



CONGRESS CLEARS DECK FOR ACTION

War Resolution Passes Committee.

PRESIDENT'S PLANS CARRY

Measure Is Directed Against Austria Alone.

LITTLE DEBATE EXPECTED

Consideration by Both Houses May Begin Tomorrow and Overwhelming Favorable Vote Is Counted Certain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Congress cleared the way today for prompt response to President Wilson's call for a declaration of war with Austria-Hungary. A joint resolution, approved by the President and the State Department, declaring existence of a state of war between the United States and the Austro-Hungarian government from today noon was introduced in the House and unanimously approved by the foreign affairs committee. It will be reported tomorrow for beginning of House debate on Friday, with final action in the Senate late this week or early next week.

Conforming to the President's recommendations, the resolution, which authorizes an indirect employment of the Nation's armed forces against Austria and pledges the country's resources to victory, applied to Austria alone. Germany's other allies, Turkey and Bulgaria, are not mentioned.

No dissenters in Committee.

As perfected by the House committee and ordered reported without a dissenting vote, the resolution reads as follows:

"Whereas, The Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian government has severed diplomatic relations with the Government of the United States of America and has committed acts of war against the Government and people of the United States of America, among which are its adherence to the policy of ruthless submarine warfare adopted by its ally, the Imperial German government with which the United States of America is at war, and by giving to its ally active support and aid on both land and sea in prosecution of its 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 be and is hereby declared to exist and to have existed since noon of the fifth day of December, 1917, between the United States of America and the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian government, and that the President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the Government to carry on war against the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian government, and to bring the conflict to a successful termination all the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States."

Senate to Act Friday.

The Senate foreign relations committee will consider the resolution tomorrow morning and Chairman Stone expects the committee to report to the Senate when it reconvenes Friday. The Senate may on Friday begin consideration simultaneously with the House.

Although sentiment remains strong in both branches of Congress to have the war declaration extended to Turkey and Bulgaria, approval of the resolution as it now stands is regarded as virtually certain.

Senator Stone and Representative Flood conferred with Secretary Lansing and it was understood that no circumstance yet warrants action against Turkey and Bulgaria. Some officials are still said to hope that German domination of her lesser tools may yet be broken.

Overwhelming Vote Expected.

The arguments were so persuasive that in the two hours' deliberations today of the House foreign affairs committee on the Austrian war resolution only one member, Representative Miller of Minnesota, who recently returned from the Western European war theater, voted to include Turkey and Bulgaria in the resolution. On the final vote he joined with all others present in approving the Austrian document.

The principal debate and strongest demand for addition of Turkey and Bulgaria to the Nation's formal foe is expected in the Senate. One day's debate is expected to suffice in the House. Passage of the resolution by an overwhelming vote before adjournment of the House Friday is expected.

Executive Departments Busy.

While Congress is working on the actual declaration of war, the executive departments of the Government are setting in motion the machinery which will make the declaration effective.

To official Washington the declaration of war on Austria is secondary interest to President Wilson's statement of America's war aims. It is considered at once a reply to the peace ideas of the Marquis de Lansdowne and an announcement to the world that

CHICAGO NEW YEAR GAIETIES TO PASS

BIBULOUS ORGIES PROSCRIBED BECAUSE OF WAR.

Mayor Thompson Determined to Put End to Fountain Bathing and Other High Jinks.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—(Special).—Furtive gay dogs and women who bounce into the limelight of New Year's eve and create enough scandal to keep the papers and public busy for a year are to remain in obscurity this year.

Chicago rounders also will miss the spectacle of the somewhat "spiffy" and breezy young female person hanging by her slender ankles to the straps in crowded streetcars. The equally entertaining young lady who formerly took a bath in the fountain at the Pompeian room, will have her bath at home. Likewise the sprightly women who danced on the tables and cavorted promiscuously, which was not anything to write home about at best—these also will find the lid clamped on hard and tight.

Inquiry Today Developed that the Hotels and Restaurants, Formerly Scenes of Doings that were Talked about in Aweful Whispers, are Not Making any Preparations this Year.

