

## WAR ASKED ONLY AS LAST RESORT

President's Decision Is Made  
After Doing Everything  
Possible for Peace.

## MANY INTRIGUES FOUND

Machinery of Federal Government  
Honeycombed With Foreign Plots  
and Only Hope of Country Said  
to Be in Beaten Germany.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LOUGHLIN.  
WASHINGTON, March 31.—(Special.)—When Woodrow Wilson appears before Congress on Tuesday next he will make an appeal for the loyal support of every citizen in the prosecution of war with the powerful German empire. No one who realizes the peace-loving propensity of the President, no one who recalls the earnest efforts he made to keep the country out of the great European struggle, can palliate disloyalty by criticizing him in the action he will recommend for maintenance of American honor and American life and the protection of American life and property.

**War President's Last Wish.**  
No one who remembers the constant efforts of the President to restore friendly relations between the belligerents can charge him with running the Nation headlong into the frightful tornado which is devastating Europe. So far as the President is concerned, he would not be writing tonight his message recommending that a declaration that a state of war exists with Germany, had the latter country respected the rights of the United States as well as those of humanity; had it refrained from plotting and conspiring against the internal peace of the United States, and had it not endeavored to promote an alliance with a view to the division of American territory between itself, Mexico and Japan.

**Every Phase Considered.**  
The man in the White House, this man of heavy burdens, did not reach the decision of such fateful importance to the American people without considering every phase of the terrible situation in which the Nation has been placed by the ill-judged acts of war of the German government and the agents acting under its instructions. He has watched with unceasing watchfulness every development in the world struggle and particularly those which affected the United States. He sought by repeated warnings to make the German government understand that there were fixed limits to American patience. He tolerated acts which ordinarily would have produced instant war. He did so because he realized that Germany, like the other belligerents, was fighting for her life and grasping at weapons which she has no right to use, even sporadically, in the hope that they would aid her battle for existence.

**War Only Recourse.**  
But when Germany deliberately started upon a systematic campaign of murder, when she denied her purpose to pursue relentless and inhuman methods of warfare; when she moved to kill every command and officer in her way to victory and went so far as to seek to destroy the United States itself, the President reluctantly came to the conclusion that the Nation had but one recourse left to preserve its honor and self-respect, and that recourse was war. The American people will never appreciate the difficulties with which the President has been beset, the measures inaugurated to blur his vision, the steps taken to induce him to swallow any affront to permit any insult, the threats of political, even personal, extermination if he adopted any other than a submissive attitude to Germany. He has seen men in whom he trusted fail to tell him the truth, refuse to give him the benefit of their real judgment. He has been forced to listen to representatives in the legislative branch of the Government who placed German rights above American rights and who refused to lend him their support in the protection of American honor and American life.

**Much Disloyalty Found.**  
He has found the Governmental departments honeycombed with pro-German sentiment and handicaps placed upon the most ordinary precautions he has directed be taken in the interest of the Nation's safety. He has seen defense measures killed in Congress. Even at this moment, when the country should rally as one man about the chief executive, he has read a statement by Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, that he will not vote for a declaration of war or a declaration of the existence of a state of war. When the history of the present time is written, the world will know of the anxious thought the President has given, not only to the policy to be pursued with reference to Germany and to the international developments which will come from action, but to the preparations advisable to make for the preservation of internal order, the defense of our territory from attack and the assertion of American rights upon the high seas. A Germany impregnated with hatred and with a determination somewhere to obtain a "place in the sun."

**Defeat of Germany Necessary.**  
No nation who has won in a war is so crippled that they cannot begin another. With the strength the United States has gained by the suppression of the rebellion and the instant compliance of France and Austro-Hungary with

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Washington's demands for the abandonment of their imperial policies in Mexico. The safety of the United States forced the inevitable conclusion that only a beaten Germany could be depended upon to forego the ambitious designs which Prussian militarism has forced upon the patient and obedient German people.

There were other considerations which compelled the President to abandon peace for war. Considerations of the highest international character, which have not yet been revealed and cannot be revealed until the President himself is time to come shall speak. It is sufficient to say that by casting in American fortunes with the allies, he will disassociate for a long time to come, perhaps forever, the Japanese danger. In fact, he will assure closer relations between the English-speaking peoples, relations which are certain to advance the identical principles of their respective governments and benefit humanity and civilization throughout the world.

