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HOUSE WILL PASS WAR RESOLUTION GOVERNMENT PREPARES FOR WAR WITH GERMANY

MC ADOO ASKS CONGRESS FOR THREE BILLIONS

Secretary Daniels Asks For Increase of Navy. \$2,900,000,000 Required For Army and \$290,000,000 For Navy. Federal Reserve Plans \$2,000,000,000 Bond Issue.

Washington, April 5.—(United Press)—The government took the first active steps toward war preparation today. Secretary of Treasury McAdoo asked Congress to appropriate three billion four hundred million dollars for army and navy expenses.

Secretary of Navy Daniels asked that the navy personnel be increased from eighty-seven to hundred and fifty thousand, and the marine corps from seventeen to thirty thousand.

The army, Secretary McAdoo said, required two billion, nine hundred million dollars, the navy two hundred and ninety million dollars in addition to their regular expenses.

The appropriations are in blanket form, calling for money for "military expenditures."

Unofficial estimates presented the Federal Reserve Board indicate two billions can be raised immediately through a bond issue bearing three and half per cent. War budget plans were discussed at a meeting of the reserve boards. Direct taxation is to be increased, it is proposed.

Washington, April 5.—(United Press)—American Austrian Ambassador Penfield leaves for Washington tomorrow, the state department announced. He refused to say whether the return would be permanent. The status of the Austrian charge Zwiedinek is unchanged.

British and Russian Troops Meet In Mesopotamia.

London, April 5.—(United Press)—The capture of Ronsoy, and Lasseboulgne with twenty-two prisoners is reported. The English and Russian troops in Mesopotamia effected a junction. Persia has been cleared of all Turkish forces.

Believed Plotters Caused a Wreck

Lima, Ohio, April 5.—(United Press)—Officials of the Chicago and Erie Railroad believe today plotters were responsible at the wreck last night. One was killed.

TREVIER ASSURED SAFE CONDUCT.

New York, April 5.—(United Press)—The Trevier left New York February 20th for Rotterdam. She was assured safe conduct through the submarine zone, so the commission for Belgian Relief stated. She carried a food cargo.

German Raider Reported Sunk.

Buenos Aires, April 5.—(United Press)—It is persistently reported that a British cruiser sunk the German raider, Seeadler. Confirmation is unobtainable.

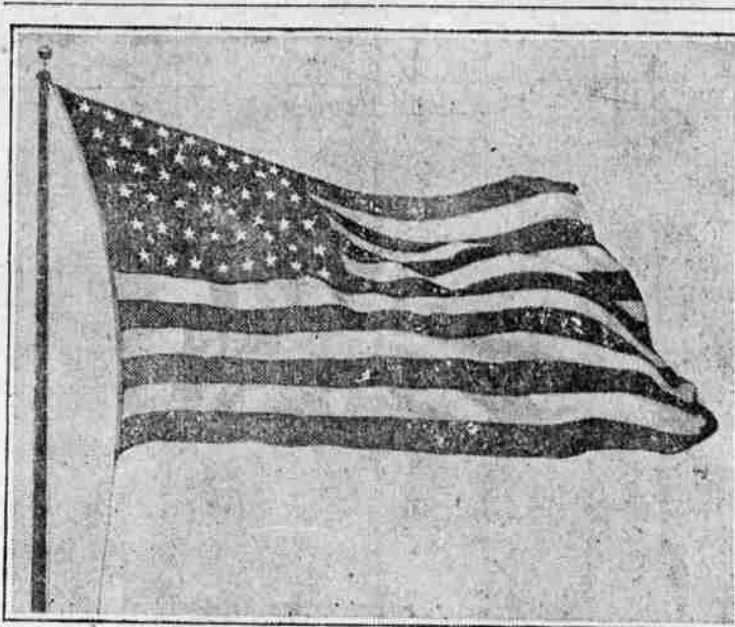
ARMED STEAMER MISSOURIAN SUBMARINED IN MEDITERRANEAN 32 AMERICANS ARE ON BOARD

Washington, April 5.—(United Press)—The American steamer Missourian with thirty-two Americans aboard, was submarined without warning in the Mediterranean, according to dispatches from the United States Consul.

BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP TREVIER SUBMARINED.

London, April 5.—(United Press)—The Belgian relief ship Trevier was submarined off Scheveningen, according to a Bermudian dispatch. Twenty-four members of the crew landed. Eight were wounded.

The Trevier was a steel screw vessel, of three thousand tons, built in nineteen seven and registered at Antwerp.



THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag, and to the Nation for which it stands—one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

HUGE FLAG TO BE RAISED AT THE CAR SHOPS

O.-W. SHOPMEN, WITH ASSISTANCE OF LODGES AND CITIZENS, TO HOLD BIG CELEBRATION.

