

PRESIDENT ASKS WAR ON GERMANY

Congress Urged to Call at Least 500,000 Men.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADVISED

Aid to Allies and Conflict Only With Prussian Government Advocated.

JOINT SESSION ADDRESSED

Mr. Wilson Speaks Just as News of Sinking of Armed American Ship Arrives.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—President Wilson tonight urged Congress, assembled in joint session, to declare a state of war existing between the United States and Germany.

In a dispassionate but unmeasured denunciation of the course of the imperial German government, which he characterized as a challenge to all mankind and a warfare against all nations, the President declared that neutrality no longer was feasible or desirable where the peace of the world was involved; that armed neutrality had become ineffectual enough at best and was likely to produce what it was meant to prevent, and urged that Congress accept the gage of battle with all the resources of the Nation.

War Long Waged by Germany. "I advise that the Congress declare the recent course of the imperial German government to be in fact nothing less than war against the Government and people of the United States," said the President, "that it formally accept the status of belligerent which has thus been thrust upon it, and it take steps not only to put the country in a more thorough state of defense, but also to exert all its power and employ all its resources to bring the government of the German empire to terms and end the war."

When the President had finished speaking resolutions to declare a state of war existing were introduced in both houses of Congress, referred to appropriate committees and will be debated tomorrow. There is no doubt of their passage.

U. S. Must Make World Safe.

The objects of the United States in entering the war, the President said, are to vindicate the principles of peace and justice against "selfish and autocratic power." Without selfish ends, for conquest, or dominion, seeking no indemnities or material compensations for the sacrifices it shall make, the United States must enter the war, he said, to make the world safe for democracy, as only one of the champions of the rights of mankind, and would be satisfied when those rights were as secure as the faith and freedom of nations could make them.

The President's address was sent in full to Germany by a German official news agency for publication in that country. The text also went to England, and a summary of its contents was sent around the world to other nations.

Germany "Foe to Liberty."

To carry on an effective warfare against the German government, which he characterized as a "natural foe to liberty," the President recommended:

Utmost practical co-operation in counsel and action with the governments already at war with Germany. Extension of liberal financial credits to those governments so that the resources of America may be added, so far as possible, to theirs.

Organization and mobilization of all the material resources of the country.

Army of 500,000 Advised.

Full equipment of the Navy, particularly for means of dealing with submarine warfare.

An Army of at least 500,000, based on the principle of universal liability to service and the authorization of additional increments of 500,000 each as they are needed or can be handled in training.

Raising necessary money for the

WAR MESSAGE IS CLOSELY GUARDED

PRESIDENT DETERMINED WHEN MIND IS MADE UP.

Morning Is Spent on Golf Links to Prepare for Address to Congress After Organization.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Reluctant up to the last moment to take the final step in the long controversy with Germany, President Wilson showed as soon as he got up early this morning that he was ready for the inevitable task.

Before breakfast his address to Congress, written by himself on his typewriter, was sent to the public printer in a sealed envelope.

Secretary Tumulty was called to the White House an hour earlier than usual, and the President gave word that he was ready to appear before Congress just as soon as the House organized.

Realizing that it would be hours before he could speak, the President freshened up on the golf links until noon. He received frequent bulletins on the progress of the organization of the House and expressed pleasure when told that Speaker Clark had been re-elected.

The contents of the message were more closely guarded than ever before. Not even members of the Cabinet saw the text, although they knew in a general way what the President planned to say.

Mr. Wilson read the proof of the address himself.

BOBCAT HUNTRESS FILES

Miss Catherine Nodine Applies for Timber Reserve Homestead.

RANDON, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Miss Catherine Nodine, of Northern Curry County, credited with being the champion woman bobcat huntress of the state, has filed application with United States Commissioner H. T. Stuart at Port Orford for one of Uncle Sam's homesteads in the timber reserve.

With her mother, she successfully conducts a stock and dairy ranch near Denmark, doing their own plowing, fencing, land clearing, etc. There is not a man on the place and there is not a better developed ranch for its size in that neighborhood.

SAFEBLOWING RESULT ODD

Prisoners on Short Rations Until Jail Key Is Recovered.

HILLSBORO, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Principal sufferers by the attempt of yeggs to blow the safe in the Sheriff's office early Sunday morning were the prisoners in the Washington County Jail, for the key to the cage was locked in the wrecked strong box and they could not be released. The six men behind the bars were on short rations until late in the afternoon, when experts succeeded in cutting into the wrecked safe.

