

DECLARATION OF WAR MADE IN RESOLUTION ANNOUNCED BEFORE SPECIAL CONGRESS

Will be Introduced as Soon as President Wilson Delivers His Message

GERMAN COURSE REALLY WARFARE, SAYS RESOLUTION

Wilson to Appear Before Congress In Joint Session This Evening to Outline Policy--Present Session One of Most Momentous in Nation's History

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—Chairman Flood, of the House Foreign Affairs committee, today announced a resolution at the opening of Congress, declaring war on Germany. The resolution is to be introduced as soon as the organization of the House is completed.

The resolution says: "Whereas, the recent course of Germany is nothing less than war against the United States, be it resolved that a state of belligerency is thrust upon the United States, and is hereby formally declared, and that the President of the United States is authorized to take immediate steps to put the country in a thorough state of defense, and also to exert all his power, and all resources to bring the conflict to a successful termination."

President Wilson is going before Congress in a joint session of the House and Senate this evening to deliver his war message. This was officially announced after Representative Kitchin, Democratic leader in the House, recommended the plan. Throughout the day the President awaited the completion of the organization of the House, so that he could deliver his message.

Peace Efforts Fail.

This action marks the climax of almost three years' effort on the part of the Chief Executive to peacefully force the protection of lives and property of American citizens from the effects of ruthless German submarine warfare.

Commercial, industrial and manpower mobilization of our forces have made great strides since the President suddenly issued his call to the nation's legislative body ten days ago, and so definite has been the conviction that aggressive war is to be waged upon Germany that they stand ready at this moment, awaiting only official word from Congress to go ahead.

Munition and shipbuilding plants are prepared to serve the equipment for the sea and land forces and the

present session of Congress is expected to pass a universal service measure.

Broken Pledges Cause.

Today's historic situation resulted directly from Germany's repudiation of her submarine pledges of a year ago and the resumption of ruthless submarine warfare in an attempt to starve England in submission.

The first American ship to go down at the hands of a German submarine commander following the German decree establishing a submarine blockade zone around England, February 1, was the Housatonic. This ship was sunk without warning on February 3. This was followed by the sinking of the Lyman M. Law on February 13, the Algonquin on March 12, and the Villigancia, City of Memphis and the Illinois on March 18. All these were American ships and all of them with the exception of the City of Memphis, were sunk without warning. The captains, four Americans and four of other nationalities are missing from the City of Memphis and 15, including several Americans are missing from the Villigancia.

Gigantic Task Faced.

Probably never before in the history of the United States has there been so nearly a coalition Congress. Democrats and Republicans have practically the same number of votes in the House. The balance of power in the hands of five independents. The session beginning today was expected to be the most momentous since the Civil War, by reason of the critical situation which caused its being, and the vital incidents, many unprecedented, which marked the interim between the close of the sixty-fourth Congress on March 4, and the opening of the new Congress today.

FEDERAL SHIPPING HEAD IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Or., April 2.—Theodore Brent, vice chairman of the federal shipping board, arrived here today and a committee of local lumbermen and shipbuilders described to him local facilities for building wooden ships. He will be taken on a tour of local shipyards tomorrow.

AGED SENATOR IS ASSAULTED

BOSTON PACIFISTS KNOCK HENRY CABOT LODGE TO GROUND, WHILE HUNDREDS THROUG TO SEE FRAY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, was knocked down and painfully injured today in a clash with two Bostonians, Alexander Bannwart and Mrs. Anna Peabody. Bannwart started an argument, opposing war, and it is said, struck Senator Lodge, knocking him to the floor. David Herman, a telegraph operator, heard the noise of the fight, and rushing in, attacked Bannwart.

The Senate office building was the scene of the fight. Hundreds of pacifists and anti-pacifists were gathered about and intense excitement prevailed. Bannwart and Mrs. Peabody were arrested.

VOLUNTEER SUBMARINE CHASER NOW IN SERVICE



The volunteer submarine chaser Lynx, owned by Nathaniel Ayer of Boston, is shown starting on the cruise off New England, recruiting men for the naval reserve. The government has ordered 200 of these craft.

DEMONSTRATION CAR IS COMING TO BEND

O. A. C. and O.-W. Join Forces in Promotion of Poultry Raising and Domestic Science.

That a co-operative demonstration car specializing in poultry and domestic science, the result of joint efforts on the part of the Oregon Agricultural college, and the O.-W. R. & N. will be in Bend on the evening of Wednesday, April 11, was the statement this morning of Professor C. C. Lamb, of O. A. C., and County Agriculturalist Blanchard. Professor Lamb was in the city for the first of his series of lectures on poultry given in Deschutes and Crook counties.

