

Congress Hears Message; Adjourns

Armed American Steamer Aztec Submarined

PACIFISTS THWART ACTION OF CONGRESS

La Follette Brings up Irrelevant Matters and Adjournment Taken Until Tomorrow — Stone Dissents on War Resolution—Bill to Call Out Youths Aged 20, and Others as Needed Is Asked

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—The house of representatives and the senate did not act on the war resolution presented yesterday.

The pacifist element represented by Senator La Follette, one of the "wifful twelve," prevented action being taken in the senate.

The senate foreign affairs committee reported favorably on the war resolution, Chairman Stone, also one of the "wifful twelve," dissenting. Hitchcock of Nebraska immediately introduced a resolution in the senate declaring war and the committee added a clause pledging all the resources of the country for war purposes.

La Follette, on the senate floor, demanded one day's time before action is taken, which the senate rules allow, and brought up some Ohio matters. Martin asked La Follette to withdraw his request, and he refused.

"I do not believe the senate should consider this Ohio business with this crisis pending," shouted Martin, visibly enraged.

It was moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow. The galleries applauded wildly and were not quieted until the marshal threatened to clear the halls.

Martin again moved the adjournment, and it carried with a thunder of ayes. A few faint noes were heard.

The house foreign affairs committee met informally this morning, but will take no action until the Republican committee members are named, it was announced. The appointments were to be made this afternoon and it was announced that the committee will consider the war resolution tomorrow.

The house met at noon, about 100 members being present, and the others attending conferences.

Senator Culbertson of Texas introduced a general spy bill in the senate. Chamberlain introduced his

compulsory military training bill providing for an immediate army of 500,000 men and empowering the president to call out immediately all physically fit aged 20 years, and providing for the calling of those fit at 21, 22 and 23, as needed.

The senate steering committee announced late this afternoon that the senate will be apt to be in continuous session from 10 o'clock tomorrow until the war resolution is acted upon in order to prevent filibustering.

The house passed a general deficiency bill, carrying by 62 votes, of \$500,000, which failed at the last session, and then adjourned.

Representative Laguarda of New York introduced a resolution in the house providing for the imprisonment in time of peace and death in time of war for the selling of inferior food and clothing or supplying of munitions to the army and navy.

KENO POWER CO. ORDINANCE UP

PAYMENT CUTTING ORDINANCE INTRODUCED AND PASSED ITS FIRST READING—THE KEELER BROTHERS WANT \$2,500

The Keno Power company's competing ordinance was passed by the city council last night. Sheet, Matthews and Doty voting yes and Struble and Miller no.

An ordinance requiring a cash deposit of \$100 and other restrictions before cutting pavement in the city passed the first reading.

A bill from Keeler brothers for \$2,500 in connection with the bond issue election was presented. Attorney Grossbeck says in his mind the bill cannot be legally demanded.

New York Mayor Attacks Senator



Mayor John Purroy Mitchel attacked State Senator Robert F. Wagner, Tammany leader in the New York legislature, in connection with an appropriation to buy a site for a United States fort on Rockaway Point, near New York City. He said the senator was working in the interest of Germany and blocking the purchase. Later he spoke of the senator as the "gentleman from Prussia." Thereupon the senate cited the mayor to appear before it and make his accusation openly. He must do so or take a chance of being in contempt of the senate, which carries with it a jail penalty.

G. A. R. VETERAN ILL; SIGNS NAME

BARELY ABLE TO SIT UP AND ATTACH NAME TO THE LOCAL PROCLAMATION, BUT AFTER TWO ATTEMPTS SUCCEEDS

Following the patriotic demonstration this morning the members of the Grand Army of the Republic announced their call for a special mass meeting to be held Saturday afternoon in this city.

One of the signatures to the proclamation, that of Wm. H. Robertson, was secured at his bedside, where he lay ill, it being necessary to prop him up so that he could sign the paper.

He then had to make two attempts to legibly attach his name to the call for patriotism.

MANY CITIZENS OF STATES WERE CREW MEMBERS

LOSS OF LIFE HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED YET

One report says several of the crew in missing—State Department Dispatch Says 28 Are Still Missing. Left New York March 28 for Bordeaux—Over Half of the Crew Were Americans.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The armed merchantman Aztec has been submerged and sunk.

The Aztec carried a crew of 39, more than half of which were Americans.

It is not definitely known whether there is loss of life.

One report said that several of the crew are missing.

The Aztec left New York for Bordeaux on March 22.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—Dispatches received by the state department say that 28 from the Aztec are still missing.

LEADERS PREPARE FOR 3-YEAR WAR

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF DEFENSE COUNCIL CONSIDER MANY PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE NATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—American leaders are preparing for a three years conflict.

At a meeting of the advisory commission of the council of defense and Secretary of War Baker, food control, universal military training, and industrial and economic services were considered.

It was pointed out that the part of labor in the war will be vast. The president and the cabinet are considering finances and strongly favoring "paying as they go." The plan presented in the message of the president places the burden of taxation on war profits and large incomes. Although the leaders have declared congress will give the president all he asks for finances, these plans are expected to meet opposition.

The navy has announced that it will immediately spend \$15,000,000 in equipping navy yards for the construction of warships and submarines.

Chairman Alexander, of the house merchant marine committee, declared this morning that the government will soon commandeer all wireless stations without legislation.

Plans are being considered to raise an army of from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 men in groups of 500,000, and to increase the navy from 27,000 to 150,000 men.

Suicided Because She Loved a Girl Friend



Miss "Peggy" Spalding, eighteen years old, and Miss Ethel Stanton killed themselves in a cafe in Portsmouth, N. H. They had long been very close friends, and it is believed that the determination of relatives to separate them was the cause of their act. Miss Spalding was a teacher of gymnastics in the Garland high school in Boston.