Heavy tax collections were made Saturday and a rich haul was probably expected.

WOMEN PLAN FOOD RELIEF

Intensive Gardening Move Backed by Suffrage Party.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Plans to organize the women of New York state to increase the food supply by intensive home gardening and eliminating waste were announced here last night by officers of the Women's Suffrage party in connection with the offer of its services to the Government in the event of war.

RECRUITING MARK PASSED

March Enlistments at Chicago Greatest Since 1898.

CHICAGO, April 2.—March broke all recruiting records in Chicago since the Spanish-American war, according to estimates of Army, Navy and Marine Corps officers.

Official figures were not made public, but it was estimated that the total number of recruits in the three branches will be about 1200.

LIBERTY OFFERED FINLAND

Russian Ministry Declared Optimistic Over Situation.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The Finland Senate, now in session, is reported by American Minister Morris at Stockholm to have offered liberty to the Finnish people.

Ambassador Francis at Petrograd reported that the new Russian Ministry was optimistic over the general situation, which was declared very good.

FRENCH EXPRESS WRATH

Senate Adopts Resolution Calling for Crushing of Prussianism.

PARIS, April 2.—The Senate showed its wrath Saturday at the devastation in Northern France by adopting a resolution denouncing to the civilized world the acts of the Germans and demanding that the authors be punished. Continuation of the war until German imperialism and militarism are definitely crushed was agreed upon.

WAR RESOLUTION BEFORE CONGRESS

Measure Appears Moment President Leaves.

ALL RESOURCES PLEDGED

Mr. Wilson Directed to Use Every Means to Prosecute War to Successful End.

DEFENSE NOT ONLY OBJECT

Declaration Referred at Once to Committees and Adjournment Taken to Today.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Immediately after the President left the Capitol, the Senate and House reconvened, and an identical joint resolution was introduced in both houses declaring the existence of a state of war and directing the President to employ all the resources of the country to carry on war against the imperial German government and bring the conflict to a successful conclusion.

Measures Are Identical. Because of the opposition to the measure of Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, the resolution was introduced in the Senate by Senator Martin, of Virginia, the Democratic floor leader. Representative Flood, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, introduced it in the House.

The resolution follows: "Joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the imperial German government and the Government and people of the United States, and making provision to prosecute the same: "Whereas, the recent acts of the imperial German government are acts of war against the Government and people of the United States; State of War Declared.

"Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the state of war between the United States and the imperial German government, which has

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JOHNSON EJECTS WOMEN PACIFISTS

REPRESENTATIVE WANTS NO MORE OF LITERATURE.

Door Is Shown When Delegate Says 'Crooked Congressmen' Are Working for War Participation.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 2.—The pacifists in the raid on the Capitol today visited only one Congressman from the Northwest, Representative Albert Johnson, of Washington. Only the fact that Mr. Johnson's callers were women saved a repetition of the Lodge fight. When the pacifist delegation invaded Mr. Johnson's office they said they wanted to present some enlightening literature.

"I've been getting your literature by the bale," said Mr. Johnson. "There is a lot of it down there now," he said, pointing to a well-filled wastebasket. "Don't present any more," added Mr. Johnson, "for I don't want to bother to throw it away."

One of the pacifists, diving into Mr. Johnson's basket, pulled out a copy of the New York Call and told Mr. Johnson to read what it said about "munition workers and crooked Congressmen" working for war.

"Go out, and take that stuff with you," cried Mr. Johnson. "Ah," came back the pacifist, "we knew that 'crooked Congressman' stuff would get you."

At this Mr. Johnson peremptorily ordered the delegation out of his office, and he did it so firmly that they withdrew. Other members from the Northwest were not molested today.

FIANCEE FOLLOWS SOLDIER

Unexpected Transfer Does Not Prevent Wedding.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 2.—(Special.)—Sergeant James B. Bellinger, 24, of the United States Army, was ordered here unexpectedly by the War Department, from Leavenworth, Kan. His fiancée, Miss Ethel Violet Bruce, 21, of Kansas City, Mo., followed and arrived today.

Both hurried to the County Auditor's office, where J. W. Gardner, a local druggist, acted as witness, having known Mr. Bellinger in Mead, Colo., and Miss Bruce in Kansas City. Rev. E. B. Collier, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, married the couple.