Various reasons enter into all this. First, of course, is the war and the fact that the public will not stand for disgraceful high jinks when men are giving up their homes, money and lives to maintain the country. Mayor Thompson, who always has opposed the riotous New Year affairs, has lightened the screws all along the line.

ENGINEERS' RANKS OPEN

Urgent Calls Sent Out for Enlistment of Millmen and Loggers.

Urgent calls are being sent out by the Government for enlistment of millmen and loggers to fill the ranks of the 20th Engineers Regiment, now forming and to be sent overseas as quickly as possible. The United States Forestry Service is giving every possible aid in attracting the recruits needed in this division.

Applicants may apply direct to the district forestry office, Beck building, Portland, or to forest supervisors at Eugene, Medford, Bend, Lakeview, John Day, Baker, Prineville, Albany, Grants Pass, Pendleton, Roseburg and Walla Walla, Oregon, and Chelan, Republic, Okanogan, Olympia, Tacoma, Seattle, Bellingham, Walla Walla and Leavenworth, in the state of Washington.

HUNS TO CONSCRIPT BOYS

German Youths of 16 and 17 Years to Be Called Shortly.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 5.—Intimations that Germany is planning to force boys of 16 and 17 years into the army are contained in an appeal appearing in the Essen General Anzeiger that they immediately join the juvenile corps.

"This great struggle between the nations," says the newspaper, "will necessitate those who are now 16 and 17 being called up at no very remote date for army service."

DRAFTED DENTIST OFFICER

Nysa Man Celebrates Promotion by Marrying Boise Girl.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Special).—Thomas E. Cosgrove, a private drafted from Nysa, Or., and transferred to the Medical Reserve Corps, has been promoted to a First Lieutenant. Cosgrove is a dentist.

Lieutenant Cosgrove celebrated his promotion by marrying Miss Nettie Briggs, of Boise, Idaho. His fellow members in the Medical Corps celebrated the wedding, which was held in the Hostess House, pelting him with rice.

AUSTRIA FIGURES WAR COST

Total so Far, in American Money, Nine Billion Dollars.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 5.—Count Cernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, in discussing the budget with an Austrian delegation, said the cost of the war during the past three years has been 43,000,000,000 crowns (\$7,711,000,000), a Vienna dispatch today states.

The budget for 1917-18, if the war lasted the entire budget year, he estimated at 20,000,000,000 crowns (\$4,022,000,000).

"STUPID" BOY PROVES SPY

German Youth Found to Be Expert Telegrapher and Map Maker.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Although he was a German subject, Eric Hoecker, a butcher boy, possessed an air of such profound stupidity that he was permitted to call daily at Fort Totten in his rounds.

Today he was interned on Ellis Island after Army intelligence officers discovered that he had important papers among his effects and that he was an expert telegrapher and mapmaker.

RETAILER LOSES LICENSE

Food Administration Issues First Cancellation Order.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The food administration today issued its first revocation of a retail food dealer's license.

Morris Singer, a produce dealer here, was charged and found guilty of permitting two cartloads of potatoes to rot in the railroad yards.

GOVERNMENT MAY OPERATE RAILWAYS

Federal Action Is Held Imperative.

"NO TIME FOR TEMPORIZING"

Interstate Commerce Commission Pleads for Carriers.

MEASURES ARE SUGGESTED

Unification of Systems Must Be Permitted or Federal Management Adopted—Relief Is Declared Urgent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Immediate action to effect National unification of the railroads, either by Government operation or by suspension for the war of anti-trust and anti-pooling laws, a Federal loan and regulation of security issues to permit more effective voluntary co-operation, was recommended today by the Interstate Commerce Commission in a special report to Congress.

Neither plan was specifically endorsed, but an implication that the majority believed the railroads might successfully work out their own unification, prompted Commissioner McChord to submit a separate report, emphatically urging Government control, and saying "the strong arm of Government authority is essential if the transportation situation is to be radically improved. Any voluntary pooling plan would fail to meet war exigencies, he declared, because of the unavoidable influence of selfishness among roads.

There was no disagreement as to the proposition that competition among railroads must be diminished, if not altogether eliminated, to prevent a serious breakdown of transportation facilities under the war's strain.

Rate increase inadequate.

