London.-The lution Entente allies yesterday lost 44 airofficial statement today by the Geradds, did not return.

# TO THE POLICE

Superintendent of Police John H. Redgate will advise all Germans in this city to immediately comply with the regulation contained in President Wilson's war declaration, and suggests they immediately turn over to the police any and all firearms, cartridges or other ammunition in their posses-

The regulation states that alien enemies must not have in their possession arms, explosives or ingredients of any description used in the manufacture of explosives. In view of this fact this provision of the declaration is promptly effected.

The regulation embodied in the war declaration reads as follows: "And pursuant to the authority vest- notify the delegates. ed in me, I hereby declare and estab- Keller stated this was considered a announced approval. lish the following regulations, which I necessary step in view of the war floor is now engaged for government find necessary in the premises and for declaration although he maintained

and will not occur until 2:30 o'clock his possession at any time or place and is not subject to the slightest tomorrow when Eagles' hall will be any firearms, weapons or implement question. of war, or component parts thereof, The examining physicians detailed ammunition, Maxim or other silencer, for duty in connection with the Home arms or explosives or material used

#### Establish Martial Law In Connecticut

If the situation in the state warrants the action, Gov. Marcus H. Holstatement which he gave out yesterdent Wilson had signed the war reso-

planes on the western front, says the to take any action necessary," said taken up was the acquiring of a suitathe governor. "Of course it is im- ble place for the Home Guard of man army headquarters. Thirty-three possible to say at the present time Waterbury to drill in. of the British or French machine just what steps will have to be taken were destroyed in aerial engagements. here, but if the situation warrants the blanks received at the state head-Five German airplanes, the statement action I will declare martial law in quarters. Windsor Locks sent in 9

## fusing to Submit to Seizure by United States Officers, Crew of Interned Warship Cormoran Blow Her Up at Pier in Guam — Seven of TURKEY TO BREAK SOON

London, April 7—Passports have been placed at the disposal of the American embassy in Vienna, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from The Hague, quoting telegrams received there from the Austrian capital. The dispatch says that Bulgaria and Turkey also have decided to break off relations with the United States and that Holland probably will look after Austrian interests in Washington and American interests in Vienna.

#### NO WORD IN WASHINGTON OF AUSTRIAN BREAK

Washington, April 7-Word that the Austro-Hungarian foreign office had placed passports at the disposal of the American embassy in Vienna had not reached the Austrian embassy here early today, according to Prince Hohenlohe-Schillingshorst, one of the embassy attaches.

### ENTIRE NAVY STRENGTH OF NATION IS MOBILIZED; U.S. PLANS TO UTILIZE GERMAN VESSELS SEIZED

## erritory To Restricted

Military Necessity Requires That Government Take Over Section of Land There — Sentries Shoot If Necessary.

Military necessity has caused the government to take Seaside park for

The section taken is immediately adjacent to the soldiers' and sailors' monument on the east driveway and The government acquisition will

hereafter bar all civilians whether on foot or in vehicles from a portion of the boulevard driveway and also that

government order to observe the commands of sentries and to detour at all red light observations, marks or flags during the day or night. Sentries will challenge and shoot when orders are not observed.

# PLEDGE FEALTY

The 13 German organizations of various social and political construction in this city will hold a meeting according to a leading German citizen, Charles Keller, manager of the Free Employment bureau, and will adopt this nation and their support of Pres-

ident Wilson.

The German-American Alliance, of night. Redgate has deemed it necessary to which each of the societies sends three inaugurate immediate steps to see that delegates, will be the body to act officially on the matter. The date set for the meeting had not been held, but it will probably take place as soon

the loyalty of the German-American "An alien enemy shall not have in citizen of Bridgeport has never been

"Proof of this loyalty is given by the fact that three of our members have enlisted since the war declaration," asserted Keller.

#### Home Guard Officers Report 4,922 Recruits

Hartford, April 7-Col. James Geddes, Light.-Col Alfred J. Wolff, Capt. C. P. Goss, Jr., adjutant, and Capt. John M. Burrell, quartermaster comb is ready to declare Connecticut of the Naugatuck valley regiment of under martial law, according to a the Connecticut Home Guard, headquarters, visited the state headquarday after being informed that Presi- ters today. The officers held a conference with Co. Lucien F. Burpee, chairman of the state military emer-"We are in it now, and I am ready gency board. Among the matters

There have been 4,922 enlistment this morning.

