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CONGRESS CONVENES. CLARK IS ELECTED SPEAKER

PRESIDENT IS READY TO SPEAK TO CONGRESS

WILL APPEAR BEFORE JOINT SESSION AT 8 O'CLOCK TONIGHT.

CHAMP CLARK ELECTED SPEAKER BY 217 TO 205

Resolutions Will Be Introduced Declaring War—State of Belligerency Will Probably Be Recognized—Compulsory Military Training Bill Is Under Consideration—President To Be Authorized to Prepare National Defense.

TO TAKE GERMAN SHIPS
Washington, April 2.—(United Press)—The government plans taking ninety interned German ships to American ports when war is declared.

Washington, April 2.—(United Press)—A vigorously phrased resolution calling for immediate declaration of war was introduced in Congress today.

Representative Gardner, Republican of Massachusetts, dropped the resolution into the "resolutions basket," before the House met.

Washington, April 2.—(United Press)—The vote stood: Clark, two hundred and seven; Mann, two hundred and five; Gillett, two; Leavelle, two.

Blind Representative Schall, Minnesota, independent, who was expected to vote for Mann, stirred the house when nominating Clark. "Today," he said, "there should be just one party, that American. I would be useless on the battlefield with sightless eyes, but I will do my duty with the light God gave me."

Washington, April 2.—(United Press)—President Wilson goes before Congress in joint session at 8 o'clock tonight to deliver his war message.

This was officially announced after Representative Kitchen, the Democratic floor leader recommended plan. Throughout the day the President awaited the completion of the House organization so he could deliver his messages.

The Weather.
Portland, April 2.—(United Press)—The weather forecast: "Showers, cooler."

Flour Jumps 20 Cents.
Portland, April 2.—(United Press)—Flour reached a new high record today, eight dollars and eighty cents a barrel. This is an advance of twenty cents today.

J. D. Lynch, while cranking an automobile last evening broke his arm between the wrist and the elbow. Mr. Lynch is at the office today with his arm in splints.

HOHENZOLLERN REGIME IS A BAR TO PEACE

Petrograd, April 2.—(United Press)—"We cannot shake hands with the German people until they rid themselves of the cursed Hohenzollerns," declared Vice President Shoboleff, of the Duma. "The Kaiser and von Bethmann Hollweg are the most redoubtable enemies of Russian liberty." President Rodzianko, of the Duma, has promised to submit the question of equal franchise to the constituent assembly.

Knights of Columbus Thanked by President

The Knights of Columbus who telegraphed offering President Wilson their hearty support in the present crisis today received the following acknowledgement direct from the White House: "The White House, Washington:—The President deeply appreciates your very generous and patriotic proffer of your services, and he wishes in this informal way to express his very grateful thanks."

TRIO ON A HIKE SPENDS NIGHT IN THE HILLS

CONSIDERABLE ALARM FELT OVER ABSENCE AND PARTY IS ORGANIZED FOR SEARCH

Considerable alarm was felt today over the fact that Roy Currey, Gean Good and A. M. Sanborn, the latter a traveling man from Portland, who started out on a hike up Deal Canyon yesterday had not returned.

Fred B. Currey immediately organized a search party and started out to look for them.

At 11 a. m. the trio returned, and Roy Currey then immediately started out to recall the search party.

It seems that Roy Currey, Gean Good, Mr. Sanborn and Clyde Robertson, night clerk at the Sommer hotel, started out yesterday for a hike in the hills. Mr. Robertson returned earlier in the afternoon. The party found the going very bad, and Mr. Sanborn, who is a large heavy man became exhausted by continually breaking through the crust of snow. When the party saw they could not make the return trip by last night, they built a fire and camped under a tree. None of the party is any the worse for the trip.

WAR MARKET BREAKS

New York, April 2.—(United Press)—The war market broke on the stock exchange the last few minutes of trading this afternoon. "War brides" advanced two to six points. On curbs the gains were one to one and one-half points on war stocks. Cotton future advanced one dollar and a half.

Miss Sadie Young, of La Grande, has been visiting the Penlands of Helix.

Bluestem Goes to \$1.77.
Portland, April 2.—(United Press)—Bluestem reached a dollar and seventy-seven today, a new local record. All wheat advanced from three to five cents since Saturday.

