



RAIDERS OFF U. S. COAST; GERMANS BLOW UP SHIP; RUSH WAR PREPARATIONS

HOLD SHIPS BECAUSE OF SEA RAIDERS

German Commerce Destroyers Sighted Off Nantucket and the Virginia Capes; American Cruisers in Hot Pursuit of Enemy Craft; Merchantment Told to Remain in Port Until Further Notice; Warned by Wireless.

Washington, April 7.—Reports of German commerce raiders off Atlantic ports were flashed along the seaboard to-day and all shipping practically was tied up while naval patrols went out to establish the identity of mysterious ships reported near the lanes. It was the first breath of war at the doors of America and it sent a thrill through the country.

Expect Many Reports Navy officials expect many reports of raiders while the sea coast is at high tension and many such probably will turn out to be unoffending tramps. No precautions are being overlooked, however, and the naval patrol is on the alert to examine all strange ships.

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

Elks Will Turn Their Home Over to Government It was announced this morning that the Harrisburg Lodge of Elks will turn its building over to the Government and that every member pledged his loyal support to the President.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cool to-night and probably Sunday, becoming unsettled by Sunday night; lowest temperature about 36 degrees to-night.

First Alarm Sounded When Supposed Raider Looms Up Out of Fog

Newport, R. I., April 7.—The first alarm of the German-American war was sounded off the New England coast to-day. Just before 8 a. m. the Nantucket shoals lightship flashed to the naval radio station here that a German commerce raider had passed the light ship bound west. Instantly plans of the navy for just such a situation became operative and while they were not disclosed there was assurance that if the raider was sighted she would be given a warm reception.

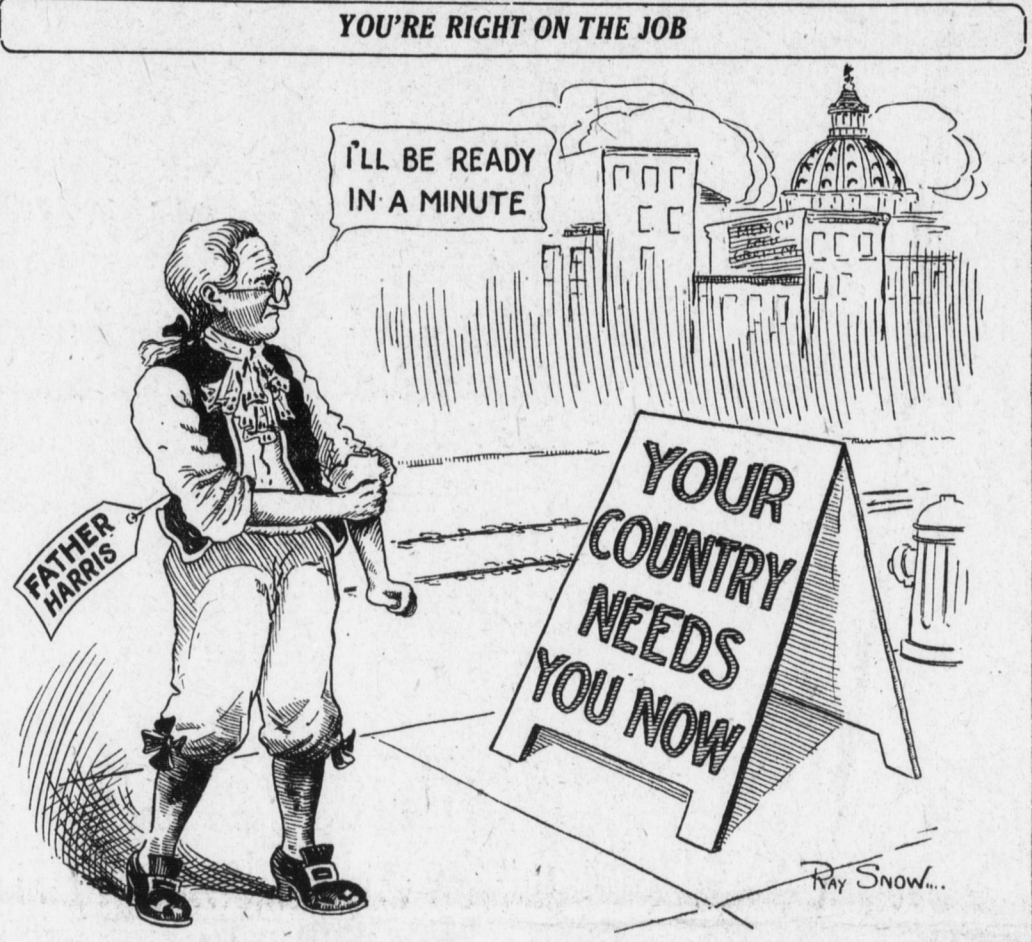
Looms Out of Fog It was at 7:40 o'clock that the war-painted craft loomed out of the fog some fifty miles south of Nantucket Island and about 85 miles east of Newport. She was directly in the lane for westbound shipping and not more than 200 miles by the usual course from New York.

In Shipping Distance Nantucket lightship, the outpost for westbound shipping, is anchored 43 miles east by south of Nantucket Island and 90 miles east of Newport. It is 193 miles east of Ambrose channel lightship, at the entrance to New York harbor, and marks the turning point for westbound craft heading in for Newport and New York.