#### Second Day of War With Germany Finds Government Bending Every Energy to Place Army and Navy Upon Full Footing.

Naval Militia Called Out and Coast Patrol Boats Are Put on Duty-Ships Taken Here Will Be Used by the Government.

Washington, April 1-The second day of war with Germany found every government agency in action along pre-determined lines, with congresthe new army bill and finance

The navy and its newly organized power boat coast patrol squadron was being mobilized; 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 60 Germans whom the government believes it dangerous to allow at large.

Officials had about 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 Government seizure of all wireless

stations and the closing of all except those needed for naval communication was authorized by President Wil-

Both the war and navy departments vere arranging with contractors to furnish enormous quantities of sup-\$18,000,000 in the navy's 1917 steel department of agriculture set forth on a movement to increase and conserve the nation's supply of foodstuffs resolutions pledging their loyalty to and to simplify distribution. Many the armory, the west gallery of the

The House military committee met today to hear Secretary Baker's explanation of the army general staff bill to draft and train 1,000,000 young men within a year and the accomas the arrangements can be made to panying three billion dollar budget, all of which had President Wilson's duty on the main floor of the building

#### LARGEST FLAG IN WORLD LIKELY TO BE UNFURLED HERE

The biggest flag in the world, an American flag, may be unfurled in Bridgeport, as a token of this city's patriotism. The flag is2now at the State Street

Casino, in a huge box. Spread out on the Casino floor, it covers nearly every inch of the auditorium. It measures 135 feet long and 75 feet wide. Four men are required to carry

the flag. With its rigging, tackle and the gun carriage on which it is transported, it weighs half a When the flag was first raised, four years ago, it was viewed by

at Pleasure Beach, where the ceremony was held. It is expected that some patriotic organization or private persons will make arrangements to have the flag displayed.

Mothers, Sisters and Children Bid Goodbye to Sol--Mosquito Fleet Ordered to Mobilize.

Military and naval activity in this city today centered about the big arsional committees at work on mory in Main street where the militia companies which have already received the president's call, slept on than 200 miles by the usual course their arms last night or reported for duty this morning. These companies called by the Pres-

ident are:

Second Company, C. A. C. Fourth Company, C. A. C.

Third Division, Naval Militia, (in-

cluding aviation corps). Although recruiting to full strength, the Eleventh Company, C. A. C., the First Connecticut Ambulance Corps and the Sanitary Detachment, C. A. C., have not yet received call for ac-

tive duty. Capt. F. L. Dengler, U. S. A., with a full staff, is in charge of the federalization of the state troops here. Under his direction, company re-examinations are being made today to insure the physical fitness of all the en-

#### Armory Big Barracks.

An unusual scene was presented in the interior of the armory which has been transformed into a monster barracks for the fitting out of troops. Big army kitchens have been installed, plies; steel manufacturers agreed to mess rooms appear where heretofore furnish the navy their product at last corridors merely existed and the year's prices, effecting a saving of necessary complement of cots for the slumber of enlisted men have been inbill; the treasury department devised stalled. It is likely that the armory means of raising funds; subject to will be used as the center of all mili-Congressional authorization; and the tary training in Bridgeport as unit after unit is called into service.

With a military guard challenging all persons seeking admission to other similar activities were started armory is kept intact for the recepafter the cabinet's council of war last tion of mothers, relatives and friends sent away from the city.

Several sad-eyed mothers soldiers fondled their children between calls to duty and sisters observed the movements of brothers doing A big force of carpenters is engaged in making needed additions inby the First Connecticut Field ambulance company which heretofore had may be expected by Monday. quarters in Hartford.

#### **Boy Scouts Praised**

Throughout yesterday and last night the United States Boy Scouts gave assistance to the regular and National Guard officers. Fourteen boys were detailed during the daylight hours and two were on duty throughout the entire night, running errands for officers and conducting officers about the city. Under command of their colonel, a captain and first lieutenant, two autoinating the call for naval volunteers last night. So well organized are the scouts that 15 minutes after orders sunk. were received in the armory they were being flashed upon the screens of as many moving picture houses in this

25,000 persons who had gathered In speaking of the organization today, Capt. Dengler, U. S .A., said: the work done here carrying out or-Col. Armstrong of the Scouts and the (Continued on Page 3.)