## STONE WILL VOTE 'NO'

MISSOURI SENATOR TO OPPOSE  
DECLARATION OF WAR.

Foreign Relations Committee Chairman  
to Delegate War Resolution  
to Other Hands.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, broke his silence today on the international situation and said that war appears probable; that he will vote against a war declaration but will give President Wilson his unlimited support if war is decided upon. Senator Stone said he did not know the President's programme, but would co-operate in enabling Congress promptly to express its conclusions. The foreign relations committee will meet at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the day the President addresses Congress. Senator Stone intimated that the handling of a war resolution in the Senate would be left to some other Senator acceptable to the President and the committee. Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, next in rank to Senator Stone, has told the President he opposes a war declaration and it appears probable that Senator Williams, of Mississippi, the next in line on the Democratic side, might be chosen.

## LOGGING SOON TO BEGIN

Big Contracts Obtained in Vicinity  
of Lewiston.

LEWISTON, Idaho, March 31.—(Special.)—Crews are soon to be assembled for extensive logging operations along the headwaters of the North Fork River. Contracts aggregating \$1,000,000 are said to have been secured by two contractors, who are to begin work within 60 days. It is reported that T. B. Hay holds a contract calling for 200,000 feet of timber to be delivered to the Rose Lake Lumber Company within three years. He will employ more than 500 men. All this timber is in forest reserve land. On the tributaries of the main North Fork River G. A. Branson has taken a contract from the Shoshone Lumber Company to cut timber on 2500 acres, of which 45,000,000 must be white pine. The Rose Lake company has contracted for the white pine.

## ROAD BOND BIDS OPENED

Offers for \$260,000 Issue Are So  
Close Award Is Delayed.

THE DALLES, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—Bids for the sale of Wasco County's \$260,000 road bonds were opened today by the County Court. Twenty bids were received, and as so many of them were close the Court has decided to withhold its decision until the bids can be more thoroughly gone over. The bonds will only bring a premium under \$900, as compared with the former sale which brought a premium of \$15,775.20. The bonds were sold to Clarke, Kendall & Co., of Portland, and the county will receive the premium after suit had been brought against the county to determine the validity of the bonds. The Supreme Court declared the bonds void. Work on the roads will be started immediately after the bids are reviewed and sold.

## WAR SENTIMENT PREVAILS

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the War, Navy and Treasury departments regarding preparedness plans. Action in Congress Awaited. It was indicated that tentative plans of the Administration for providing men, money and supplies for war purposes await action by Congress on the main question of whether a declaration of a state of war is to be adopted. Careful to observe the war-making prerogative of Congress, the President and his advisers are making it clear that nothing to be construed as an act of war beyond maintaining a state of armed neutrality and making ready for war if it comes. Plans of pacifists for attempting to keep Congress from declaring a state of war attracted some attention, but most of the reports to the Administration indicate that the Nation as a whole believes the time for war has come.

## Stone to Vote Against War.

A statement by Chairman Stone, of the Senate foreign relations committee, today that he would not vote for war, would support the Government in any policy decided upon, was the most noticeable anti-war development. Outlets of the main question to be decided, chief attention within the Administration is directed toward guarding against possible disturbances in the United States. That such danger exists was generally admitted, but officials believe the situation is well in hand.

## The Dalles Girl Honored.

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—Miss Viola Wolff, of The Dalles, was June queen, was elected Thursday as May Queen for the Mayday exercises to be held on the campus, May 1. If the weather permits, Miss Wolff is popular in student activities, as she holds many student offices. The maids of honor have not been chosen as yet.

## Mayor Mitchell Retains Mr. Hughes.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Mayor Mitchell announced last night that he had retained Charles E. Hughes as his personal counsel to represent him before the State Senate at Albany next Tuesday. The Mayor is to appear there to be questioned concerning alleged condemnatory statements he made about Senator Robert F. Wagner in connection with the Rockaway Point fortification site legislation.

