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WAR RESOLUTION IS NOW IN CONGRESS

SEN. LA FOLLETTE AND PACIFISTS BLOCK ACTION

WAR RESOLUTION IN CONGRESS DIRECTS PRESIDENT TO USE ARMY AND NAVY AGAINST GERMANY

Washington, April 3.—(United Press)—The Senate foreign relations committee reported favorably on the administration war resolution. It was amended to strengthen it, only Chairman Stone dissenting.

The President is directed to employ the entire naval and military power of the United States against Germany "to bring the conflict to a successful termination." "All resources of the country," the resolution ends, "are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States."

The resolution, as amended, follows: "Whereas the Imperial German government has committed repeated acts of war against the government and people of the United States of America, therefore be it resolved, by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled that a state of war between the United States and the Imperial German government which has thus been thrust upon the United States, is hereby formally declared: That the President be and hereby is authorized and directed to employ the entire navy and military forces of the United States and to carry on war against the Imperial Government, and to bring the conflict to a successful termination, and all the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States."

Council of National Defense Meets.

Washington, April 3.—(United Press)—War Secretary Baker and the advisory committee of the Council of the National defense, are discussing war plans on a three years' basis. Among the suggestions are food control of the nation and universal service. A universal compulsory military training bill has been introduced. It provides an army of half a million men. The bill empowers the President to call on all physically fit men at the age of twenty. As necessity arises men of twenty-one and twenty-three will be called.

Central Powers Said To Consider Peace Offer.

Amsterdam, April 3.—(United Press)—The Berlin Anzeiger says the Central Powers are planning a new peace offer.

Ex-President Roosevelt Calls on the President.

BY ROBERT J. BENDER

Washington, April 3.—(United Press)—Pronouncing the President's war message one of the greatest documents in American history and offering to lead a fighting division of Americans to Europe, ex-President Roosevelt called at the White House this afternoon, but missed the President.

Germany Is Contemplating Protest.

Amsterdam, April 3.—(United Press)—Berlin advises assert that Germany is contemplating a formal protest against America's action in declaring war. It is reported Germany hopes to gain South American influence.

Break With Austria May Come Later.

Washington, April 3.—(United Press)—A break with Austria is by no means avoided, is the general view here. Instead of postponing the discussion, the President merely served notice that unless Austria keeps its hands off the war between the United States and Germany she will come under the ban.

War Message Sends Up Stocks.

New York, April 3.—(United Press)—The President's war message to Congress sent stocks soaring on the exchange. Trading was freer and more spirited.

Three to Five Million Men For Army.

Washington, April 3.—(United Press)—Three to five million men will probably be raised for America's armies. One member of the cabinet wants a minimum of three million armed men and recommends five million.

An army will be raised in groups of five hundred thousands as rapidly as can be officered. Chamberlain, chairman of the military committee, says increments can be obtained at an annual expense of one hundred and fifty-six million dollars. The general staff estimates the cost as far greater.

GIRLS HONOR GUARD GROWS VERY RAPIDLY

YOUNG WOMEN ARE TAKING
GREAT INTEREST IN OR-
GANIZATION AND ATTEND-
ANCE INCREASES

The interest taken by the young ladies of the city in the Girls' National Honor Guard is quite remarkable. Last evening at the Y. M. C. A. a date originally set as their gym night, saw such a large attendance of new members, that it was necessary to hold an informal meeting and explain the purpose of the organization. The next regular lecture night will be on Thursday night at 7 o'clock and all members and anyone wishing to enroll as a members are requested to be on time. Dr. Holt will deliver his second talk on a series of talks that he has outlined. The pledge of membership of the Honor Guard is as follows:

Pledge of Membership.
1. I do hereby solemnly covenant on my word of honor to faithfully and earnestly comply with the principles and regulations of The Constitution and By-laws of The Girls' National Honor Guard. To uphold our National honor from criticism, the American Flag from desecration, and the Government of the United States and those who represent it from personal

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Eastern Oregon May Raise a Battalion

*** Baker, April 3.—(Special)—"In the event of war, will look you to organize a battalion, possibly a regiment, for Eastern Oregon. The plans you have would appear to be along lines which should make it possible for you to report such organization work with little delay." The above is an extract from a letter from Adjutant General White received by J. L. Soule and read by him during his remarks at the theatre Saturday night.

PRESIDENT ACCEPTS GAGE OF BATTLE. URGES CONGRESS TO DECLARE STATE OF WAR EXISTS

Washington, April 3.—(United Press)—President Wilson last night advised Congress to declare that a state of war exists with Germany.

After reviewing the events leading to the present crisis and declaring that armed neutrality is now impossible, he said:

"With a profound sense of the solemn and even tragical character of step I am taking, and of the great responsibilities which it involves but in unhesitating obedience to what I deem my constitutional duty, I advise that Congress declare the recent course of the Imperial German government to be nothing less than war against the government and people of the United States, that it formally accept the status of belligerent which has thus been thrust upon it, that it take immediate steps not only to put the country in a more thorough state of defense, but also exert all its power and employ all its resources to bring the government of the German Empire to terms, and end the war."

He declared for full cooperation with the Allies and the immediate raising of an army of half a million men.

