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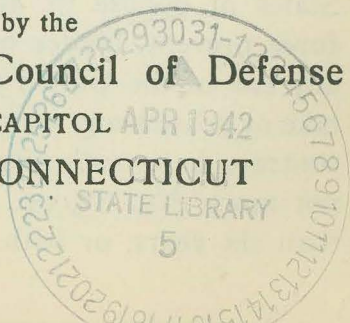
The President's Proclamation
of April 16, 1917, to
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is called to the following matter
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The President's Proclamation of April 16, 1917, to Citizens and Aliens

as Reported in the Press

In order that all persons in the United States shall know of the penalties attached to a failure to perform their duties to the United States, the President on April 16, 1917, called attention to the following laws:

1. Levying war against the United States or adhering to its enemies, giving them aid and comfort, constitutes THE CRIME OF TREASON.

2. Whoever is CONVICTED OF TREASON shall suffer death or be imprisoned for not less than five years, and fined accordingly to the gravity of the offense, but not less than \$10,000. Such persons shall be forever incapable of holding a United States office.

3. Whoever HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMMISSION OF TREASON against the United States conceals and does not make known the same to the President, the governor or a judge, is guilty of *misprison* of treason, and shall be imprisoned not more than seven years, and fined not more than \$1,000.

4. If two or more persons *conspire* to overthrow or destroy the Government of the United States or oppose its authority by force, or by force prevent, hinder or delay the execution of any law of the United States, or by force seize, take or possess any property of the United States contrary to its authority, they shall each be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than six years, or both.

The Courts have decided:

That aliens living in the United States owe it allegiance and must obey its laws;

That the use of force or the attempt to use force against the Government of the United States or its agents is treasonable;

That the handling of any property with the intention that the enemy shall thereby be assisted to injure the United States is treasonable;

That an act or publication of statements or information which aids the enemy is treasonable;
and

That the direction, aiding, counseling or countenancing of any of the foregoing acts is treasonable.

Such acts are treasonable whether committed in the United States or elsewhere.

The President closes by warning all citizens of the United States and all aliens in the United States to abstain from committing any and all acts which would constitute a violation of the above laws.

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