## Music Stock Gets a Turkish Bath.

Steam pipe breaks and damages stock of pianos, music and musical instruments. See announcement, Section 1, this issue—Add.

## WAR PREPARATIONS GO AHEAD RAPIDLY

7000 More Guardsmen Called  
to Service—U-Boat Chaser  
Fleet Is Organized.

## DEFENSE COUNCIL ACTS

Captain Wilson, of Superdread-  
naught, Put in Charge of Pa-  
trol—All Steps Taken Are  
Preparatory to War.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The Government's war preparations developed important steps today in all three branches of National defense.

At the War Department orders were issued calling into the Federal service 7000 additional National Guardsmen, and it was announced that detailed plans had been worked out by the general staff for raising a new Army which Congress might authorize. **Mosquito Fleet Head Named.** The Navy Department established on an official basis the Coast patrol of submarine chasers, and ordered Captain Henry Wilson detached from his post as commander of the superdreadnaught Pennsylvania to take charge of the Coast "mosquito fleet." Sixteen more chasers were ordered at the Department during the day and Secretary Daniels said he expected soon to have a large number of the boats in commission. Plans for co-ordination of all defense resources outside the Army and Navy were worked out by the Council of National Defense and its advisory commission, which abandoned its previous programme of mobilizing the country's industries on a peace basis and turned its attention to more direct preparedness for war.

**Additional Guard Called Out.** National Guardsmen from five states and the District of Columbia are affected by today's order, bringing up to nearly 60,000 the number who have been summoned for police protection in industrial plants and other strategic points. Those ordered out today are: Oklahoma—First Regiment Infantry, Louisiana—First Regiment Infantry, District of Columbia—Third Regiment Infantry, Texas—Second, Third and Fourth Infantry and the first separate squad of cavalry. Arkansas First Regiment Infantry, Rhode Island—Second, Fifth, Twelfth and Fifteenth Companies of Coast Artillery, equipped as infantry.

**New Mexican Guard Dropped.** At the same time the War Department ordered that the first New Mexico Infantry, which never has attained the National Guard status, be dropped out of the new defense act, be mustered out of the Federal service. No explanation was made by department officials, but it was indicated that the regiment probably was dropped from the Federal force in order to avoid any confusion which might arise because of its unusual status.

While the official explanation was that the National Guardsmen ordered out today were required for military protection, it was assumed that the Texas organizations probably would be used for border protection, relieving approximately an equal number of regulars for duty elsewhere. Orders for submarine chasers are being placed in great numbers, but details are withheld for military reasons. It was officially stated today that, with the designation of Captain Wilson to command the new fleet, the arrangements for organization of the patrol forces had been completed in detail, with more than a score of points along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts designated as patrol bases and supply depots.

**Bids for Chasers Submitted.** More than 50 small boatbuilders submitted proposals today for the construction of chaser boats. The number of the 110 and 50-foot types. Secretary Daniels said the proposals assured the department it would be able to get all it wanted within the shortest possible time.

The plans of the defense council for industrial mobilization which have been worked out in weeks of consultation with the country's captains of industry are regarded by all officials as among the most important measures in the entire defense programme. Details have not been permitted to become public, but it is suspected that the steps taken to secure a united Nation behind the President in the event of war and to make the most of every industrial resource are exhaustive and specific. Even tentative suggestions for legislation which might be necessary in case of prolonged hostilities are said to be ready.

While the National policy is being determined in Congress next week, the council and the advisory commission will be in the capital prepared to take immediate action on any new situation which may arise.

## MINISTERS TO VISIT FRONT

Russian Premier and Aides Leave  
for General Headquarters.

LONDON, March 31.—Prince Lvoff, the Russian Premier, and all the other members of the provisional government left Petrograd today to visit general headquarters at the front, a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd announced.

The Russian provisional government has approved a measure put forward by the Minister of Commerce introducing a modification in the laws affecting public companies.

Among the changes is one whereby the legal restrictions affecting Jews and foreign subjects will no longer be extended to these companies. The restrictions applying to subjects of powers hostile to Russia, however, will remain in force.

## GOOD WISHES WITHHELD

Swiss Council Declines to Congratulate Russia.

