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GERMAN SHIPS SEIZED BY UNITED STATES

ALL PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR HOSTILITIES AGAINST GERMANY

PRESIDENT WILSON SIGNS THE WAR RESOLUTION

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASS MEASURE BY 353 TO 50 AMIDST THE MOST DRAMATIC SCENES—IMMEDIATE ACTION TO BE TAKEN—THE NAVY MOBILIZED

(Special to The Daily News.)
Washington, April 7.—Exactly at 11 a.m. yesterday President Wilson signed the joint resolution passed by both the Senate and the House declaring a state of war existing between the United States and Germany. Just as soon as the signature of the President had been affixed to the document, the Navy Department flashed out from the government wireless station to the warships at sea and to all forts in the United States secret orders covering precautionary steps within and without the nation. Because of their military and naval nature these orders are of course not being made public. The Swiss minister who has been taking charge of the affairs of the German Embassy, since the departure of Count Bernstorff, was informed by the State Department of the action of the government and he will communicate with Berlin.

In the House.
Amidst the most dramatic scenes ever witnessed in Congress the House of Representatives passed the resolution formally declaring Germany an enemy by a vote of 373 to 50. For the first time in modern constitutional history, a woman has voted on the war question. Miss Rankin, representative for the state of Montana, with a "sob and protest of love for her country" voted against the resolution.

War Budget.
President Wilson meets his cabinet today to further consider the subject of finances. The first great war budget asking for over three and a half billions is up for discussion in the House Appropriations Committee. Further billions of dollars and two million men of military age will be required within the next two years, and measures covering both these great needs are drafted and ready for Congressional action.

Voluntary Army.
The President plans to enlist a voluntary army until in his judgment a resort to selective draft is desirable. A beginning will be made soon, however, in the raising of additional forces by selective draft, and men whose ages range from 19 to 25 will be called upon. The quotas in all states for these forces will be in proportion to their population.

Proclamation.
The President has issued a stern proclamation which is principally directed at alien enemies and it applies to all males of fourteen years and upwards. The activity of enemy spies will be curbed.

Secretary Daniels has ordered the mobilization of the navy. In the Senate, the Deficiency and the Defensive Appropriations Bills are passed.

MEXICANS ARE ON THE MARCH

(Special to The Daily News.)
El Paso, April 7.—Carranza troops are marching in the direction of the American border. Their movements are being closely watched by the United States forces. Scores of Germans are being detained here by the Department of Justice in connection with the investigations of the German plots against the United States in Mexico.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION AT FERNIE MINES

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ferne, April 7.—A terrific explosion occurred here on Thursday night, when Coal Creek Mines Nos. 2 and 3 were totally wrecked by the accident. The death toll is known to be at least thirty-four. Early this morning four bodies had been recovered which were very badly mangled. The condition of the bodies which have been recovered indicates that all of the thirty-four must have perished.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

(Special to The Daily News.)
Senators Stone and La Follette were hanged in effigy in the streets of Washington amid tremendous cheering when the House discussed war.

The American minister in France has cabled to the State Department in Washington that the barbarous acts of the Germans in France hold no parallel in the history of the world.

The president of Cuba wants to break with Germany. He asks his Congress to declare a state of war existing.

German U boats are reported on the trade routes off New York. Brazil may declare war on Germany. The sinking of the Brazilian steamer Parana, killing three citizens, has aroused deep resentment and acute anti-German feeling.

Unless the embargo on the exports of wheat is lifted, Britain threatens an embargo on coal. The withdrawal of coal supplies would tie up the trade of the whole country.

WESTHOLME THEATRE

At the Westholme tonight is to be screened an all-star cast in "The Salamander." This is a Paramount production and is one of great merit. The heroine of the play, the "Salamander," who comes through the fire without being scorched, is a great character and the whole play is one of great interest. There is also a Topical Budget, depicting the latest events of recent days, and the orchestral programme has been chosen with great care and is of a high order.



UNCLE SAM COMMITS AN OVERT ACT.—Wilhelm: "Lieber Gott! You ran right in my way." Cartoon from Baltimore American

GRAND CONCERT IN METHODIST CHURCH

The oratorio "Christ and His Soldiers," given in the Methodist Church last night, once again witnessed to the high standard of musical ability attained by the people of Prince Rupert. This oratorio is deservedly popular in the older cities and in its rendering last night, the choir under the direction of Mr. John E. Davey, reached a very high standard of excellence. The attack and ensemble was very good, and the parts were well balanced. In expression the marks were high and the interpretation was also good. The principals did excellently. Mrs. Jarvis McLeod in the soprano solos, excelled herself and was in very good voice. The contralto, Mrs. Bernhoff, made her first appearance to a Prince Rupert audience, and sang very sweetly. Mr. C. A. G. Armstrong, notwithstanding a throat affection, gave a very good interpretation of the militant tenor solo, and a very sympathetic one of the other. Mr. Meth Davies, who took the bass solos, was in good voice and sang with very great expression. The orchestra did very well indeed with the accompaniments, and with Mrs. Armstrong at the organ, the whole oratorio was a distinct success, and reflects great credit indeed on all who participated in it. The one outstanding feature in the programme of all round excellence was the quartette sung by the four principals. The voices blended very well, and it was a very fine rendering, and brought out the spirit of the piece. A very large and enthusiastic audience heard the oratorio with great pleasure.

HALIBUT ARRIVALS

The arrivals of fishing boats yesterday were more numerous. The Lincoln has 8,000; Fairbanks, 4,000; Pioneer, 50,000; Altin, 60,000; Hoidal, 4,000; Roald, 18,000; Joe Baker, 3,000; Agnes B., 3,000; and Iona, 1,000. Today the Gioa has arrived with 4,000 and the Venus with 5,000 pounds. There was a special train of seven cars despatched for the east this morning.

