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GERMAN RAIDERS OFF SHORES OF U. S.

MERCHANT SHIPPING STOPPED; NAVY PATROLS HUNTING DOWN TEUTON VESSELS

WHEAT SLUMP GIVES U. S. CAUSE FOR WORRY; GOVERNOR CALLS ON PLANTERS

Mr. Pinkham in Letters to President Urges That Managers of Plantations Take Up Problem of More Agriculture to Make Hawaii Self-Supporting

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—Serious realization came to the federal officials today that the nation must conserve its food stuffs. A prospective and probable slump of 50,000,000 bushels of winter wheat, as compared with the crop of 1915, was reported today based on the individual reports of agents of the government throughout the wheat-producing states and in the big milling and marketing centers. With this slump, the first war-feeding problem confronts the country. The department of agriculture forecasts a winter wheat crop of 430,000,000 bushels, based on the conditions of early April. This is only 63 per cent of the normal crop. The eye crop forecast is 50,000,000 bushels, the largest on record.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 7.—Accepting the government wheat report as a real calamity, the market advanced fractionally here today. May wheat went to 77.12 1/4.

SCHOOLS URGED TO KEEP UP GARDENS AND FEED PEOPLE

The services of the big school organization built up in the Star-Bulletin's school garden contest were put at the disposal of the territorial government today. The editor of the Star-Bulletin communicated with Governor Pinkham and the governor expressed appreciation of the offer and said that every agency will help. Following up the Governor's proclamation encouraging intensified farming in the islands, H. W. Kinney, superintendent of instruction, is today sending a letter to all supervising principals of schools in the territory asking them by all means to keep up every school garden and to keep the school children interested in agriculture in view of a possible tightening of food supplies. The letter in part, which draws attention to the Star-Bulletin's past and future garden contests is as follows: "Now that the school gardens and home gardens are in their prime, it

Wheat Highest Since Civil War

Table with 2 columns: Wheat prices and other market data. Includes 'NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY' and 'Russia Wants Kaiser Along With Nicholas'.

SHIPPERS DO NOT EXPECT TO FIND FOOD SHORTAGE

Letter Contains Assurance That Government Purposes Not to Take Off Steamers

"In answer to your inquiry relative to securing return accommodations in the event of war being declared, I wish to say that the War, Navy and State Departments are authority for the statement that American steamers must be operated between the mainland and the islands, even if war is declared, because of the large Army and Navy personnel in the islands which has to be furnished with supplies."

The above is an extract from a letter received a few days ago by the local agency of the Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company, Fred L. Waldron, Ltd., from General Traffic Manager H. A. Jackson of the company. It was written prior to the United States' declaration of war upon Germany but is of extreme timeliness in furnishing assurance that the government will not commandeer steamship service between San Francisco and Honolulu; to endanger the imported food supply of the territory.

CHARGE POLICE WITH BRUTALITY UPON SOLDIERS

Charges against two policemen of the Honolulu force, declaring them guilty of the most heinous brutality toward two soldiers, have been formally lodged with the municipal civil service commission by General Frederick S. Strong, commanding the Hawaiian department. The charges are contained in documents received by the board late yesterday. A hearing will be held by the commission next Saturday and the police have been notified.

U. S. WILL THROW WEIGHT TO ALLIES

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—That the United States will throw the weight of her army and navy with the Entente Allies appears to be fairly well settled, and the announcement made by the state department late last night that the governments of France and Great Britain have already indicated their willingness to cooperate was taken here to mean that arrangements have been completed by the cabinet to shape the policy of this country in cooperation with that of the Allies fighting a common foe.

Maui Starts On Her Maiden Trip

She's on her way. The new Matson flagship Maui, lineat and biggest liner of the Matson Navigation Company's fleet, is on her maiden voyage to Hawaii nei from San Francisco. At 12:35 this afternoon the local Matson agency, Castle & Cooke, received the following cable message: "Maui sailed; 7476 tons cargo + Honolulu, 1917 Hilo." The new liner is scheduled to reach Honolulu some time Thursday, probably late in the afternoon.

