

VESSELS ARE WARNED THAT U-BOATS LURK IN PACIFIC WATERS

Naval Radio Stations Flash
Messages Following Dis-
patch From Navy Officials

NO LOCATION IS GIVEN

Marine Bases Take Jump Upon Receipt
of News; Reservations on Passenger
Carriers Being Cancelled.

San Francisco, Cal., April 12.—(U. P.)—A sensational rise in marine insurance rates today followed the warning of the navy department that German divers had been reported in Pacific waters. Increases range around 100 per cent, according to steamship owners. While the new rates have not been actually announced, it was understood that rates to Australia will jump from 12 1/2 cents to \$1 per \$100 value; Japan from 12 1/2 to 40 cents; and the route from San Francisco to the canal zone from 50 cents to \$1 to Mexico ports 25 to 50 cents.

Steamship officials fear a falling off in passenger business. Sixty reservations on one line have been cancelled.

San Francisco, Cal., April 12.—(U. P.)—That U-boats are operating or about to operate in the Pacific, was the warning flashed to all vessels at sea today by the naval radio stations on the Pacific coast, following the receipt of a warning to that effect from the navy department at Washington.

This message, sent out by Captain W. W. Gilmer of the Twelfth naval district roused San Franciscans to the new menace as they have never been roused since the European war began.

"To all steamship companies: The following message received from the navy department is herewith quoted for your information:

Keep Lookout for Divers.
"Get in touch at the earliest possible moment with captains and masters of all merchant vessels operating in your district, especially off the coast and at sea, and urge upon them the necessity of keeping a very bright lookout for German submarines and of reporting same immediately by radio to the nearest radio station. Urge upon them the necessity of giving as much detailed information of locality where submarines are seen and any other data that will be of value to the naval forces in searching for these vessels."

"For your information, I would state that information has this day been received that German submarines are operating in the Pacific. Please notify all ships under your control and ask that they spread the news broadcast."

Vessels Receive Warnings.
Just how definite is the information on which the navy department based the warning is not known here, nor is any information available here as to the location of the operating base or of the reported submarines. Acting upon these instructions, Cap-

tain Gilmer instructed the naval radio men to send the navy department warning cracking out over the Pacific. Lieutenant Commander E. C. Wood has taken charge of this work, and by daylight today it was understood that virtually all ships within radio distance had received the word. A number of vessels at sea reported they had masked their lights as soon as the warning was received, and were keeping a sharp lookout for periscopes. For some months rumors, of a more or less vague nature, have been circulating on the Pacific coast regarding the presence of U-boats, but none of these when run down, has revealed any definite information.

Base May Be at Tehuantepec.
One report circulated today, but which could not be confirmed from any source, was that a secret base had been discovered in an isolated district along the west Mexican coast. Officers of the Pacific Mail steamer Newport, which arrived here several days ago, express the belief that if the report of submarine operations proves true, it will be found that some point along the isthmus of Tehuantepec is the operating base. These officers said they heard reports that submarines, in parts, had been secretly shipped by rail across the isthmus to the vicinity of Salina Cruz.

Submarines to Be Reported.
Washington, April 12.—(U. S.)—Commanders of ships in the American merchant marine have been requested to be on the lookout for German submarines throughout the seven seas, the navy department announced Wednesday night. Every shipping company and individual shipowners have been requested by the navy department to forward to the department authorities at once information as to submarines sighted. The request was issued through the navigation and shipping office of the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts.

**TEUTONS TRY
DESPERATELY
TO SAVE LINE**

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cesses so far achieved in the drive was the extraordinary perfection of the British communication and supply services. Front dispatches agreed that despite unprecedented snows, high winds and bitter cold weather, the troops even in the sections of their most speedy advance, had not outdistanced the supply transport.

No army in the history of wars has expended such a supply of ammunition in its fighting as the British army has been expending in the big offensive. General Haig's men are literally blasting their way forward. Every battle front report agrees on the havoc created by the concentrated British fire.

Dispatches today indicated the Germans were desperately draining other sections of the line in massing reserves to oppose further advances by the British.

Field Marshal Reports.
"Early this morning," Field Marshal Haig reported, "we captured two important positions of the enemy lines to the north of Vimy ridge. Astride of the river at Souchez a number of the enemy were taken prisoners."

