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The Sentinel's News A Quarter Of Century Ago

War feeling was rife. The formal declaration of war against Germany was only a few days away. A German raider was reported to have sunk eleven vessels off the South American coast. President Wilson called for an army of 1,200,000 men.

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Santa Cruz was ready to do its part in the war. The local division of the naval militia was holding itself in readiness to go into Uncle Sam's active armed forces. The public was told that ringing of bells all over the city would be the signal that the call for its departure had come and that a farewell demonstration would be staged at the post office.

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Plans for raising a regiment of volunteers in San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey counties were advanced, with a full company from Santa Cruz. Laveaga Park was offered the United States for a training camp site.

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Senator Benson of Santa Clara introduced in the legislature a bill for a state defense council with \$100,000 appropriation to finance its activities. Its passage was so rapid that it came up before Governor Stephens for signature before the public had realized its purport.

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C. C. Moore of Santa Cruz, president of the Ocean Shore railroad, offered that line to Uncle Sam as a strategic military road.

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A fire in the Walnut avenue bakery, J. J. O'Brien proprietor, burned 150 barrels of flour. The flames started from blazing grease in a doughnut kettle.

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The Sentinel bought for \$250 an attachment to its typesetting machine which would set headline letters.

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Harry Hooper of Capitola, star outfielder of the Boston Red Sox, left for the east to join his team.

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Two new tennis courts were built at the high school.

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The city council fixed water rates for outside the municipal limits as \$1 a month for a house of four rooms or less, \$1.25 for a five-room house and \$1.50 for six rooms.