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Sunday night. Monday, clearing
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DANGEROUS GERMAN SPIES NABBED

Mexico Looms As Menace To United States

FRANCE NOW A-THRILL BY THE TIDINGS

Paris Gaily Bedecked by The Stars and Stripes to Honor America.

WILSON'S SPEECH IS PROCLAIMED

To Be Read in Schools and Colleges—Minister Whitlock to be Given Big Reception in Paris.

(By United Press.)
Paris, April 7.—Grateful France proposes to honor America and American humanitarian purposes in the war. A ministerial decree issued today ordered that all monuments throughout the republic be decorated with the American colors. The people of France were also asked to display the red, white and blue of America from all homes.

An order was issued through the minister of public instruction for President Wilson's speech to the joint session of the American Congress to be read in all schools and colleges throughout France, on a date to be selected very soon.

Paris is already being flagged with the Stars and Stripes. It is almost impossible to obtain additional flags from Paris stores today, as all are sold out.

Minister of Public Instruction Steeg tonight issued a formal manifesto warmly eulogistic of the lofty ideals of American liberty. He ordered that the heads of all schools read both President Wilson's address and President Poincaré's answer, as well as various speeches by the members of the Senate, to all students after the Easter vacation.

The President's speech will also be posted on all billboards throughout France.

AMERICAN MINISTER WHITLOCK, FROM BRUSSELS, WAS DUE IN PARIS TONIGHT.

He will be accorded a tremendous reception here, not only because of the gratitude which the French and Belgians feel toward him on account of his work in Belgium, but also because he comes at a time when all France feels deeply moved toward America and Americans.

BLEW UP SHIP IN BOLD DEFIANCE

GERMAN CREW SUNK GUNBOAT RATHER THAN TURN OVER TO AMERICA.

(By United Press.)
Washington, April 7.—First blood in the war with the Kaiser has been spilled.
German officers of the commerce raider, Cormorant, interned in Aprahador, Guam, blew up the vessel as it was about to be seized by a considerable force of United States marines.
One German warrant officer and an enlisted man are dead, with another officer and five men "missing."
The remainder of the ship's complement, 32 officers and 321 men, were taken prisoners and are tonight under heavy military guard.
The Cormorant was the only one of the 90-odd German ships interned in the harbors of the United States which forcibly resisted seizure.
The Cormorant, interned since early in the European war, was formerly the steamer Riasen, of the Russian volunteer fleet. She was the first victim of the noted German sea rover, Emden.

SOLDIERS TO BE FULLY EQUIPPED

MODERN WAR PARAPHERNALIA WILL BE GIVEN U. S. FIGHTING MEN.

(By United Press.)
Washington, April 7.—The United States army is to be fully equipped with the modern fighting accoutrements for the great war.
A new steel helmet—much after the pattern of French "saucer caps"—has been approved.
Gas masks—the product of American inventors after extensive study of the French, British and German types—will be furnished.
Hand-grenades are already being manufactured in large allotments.
Formulas and generators for manufacturing "field gases" are in the hands of the department, but no decision has been reached as to whether this country will resort to their use.
Pulmotors, however, for resuscitating victims are to be furnished the army.

BIG NEST OF SPIES HAS BEEN BARED; MANY GUNS FOUND

CUBA IS AT WAR WITH GERMANY

AMID CHEERS FOR UNITED STATES REPUBLIC READY FOR STRIFE.

(By United Press.)
Havana, April 7.—The republic of Cuba declared itself at war with Germany in a joint resolution passed by the Senate this afternoon and approved by the House at 6:10 o'clock tonight.
President Menocal signed the war bill immediately after it was transmitted to him by the House.
The wildest scenes and enthusiasm greeted the passage of the measure in the House. Conservative and Liberal members alike rose frequently to punctuate the speeches of their leaders with cheers and applause. Not one of the leaders neglected to mention the gratitude which Cuba felt towards the United States, and not one of them failed to receive thunderous bursts of applause at such references.
Havana itself gave evidence of enthusiasm. Crowds gathered on the downtown streets and there were various demonstrations of patriotism. It was plain the decision of the President struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the populace.
Following the signing of the state of war declaration by President Menocal, the three German ships, interned in Havana harbor, were seized by the Cuban government. These ships are the Bavara, 3,898 tons, the Kydonia, 2,390 tons, and the Adelheid, 2,476 tons.