PATRIOTISM IS RIFE AS RECRUITS LEAVE KLAMATH

CITY SENDS PATRIOTIC SPECIAL OUT THIS MORNING

Navy Recruiting Officers Leave With Six Local Boys for the Navy and Four Leave in the Morning—High School Turns Out En Masse to Bid the Student Good-bye and Wish Them Luck and Safe Return Home.

Klamath Falls awoke this morning from its seeming lethargy on the war situation confronting this country and a monster demonstration for one on such short notice, was held to send six recruits for the United States navy from this city with the two naval officers who arrived here last night and left this morning. The patriotic demonstration and decorating of the engine with flags made the train a veritable "Klamath Falls Patriotic Squad."

The entire student body of the high school carrying flags to the stirring tones of a drum and led by a large flag carried by Henry Newnam accompanied by O. A. Stearns and C. M. Hunt, of the local Grand Army of the Republic camp, marched from the high school to the station. They were accompanied by Principal C. R. Bowman and other members of the faculty.

City Superintendent of Schools R. H. Dunbar allowed the upper grades of the city schools a recess to join the parade and accompanied by a number of citizens in automobiles carrying flags and others on foot the first patriotic demonstration on the present crisis was held.

Postmaster W. A. Delsell, on receipt of information and orders from

Wilson Says State of War Forced on U.S.

Asks Congress to Accept Status of Belligerent—Says Germany Declared War on America as in Old Days. Lauds Russia's Example—Prussian Autocracy Not a Friend—Does Not Blame German People

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—The president in his speech to congress last night recalled the history of German submarine and denounced the torpedoing of innocent merchantmen and the lawless killing of Americans aboard torpedoed ships.

He advised congress "to declare that the recent course of the imperial government to be in fact nothing less than war against the American government and the people of the United States, and that it formally accept the status of belligerency thus thrust upon it."

The president also urged that immediate steps be taken to put the country in a better state of defense by "employing all its resources to bring the government of Germany to terms to end the war." He also urged the utmost co-operation with the entente allies, extending to them the most liberal credit and organization.

The president further advised the mobilization of the country and the utilization of its "material resources, the increasing of the navy to full equipment to deal with submarines and the immediate raising of any army of at least 500,000 men on the principal of universal service," with subsequent additions as needed.

The president urged the raising of a fund for military defense by "well conceived taxes so that credits may be suited as far as is possible by the present generation. He said the country should interfere as little as possible "with the duty of supplying the nations already at war with Germany materials they can obtain only from us."

The president promised to suggest, through the heads of the various departments, "measures for the accomplishment of the several objects I've mentioned."

The president declared that war was declared by Germany "as wars were declared in the old, unhappy days when people were nowhere consulted by rulers and wars were provoked and waged in the interest of the dynasties or little groups of ambitious men accustomed to use their fellowmen as pawns and tools.

"Self-governed nations do not fill neighbor states with spies or set a course of intrigue to bring about opportunity to strike and make conquest," he said. "Steadfast concert of peace can never be maintained except by partnership of democratic nations. An autocratic government could be trusted to keep faith within it or observe its covenants."

President Wilson referred eloquently to the Russian revolt which

overthrow the autocracy, saying: "Here is a fit partner for the league of honor. "And he added: "One of the things serving to convince me that Prussian autocracy was not and could not be our friend is that from the outset the present war has filled our unsuspecting communities, and even the officers of our government, with spies. It has set criminal intrigues everywhere afoot against our unity of counsel, our peace within or without, our industries, and our commerce."

The president declared that "Germany, as autocratically governed, can never be our friend." He added that "we are now about to accept the gage of battle with this natural foe to liberty and shall, if necessary, spend the whole force of the nation to check and nullify its pretensions and its power.

"We have no selfish ends to serve and do not desire conquest or dominion. We seek no indemnities for ourselves nor any material compensation for sacrifices we shall freely make. We are but one of the champions of the rights of mankind."

The president said that Austria has not actually engaged in warfare against the citizens of America on the seas, "and I take the liberty of postponing for the present discussion of our relations with the authorities at Vienna."

The president lauded the American citizens of German birth and native sympathy, declaring "they are, most of them, as true, loyal Americans as if they had never known any other fealty or allegiance."

The president concluded by declaring that he has now in mind exactly the same things as when he addressed the senate on January 22 and February 3.

The president declared his friendship for the German people and declared they are not responsible for the war. The president blamed their government and leaders, declaring they caused the war without consulting the people.

The house adjourned at 9:22 until noon tomorrow.

Four Permits Granted

Four permits were granted by the city council last night, as follows: To Chas. Donart, for remodeling at 528 Main street; to Moe & Co., to hang an electric sign in front of the store; to Oscar Larsen, to hang a shoosign on Main between Sixth and Seventh streets, and to A. A. Ballman, to construct a one-story brick building to the rear of the American hotel property. The council made some restrictions on the Donart permit to conform with the fire limit ordinance.

TO THE LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZENS OF KLAMATH FALLS

We, the undersigned, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, believing the exigencies of the National crisis now existing demands more than an apathetic patriotism, and to call out the latent spirit that now seems to animate the people, hereby request that a mass meeting of the loyal citizens of Klamath Falls be held in this city on the afternoon of Saturday, the 7th day of April, at the opera house, at 2 o'clock p. m., to assure the President of the United States of the loyal support of its citizens and to formulate active measures for the raising of and training of recruits for both the army and navy. Also to take such other steps as will stimulate patriotism and suppress anarchy and treason.

C. M. HUNT, Commander
HENRY NEWNAM,
M. L. POLAND,
O. A. STEARNS,
WM. H. ROBERTSON.