"We are now about to accept the gage of battle with this

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BUSINESS MEN HOLD PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION

A. A. SMITH OF BAKER MAKES
STIRRING ORATION, MR. PER-
LEY SPEAKS FOR RAIL-
ROAD, MR. GRILLEY
FOR Y. M. C. A.

La Grande business men, headed by Sergeant Rice, carrying a beautiful American flag, marched up Adams avenue to the business men's luncheon at the Foley hotel.

Fred L. Meyers was chairman of the day and he had arranged for three capable speakers:

A. A. Smith, of Baker, who gave a brilliant oration on the present war situation; A. W. Grilley, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., who told of the work of the Y. M. C. A. did at the front during the Mexican border troubles and of the preparations the Y. M. C. A. is making to be of service when the nation goes to war; A. W. Perley, of the O-W. R. & N. C., who told of the problems of the railroads, and of the effect on the prosperity of the country of railroad prosperity or depression.

The day was really patriotic day at the luncheon; the session opened by prayer of Father Driscoll and followed by the salute to the American flag. The dining room was decorated with

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April Bluestem Wheat Sells at \$1.80

Portland, April 3.—(United Press)—Another grain record is smashed. Five thousand bushels of April bluestem were sold at one dollar and eighty cents. Five thousand bushels of May wheat were sold at the same price. A further advance in flour is expected.

Mayor Best Under Investigation.
Pendleton, April 3.—(Special)—The city council of Pendleton is investigating charges that Mayor Best accepted hush money, protected gambling and houses of prostitution, and given prescriptions for liquor to drunkards.

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE BLOCKS CONSIDERATION OF THE WAR RESOLUTION IN THE SENATE

BY CARL GROAT

Washington, April 3.—(United Press)—Pacifism, in the person of Senator La Follette, effectually blocked action on the war resolution in Congress until tomorrow.

Through a parliamentary maneuver demanding the regular order of business he halted the Senate action. Heated words followed.

Floor Leader Martin declared, "tremendous consequences" were behind the resolution. La Follette objected to "being lectured."

Martin declared the resolution must go through before anything else. Adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

SENATE WILL TRY TO PREVENT FILIBUSTERING

Washington, April 3.—(United Press)—The Senate steering committee edicted this afternoon to hold a continuous session from ten o'clock tomorrow morning until the "war bill" is acted upon. The committee proposes to prevent filibustering.

House committee, expecting Senate action today, postponed its meeting until tomorrow.

The War In Europe.

BY PERRY ARNOLD

New York, April 3.—(United Press)—British forces thrust their northern enveloping movement around St. Quentin still further. Dispatches indicate the capture of Maissemy, five miles northwest of St. Quentin. The British menace seriously communications between Cambrai, supposedly the main center of the Hindenburg line, and St. Quentin. Petrograd officially reports violent German attacks on the northeastern front. Assaults were repulsed.

ARMED AMERICAN STEAMER AZTEC IS SUBMARINED

New York, April 3.—(United Press)—The armed American steamer Atzec was submarined, according to word its owners received last night. She carried a crew of thirty nine men, mostly Americans. It is not known how many were saved.

High School Cadets Need Uniforms

To the Public Spirited Citizens of La Grande: A high school cadet corps has been organized at your high school. The boys are making rapid progress in the drill of a soldier, but there is an urgent need for uniforms with which to equip our boys. It is estimated that a suitable uniform of khaki cloth can be purchased for about \$3.50 in wholesale lots. In order to do this an appeal is herewith made to all the citizens of this city, to subscribe to a common fund as much or as little as each person feels able to subscribe, for the purpose of purchasing these uniforms. The cadet corps is not a thing of today, but will be carried into the coming years, and the uniforms so purchased will not become the absolute property of each individual boy but will be kept for the future use of the cadet corps. The uniforms will belong to the La Grande high school, and will be issued each year to high school boys of the cadet corps. They will be held responsible for the care and preservation of the uniform. Don't rob yourself or any member of your family to help in the purchase of these uniforms but if you have twenty-five cents or twenty-five dollars to give, please subscribe the amount, and turn it in to either Mr. King of the Y. M. C. A., or Principal Hampton of the high school. Now is the time, do it now.

The Weather.

Portland, April 3.—(United Press)—The weather forecast: "Fair, southerly winds."

Pendleton Employers Show Patriotism

Pendleton, Ore., April 3.—(Special)—Forty-four employers of Pendleton have guaranteed employment on their return to any of their present employees who join the Navy, Army or National Guard. None of the business men have yet refused to sign the resolution adopted at the recent patriotic mass meeting.

Enterprise Boy Enlists.

The Dalles, April 3.—(Special)—E. G. (Eddie) Brown, who is now located at Enterprise, was in the city Friday, being on his way to Vancouver where he will join his militia company of the Third Oregon. Mr. Brown is a former Dallesite.

W. D. McCarthy, Marian Davis, Gus Pinson and Ernest E. Vehrs returned this morning from visiting the Pendleton K. of P. lodge where they represented the dramatic order Knights of Korrasan at the presentation of a veteran jewel to Judge Jim Malony of Pendleton. Twenty applications were received for the K. K.'s and in a couple of weeks the team leaves to put on the ceremonials. The men have nothing but praise for the K. of P. order at Pendleton and report a royal reception.

Washington, April 3.—(Special)—The First Vermont Infantry and the Second and Fourth Connecticut companies of Coast Artillery were called into the Federal service for police protection work.