Display of patriotism such as La Grande has never before witnessed looms as a certainty for about April 15 at which time, amid solemn and befitting scenes, the huge flag which O.-W. shopmen subscribed for and to be dedicated with suitable ceremonies. Shop Foreman Ridenaur and

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HONOR GUARD IS TO MEET AT THE Y TONIGHT

IT IS EXPECTED THAT AT LEAST 100 WILL ATTEND TO TAKE PLEDGE OF MEMBERSHIP

Tonight will be the big night for the La Grande Chapter of the Girls' National Honor Guard.

It is expected that at least 100 of the young ladies of the town will be in attendance this evening at the Y. M. C. A. and the meeting tonight will be more definite than any previous meeting, the pledge of membership will be taken, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Girls' National Honor Guard will be read, cards will be given.

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SENATE PASSES WAR BILL, SENATOR LANE VOTES "NO"

The senators voting against the war resolution were: Gronna of North Dakota, La Follette of Wisconsin, Lane of Oregon, Norris of Nebraska, Stone of Missouri, Vardaman of Mississippi.

Washington, April 5.—(Special)—The resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany was adopted in the Senate last night by an overwhelming majority.

Senators who cast the negative votes were Gronna, of North Dakota; La Follette, of Wisconsin; Norris, of Nebraska; Lane, of Oregon; Stone, of Missouri, and Vardaman, of Mississippi.

The war resolution was adopted by the Senate last night by a vote of 82 to 6.

Senator McCumber's substitute to declare the existence of a state of war on the sinking of another American ship by Germany was defeated without a roll call.

The resolution drafted after consultation with the state department and already by the House committee, says the state of war thrust upon the United States by Germany is formally declared, and directs the President to employ the entire military and naval forces and the resources of the government to carry on war and bring it to a successful termination.

Action in the Senate came just after 11 o'clock at the close of a debate that had lasted continuously since 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

The climax was reached late in the afternoon when Senator John Sharp Williams denounced a speech by Senator La Follette as more worthy of Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg than of an American senator.

The adoption of the resolution was not marked by any outburst from the galleries, and on the floor the Senators themselves were unusually grave and quiet. Many of them answered their names in voices that quivered with emotion.

HOUSE EXPECTS TO PASS THE WAR RESOLUTION

Stirring Speeches Are Made For And Against War. Over a Dozen Speeches Expected. Majority Leader Kitchen Rumored To Oppose The War Resolution.

Washington, D. C., April 5.—(United Press)—The House will undoubtedly pass the war resolution.

Washington, April 5.—(United Press)—The House is expected to vote on the war resolution before adjourning. Stirring speeches were made for and against war. Over a dozen speeches against the measure are expected. Majority Leader Kitchen, it is rumored, may speak against the resolution.

Universal Military Training Expected To Pass.

BY ROBERT J. BENDER

Washington, April 5.—(United Press)—Means of registering all single men between twenty and twenty-three were discussed by the executive committee of the Labor National Defense council. Uneasiness over the universal training is apparent. An extended congressional debate is expected. Leaders feel, under the pressing circumstances, the measure will pass.

GERMAN PLOT INCLUDED THE INVASION OF UNITED STATES, SAYS REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

Washington, April 5.—(United Press)—Reading what he declared to be an unpublished part of the Zimmermann letter, Clarence B. Miller, of Minnesota, member of the House Foreign Affairs committee, declared the plot included the establishment of a submarine base on the Mexican coast and invasion of the United States by German reservists from Mexico.

He declared the Germans are making munitions in Mexico now. He said the German officers control the Villa and Carranza armies.

Secretary of State Lansing denied Miller's declaration. He said the assertions were "without foundation."

Representative Miller replied Secretary Lansing denied the declaration for "diplomatic reasons. The text of the note is substantially as I have described it. My information came from one of the most honorable high-grade men in the country," said Mr. Miller.

BIG GERMAN DRIVE TOWARD PETROGRAD BELIEVED UNDER WAY

London, April 5.—(United Press)—With the capture of St. Quentin a foregone conclusion interest centers on the Eastern front because of the probability that a big German offensive is near.

The first massed attack forced the Russians to retreat along Stochod. Petrograd dispatches mentioned asphyxiating gasses, heavy artillery, big forces of men, all indicating concerted and carefully prepared assaults rather than the resumption of general fighting.

Immediately after the new Russian government organized, the menace of a German push was foreseen. The enemy made hurried preparations on the front nearest Petrograd. Germany evidently hoped to take advantage of the new government's lack of organization.