ALARM CAUSED BY GREASERS' MOVE TO AMERICAN BORDER

FIVE BILLION BOND ISSUE TO BE MADE BY GOVERNMENT

ONLY THE BEGINNING OF PROVIDING FOR EXPENSES OF THE WAR.

TO LOAN ALLIES TWO BILLIONS.

NO TROUBLE ANTICIPATED IN DISPOSING OF THE BONDS—ASTOUNDING BANK HOLDINGS.

(By United Press.)
Washington, April 7.—The enormous sum of five billion dollars will be raised at once by bond issue for the needs of the United States and her allies. It was officially announced late today.
The money will be raised by popular subscription to the bond issue by the banks and investing concerns. Legislation covering the issue will be introduced early next week in Congress and immediately the bonds will be placed in the market for consumption.
This sum includes the \$3,400,000,000 required to place this country in a position for war and the remainder will be in the shape of a loan to our allies.
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HOMES RAIDED IN CLEVELAND AND VERITABLE ARSENALS DISCOVERED.

NEW MACHINE GUN WAS READY FOR USE.

SEVERAL HUNDRED ARRESTS MADE IN PITTSBURG BY FEDERAL OFFICERS—GOVERNMENT HAS DRAGNET OUT FOR SPIES.

(By United Press.)
Cleveland, Ohio, April 6.—In four raids on homes of German sympathizers late this afternoon, three men were taken into custody and about 200 guns and large quantities of ammunition were confiscated by Federal authorities.
Among the guns was a new machine gun, mounted, primed and oiled. Sabers and a German flag also was confiscated.
One of the men came here from Germany in 1892, another was a Canadian and another said he was American-born and of German parentage.
In one home, 110 Springfield and Mauser rifles were stored in the attic, all in first-class condition.
Scores Nabbed in Pittsburg.
Pittsburg, Pa., April 7.—Scores of Germans and many others suspected of being enemy aliens were rounded up by Department of Justice agents and police here late today. At 8 o'clock the number of arrests exceeded 200.
All were closely examined by United States District Attorney E. Lowrey Humes, and his assistants. Several of those taken into custody were said to be "important prisoners" and were placed in close confinement. The jails were filled with others at least temporarily detained.
Dragnet Is Out.
Washington, April 7.—A nation-wide dragnet is out tonight drawing into
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UNITED STATES OFFICIALS MYSTIFIED AND WORRIED OVER STRANGE TACTICS.

VILLA DECLARES HE IS AGAINST GERMANY

ISSUES PROCLAMATION TO MEXICAN PEOPLE AND TO AMERICA. CARRANZA REMAINS SILENT—GERMAN SPIES ARRESTED IN EL PASO.

(By United Press.)
El Paso, Texas, April 7.—The Mexican border menace assumed alarming proportions tonight when news was received here of a movement northward of Carranzista forces, under General Joaquin, from Torreon. This latest troop movement is in line with a general plan which is being carried out by federal commanders in all Mexican border States who have been ordered to move toward the border and closely follows the reported evacuation of Chihuahua City by General Murguia at the head of 9,000 troops.
Murguia has apparently abandoned the city to the hands of the besieging Villistas and, with his artillery, his troops tonight are aboard trains en route for Juarez, across the border from El Paso.
Carranzista officials offer explanations of each movement, but government officials here are plainly not satisfied with the statement that Murguia's movement is "part of the campaign against the bandits," and they are unable to see the military strategy of Aramo's forces moving into Chihuahua City, which, Carranzistas say, is the destination, when Murguia's troops have turned their fortifications and are evacuating. Murguia's forces have already passed through Jimenez on their way north.
While military sources here are observing a strict censorship, and refused to comment upon the possible object of mobilization of the Mexican federal troops, the concentration of all Mexican government troops in the northern part of the republic, coupled with the silence of Carranza and the Mexican-German propaganda activities, prior to and since the American declaration of war, is considered significant, and is believed to precede the breaking of the long silence from Mexico City.

