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## FEW IN SENATE OPPOSE WAR RESOLUTION

### BITTERSPEECHES BY WILFUL FEW OPPOSING WAR

Senate Rings With Oratory Over Declaration of War—Norris Declares War Places Sign of Dollar Mark on Old Glory—Majority Pledge Support to Administration.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The war resolution was debated in the senate today with speeches of support from both sides and prospects that the opposition would be confined to a very few. It was the plan to pass it before adjourning.

The resolution was not reached in the house, however, as had been planned, and is to be taken up at ten o'clock tomorrow morning under an arrangement to remain in session until it is passed.

The senate's resolution was adopted by the house foreign affairs committee as a substitute for its own and favorably reported for passage with only two members of the committee voting against it. They were Representative Shackelford, democrat of Missouri, and Representative Cooper, republican of Wisconsin.

**Patriotic Support.**  
In the senate patriotic speeches of support for the president and a determination to press the war with all vigor were made by democrats and republicans with pledges of non-partisan consideration for all war questions.

Senator Hitchcock, in charge of the resolution for the president, in place of Senator Stone, who would not support it, declared that as much as he wished and had worked to avoid war, he could not vote against the resolution.

Senator Lodge, ranking republican of the foreign relations committee, pledging the support of the republicans to the president, called on the government to seize all German ships in American waters to replace those destroyed by submarines and in passionate terms called on the government not to conduct a "half war."

**Vardaman Opposes Bill.**  
Senator Vardaman, democrat of Mississippi, was the first to announce he would vote against the war resolution. He was followed by Senator Stone, who announced his position, but like Vardaman, pledged his support to the war when it is begun.

Announcement was made by Senator Kenyon of Iowa, who opposed the armed neutrality bill and was among the "wilful men" mentioned by the president, that he would vote for the administration war resolution if for no other reason than for national unity.

Senator Gronna of North Dakota, another of the "little group of wilful men," announced he would vote against the war resolution.

Senator Kirby, democrat of Arkansas, who opposed the armed neutrality bill, today announced that he would vote for the war resolution "that it may appear that we are together," and heatics a vote against it, he felt, would be futile.

**Norris Against War.**

Senator Norris, republican of Nebraska, told the senate he was "bitterly opposed to the United States entering the war," but did not flatly

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### GERMANS INCITING NEGROES TO REVOLT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 4.—Reports that German agents are working in southern states, particularly in the tobacco and cotton belt, to incite negroes against the United States government were confirmed here today by local federal agents. These officials announced that steps already have been taken to curb these activities.

### GERMAN U-BOAT LURKS OFF COAST SOUTH CAROLINA

Crew Lands in Small Boat and Buys Supplies From Farmer—Germany Using Mexican Ports as Submarine Bases—Mexican Wireless Is Utilized—Navy Ready for Crisis.

BY GILSON GARDNER.  
WASHINGTON, April 4.—The navy department is investigating a circumstantial story about a German U-boat which is said to have touched at the coast of North Carolina for provisions. The story told is substantially as follows:

A farmer living near the seashore in a rather lonely district off Roanoke Island north of Pimlico Sound, was called upon late in the afternoon three or four days ago by a couple of seamen who had landed on the beach in a small boat from a submarine lying near the shore. These seamen spoke English with difficulty and were obviously German. They asked for all the provisions in his house and took them paying for what they took. The provisions were loaded into the small boat which put back to the submarine, and when it had been taken aboard the submarine submerged and disappeared.

The man telling the story came to Washington and talked in confidence to persons here connected with the navy department. He is known to be a person of entire credibility and the department is convinced that there are German submarines lurking off the South Carolina coast, awaiting developments or orders from Berlin.

**Using Mexican Base.**  
It has been assumed that the Germans would make their bases for submarines in Mexican waters. It is known positively that German agents have been in close touch with the Carranza government, supplying money freely, with the intention, no doubt, to smooth the way for the use of Mexican harbors and sources of oil and provisions in prosecuting U-boat operations against the United States. This fits entirely the policy declared in the Zimmermann note where the German minister announced frankly that Germany awaited only a formal break between the two countries to co-operate with Mexico in any form of hostility to this country that might be mutually advantageous.

