

# PRESIDENT ACCEPTS GAGE OF BATTLE IN THRILLING SPEECH BEFORE CONGRESS

## Must Bring German Empire to Terms, and so End War, Is Declaration

### AFFRONTS OFFERED AMERICA ARE SUMMARIZED

#### Cooperation With Allies Necessary, He Says--War Taxation Urged, and Friendship for German People Maintained by President.

By Robert J. Bender.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—(By United Press.)—President Wilson last night accepted the "Gage of battle" with Germany, whose acts have constituted war against the people of the United States. In a dramatic address to Congress, the President recommended exertion of all this country's power and resources "to bring the government of the German Empire to terms, and to end the war."

The President said: "I have called Congress into extraordinary session because there are serious, very serious choices of policy to be made immediately, which it was neither right nor constitutionally permissible that I should marred the incidents leading up to the break of relations assume the responsibility of making." He then summed up Germany. He declared that German submarine warfare against commerce is warfare against all mankind.

"When I addressed Congress on February 26, last, I thought it would suffice to assert our neutral rights with arms, our right to keep our people safe against unlawful violence, but armed neutrality, it now appears, is impracticable. Because submarines, in effect outlaws, when used as German submarines, have been used against merchant ships, it is impossible to defend ships against their attacks as the law of nations assumed that merchantmen would defend themselves against privateers, cruisers, visible craft, giving chase upon open sea, it is common prudence in such circumstances, grim necessity, indeed, to endeavor to destroy them before they have shown their intentions. They must be dealt with upon sight, if dealt with at all. The German government denies the right of neutrals to use arms at all within an area of sea which it has prescribed, even in defense of the rights which no modern public has ever before questioned their right to defend. The intimation is conveyed that armed guards which we have placed on our merchant ships will be treated as beyond the pale of law and subject to be dealt with as pirates would be. Armed neutrality is ineffectual enough at best, in such circumstances, and in face of such pretensions, it is worse than ineffectual, it is likely enough to produce what it was meant to prevent, and is practically certain to draw us into war without the rights or effectiveness of belligerents.

"With profound sense of the solemn, even tragical character of the step I am taking, and of the grave responsibility which it involves, but in unhesitating obedience to what I deem constitutional, I advise that 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, that it formally accepts the status of belligerent which has thus been thrust upon it, and that it take immediate steps not only to put the country in a more thorough state of defense, but also to exert all its power and to employ all its resources to bring the government of the German Empire to terms, and end the war."

He said it would involve the utmost practical co-operation and action with the governments now at war with Germany, liberal financial credits, organization, mobilization of material resources to supply war materials, and immediate addition to the armed forces of the United States already provided for by law in case of war at least five hundred thousand men, who, said the President, should be chosen upon the principle of universal liability to service. The President also urged war taxation to finance the conflict, and ordered the borrowing of money to provide for men and ships. He will suggest through the executive department measures for co-operating with other nations now at war with Germany. He said, "We have no quarrel with the German people. We have no feeling toward them, but one of sympathy and friendship.

"Steadfast concern for peace can never be maintained except by a partnership democratic nations," he declared.

"No autocratic government could be trusted to keep faith with it, or observe its covenants."

He said, "One thing that has served to convince us that the Prussian autocracy was not and could never be our friend is that from the very outset of the present war it has filled unsuspecting communities,

to check it. The world must be made safe for democracy, its peace shall be planted upon tested foundations of political liberty. We have no selfish ends to serve, no desire for conquest, we seek no indemnities for ourselves, no material compensation for sacrifices we shall freely make. We are but one of the champions of the rights of mankind."

In closing, the President said, "Right is more precious than peace, and we shall fight for things which we have always carried nearest our hearts, for democracy, for right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own governments, for the rights and liberty of small nations, for the universal dominion of right as shall bring peace safely to all nations and make the world itself at last free. To such a task we dedicate our lives, our fitness, everything that we are and everything that we have, with the pride of those who know that the day has come when America is privileged to spend her blood and her might for the principles that gave her birth, and the happiness and peace which she has treasured. God helping her, she can do no other."

## ROAD BONDING CAMPAIGN ON

### GATHERING IN SUBSCRIPTIONS TO FURTHER WORK IS NEXT STEP—CO-OPERATION SOUGHT BY COUNTIES.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

With a state headquarters established, much enthusiasm and many requests pouring in for information, literature and speakers, the road bonding campaign may be regarded as started. All that is lacking to get it under full steam is money.

All the money received at headquarters so far is from subscriptions made by members of the legislature and the few people who met with the legislative committee when it gathered formally in Portland. Each gave \$10, and the total receipts barely sufficed to cover the cost of inserting the official argument in the state pamphlet.

Now the spectacle is presented of a state-wide headquarters having no cash with which to do the work the different counties are asking it to do.

Some of the Portland road boosters have made the proposal that they will make some subscriptions and go out and collect funds from the business interests, half of the proceeds to be paid to Senator E. D. Cusick, of Albany, treasurer of the state-wide legislative committee, and the other half to be used in the Multnomah county campaign. Committees are being named by the different Portland businessmen's organizations to put on a subscription campaign.

