

SENATE VOTES WAR RESOLUTION BY VOTE 82 TO 6

Lane, Stone, Vardamar, Democrats, La Follette, Gronna, Norris, Republicans, Cast Negative Votes—La Follette Denounced as Pro-German and Un-American by Williams.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The war resolution was taken up today in the house.

The senate last night adopted by a vote of 82 to 6 the resolution recognizing a state of war and its approval by the house today without protracted debate was expected.

The resolution was taken up in the house at 10 o'clock this morning under an agreement to hold a continuous session until it is acted upon.

Passage of the resolution in the senate was marked by scenes of unusual gravity and quiet. There had been more than twelve hours of continuous debate featured by a three-hour speech by Senator La Follette denouncing war and defending pacifist efforts to prevent it and Senator Williams' retort that Mr. La Follette's speech was more worthy of the German chancellor, Von Bethmann-Hollweg, than an American senator. Mr. Williams also characterized Mr. La Follette's speech as "pro-German, pro-Goth, pro-vandal, anti-president, anti-congress and anti-American."

Lane Among Six.

Three democrats, Senators Lane, Stone and Vardaman, and three republicans, Senators La Follette, Norris and Gronna cast the negative votes. They were among the group of twelve whom President Wilson characterized as "wilful men" in connection with the defeat of the armed neutrality bill by filibuster at the last session. Senators Cummins, Kenyon and Kirby, also among the twelve, voted for the war resolution. The remaining three, Senators O'Gorman, Clapp and Works, have since retired to private life.

The resolution as adopted by the senate formally declares the existence of a state of war and directs the president "to employ the naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the government to carry on war."

A substitute resolution, offered by Senator McCumber to declare the existence of a state of war after the sinking of another American ship by Germany was killed by a viva voce vote.

Pacifists Still Busy.

The senate was not in session today, having adjourned over until tomorrow to await the action of the house on the resolution.

The pacifists today concentrated their energies on members of the house in an effort to defeat the resolution. Their leaders announced that in event of adoption of the resolution by the house they would then start work in opposition to conscription.

Praises German-Americans

Praising the character and services of German-Americans in this country, Senator La Follette said they now are being "dogged by secret service men." He denied that any one government is responsible for the war, saying it was caused by European secret diplomacy, and citing the Anglo-Morocco secret treaty as "the most reprehensible, dishonest and perjured records."

"England first began the ruthless naval warfare," he charged, "by repudiating the declaration of London."

Senator Knox of Pennsylvania interrupted to suggest that England did not ratify the declaration. Senator La Follette replied that British representatives signed it and Senator Stone said England had not actually rejected it.

"It has pleased those who have been conducting this campaign through the press (for war) to make a jumble of issues," continued Senator La Follette, until now it is impossible to get an intelligent answer regarding the real issues. They say Americans are being killed by German submarines. We have not a leg to stand on in support of this war declaration."

"That the United States did not protest more vigorously against the British mine field blockade was the administration's great mistake," the senator said, "and the real and primary cause of an American war declaration."

"We have wallowed in the mire at the feet of Great Britain and submitted in silence to her dictation," he continued. "Because we acquiesced, we have a legal and moral responsibility to Germany. Thus we have been actively aiding her enemy in

starving German women, children and old men. Germany waits three long months for this government to protest. In principle, therefore, Germany had the right blindly to destroy ships by submarines and mines in her own blockade zone. Germany is doing only what England is doing.

"Germany has been patient with us standing strictly on her rights to be accorded the same treatment as England by us."

La Follette Scored

When Senator La Follette concluded he had been speaking more than three hours. Senator Williams, of Mississippi rose immediately to reply.

"The speech of the Wisconsin senator would better have become Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg than an American senator," said Senator Williams. "In fact he has gone further than Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg would ever have gone. Bethmann-Hollweg said the use of the submarine could be justified only on the ground of necessity, the senator from Wisconsin puts it on the same footing as Great Britain's interference with our commerce."

"I fully expected the senator from Wisconsin before he took his seat to defend the invasion of Belgium, the most barbarous act ever committed. I heard from him a speech that was pro-German, pro-Goth, pro-vandal and which was anti-president, anti-congress and anti-American."

"While pronouncing an eulogy on the German people he might have eulogized a very much greater, better and more intelligent people—the American. His speech was exactly what might have been delivered in the German reichstag by Bethmann-Hollweg, if Bethmann-Hollweg had the audacity. But Bethmann-Hollweg had too much sense, too much knowledge to make that speech."

"Little Giant" Fidgets

At this point Senator La Follette left the chamber but remained in the cloak room awhile, within hearing distance.

Continuing Senator Williams said he heard in imagination the groans of men, women and children rent to watery graves by German submarines.

"But the senator from Wisconsin hears none of them," said the Mississippi senator. "I have loved the Wisconsin senator in a way, until recently, but I have no patience with any man who stands up in the senate at this time applauding the common enemy who also is the enemy of the human race, and has not one word in praise of the American president or the American people."