According to the schedule now adopted, the demonstration car will be here for one evening only, arriving here at 7:35 o'clock and leaving the next morning. Professor Lamb and A. G. S. Bouquet will be in charge of the poultry department, while Miss Helen Cowgill and Miss Anna Johnson will be in charge of the domestic science division.

Professor Lamb announced that the schedule for the remainder of his lectures will remain unchanged, as follows: Arnold school, 2 p. m., Tuesday; Bend Grange Hall, 8 p. m., Tuesday; Terrebonne, 2 p. m., Wednesday; Prineville, 8 p. m., Wednesday; Redmond, 2 p. m., Thursday; Tumalo, 8 p. m., Thursday.

FLOUR SETS RECORD

Reaches \$8.80 a Barrel in Portland—Wheat Keeps Pace.

PORTLAND, Or., April 2.—Flour reached a new high record today when \$8.80 was paid in the local market, marking an advance of 20 cents a barrel. Another record was set for wheat, bluestem being quoted at \$1.70. All wheat advanced from three to five cents since Saturday.

WAR BRIDES BOOMED

Two to Six Points Gains Made in the Stock Exchange.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The war market broke on the stock exchange in the last few minutes of trading this afternoon. "War brides" advanced from two to six points, while on the curb, gains of from one to one and one-half points were reported. Cotton futures advanced \$1.50.

ARMY STAFF PLANS FOR TRAINING BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—The army general staff is planning for the introduction of compulsory military training. The measure advocated plans for the training of all men between the ages of 18 and 28.

SUFFRAGISTS RESUME "SILENT PICKETING"

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—Silent picketing by Suffragists was re-established before the gates of the White House today, and all entrances to the House and Senate offices in the capitol today.

PACIFIST THROG CALLS OUT POLICE

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—Municipal and capital police, some mounted, dispersed a pacifist demonstration in front of the capitol today. Approximately 1500 pacifists were involved.

GERMAN LINES NOW IN SIGHT

BRITISH NOW WITHIN FOUR MILES OF VON HINDENBURG'S STRONGHOLD—FENCH HOLD KEY POSITION.

LONDON, April 2.—General Haig's troops are in sight of von Hindenburg's line. This sharpens the wedge which is being driven in to St. Quentin. From the ridge dominating this point, the British can see the town not four miles distant.

The French have advanced three miles to what is believed to be the key to the positions occupied by von Hindenburg's forces. London expects tremendous fighting in this district. Battle front dispatches say that the Germans are endeavoring to complete concrete foundations for their artillery in order to make possible opposition to further allied advance with their heaviest.

B. A. A. C. WILL MEET

Gymnasium Plans Nearing Completion for Organization.

Gymnasium plans which will be very nearly definite are expected to be submitted to the members of the Bend Amateur Athletic association at 8 o'clock this evening, when the meeting of the organization is held at the Emblem club.

Tentative drawings showing an outline of the arrangement deemed most advisable, were being completed this afternoon in the office of Architect Lee A. Thomas.

AMERICA TO TAKE 90 INTERNED SHIPS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—The United States government plans taking possession of 90 German ships interned in American ports, as soon as war is declared, it was stated today.

BAD WEATHER PLAYS APRIL FOOL PRANK ON LOCAL ANGLERS

Three of Few Who Venture Forth Brave Two Feet of Snow to Reach Waters of the Metolius.

Bad weather for the two weeks preceding played an April Fool joke on anglers yesterday, and only a few of the most enthusiastic whipped the streams in the vicinity of Bend. What little fishing was done, was for the most part in the Deschutes, close to the city, and fishermen reported little success, declaring that the cold had spoiled the appetites of the finny tribe.

J. C. Cunningham, Billy Minter and Jack Tansey braved two feet of snow and made the trip to the Metolius by auto. They reported that when outward bound the roads were fairly passable, as the snow was hard, but the rain of the afternoon caused them great trouble on their return trip.

Mr. Cunningham brought back with him 10 of the big trout which have made the Metolius noted through the state. One of the fish was more than two feet long.

LUMBERMEN FIGHT ADVANCE IN FREIGHT

Content Increased Cost of Operation Under Adamson Law is Not as Large as Railroads Say.

PORTLAND, Or., April 2.—A determined fight against the petition of the railroads for a flat increase of 15 per cent on both class and commodity rates is under way here today by the West Coast Lumbermen's association. The directors and traffic committee were authorized to appear before the Interstate Commerce committee to oppose the move of the railroads.