"Two hostile attacks against our new positions at the northern end of Vimy ridge were driven off by machine gun fire, which inflicted heavy losses on the Germans."

"We made some progress on the Scarpe river."

French Increase Pressure.
Paris, April 12.—(U. P.)—Violent fighting along the French front was reported in today's official statement, indicating possibly the start of a joint French offensive with the British "push."

"Important points" were carried aft-

WOMEN PREPARED TO AID IN CASE OF WAR



MISS GERTRUDE ROBINSON SMITH

New York, April 12.—Miss Gertrude Robinson Smith, of New York state, chairman of the National League for Woman's Suffrage Service, has been busily engaged in organizing women in a score of states into branches of the league for aid behind the lines in case of war.

"The importance of specialized work for women, such as cooking, nursing, wireless operating, auto driving, etc., cannot be overestimated," says Miss Smith. "It is most essential that training in these different lines be seriously taken up by women who wish to be of help. The league will not accept women on the detachment for special service who are not efficiently trained in the work they offer to their country. They must take the regular instruction in these lines and be able to pass the examination we require."

er the most bitter kind of fighting southeast of Coney forest," the war office declared.

"Between the Somme and the Oise there was a violent artillery struggle during the night," the statement said.

"South of the Oise, French troops, following artillery preparation, attacked a German position east of Coney and Quincy Basse, pushing the enemy to the southeast border of Coney forest and after violent fighting carrying important points in the face of heavy resistance. The Germans lost heavily."

"In the region of Neoclesse, there was artillery firing and patrol fighting. North of Lins French reconnaissance penetrated the enemy lines at several points, imprisoning 40 of the enemy."

Germans Take 100 Prisoners.

Berlin, via London, April 12.—(U. P.)—"After frequent fruitless assaults by the enemy, Vimy was lost to us," said today official report.

"South of the Scarpe the enemy thrust strongly against us."

"British attacks on Vimy and near Fampoux were repulsed," the war office said.

"In battles at Bullecourt, the enemy's preliminary success was balanced by a counter thrust. As a result of an engagement at Hargicourt (Hargicourt) to the east of Peronne, more than 100 prisoners and five machine guns were brought back."

**SMALL WOODEN SHIPS
TO MAKE VIRTUAL SPAN
FROM U. S. TO EUROPE**

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Work on ways for the ships has already begun at Jacksonville, Fla.; Beaumont, Texas, and a half dozen other points.

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor has promised all cooperation in supplying labor. Complete mobilization of industry in putting the scheme through has been announced.

To Carry Guns.
Each ship is to be manned by a trained gun crew and equipped with anti-submarine guns and wireless.

Commencing November 1, three ships a day will sail into service.

The plan which President Wilson and the shipping board believe will overwhelm Prussia's U-boats and break the back of the blockade, provides the following:

One thousand 3000 ton wooden ships to be turned out within one year, beginning November 1, 1917.

2000 More for Second Year.
Construction of 2000 more in the second year of the war, if the submarine blockade still remains effective.

This would place a ship every mile from the United States to England.

The ships to cost about \$300,000 each complete—one third the cost of a steel ship of the same tonnage.

Ships to have a normal speed of 10 knots, with extra engines to develop 16 knots on emergency to escape attack.

Ships to be built by private shipyards under contract for their purchase when completed by the shipping board.

The board may then either resell the ships, charter them, or operate them.

At least 70 per cent of the first year's program is to be built on the Pacific coast. The new vessels will be then brought through the canal with lumber cargoes for which service at present freight rates, they will earn \$40,000 apiece—more than enough to pay for the trip.

SHIPBUILDERS ARE READY.

"I am certain shipbuilders will be ready and willing to join in the government's big plan," declared George M. McDowell, Portland manager for A. C. Andersen & Co., owners of the McEachern Shipbuilding Co. of Astoria. "We can lay two keels May 1, be ready with our other four ways in July and have two additional ways started at once, so that we could be building eight vessels at once."

At the Standifer-Clarkson Shipbuilding Co., in North Portland, it is stated that sufficient machinery is on hand to permit of the placing of at least 12 more ways. The present set of three ways will be clear within 90 days.

The Peninsula Shipbuilding Co. can clear up its four ways in 90 days also and has room for four additional ways to the south of its present set of four.