SENATOR LODGE IS ATTACKED BY TWO PACIFISTS

Washington, April 2.—(United Press)—Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, aged sixty-seven, was knocked down and painfully injured in a clash with two Bostonians, Alexander Bannwart and Mrs. Anna Peabody.

Bannwart started the argument opposing war. It is said Bannwart struck Senator Lodge, flooring him. David Herman, a telegraph operator, heard the fight and attacked Bannwart.

The Senate office building was the scene of the fight. It was thronged at the time. Hundreds of pacifists and anti-pacifists were present. Excitement was intense. Bannwart and Mrs. Peabody were arrested.

CONGRESS MEETS IN EXTRA SESSION TODAY TO RECEIVE PRESIDENT WILSON'S MESSAGE

BY J. P. YODER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, April 2.—Congress met in extra session here today to receive a message from President Wilson in which he is expected to declare that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany; and to demand that he be delegated complete powers, as Commander-in-Chief of the land and sea forces of the country, to cope with the situation.

This action marks the climax of almost three years' effort on the part of the Chief Executive to peacefully force the protection of lives and property of American citizens from the effects of ruthless German submarine warfare.

The President is expected to inform Congress that a state of war between the United States and Germany has existed ever since the sinking of the American steamer Algonquin, March 12.

Commercial, industrial and man-power mobilization of our forces have made great strides since the President suddenly issued his call to the nation's legislative body ten days ago; and so definite has been the conviction that aggressive war is to be waged upon Germany they stand ready at this moment, awaiting only official word from Congress to go ahead.

Munition and shipbuilding plants are prepared to serve the equipment for the sea and land forces and the present session of Congress is expected to pass a universal service measure.

Today's historic situation resulted directly from Germany's repudiation of her submarine pledges of a year ago and the resumption of ruthless submarine warfare in an attempt to starve England into submission.

The first American ship to go down at the hands of a German submarine commander following the German decree establishing a submarine blockade zone around England, February 1, was the Housatonic. This ship was sunk without warning on February 3. This was followed by the sinking of the Lyman M. Law on February 13, the Algonquin on March 12 and the Vigilancia, City of Memphis and the Illinois on March 18.

All these were American ships and all of them, with the exception of the City of Memphis, were sunk without warning. The Captain, four Americans and four of other nationalities are missing from the City of Memphis and 15, including several Americans, are missing from the Vigilancia.

The big question that stares the country in the face today is: What will Congress do.

Representative Jeanette Rankin of Montana, the first woman in Congress, is present and will vote on the war questions.

The session beginning today was expected to be the most momentous since the Civil war, by reason of the critical situation which caused its being and the vital incidents, many unprecedented, which marked the interim between the close of the Sixty-four Congress March 4 and the opening of the new Congress today.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, Public interests require that the Congress of the United States should be convened in extra session at 12 o'clock noon, on the 2d day of April, 1917, to receive a communication concerning grave matters of national policy which should be taken immediately under consideration;

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Congress of the United States to convene in extra session at the Capitol in the city of Washington on the 2d day of April, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons thereof are hereby required to take notice. Given under my hand and the seal of the United States of America the twenty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-first.

(Seal)

WOODROW WILSON.

By the President:

ROBERT LANSING, Secretary of State.

Business Men Meet Tomorrow Noon

Tomorrow noon at the Foley hotel, the weekly Merchants' luncheon will be held. F. L. Meyers is chairman of the day and he has arranged for three able speakers, A. A. Smith of Baker, H. Y. Perley of the O.-W. R. & N. Co. of Portland, and A. W. Grilley, physical director of the Portland Y. M. C. A. Those wishing plates please notify Mr. Meyers at the La Grande National Bank.

GENERAL HAIG AND TROOPS IN SIGHT OF LINE

FROM RIDGE DOMINATING ST. QUENTIN BRITISH CAN SEE THE TOWN.

London, April 2.—(United Press)—General Haig's troops are in sight of the Hindenburg line.

The sharpness of the wedge driven toward St. Quentin remains unblunted. From the ridge dominating St. Quentin the British see the town, not four miles distant.