SAGAMORE BELIEVED SUNK

Bay State and Vinovia Go Through Submarine Zone in Safety.

BOSTON, April 2.—The Warren line steamer Bay State and the Cunarder Vinovia arrived today from a foreign port. Members of the crew of the Bay State said reports were current in England that the steamer Sagamore struck a mine and was lost with all hands.

WIND STORM KILLS SIX

Score or More Injured and Property Damage Big in Mississippi.

JACKSON, Miss., April 2.—Belated reports of the windstorm which swept the state last night now show six dead and a score or more injured. Property damage will run high.

CONGRESS CHEERS WILDLY FOR WAR

Patriotic Outburst Greatest Ever in Capitol.

SUPREME JUSTICES APPLAUD

Lane and La Follette Hear Address in Silence, While Others Shout Madly.

PARTY LINES WIPED OUT

Requests for Declaration and for 500,000 Men Provoke Deafening Demonstration.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—President Wilson's appearance before Congress was marked by a scene of the greatest enthusiasm ever shown since he began delivering his addresses in person. Crowds on the outside of the Capitol cheered him frantically as he entered and as he left. Congress roared cheer after cheer in an outburst of patriotic enthusiasm.

From the galleries the only members who appeared not to be joining in the demonstration were some Senators of the group which the President branded as "willful men, who, by preventing a vote on the armed neutrality bill, had made the great Government of the United States contemptible."

Chief Justice Joins Cheers.

Chief Justice White was among those who cheered loudly and there was no division of spirit between Republicans and Democrats.

The President reached the Capitol about 8:40. As his big motor swung around before the east front of the big building, two troops of the Second Cavalry Regiment, on guard, sabers glittering under the arc lights, swept the plaza clear, while the hundreds of people cheered.

He was taken immediately to the Speaker's room and then into the House chamber, where the Senators were just filing in.

Filibusters Do Not Cheer.

Six members of the Senate, who had taken seats in front of the Speaker's stand, stood and faced

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SIX GERMAN BOMB PLOTTERS GUILTY

NEW YORK FEDERAL JURY OUT 50 MINUTES.

Sentence Will Be Pronounced Friday—Conspiracy to Destroy Food and Munition Ships Proved.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Six Germans were convicted by a jury in the Federal District Court here today of conspiracy to destroy steamships carrying food and munitions from this port for the entente allies by means of incendiary bombs.

The men found guilty are Captain Charles von Kleint, of Hoboken, a chemist; Karl Schmidt, chief engineer of the German steamship Friedrich der Grosse; Ernst Becker, Frederick Karbach, Wilhelm Farades, and George Pradel, all assistant engineers of the same vessel. The jury was out 50 minutes.

The six men will be sentenced on Friday. The maximum prison punishment for their offense is two years.

Captain Otto Wolpert, pier superintendent of the Atlas line, and Captain Eho Bode, pier superintendent of the Hamburg-American line, jointly indicted with those convicted, have not yet been tried. Dr. Walter E. Scheele, also indicted, for whom the defendants testified they manufactured the bombs, fled when Federal agents a year ago unearthed the plot, and is believed to be in Mexico.

PEACE TALK IS FEVERISH

German and Austrian Press Filled With Reviews of Czernin Speech.

BERNE, via Paris, April 2.—German and Austrian newspapers reaching Switzerland today and telegraphic reports from Hungary are once more filled with peace ideas. There has been almost feverish renewal of peace discussions on the eve of the reopening of the American Congress.

The interview of Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister in the Fremdenblatt not only has been hailed by every editor, but made the occasion of speeches of approval in the legislatures and parliaments of all the Teutonic allies.

RELIEF WORKERS RETURN

Party of Americans From Belgium Arrives at Switzerland.

LONDON, April 2.—The American Commission for Relief in Belgium today received a dispatch stating that the first delegation of American relief workers in Belgium and Northern France had arrived at Berne, Switzerland.

The party traveled in a special train provided by the German authorities.

ORDERS FOR FLAGS SWAMP

Demand of Last 48 Hours Puts All Factories Far Behind.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Unprecedented demands for American flags of all sizes in swamped flag makers with orders far beyond their capacity, inquiry among local manufacturers here revealed today.

The calls in the last 48 hours, it was said, have put the flag factories three to five days behind their orders.

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