The wireless stations in Mexico are much more important to Germany than any sources of information thru German citizens in the United States. There are two powerful sending stations, one near Mexico City and another at Torreón which could be used to communicate with Berlin.

**U. S. Navy Ready.**

Whatever may be said to the contrary, the United States navy is ready. The ships are in perfect condition as to repair and have been stocked and munitioned to the last detail. Every ship of the reserve, for which men could be secured by taking men from the navy yards, training stations or other land duties, has been put into commission and the new men who are coming from the training stations are being put into shape by most intensive drills and training so that they may be put on the ships and set at active duty

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### MERCHANTMAN SINKS U-BOAT

ST. JOHN, N. B., April 4.—The sinking of a German submarine which attacked their ship ninety miles off Queenstown, Ireland, was reported by officers of a British steamer on arrival here today. In a running fight the merchantman scored a direct hit, officers said, and the U-boat went to the bottom with all hands. The steamer was slightly damaged by shell fire.



G. M. HITCHCOCK

### FOUR KILLED IN SHOOTING AFFRAY HANFORD, CAL.

Wealthy Farmer Kills Justice of Peace, Lawyer and Implements Man and Is Shot Dead a Few Minutes Later by Town Marshal As He Tries to Draw Revolver Again.

HANFORD, Cal., April 4.—Four men were killed here today in a shooting affray started by L. H. Denny, wealthy Tulare Lake farmer, and ending in his death.

**The dead are:**  
Justice of the Peace George L. Meadows.

E. T. Casper, an attorney.  
G. W. Wiley, manager of a traction engine business.

L. H. Denny, farmer of Tulare Lake.

Denny shot Casper and Wiley in Casper's office. Then he walked to the court house and just as Judge Meadows opened court toppled him from the bench with a bullet. He walked out of the courthouse to his automobile and was preparing to drive away when Marshal W. J. Hime halted him and shot him dead as Denny tried to draw his revolver a third time.

It was said that Denny was crazed with drink and brooding over a legal action brought against him to collect notes due. A whiskey bottle, it was said, was found in Denny's pocket.

Denny tried but failed to kill former Judge Cover.  
The shooting took place at ten o'clock just as fell dusk. When his victims fell Denny rushed into the street, pursued by deputy sheriffs raining bullets at him. Instead of the Yuba company owing Denny it was said later, Denny was the defendant in a suit brought by the construction company for the collection of notes due.

Denny was a rancher and a capitalist.

**Sued for Engine.**

Several weeks ago he was sued by the tractor company to collect for a tractor engine he had purchased. This morning he and his attorney, former Superior Judge J. G. Covert, met at the offices of Attorney Casper, acting for the tractor company, to endeavor to settle the litigation. No settlement was reached and Casper remarked: "We will have to go ahead with the suit." Instantly Denny whipped out his revolver, ordering Covert, who sought to restrain him, out of the way. He killed Casper and Wiley after firing four shots.

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### ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL PASSES HOUSE

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The army appropriation bill for 1917 carrying \$240,000,000 was passed by the house today in less than half an hour. In exactly the same form as it passed the house in the last session of congress. Amendments to bring the total of the bill to \$276,998,000 were ignored in the interest of speed.



W. J. STONE



### DRY FORCES WIN GREATEST VICTORY IN MIDDLE WEST

CHICAGO, April 4.—Dry forces won their greatest victory in the history of the prohibition movement in the middle west yesterday when capitals of two states and one of the principal cities of a third, in addition to a number of small towns, voted to close their saloons.

Springfield, Illinois, and Madison, Wisconsin, were the capitals which went into the prohibition column and Duluth, Minnesota, the third city of the state and one of the principal Great Lakes ports voted the same way.

Practically complete returns show that twenty-one towns other than Springfield voted dry in Illinois, while eleven granted licenses, Illinois of the towns voting dry already were dry, while nine of those favoring the saloons had them during the past year.