Military authorities co-operating with Department of Justice officers today, arrested about 15 Germans here. The prisoners were all taken to Fort Bliss.
Some excitement was caused when a provost guard, under Captain Charles Eby, surrounded a German boarding house, searching it, confiscating a quantity of documents and arresting two inmates, a man and a woman. The character of the papers confiscated and the names of those arrested were withheld.

Denying that he made any alliance with German agents and asserting that his sole aim is the overthrow of Carranza, Francisco Villa tonight issued a proclamation directed to the people of Mexico and America. The document, issued at Santa Eulalia, Chihuahua, outlines in part Villa's future operations and declares that he will oppose any attempt to make Mexico a base for German military operations against the United States.

GERMAN PEOPLE SHOW UNREST.

COPENHAGEN, APRIL 7.—UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY ADVISED HERE THAT THE UNITED STATES' ENTRY INTO THE WAR HAS CREATED A PROFOUND IMPRESSION ON THE GERMAN PEOPLE, CAUSING A DISSATISFACTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

The first effect of the entry has been noticed in a falling off in the subscriptions to the war loan on which the government has had placed much dependence. Keen observers of conditions here feel that the condition of dissatisfaction and unrest is likely to become far more serious if military reverses continue.

SOLDIERS ON GUARD AT DURHAM PLANTS.

(By United Press.)
Durham, N. C., April 7.—Heavy guards were placed about Durham's million dollar water-works and large tobacco and cotton plants, following apprehension of suspicious persons loitering in this vicinity. City officials are considering a request to the governor for State troops to patrol the works.

WAYS AND MEANS FOR PROSECUTING WAR CONSIDERED

PRELIMINARY PLANS ARE BEING WORKED OUT BY THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS.

HUNT FOR GERMAN PLOTTERS GOES ON

QUESTION OF CO-OPERATION WITH THE ALLIES DISCUSSED. TRADE TO CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES DISCONTINUED.

(By United Press.)
Washington, April 7.—Preliminary plans for American-Allies war co-operation, and shaping of Congress' acts for raising money and men, were the two potent points of domestic developments today in the drive for victory against Germany.

Five billion dollars to cover the first needs of America and her allies will be raised in the primary bond issue, it was officially announced tonight, at the close of a day of deciding finance matters.
Other bonds will be issued as needed, though the idea still is to make
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BRITISH DRIVING WEDGE FURTHER IN GIANT ATTACK

FRANCE LONGS TO SEE OLD GLORY

GREAT JOY WILL BE CAUSED AT SIGHT OF STAR SPANGLED BANNER IN FRANCE.

(By United Press.)
Washington, April 7.—There will be joy in France when the Stars Spangled Banner flies over that land, "now defiled by German outrages," according to Adrian Mithouard, president of the municipal council of Paris, in a message sent to the State Department today.
The message is a greeting to all cities of America and reads:
"At the hour when the United States is in turn constrained to defend its liberty against the foes of mankind I send the greetings of Paris to all the cities of the Union. For two and half years our friends in America have been dressing our wounds. The gratefulness we owe them is strengthened by a new bond in the brotherhood of arms. The decision of the United States gives its final meaning to this war of the law of nations. The whole universe cries for justice and it will bring us extreme joy soon to see your Star Spangled Banner waving over our land, defiled by German outrages."