The different counties are handling their local campaigns in good shape, but are clamoring for such co-operation as only a state-wide headquarters can give. The hopes of the legislative committee that subscriptions would be sent in spontaneously from the county organizations have so far failed to materialize. Evidently the state-wide headquarters will languish in respectable poverty until a vigorous financial campaign is organized to procure subscriptions. Meanwhile there is an excellent opportunity for individuals and associations all over Oregon to be of practical service to the good roads cause by sending subscriptions to Treasurer Cusick at Albany. Any subscriptions turned in to The Bend Bulletin will be forwarded by the editor to Treasurer Cusick, and acknowledgment made in our columns of names and amounts subscribed.

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### \$150,000,000 A YEAR MILITARY COMMITTEE'S ESTIMATE—NATIONAL FOOD CONTROL IS SUGGESTED.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—From 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 men will probably be raised for America's armies. One member of the cabinet 3,000,000 to be set as a minimum, while army men recommend the higher number. The army will be raised in groups of 500,000 as rapidly as they can be offered. Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate Military committee, says that these changes can be made at an expense of \$150,000,000 annually. The estimates made by the general staff are much higher.

Secretary of War Baker and the advisory committee of the Council for National Defense, discussed war plans on a three-year basis today. The points brought up included suggestions for the food control of the nation, and universal military service. They advocated the universal compulsory military training bill providing an army of 500,000, and empowering the President to call out all men physically fit, at the age of 20. It would allow the calling of men aged 21, 22, and 23, if necessity arises.

## CENTRAL OREGON LEAGUE FORMED

### PRINEVILLE, MADRAS-CULVER BEND AND SHEVLIN-HIXON FORM ORGANIZATION—MAURICE CASHMAN HEADS LEAGUE.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The Central Oregon Baseball League, to be made up of teams representing Prineville, Madras-Culver, Bend and The Shevlin-Hixon Company, was definitely organized last night at a meeting at the Emblem club, with representatives from each of the towns present.

Maurice Cashman, of the Bend team, was selected president of the league; L. H. Irving, of Madras, vice president; J. O. Pearce, Culver, secretary, and E. F. Albee, Prineville, treasurer. The board of directors will comprise Maurice Cashman, J. O. Pearce, Frank R. Prince, F. E. Albee and L. H. Irving. An honorary board of directors was selected with power to vote, comprising the following men: O. A. Pearce, Madras; C. S. Hudson, Bend; T. A. McCann, Bend; E. J. Kingsley, Culver; T. M. Baldwin, Prineville.

That a four team league would be a more feasible undertaking than a six team organization, brought to a conclusion a consolidation of the Madras-Culver teams which will play under a Jefferson county head with games alternately played at Madras and Culver. This consolidation it was thought by the representatives of Madras and Culver would work to a better financial advantage and would enable the two towns to produce a faster organization than by working separately.

The league directors will meet again within the next week, each representative to present a tentative schedule for the summer baseball schedule from which the definite

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schedule for the summer baseball will be worked out, and the selection of umpires made and financial arrangements for games.

It is the desire of the league to offer Central Oregon the best calibre of baseball it has ever had and offer a dependable schedule of games for the season.

### "SAFETY FIRST" IS ATTAINING RESULTS

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—"Safety First," which the country has been hearing so much about for several years, is beginning to show substantial results in the mortality

among miners, according to the Bureau of Mines here today.

Mines throughout the United States have been exacting a yearly toll in about 3 1/2 men in every 1000 employed. The latest figures available are the lowest in eight years and the prospect is for still greater decreases.

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## Widespread War In Two Decades, History Shows

- Austria on Servia, July 28, 1914.
- Germany on France, August 4, 1914.
- England on Germany, August 4, 1914.
- Austria on Russia, August 6, 1914.
- Montenegro on Germany, August 12, 1914.
- Japan on Germany, August 23, 1914.
- Austria on Japan, August 25, 1914.
- \*\*Russia on Turkey, October 30, 1914.
- Great Britain on Turkey, November 5, 1914.
- Italy on Austria, May 23, 1915.
- Great Britain on Bulgaria, October 15, 1915.
- Russia on Bulgaria, October 19, 1915.
- Italy on Germany, August 27, 1915.
- Roumania on Austria-Hungary, August 27, 1915.
- Germany on Roumania, August 27, 1915.
- \*\*State of War.

### PREVIOUS WARS OF UNITED STATES, WITH THE NAME OF PRESIDENT IN OFFICE AT THE TIME.

- War of Revolution, April 19, 1775.
- War with France, July 9, 1789, Washington.
- War with Tripoli, June 10, 1801, Jefferson.
- War of 1812, June 18, 1812, Madison.
- War with Mexico, April 24, 1846, Polk.
- Spanish-American War, April 21, 1898, McKinley.
- Philippine Insurrection, April, 1899, McKinley.

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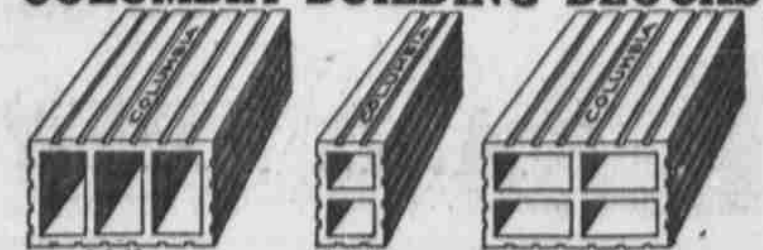
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