In Wisconsin forty-two towns are shown to have favored prohibition, and twenty-four voted to license saloons.

### SCANDAL DISRUPTS AUSTRIAN CABINET

LONDON, April 4.—The Austrian ministers of justice, war and finance have resigned after the revelation of a grave scandal connected with army supplies, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from The Hague.

Three ministers assisted Dr. Franz Frenschke, director of the Vienna deposit bank, to escape the consequences of having illegally sold food-stuffs to the army at exorbitant prices.

At the trial of Dr. Franz, documents were produced which convinced the judge that the ministers had forged a paper which was user in the minister's behalf. They were summoned as witnesses and admitted their guilt, later resigning.

### AMERICAN ARMED SHIPS CROSS SUBMARINE ZONE

NEW YORK, April 4.—Word was received here today of the arrival of the American steamships Finland and St. Paul at English ports. Both ships left an American port on March 24. They were armed.



J. K. VARDAMAN

### TO VOTE AGAINST WAR IS FOOLISH SAYS HITCHCOCK

Opposition to Resisting German Aggression Seriously to Weaken the Country in Face of Enemy When War Is Inevitable, Declares Nebraska Senator in Opening Debate.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Speaking in behalf of the resolution declaring that a state of war exists with Germany, Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska said today:

"The time for discussion has passed. The president has already stated more clearly, effectively, more conclusively the reasons which make this grave step necessary. The resolution provides for war against the imperial German government. It is framed on the lines of other wars. It places the responsibility for the war squarely on the shoulders of the German government, charged with repeated acts of war against the United States. It is also unquestionably a declaration of war.

"I am impressed with the solemnity of the occasion. Some may be filled with joy at the prospect of war. To me it is depressing and dreadful. The enormous cost which the people must pay, the great increase in the cost of living, the enormous burden of the taxes the people must bear and still greater heritage of death, stagger my mind. The awful sacrifice of lives that must follow sickens my heart. I am sure many other senators feel as I do.

**Want No More Land.**

"We want no more territory," said Senator Hitchcock, "we will demand no indemnity. We have no historic grudge to settle nor racial antipathy. In this respect we differ from the other countries already involved in this awful struggle. There is pan-Slavism against pan-Germanism. Italy wants back the Trentino, France her lost provinces. Great Britain has German commerce and German colonies almost in her grasp; Russia wants Constantinople, and Germany, beside her place in the sun, wants to dominate Europe.

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### HOUSE TO DISCUSS WAR TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, April 4.—By unanimous consent the house agreed today to begin discussion of the war resolution tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. No special rule limiting debate will be brought in and the house will remain in continuous session until the resolution is passed.

The house foreign affairs committee today accepted the senate's war resolution in place of its own and favorably reported the resolution for passage. If it is not taken up in the house late today, it will be considered as the first business tomorrow.

Representative Shackelford of Missouri, democrat, Representative Cooper, republican, of Wisconsin, were the only members of the committee to vote against the resolution.

### LODGE FAVORS SEIZURE OF ALL GERMAN SHIPS

Republican Leader Pledges Support of Party to War Policy—Advocates Grabbing of All Interned Vessels to Replace Those Sunk by U-Boat—Vigorous Action Favored.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Senator Lodge, ranking republican of the foreign relations committee, spoke after Senator Swanson on the War Resolution:

"No one is more conscious than I that this is a moment for action and not for debate," said Senator Lodge. "But I wish briefly to state why I support it with the greatest earnestness of which I am capable.

"The most momentous power entrusted to congress by the constitution is the authority to declare war and never has congress been called to a more solemn exercise of this great power than at this moment. We have submitted to wrongs and outrages from the central powers of Europe with a long patience.

"We have long borne and foreborne to the very limit of endurance. Now the inevitable end is here and we are about to declare war against Germany.