Russia Wants Kaiser Along With Nicholas

PETROGRAD, Russia, April 7.—Minister of Justice Kerensky, in the new cabinet, today issued a statement saying that if the Germans will follow the example of Russia and dethrone their emperor, "we will offer a possibility of preliminary negotiations for peace."

GERMAN GUNBOAT INTERNED AT GUAM, BLOWN UP BY CREW; 2 KNOWN DEAD, MAY BE 5 OTHERS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—Official announcement of the blowing up of the German interned cruiser Cormoran at Guam was given out today by officials as follows: "The German auxiliary cruiser Cormoran has been blown up by the crew, the vessel sinking immediately. One warrant officer and an enlisted man are dead, and a warrant officer and four enlisted men are missing."

APPEARANCE OF RAIDERS IS REMINDER OF U-53'S VISIT

There arrived off the harbor of Newport, R. I., on October 7, the German submarine U-53. That day her arrival was erroneously reported in the despatches as having been at Newport News, Va. It being mentioned that she was supposed to be 17 days from Wilhelmshafen, Germany. Reports from Newport that the captain of the belligerent diver was to send a letter to Count Bernstorff, German ambassador at Washington.

Relief Ship Torpedoed

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—The Belgian relief steamer Anna Fostenes has been sunk by a submarine, with a cargo of grain worth \$350,000.

U-BOAT VICTIMS SUFFER AT SEA

LONDON, England, April 7.—The Danish steamer Esther has been sunk. The men, taking to the boats, were exposed for five days, part of the time to a snowstorm, and when rescued were made to walk.

ENTENTE LOSE MANY AIRPLANES, TEUTONS FEW, BERLIN CLAIMS

BERLIN, Germany, April 7.—According to recent reports, the Entente Allies have lost 44 aeroplanes on the western front, 33 being destroyed in aerial engagements. Five German machines have not returned.

MORE TROOPS ORDERED TO GUARD PEARL CITY

To assist the three troops of the 4th Cavalry already stationed at Pearl City, one more troop was ordered in from Schofield Barracks this morning. Thursday six troops relieved the 32nd Infantry but it was found that the additional guard duty made necessary by the war demanded more soldiers and the extra troop was sent for. The other three troops are stationed at Forts Kamehameha and Shafter.

CHAMBER MEETS MONDAY

Members of the Chamber of Commerce are to meet Monday morning at 10 o'clock to pass a resolution endorsing the action taken by President Wilson and Congress in declaring war on Germany. The meeting will be held in the main end of the roof garden, Young Hotel, and every member of the chamber is asked to be present.

FIRST BREATH OF WAR STIRS THRILL THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

New Army Plans Are Rushed; Finance Measures Operating--Brazil and Cuba About to Declare War Also

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—German raiders—just how many is not known—are hovering off the Atlantic Coast of the United States, presumably ready to strike American shipping. Warning of the presence of the raiders has kept the shipping in port for most of the day, and Uncle Sam's navy vessels are now on the hunt for the Teuton tigers of the sea.

Congress Hastening War Measures; Cuba and Brazil to Join Conflict

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—The second day of America's war with Germany found every agency in action on the lines predetermined and awaiting only congressional action to put them in operation. Congress is now working hard on the new army and finance measures.

BRITISH KEEP UP BIG WEST DRIVE

LONDON, Eng., April 7.—It is reported here that there will be a declaration of war on Germany by Brazil next Monday. One of the grievances which Brazil holds is Germany's taking of the Brazilian steamer Borneo into a German port with 17 of the crew.

GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER SHIPYARDS

That the government has commandeered for war construction purposes all the shipbuilding plants in the United States, the Pacific coast included, is stated in a cablegram received by the inter-island from James A. Kennedy, its president and general manager. The message is in response to a cable sent him three days ago by J. M. Dowsett, first vice-president of the corporation.

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