REPORTED APPEARANCE OF COMMERCE DESTROYER OFF ATLANTIC PARALYZES SHIPPING SAID TO HAVE SUNK FISHING TRAWLERS

(By United Press.)
London, April 7.—The British have driven their wedge above St. Quentin still further toward the German lines, reaching the outskirts of Fresnoy-Le-Petit, Field Marshal Haig reported tonight.
His statement detailed one of the greatest aerial "drives" ever undertaken since the start of the war. The British casualties were 28 machines. Fifteen hostile machines were seen to crash to earth to destruction and 31 others were known to have been driven down and damaged.
At the time the British airmen made their raids, intense fighting was going on between large formations. Haig declared the enemy suffered heavy casualties.
There were 17 distinct raids wherein bombs were dropped over ammunition depots and railways a long distance behind the German lines.
While British forces were operating a rally their infantry progressed to the ground between the villages of Selency and Jeancourt, reaching the outskirts of Fresnoy-Le-Petit. This village lies only about two miles distant from the main railway line from Cambrai to St. Quentin.
Field Marshal Haig said the number of the British casualties had been established, but that it was not certain as to the number of enemy planes destroyed, although a large number of those shot down in the aerial combat must have been totally
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AMERICAN SHIPS SEARCHING FOR GERMAN RAIDER

FEDERAL OFFICERS RAID HINDU CLUB

SEVERAL ARRESTS MADE—SERIOUS CHARGES TO BE BROUGHT AGAINST THEM.

San Francisco, April 7.—Nine prominent Hindus were arrested here in a raid by Federal officials on the Hindustan Club, the Radical Club and the home of Ram Chandra, a Hindu editor. Ram Chandra, long wanted by the British for alleged revolutionary activity in India, was not at home when the Federal officials rushed in.
Seven Hindus were taken from the Hindustan Club office.
Harviran Singh, taken at the Radical Club, is alleged to be the leader of a Hindu ring. Other Hindus were expected to be arrested before night. It is reported that the Hindus may be charged with setting afoot a military expedition against the British government in India.

GET NEARER GERMAN LINES IN THE BIG THRUST—MANY AIRSHIPS LOST. GREATEST AERIAL DRIVE OF WAR.

ENGLISH COMMANDER DETAILS MIGHTY AIR CAMPAIGN—CIVILIANS KILLED WHEN GERMAN SHIP SUNK.

(By United Press.)
Newport, R. I., April 7.—A German commerce raider was reported off Nantucket today by the Nantucket Shoals Lightship. The report declared the vessel passed the Lightship in the New York-Boston shipping lane, bound west, apparently in the direction of New York.

It is understood several fast naval vessels are in the vicinity where the raider was sighted and her capture is expected momentarily. Word was flashed to the Navy Department at Washington and to all naval stations along the coast warning them of the presence of the hostile ship.

After the first word from the Lightship no further word was received.

RUMOR OF FISHING VESSELS SUNK. GERMAN COMMERCE RAIDER OFF THE NEW ENGLAND COAST WAS TODAY REPORTED TO THE CHARLESTON NAVY YARD.

The message coming from the Nantucket Shoals Lightship said:
"Commerce raider passed Nantucket Shoals Lightship, bound west, at 7:20." The raider was later described as being of slate color with two masts and a large smokestack. Her size was estimated at 10,000 tons. Soon after the report of the raider off the coast rumors were persistent along the water front in Boston that the fishing trawler, Tide and Swallow, had been sunk by a German raider about 100 miles east of Boston. They were fishing near the shoals, where the raider was sighted earlier in the day. Shipping Paralyzed.

NORFOLK, APRIL 7.—THE REPORTED PRESENCE OF A GERMAN RAIDER OFF NANTUCKET HAS PRACTICALLY PARALYZED SHIPPING ALONG THE ATLANTIC COAST.

Steamers scheduled to sail for Boston, Providence and other New England ports did not venture outside the Capes.
Several steamers and tugs already at sea were warned to return to port. There was no interruption in British shipping circles.
Naval officials denied that they had received any reports of a raider off the Virginia coast and British agents stated that the ship sighted by the Nantucket Lightship was probably one of their own armed converted cruisers, which is searching for German vessels. They say the greatest danger to shipping near the American coast will come from submarines.

BRAZIL READY TO DECLARE WAR.

(By United Press.)
Rio de Janeiro, April 7.—Brazil was preparing for war tonight. Demonstrations throughout the republic today apparently indicated a united public opinion in favor of open hostilities against Germany. The "unbridled" sink of Parana by a German U-boat, with loss of three Brazilian citizens among the crew, and the wounding of a number of others, warn the vessel of its fate and to appear after the accident to order any assistance to Parana's lifeboats was the last straw against Germany.