**Party Lines Disappear.**

"Speaking for myself, and I hope for my associates generally on this side of the chamber, I desire to say that in this crisis and when the country is at war, party lines will disappear and this disappearance of the party line will, in an confidence, not be to the detriment of the majority. Both democrats and republicans must forget party in the presence of a common danger.

"We have only a very small army and we must proceed at once as rapidly as possible to build up a large one fit to defend the country in any emergency.

"Our navy is strong in certain branches and very weak in others. It must be our business to supply the deficiencies as rapidly as possible. Fortunately these deficiencies are of the kind which can be most quickly supplied.

"The president has said that war will involve the most practical co-operation of the council and action of the governments now at war with Germany, and as an incident to that the extension to those governments of the most liberal financial credits, in order that our resources may so far as possible be added to theirs.

**Foreign Alliances.**

"I am not only in agreement with this policy advised by the president, but it seems to me that nothing is more important than to follow it out.

"I am a thorough believer in the general policy laid down by Washington when he advised the people of the United States not to enter into permanent alliances; but the man who won the American revolution through the alliance with France would have been the last to lay down a hard and fast rule that under no circumstances and for no purposes were we to ever ally ourselves with other nations. It would be madness for us to attempt to make war alone upon Germany and find ourselves, perhaps at the end

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### USES RIFLE TO KILL WIFE AND HIMSELF

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 4.—Charles Anderson, a retired rancher, aged 59, shot and killed his wife at their home in Oosta, fifteen miles west of here, this morning and then ended his own life. Mrs. Anderson was shot while she was standing in the yard, Anderson using a rifle. Then he went into the house and killed himself. No reason is known for the crime. The couple had six children all living. Anderson attempted to kill his 14-year-old son, but the lad fled the house and escaped.

### ISSUE IN WAR OR SUBMISSION SAYS SWANSON

Virginia Senator Declares That Germany's Treatment of a Friendly Nation Has Reached the Lowest Depths of National Turpitude—No Gentle Rebuff, But Mailed Fist.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Senator Swanson of Virginia in the debate over the war resolution said the German government "has repeatedly and grossly violated its treaty obligations to us and wantonly broken solemn assurances."

"The issue is not peace or war," declared Senator Swanson, "war has already been declared upon us. The issue is whether we shall accept it or reject and cowardly submission." Rectifying the sinking of American ships, German plots and outrages in this country, Senator Swanson said the Zimmermann plot to incite Mexico against this country "reaches the lowest depths of national turpitude.

**Made Good Threats.**

"We have long suspected a disposition by Germany to dispute the Monroe doctrine. Now is the time to teach the mischief-making German government that our territorial sovereignty cannot be made a subject of war bargaining.

"The advocates of peace now would place upon this nation the shame of a still greater submission. They would endure still greater affronts and suffer still greater affronts."

Reciting the warnings given to Germany against ruthless submarine warfare, Senator Swanson asked if they "were mere empty boasts and bluff or the solemn voice of a resolute people?"

"No," he answered, "congress will not by cowardly action declare that diplomatically we roar and then rebuffed with the gentle hand of a woman."

**Tyranny and Arrogance.**

He recited the sinking of various American vessels and Germany's barred zone decrees as "tyranny and arrogance."

"We have almost forgotten the wrongs of the past in the outrages of the present," he continued, asserting that unless American rights are upheld, "old Glory will be sunk to low depths of shame and humiliation."

### ST. LOUIS ELECTS REPUBLICAN MAYOR

ST. LOUIS, April 4.—Mayor Henry W. Kiel and the entire republican city ticket were elected here yesterday. Mayor Kiel defeated William C. Connett, his democratic opponent by 23,401 votes. Louis Nolte, republican, received 16,475 more votes for comptroller than James Y. Player, elected incumbent. The republicans elected fourteen aldermen.

### BRITAIN AWAITS ACTION OF AMERICAN CONGRESS

LONDON, April 4.—Andrew Bonar Law, member of the British council and government spokesman in the house of commons today stated in the lower house of parliament that until President Wilson's speech had been discussed by the United States congress the British government was satisfied it would not be right to take official notice of it.