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# Sedition Law Now Effective: Bill Imposes Prison Sentence of Twenty Years and \$10,000 Fine

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WASHINGTON, May 30 [1918].—President Wilson has signed the sedition bill, the most drastic measure of the kind ever enacted.

It imposes a prison sentence of 20 years, a fine of \$10,000 or both on any person who—

"Writes, prints or utters anything tending to obstruct a liberty loan campaign, recruiting for the army or navy, or anything vilifying the government or officials or tending to incite resistance to them, or who by word or deed favors the cause of Germany or her allies."

It takes away mail privileges from persons convicted of violating them. If a man violates the act, no mail addressed to him and none sent out by him will be delivered.

It is one of a trio of laws Wilson asked Congress to enact to strengthen the government in dealing with internal enemies. The others are bills penalizing sabotage and destruction of war materials, and that including women under the terms of the enemy alien law. All are now in effect.

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