About 400 pounds of spring salmon also arrived yesterday. The red springs sold for 16½ cents and the white for 6 cents per pound.

Many new goods for Easter—Wallace's.

DIVERSION BY GERMANS TO RELIEVE ST. QUENTIN

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, April 7.—One of the most powerful "diversions" attempted by the Germans for months past was made yesterday against the French line to the northwest of Rheims. Picked forces of the enemy were hurled suddenly against the French line and the fighting in this sector is proceeding still with unabated violence. This diversion is a desperate effort on the part of the Germans to relieve the tremendous pincer-like grip now being exerted by the British and French around St. Quentin. At the first attack the French were forced to relinquish a few trenches, but succeeded in recapturing them very soon. Meantime, the British and French movement is systematically encircling St. Quentin.

NEGRO REBELLION NIPPED IN THE BUD

(Special to The Daily News.)
Birmingham, Alabama, April 7.—The third arrest in connection with the German plots to incite the negro population of the Southern States to rebel was made today. The arrest was made by government agents, when a negro addressing members of his race declared that they should join Germany in the war. Social equality and unrestricted franchise and good pay were the chief things promised by the German instigators of the plot. It was also proposed that the negroes should take possession of the State of Texas and set up a black republic of their own. Another plot, or part of the same plot has been unearthed whereby the negroes working in the various coal mines and industrial plants were to dynamite the mines and factory buildings. Federal troops are en route from Montgomery to be scattered over the industrial districts in the preserving of order.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Morning worship will be devoted to the junior congregation. Easter services in the evening with special music by the choir; solos by Mrs. McMillan, Messrs. Davies and Davis, and flute solo by Mr. Hoelscher. Everyone welcome.

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THE BRITISH GAINS IN FRANCE
This map is brought right up to date.

RUPERT BOYS ARE AFFLICTED WITH MULES

Writing from a camp in the south of England, some very amusing descriptions of military life have reached town from Donald Crerar, late of the Grand Trunk staff here. Donald joined the artillery last spring and went overseas in the fall. Harry Welford, of the express office, is in the same company and both boys have been "expecting to go to France with the next draft, for some time."

They occasionally meet other men from Rupert, the last one being Captain Bay, whose regiment was camped alongside them for a few weeks.

"We have been afflicted with mules in this camp and no one can have any idea how my vocabulary has been increased, when the dear, gentle creatures are a little more adverse than usual. Stubborn! Why, the Conservative and the Presbyterian in an argument are angels compared with them. They also have a nasty habit of kicking like a steer."

The other day my mule had a mean fit and puffed himself up when I was saddling him, so as I couldn't get the girth around him. On administering a gentle poke to make him withdraw his breath, I suddenly found myself in the corner of the stall, getting lambasted good and plenty. My time was not up but the mule didn't think so."

Donald's letter writing was done to the accompaniment of poker games and a hired piano. The latter was being "tickled up" for the latest popular song, "O Long, Long Trail." "Often through the night we are wakened up with loud cheers, and then the band strikes up that march and we know another draft is leaving for France to finish the great adventure."

"I'm not sorry a bit I've joined up and I hope to help avenge our fallen comrades. What others have gone through in France we should be able to stick."

Donald's many friends in town will be glad to know of his well-being.

DESTROY WIRELESS

(Special to The Daily News.)
Portland, Me., April 7.—Federal officials destroyed a concealed wireless plant discovered near here yesterday.

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ATTENTION LADIES

New lines of sport shoes and high boots, rubber soles and heels just arrived in time for Easter. At Peck's Shoe Store.

GERMAN SHIPS ARE SEIZED BY U.S. MARINES

Crews Taken Prisoners and Ships Taken Possession in Name of United States in All U. S. Ports.

(Special to The Daily News.)
New York, April 7.—In all the American ports today, armed forces of the United States seized all German ships, which have been lying there in most cases since the outbreak of the war. In ports on every coast of the United States proper and in the island possessions, marines went aboard the enemy ships and made their crews prisoners and took possession of the vessels in the name of the Government of the United States. At Hoboken alone eighteen vessels, including the giant Veteranland were taken over. In New York waters twenty-seven vessels were seized. In all the total number of German ships seized is ninety-one representing a gross tonnage of 594,696. The use of these vessels by the government will greatly help the congestion of freight caused by the scarcity of shipping.

BECOMES CHAIRMAN OF CREDITS BOARD

Victoria, April 7.—Maxwell Smith, a well known business man of this province and an authority upon agricultural subjects, has been appointed to succeed Wm. Manson who resigned as chairman of the agricultural credits commission.

The new chairman has been associated with agriculture all his life in one way and another, both in his native province or Ontario and in British Columbia, of which he has been a resident now for many years. He came to the province first as a fruit inspector under the federal government and retired from that to found the B. C. Fruit Magazine, of which he was editor and proprietor for seven or eight years. He has what is often described as a model farm at Deroche, near Harrison Lake.

Has Wide Experience.

Mr. Smith has travelled over every part of the province either as a fruit inspector or in the interests of his magazine, and he is intimately acquainted with its agricultural needs and possibilities. He has frequently been called upon for advice as to the location of demonstration farms, and in other ways his advice has been sought by the government and by farmers' organizations. He has always been keenly interested in the working out of farm problems in B. C., and with the adoption of the system of which he will now be the head. He is a most interesting speaker, and has always been generous with his time and abilities in behalf of all branches of agriculture.

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