Columbia Co. Has Room.
The Columbia Engineering works has four ways in and filled with vessels. It can clear one within two weeks and the balance within 90 days and has room for eight additional ways just south of its present set. The Clark-Wilson Lumber company, just north of it, is admirably fitted for cutting long timbers and will undoubtedly join in the program.

The Heath Shipbuilding company has four ways in South Portland and a complete machinery installation, ready for such a building program.

Joseph Supple has four ways, two of which he could lay keels within two weeks, for two of the steamers wanted by the government. The two vessels being built now are of the general type wanted by the government, but are to be equipped with oil engines.

12,000 Men Needed.
The Kern-Klerman yard just south of the Hawthorne bridge on the west side has one steamer started which could undoubtedly be put in the water under forced work within 90 days, and has room for four ways.

Capacity of Wilson Brothers yard in Astoria can be doubled, as can the St. Helen's Shipbuilding yard at St. Helens.

To accomplish this program and turn vessels out as fast as the government wishes would require the services of 12,000 men, is the estimate of Portland shipbuilders. From 150 to 250 men can be worked on one hull at a time to advantage.

The machinery installation will require at least another 2500 men additional and the use of many of the machinists now in Portland. The present force of skilled steel workers is busy night and day turning out the steel ships for the Northwest Steel company, Willamette Iron & Steel works, Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation and the Albina Engine & Machine works.

"Boilers can be delivered by the Willamette Iron & Steel works at the rate of one a week if the government desires them," said A. G. Labbe, vice president of that concern. "We would also be able to turn out the winches for two vessels a month at the same time, while Hesse & Martin, the Portland Iron Works and Helser & Uden could turn out a similar amount of side machinery."

"The iron workers of the city welcome the chance of aiding the government in this crisis and promise their unselfish and undivided assistance."

"The only bar to such speed in delivering would be the failure of the eastern manufacturer to deliver material to us. And I believe that can be solved by government aid."

**Roosevelt Army
May Be Organized**

Representative Emerson Will Offer
Resolution Requesting President to
Accept ex-President's Proposition.

Washington, April 12.—(U. S.)—Representative Emerson, Republican, Ohio, announced that today he would offer a resolution tomorrow requesting the president to accept the offer of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt to organize an army of volunteers.

The Emerson resolution will ask that Colonel Roosevelt be authorized "to organize an army of 100,000 men, or such number as he may desire, under rules to be made by the war department."

"The reasons for such a resolution," said Mr. Emerson, "is that a volunteer army is always better than a drafted army, and there are thousands of young men who have such confidence in and admiration for Colonel Roosevelt that they will volunteer under him. An army is no stronger than its commander, and men will fight better if they have confidence in their leader."

**Bulgaria Breaks
With United States**

Paris, April 12.—(U. P.)—The American minister to Bulgaria has been handed his passport and has left Sofia, according to a dispatch from the Bulgarian capital reaching here via Zurich, Switzerland, today.

No Official Report Received.
Washington, April 12.—(U. P.)—The state department said no word of a break with Bulgaria has been received. At the Bulgarian legation it was stated that no news of any kind had reached the legation from the home government "for some time."

**Two Army Deserters
Return to Colors**

Grand Junction, Colo., April 12.—(U. S.)—John A. Mahon, first sergeant of Troop M, fourth cavalry, and Private Max Skeleph of the same troop, who are said to have admitted having deserted from the United States army at Calexico, Cal., on March 6, today answered the call of patriotism by surrendering to Corporal Hawkins, in charge of the army recruiting station here. Mahon has been in the service 13 years. Both are anxious for return to duty in order to fight Germany.

**American Schooner
Victim of U-Boat**

Washington, April 12.—(U. P.)—Captain Charles Willard, South Portland, Maine, was reported captured along with the owner of the schooner Marguerite, New York, which was attacked by a submarine off Sardinia, according to the state department cables this afternoon.

**Zapatistas Hold Up
Train, Kill Several**

Laredo, Texas, April 12.—(U. P.)—Zapatistas held up a train at Gonzales Junction, 59 kilometers from Queretaro, late Monday, killing several passengers and the entire Carranzista escort, according to survivors arriving at Nuevo Laredo last night. They declared no American has been killed.