First Alarm of German-American War is Sounded Off New England When Lightship Sights Raider—Another German Warship is Seen Off Virginia Capes — Navy Departments Acts Promptly and Hostile Ships Are Assured of a Warm Reception—Shipping Kept in Port.

The first alarm of the German-American war was sounded off the New England coast this morning, when the Nantucket shoal lightship flashed to the navy yard at Newport a warning that a German commerce raider had passed the lightship.

A little later, Newport News, Va., was warned of the presence of another raider off the Virginia Capes.

Steps were taken to keep all shipping in port and the plans of the United States navy to meet such situations were put into operation.

#### TUGS WARN SHIPPING OFF VARGINIA

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 sent 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.

Capt. Scofield of the American steamer Matoa, now loading here, said that the master of the tug called on him as he was was passing out about 9:30 a.m., and ordered him to remain in the harbor until further notice.

#### NAVY READY TO GREET RAIDER

Newport, R. I., April 7-Just before 8 o'clock this morning the Nantucket Shoal lightship flashed to the naval wireless station here that a German commerce raider had passed the light-Preparation ship, bound west. Instantly the plans of the navy for meeting just such a situation became operative, and while they were not disclosed, there was assurance that if the audacious warship held her course she would be given a warm reception.

was warned to make ports or hold its harbor. It is stationed between the anchorage. The weather was thick off westbound fane of travel, which is diers Militia Called Out the coast and it was not expected that Just off the Nantucket Shoals, and the the stranger would be sighted again lane for eastbound vessels, 20 miles until she was at close quarters with south of the shoals. The lightship

It was at 7:40 o'clock that the war painted craft loomed out of the fog some 50 miles south of Nantucket island and about 85 miles east of Newport. She was directly in the lane for westbound shipping and not more

from New York, The supposed raider showed two masts and a huge smokestack. She appeared to be of about 10,000 tons and some shipipng men who heard this description expressed the opinion that she was an armored cruiser disguised

after she was picked up the vessel was lightship: lost again in the fog. Nantucket lightship, the outpost for lightship bound west at 7:20." westbound shipping, is anchored 45

Meantime shipping in the vicinity | lightship at the entrance to New York one of the vessels of the coast patrol marks the turning point for westbound craft heading in for Newport and New York.

The raider was holding the regulation course and would have been within easy striking distance of outward bound shipping. However, so far as known no vesat the time of the hostile thip was

RAIDER OF BIG SIZE.

Boston, April 7-The following message was received today at the Bosas a merchantman. A few minutes ton navy yard from the Nantucket

"Commerce raider passed Nantucket Naval-officials here reported that miles east by south of Nantucket Is- the raider had two masts, a large land and 90 miles east of Newport. It stack and was painted slate color. Her is 193 miles east of Ambrose Channel | size was reported as about 10,000 tons.

# ON GERMANY SOON

New York, April 7-The Cuban congress is expected tonight of soldiers enlisted, but not as yet to declare that a state of war exists between Cuba and the imperial German government, according to a cablegram from E. comforted by their sons. Khaki-clad S. Azpiazu, private secretary to President Menocal, to the Republic of Cuba news bureau here.

#### BRAZIL WILL ACT BY MONDAY

.. London, April 7-The Central News says it is semi-officially side for the quarters to be occupied informed that a declaration of war by Brazil against Germany

#### BELGIAN RELIEF IS SUNK BY U-BOAT

New York, April 7-A cablegram received here by the Belmobiles were also placed in the scout gian relief commission today said that the commission's steamservice, which were useful in dissem- er Anna Fostenes, which left New York on March 3 via Halifax, with a \$350,000 cargo of foodstuffs for Rotterdam, had been

The message read:

"Trevier and Anna Fostenes sunk off Holland."

The loss of the Trevier, a Belgian relief ship torpedoed without warning, and of the Feistein, also a relief ship, presum-The Boy Scouts assisted materially in ably by a mine, was announced several days ago. In view of ders promptly and efficiently. Well the coupling of the names of the Trevier and the Anna Fostenes conceived plans determined between in the latest message the commission has cabled to London for further information.