The lumbermen contend that the Adamson law, on which the railroads base their claim, will not increase the operating costs of American railroads \$67,000,000 annually, as the roads allege. They say that the increased operating costs will not be over four million or five million. The lumbermen also contend that this is not the logical time for the increase in lumber rates, as the industry cannot stand it.

SHERIFF ANSWERS REPLEVIN ACTION

Cross Complaint Asks \$400 Damages From C. F. Hoskins, Alleging Taking of Attached Property.

Sheriff S. E. Roberts filed his answer this morning in Circuit court, to the complaint of C. F. Hoskins in replevin, and incorporated in the answer a cross complaint asking \$400 damages. The case was the outgrowth of a sheriff's sale in December on the suit of Vernon and Joseph F. Piendl against their father, J. J. Piendl, a renter on Hoskins' land. The Piendl action was brought to recover money alleged due for wages.

In his answer, Sheriff Roberts sets forth that a portion of the produce on which the attachment was levied was taken by Hoskins, involving a loss of \$400. He asks that Hoskins' suit be dismissed.

DUMA SCORNS PEACE

Impossible Till Hohenzollerns Deposed is Declaration.

PETROGRAD, April 2.—"We cannot shake hands with the German people until they rid themselves of the cursed Hohenzollerns," was the declaration of Vice President Shobloff, of the Duma, today. "The Kaiser and von Bethmann Hollweg are the most reputable enemies of Russian liberty," he said.

President Rodzaunke, of the Duma, promised to submit an equal suffrage measure to the assembly.

RATE PETITION IS IN

Railroads' Plea for Increase Now Up to Commission.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—The formal petition of 22 western railroads for an immediate increase of general freight rates was filed today with the Interstate Commerce commission. The exact increase desired was not named, but it is understood that 15 per cent is the general advance specified.

USE THUMB MARKS TO SIGN INDIAN WILLS

TAOMA, Wash., April 2.—Two legal instruments on file here in the superior court bear thumb-print signatures. They are the wills of Mary Charley, Puyallup Indian and centenarian, and of her husband, "Burnt" Charley.

NAME CLARK SPEAKER OF WAR HOUSE

LEADERSHIP IS WON BY CLOSE MARGIN.

CONTROL UNSETTLED

Majority May Swing to Either Republicans or Democrats in Next Few Days—Senate Opening Uneventful.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, will preside over the "War House," which convened today. He was elected this afternoon. The vote stood as follows: Clark 217, Mann 205, Lenroot 2.

The blind representative from Minnesota, Schall, an independent, who was expected to vote for Mann, stirred the House when he nominated Clark. "Today," he said, "there should be just one party, and that America. I would be useless on the battlefield, but I will do my duty with the light that God gave me."

Interest in the special session of the new Congress, aside of action on the German-American situation, centered today in the organization of the House. The division between Democrats and Republicans at the moment was nearly even, but developments of the next few days may sway the control either way a number of times before it is definitely settled.

Johnson Enters Ring.

However, the Democrats probably will gain one through the election of a man to fill the congressional vacancy in New York. This may be evened up by the election of a Republican successor to Representative Sulloway, of New Hampshire, although the Democrats are fighting for that place also. Ninety new members were sworn in today.

Calling together of the Senate was largely a formality. By virtue of its usual special session March 5, when the Vice President was inaugurated and the new senators sworn in, the Senate simply convened. Vice President Marshall assumed the chair.

Senator Elect Hiram Johnson, the stormy petrel of California politics and the rock on which the Hughes wave broke last November, appeared

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COUNTY'S FEES TAKE BIG JUMP

NEARLY 100 PER CENT INCREASE OVER FEBRUARY, IS MADE IN MARCH—REALTY SHOWS GREAT ACTIVITY.

County business mounted up during the month just past until it showed an increase of nearly 100 per cent over the month preceding, according to figures compiled in the office of County Clerk J. H. Haner. The total was \$558.65 for March, while February ran only \$290.24.

An itemized account of fees for March shows the following: Recording \$350.45, circuit court \$170, probate and county court \$13.80, Marriage licenses \$21, miscellaneous \$47.70. From February, the different accounts were: Recording \$168.26, circuit court \$45, probate and county courts \$42.50, marriage licenses \$9.00, miscellaneous \$25.48.

The gain in the recording department is considered especially significant, as showing greatly increased activity in county realty.

A comparison of the figures with those for Crook for the month of March for the past three years shows a total business here already practically as large as that done in Prineville when the two sections made one county. In March, 1914, the clerk's receipts in Crook (including Jefferson) were \$837.71, in 1915 \$531.25 and in 1916, \$583.98.