The railroad's own proposed solution for the difficulties—an increase in rates in order to attract capital—was characterized as entirely inadequate by the Commission. Even with more funds, the report said, the shortage of equipment could not be remedied materially because of the inability of industries to manufacture it. Doubt also was expressed whether sufficient capital would be attracted in view of the flotation of such enormous quantities of Government war securities.

These considerations led the Commission to what it considered an inevitable conclusion that a high state of efficiency could be maintained for the railroads only by thorough co-operation, elimination of duplication of routes and other elements of expenditure and energy and elimination of the economic waste which comes from competition. This would mean, it was pointed out, a complete reconstruction of the policies under which railroads have been developed.

Steps taken by the railroad war

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MISS ALICE GRAM IS SOLDIER'S BRIDE

PORTLAND GIRL QUILTS HUNGER STRIKE FOR ALTAR.

"Tod" Hidden, University of Oregon Graduate, Now at Camp Mills, Claims Militant Worker.

Miss Alice Gram, Portland girl who sprang into the public spotlight a few weeks ago when she nicknamed the White House, and went to jail for trouble and "the cause," has had a bride. A sturdy young soldier, Charles (Tod) Hidden, of Portland, who has been stationed at Camp Mills, L. I., led her from a "hunger strike" to the altar, and the wedding was solemnized last week at the home of Mr. Hidden's sister in Pennsylvania.

The details of the wedding are being brought to Portland as fast as the transcontinental mail train can click off the miles. The eventful missive is expected today by Mrs. A. P. Gram, 362 Larrabee street, mother of the bride.

The wedding followed immediately upon the release of Miss Gram from jail in Washington, where, with other picketers of the National Woman's party, she had been for several weeks, part of the time on a hunger strike.

With her was her sister, Miss Myrtle Gram, formerly a teacher in Portland, and a University of Oregon girl who has made the stage her career.

Mrs. Hidden, with her sister, is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority at University of Oregon. As Alice Gram she hurried to Washington several weeks ago and was met there by her sister. On the first day of their actual picketing they were arrested by the Capitol police.

Mr. Hidden is the son of Mrs. W. S. Hidden, of Irvington. He also is a former University of Oregon man and a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

INDUSTRIAL WORKER JAILED

Charge Against William Ford Not Divulged by Officers.

William Ford, whose true name is Bruno Kosciowski, a short time ago a conspicuous I. W. W. agitator, was arrested again yesterday morning in the I. W. W. hall by Detectives Coleman and John Moloney at the request of Federal authorities. The reasons underlying Ford's arrest were not made public.

Ford was one of the first I. W. W. members taken into custody in Portland when that society was put under the ban by Federal authorities several months ago. He was given a six-month sentence in Municipal Court on a state charge of vagrancy, but obtained his liberty on an appeal to the Circuit Court.

MERRY CHRISTMAS IS SURE

Nearly 600,000 Packages Mailed to Soldiers Abroad.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Approximately 600,000 Christmas packages have been dispatched to American soldiers abroad as a result of the public's response to the country-wide campaign urging early mailing of gifts. It was reported tonight by the railroad's war board. Military and postal authorities have been deluged with parcels of varying size for several weeks, each having to be opened, examined and re-wrapped. Not a single parcel was rejected because of size and, although the limit had been placed at 20 pounds, many weighed 100 pounds.

VIENNA, via London, Dec. 5.—The

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AUSTRIA TO QUIT IF GRANTED INTEGRITY

Guarantee Against Dismemberment Asked.

LIBRARY SETS FORTH POSITION

Plea Made for Peace With Russia by Monarch.

THANKS GIVEN TO POPE

Monarch Declares Nation Ready to Conclude Peace and Says Intervention of Pontiff Gives "Joyful Satisfaction."

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 5.—A dispatch received here from Vienna quotes Emperor Charles, of Austro-Hungary, as saying in an address to an Austro-German delegation that the dual monarchy is ready at any time to conclude peace that would guarantee the integrity of the monarchy. He added, however, that his country would not cease fighting until its enemies renounced their intentions of dismembering it.