"If the American people can't be aroused now in patriotic fervor, they are degenerate sons of noble sires. We are involved in this war now but not by congress; involved by the German kaiser. I join the president in expressing no hostility against the German people themselves. I lived among them two years."

"The senator from Wisconsin labored to establish an identity of purpose and action in the violations of our neutral rights by Great Britain and Germany. He proved he did not know the difference between a prize court and a torpedo. Great Britain has drowned none of our citizens."

"I am a little tired of utterances like that of the senator from Wisconsin denouncing the entente allies. He endeavors to twist the British lion's tail. Demagogues have been doing that ever since the revolution, but it is a matter of history that most of the people of England were against the war on the colonies."

"Which would you rather do, fight Germany now with France and Great Britain and Russia or fight her alone later? You've got to do one or the other. I tell you if Germany does what that fight on the continent of Europe, she will begin building and getting ready to whip us unless the English fleet prevents it."

Referring to the Wisconsin senator's statement that the United States has nothing to lose no matter which wins the war, Senator Williams said:

"Let's see. Have we no honor, no regard for the future sovereignty of our country, no regard for our flag, is sentiment rot; is patriotism rot; is there nothing precious except money? I'm getting tired of this talk that this is a Wall street war. That's a lie. Wall street did not sink the Lusitania, the Arabic, the Sussex and those other ships. I'm tired of lies like that and I think it is the duty of the American congress and people to brand them as lies."

Senator Williams said the resolution did not propose that the United States enter the war but that it go into an American war to protect American rights and for the sake of honor, justice, safety, liberty and equality. Once at war, he declared, the United States should stay until it became assured that the houses of Hohenzollern and Hapsburg would no longer reign in Germany and Austria and that the Turk would be forced back into Asia.

Senator Husting, Senator La Follette's Wisconsin colleague, said that while every senator should have a mind of his own and speak on his own convictions, in times of this kind the conduct of international affairs must be in the hands of one man. He said he believed that if the question of "peace or war," only were submitted to the people it would be voted down.

"That," he added, "is not the question here. The question is shall the people of the United States support the president and congress of the United States in whatever course they deem wisest and safest. I want to say that if that question were submitted to the people, they would sustain the president and congress overwhelmingly."



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WILSON TOO LATE TO SAVE ALLIES

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"We must not appraise too lightly the addition of a rich and powerful industrial republic to the list of our enemies but if the submarines maintain their so far great success, President Wilson will have come too late, as Salandra and Briatano came too late. Criminal as has been the whole assault upon the central powers by the entente it must be said that each conspirator who has been added to the list, not excluding Japan, has better reasons for his bloody enterprise than Wilson and his republic can show."

JESS WILLARD WIRES OFFER TO PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Jess Willard, the heavyweight pugilist, sent this telegram to president Wilson:

"I will fight. When do you want me?"

PORT OF BREST OFFERED AMERICA

PARIS, April 5.—The first war measure to be taken in connection with the expected entrance of the United States into the war was introduced in the chamber of deputies today. It provides for an agreement with the United States, if necessary, for use of the port of Brest by American naval forces. The measure provides generally for the utilization of the port to the best interests of the national defense.

AMERICANS ABROAD ENDORSE PRESIDENT

LONDON, April 5.—American residents sojourning in London held a meeting in the Queens Hall to endorse the action of President Wilson and the American senate in declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany. Oscar H. Baldwin, president of the

American society presided, and moved a resolution which declared: "We urge most strenuously that our government and our people should render the most effective aid

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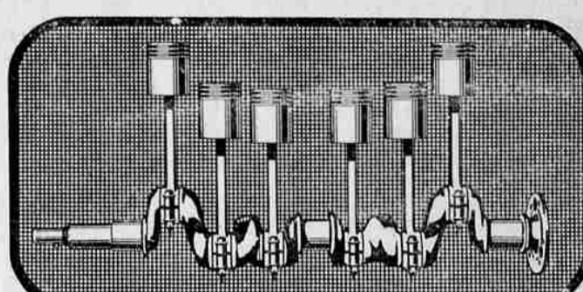
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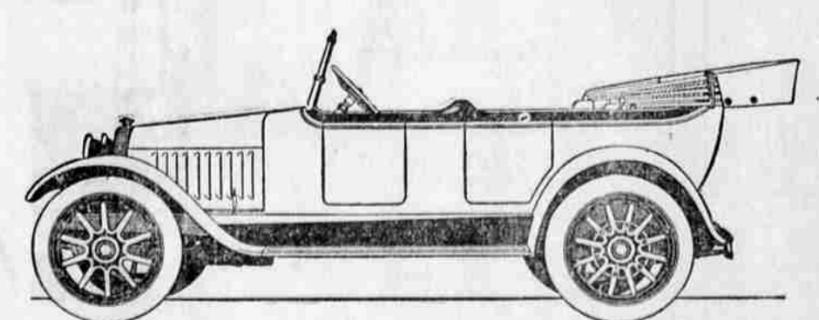
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