BERNE, via Paris, March 31.—The Swiss National Council has rejected a proposal by the Swiss Socialists to send congratulations and good wishes to the new Russian government. The vote was 77 to 24.

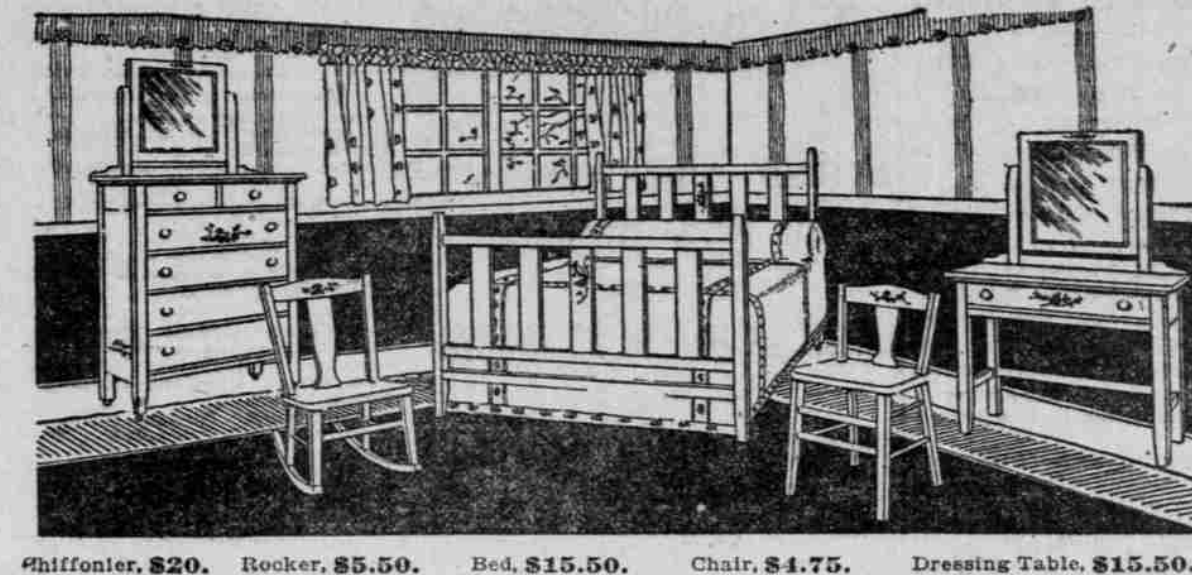
A dispatch from Berne March 27 said the Swiss Federal Council had instructed the Swiss Minister to send congratulations to the new Russian government.

**German Consul Leaves China.** AMOY, China, March 31.—The German Consul and his family sailed yesterday from Shanghai on board the Chinese steamer Taisun. They will return to Germany by way of America.

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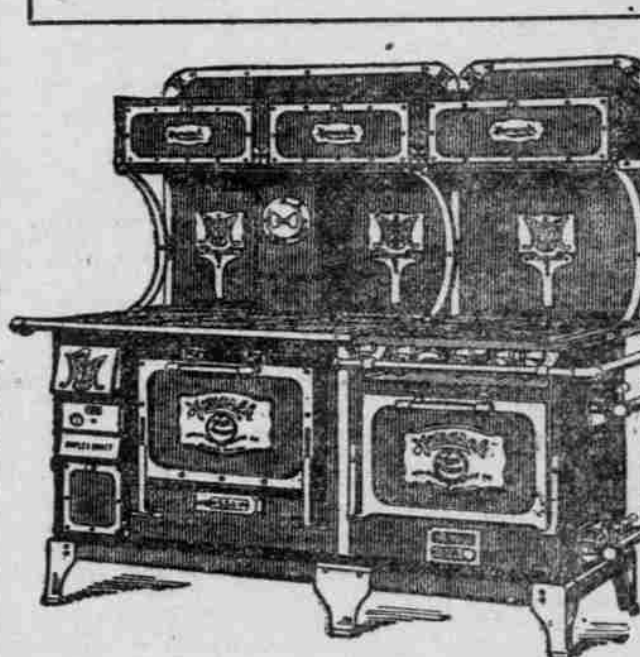


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TO DISPOSE OF \$200,000 PLANT.

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