The French advanced three miles toward what is believed to be the key to the position on the Hindenburg line.

London is expecting tremendous fighting in this district.

Battlefront dispatches say Germans are striving to complete concrete gun foundations enabling the opposition to the further allied advance by the use of their heaviest guns.

La Grande Elks Are Loyal To Government

La Grande Elks last night sent the following telegram to the President pledging him and Congress their loyal support in the present crisis:

Woodrow Wilson, President of U. S. A.: La Grande Lodge No. 433 B. S. O. E. is with you in this crisis. There is no question as to the attitude and loyalty of the members of this lodge. We are ready to endorse any action the President and Congress may take to uphold the honor of our country. We are Americans and stand ready to do our duty.

N. A. DESILET,
Exalted Ruler.

Looking for Recruits.
S. Watson, chief quartermaster of the U. S. Navy, is in La Grande today looking for recruits. Anyone wanting to join, should see Quartermaster Watson at the recruiting office in the postoffice before noon tomorrow.

James McLaughlin, Jr., of La Grande, visited his parents at Echo last week.

Mrs. J. D. Sullivan Dies In La Grande

Mrs. Addie Manlove Sullivan, wife of J. D. Sullivan, died at 1:20 p. m. Saturday. She was born at Augusta, Illinois, Jan. 9, 1850; married to J. D. Sullivan Sept. 18, 1881 at La Cynne, Kansas; moved to Oregon 1889 and La Grande in 1893. She leaves an aged father and two brothers in Kansas besides a husband and three children here, Mrs. Lou Richards and Miss Ethel Sullivan, of this city; and Clyde L. Sullivan, of Joseph. She was a charter member of the Degree of Honor, and also a member of the Women of Woodcraft who will officiate tomorrow at the funeral.

Death of Mrs. Cantrell.
Eliza Cantrell, aged resident of the Summerville district died at the family residence three miles west of Summerville yesterday afternoon.

MOTOR CAR IS IN SERVICE, TRAVEL BRISK

ELGIN, ALICEL, IMBLER AND ISLAND CITY SEND DELEGATIONS TO LA GRANDE.

LOCAL BUSINESS MEN PAY VISIT TO NEIGHBORS

Car Is Convenient and Well Arranged—Service Is Good and Is Expected to Benefit All Towns on the Route—Trip to Hot Lake May Be Arranged—Car Is Christened "Morrison's Submarine."

Elgin, Alicel, Imbler, Island City and intermediate points joined hands today in inaugurating the new motor car service on the branch line.

La Grande business men yesterday paid a fraternal visit to their neighbors and took the first trial trip over the line. The car is convenient, well arranged and well equipped, and there was much commendation of the new service yesterday. Superintendent Bollons and other officials accompanied the La Grande party who were cordially welcomed at each stop.

This morning the motor car brought delegations from Elgin, Alicel, Imbler and Island City as well as other points, and they were cordially welcomed with the band on their arrival and also by a committee of business men.

Among those coming in today were L. B. Tuttle of Elgin, and Edwin

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Resolution Calls For War Declaration

Washington, April 2.—(United Press)—Chairman Flood, of the House Foreign Committee, announced the following resolution declaring war, is to be introduced as soon as the organization is completed: "Whereas the recent course of Germany is nothing less than war against the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House Representatives that a state of belligerency thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared.

"The President is authorized to take immediate steps to put the country in a thorough state of defense and also to expert all power and to employ all resources to carry on war and to bring the conflict to a successful conclusion."

Pacifists Are Dispersed.
Washington, April 2.—(United Press)—Municipal and capitol police, some of them mounted men, dispersed a pacifist demonstration in front of the steps of the capitol. Approximately fifteen hundred pacifists were involved in the plot.

Compulsory Military Training.
Washington, April 2.—(United Press)—The Army General Staff plan of compulsory military training has been introduced. The measure provides training of men between eighteen and twenty-eight.

RAILROADS ASK FOR INCREASE FREIGHT RATES

Washington, D. C., April 2.—(United Press)—A formal petition of 22 western railroads for an immediate increase of general freight rates was filed with the inter-state commerce commission today. The exact increase desired is unnamed, it is understood to be 15 per cent of general rates.