"The glorious success of our armies and fleet," said Emperor Charles, "fill us with patriotic pride. After a glorious defense of our position we are now, as before, ready at any time to conclude an honorable peace which guarantees the existence and integrity of the monarchy."

Pope's Intervention Pleases.

"Guided by this idea, we greeted with joyful satisfaction the noble minded intervention of the Pope and will in the future neglect no opportunity to end as soon as possible the costly struggle and great sacrifice the war is causing."

"In the spirit of these intentions our government has declared its readiness to accept the Russian government's invitation to enter into negotiations for a general peace. May the blessings of the Almighty rest upon this work for peace and restore the peoples of Europe to a state of reconciliation and mutual trust."

"The sorely tried Russian people may be sure that we sincerely desire to restore our former friendly relations with them."

"On the other hand, we must regard it our sacred duty not to lay down the sword which plunder-seeking and rapacious neighbors forced into our hands until our enemies unequivocally have disavowed their mad plans of dismemberment and oppression."

"We will remain the masters in our own house. Our alliance with the German empire has been gloriously strengthened by our victorious march southwest. The most cordial and fraternal relations bind us to the progressive Bulgarian people. I confidently hope a period of fresh prosperity and secure development awaits the closely allied Ottoman empire."

WOMEN WILL REPLACE MEN

War Conditions to Change Method of Handling Crop.

PENDELTON, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special).—The women will be sent into the fields to aid in next year's harvest was the opinion expressed by O. P. Hoff, State Labor Commissioner, in an address at the state convention of the Farmers' Union last night. He said where one man had gone from a community four would be gone by next season.

Women and improved machinery must make up the difference, he said. He will prepare a schedule of the number of acres in crop next season so as to adjust the labor supply in the best way possible.

Whitman Educator to Speak.

Dr. S. B. Penrose, president of Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., will speak to former Whitman students and ex-Walla Walla General in the assembly room of the Portland Hotel tonight at 8 o'clock. The Whitman College Club of Portland desires all who have attended the college to act as hosts and telephone to all Walla Walla people whom they may know.

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BURLESON WANTS CONTROL OF WIRES

POSTMASTER-GENERAL TO SEEK FEDERAL LEGISLATION.

Congress May Provide for Placing Telephone and Telegraph Lines Under Postal Department.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 5.—Postmaster-General Burleson is still desirous of taking control, as Government agent, of all telegraph and telephone systems in the United States, including the Alaska telegraph and cable systems, now operated under the War Department.

Now that the United States is at war, Mr. Burleson thinks the argument in favor of Government ownership is stronger than ever, and his annual report indicates his intention to go before Congress and ask authority to take over the wire communication systems and operate them as a part of the postal service.

In his annual report Mr. Burleson says:

"The principle of Government ownership and control of telegraphs and telephones is practical and finds its greatest strength in the Constitution. That the utilities should be made a part of the postal establishment has been the opinion of practically all Postmasters-General of the United States who have had the welfare of the people at heart. This result can be accomplished only when they are made a part of the postal service and operated with a view to serving the public and not of making a profit."

"In Alaska the telegraph and cable service is under the control of the War Department. As the reasons why it should be under the control of that department no longer exist, the Secretary of War has recommended its transfer to this department."

"Recent developments have made it all the more imperative that Government ownership of telegraphs and telephones should no longer be delayed, and action by Congress in this matter is urgently recommended."

VON LUDENDORFF'S PLANS WELL EXECUTED

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THERE'S SOMETHING DOING EVERY MINUTE AT THE ALLIED RED CROSS BAZAAR.



OREGON'S ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 1917 TO BE TOLD.

The forthcoming annual edition of The Oregonian will contain a complete review of the progress of the state for 1917. Oregon's achievements have been many and great; new records in important lines of activity have been established. Strides have been made in commercial institutions; a new industrial era has dawned. The advance in agriculture has been big; the increase in food production has been of great proportions. The world war has opened great possibilities for Oregon; the people have a more definite conception of what the immediate future has in store.

These are some of the facts that will be set forth in the Annual Oregonian. All important subjects will be illustrated; in fact, from a pictorial viewpoint, the edition will surpass all previous special numbers. The edition will be issued January 1, 1918.