American Killed in Action.
Ottawa, Ont., April 12.—(U. P.)—Today's casualties contained the name of Lance Corporal L. E. Randall of Clinton, Kansas, who is reported killed in action.

3 DAYS, STARTING TODAY

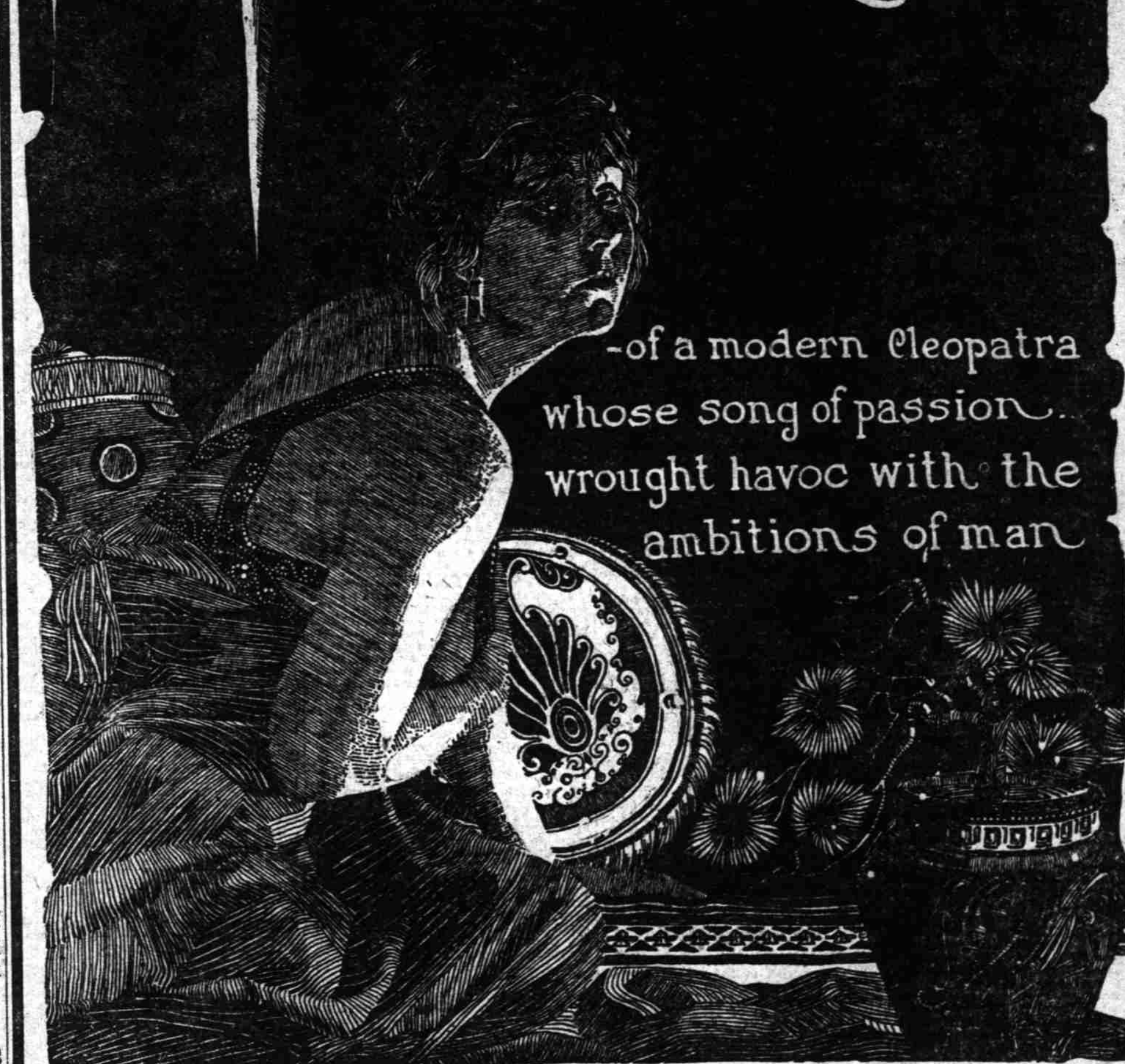
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COMMERCE CHAMBER MOBILIZING THE CITY'S INDUSTRIES FOR WORK

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necessary. This will entail considerable expense toward putting in the necessary lighting equipment in yards."

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