Railroaders Vie With Each Other in Patriotism

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WHEAT MARKET WILD Chicago, April 7.—The appearance of a supposed German sea-raider followed by a pessimistic government crop report caused wild fluctuations in the wheat market here to-day. May wheat sold at 212, 6 to 6 1/2 cents higher than the previous close. Opening sales were made at 207 1/2 to 206 1/2.



GERMAN WARSHIP IS BLOWN UP IN AMERICAN PORT

Crew Destroys Gunboat Rather Than Surrender It to Federal Authorities Washington, D. C., April 7.—The interned German gunboat Cormorant at Guam has been blown up.

Refused to Surrender The Navy Department's announcement said: "The interned German cruiser Cormorant at Guam refused to surrender, and was destroyed by the crew."

GERMAN ALLIES TO BREAK WITH U. S. IS REPORT

Passports Said to Be Ready For American Embassies in Central Europe London, April 7.—Passports have been placed at the disposal of the American embassy in Vienna, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from The Hague, quoting telegrams received there from the Austrian capital.

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Report Is Denied Washington, D. C., April 7.—Minister Panaretoff, of Bulgaria, said to-day he had received no instructions from his government to break relations with the United States and demand his passports.

CITY RALLYING TO NEED OF U. S. AS WAR STARTS

Polyclinic Hospital Will Be Turned Over to Government if Necessity Arises The Harrisburg Polyclinic hospital, Front and Harris streets, will be turned over to the use of the Federal Government in case of need.

COUNTRY TO FACE SHORT CROP OF WHEAT THIS YEAR

Prospective Slump of 50,000,000 Bushels Is Seen in 1917 Harvest Chicago, April 7.—Accepting wheat crop conditions shown by the government report as a calamity, the wheat market here to-day made sensational advances.

FIRST CALL WILL AFFECT 8,000 IN DAUPHIN COUNTY

That Number of Young Men Between 19 and 25 Years to Be Summoned At least 8,000 men in Dauphin county, between the ages of 19 and 25, will be available for military service if ordered to the colors, according to an approximate estimate based on records at the County Commissioners' office.

American Vice Consul Arrested by Germans

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 dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

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VALLEY RAILWAYS IS WORKING ON TERMINAL PLANS

Municipal League Suggestions Being Followed Out by Engineers While not much is being said regarding the expert survey of the street railway system of Harrisburg now under way, it is stated by those who are familiar with what is going on that a close investigation is being made to the end that there may be radical changes for the improvement and benefit of the service.

BRAZIL SPIRIT HIGH

Sao Paulo, Brazil, April 7.—Great crowds paraded through the streets of the city to-day, singing the national hymn and waving flags. The paraders gathered in front of the newspaper offices, cheering for Brazil and the allies.

NAVAL POWER IS MOBILIZED FOR ACTION

Militia, Reserves and Coast Patrol Units Join Colors For War on Germany; Second Day of War Finds Every Government Agency Working Along Preconceived Lines; Nation May Have to Spend \$500,000,000 For First Year's Work.

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

The Navy and its newly organized powerboat coast patrol squadron was being mobilized; naval militia and naval reserves were complying with orders to join the colors.

Officials had about determined to start after the cabinet's council of war last night. The House Military Committee met to-day to hear Secretary Baker's explanation of the army general staff bill to draft and train one million young men within a year and the accompanying three billion-dollar budget, all of which had President Wilson's announced approval.

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 an \$18,000,000 saving in the navy's 1917 steel bill; the Treasury Department devised means of raising funds, subject to Congressional authorization; and the Department of Agriculture set forth on a movement to increase and conserve the nation's supply of foodstuffs and to simplify distribution.

Many other similar activities were started after the cabinet's council of war last night. [Continued on Page 20]

CUBA MAY DECLARE WAR TO-NIGHT

New York, April 7.—The Cuban congress to-night is expected to declare war on Germany according to a cable message from E. S. Azpiazu, private secretary to President Menocal.

BRITISH LOSE 44 AIRPLANES

Berlin, April 7.—The entente allies yesterday lost 44 airplanes on the western front, says an official statement to-day by the army headquarters staff. Five German airplanes did not return from their air battle.

CANNON FIRE HEAVY ON FRENCH 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 Gruigies. German reconnoitering forces caught under the fire of French guns were dispersed.

RUMOR CARRANZA'S FALL

El Paso, April 7.—A rumor spread in El Paso last night that a revolt had taken place in Mexico City and General Carranza had been imprisoned, but government officials here said the rumor was without basis so far as they know.

PRESIDENT WILSON CONGRATULATED

Washington, April 7.—President Wilson to-day received cablegrams from King George of England and King Victor Emmanuel of Italy congratulating the people and the government of the United States on their entrance into the war against Germany.

TURKS MAY GO HOME

Washington, April 7.—It was made clear at the Turkish embassy here to-day that no surprise would be occasioned if instructions should be received to ask for passports.

RUSSIANS WANT KAISER DETHRONED

Petrograd, April 7.—Minister of Justice Kerensky said in an interview to-day that if the German people would follow the Russian example and dethrone their emperor, "we offer the possibility of preliminary negotiations."

EASTER MARRIAGE LICENSES

Leroy A. Houser, Middletown, and Mary Ellen Rensell, Grantham. Truman B. Cable and Esther E. Yungst, Lower Swatara township. Joseph F. Holtzman, Steelton, and Annie A. Deibler, Killinger. R. Lambert Frank, Millersburg, and Katherine Fottiger, Halifax township.