

PRESIDENT WILSON SAYS GERMAN WARS ON UNITED STATES

CLARK IS ELECTED SPEAKER OF HOUSE ON FIRST BALLOT

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By Carl D. Groat. (United Press staff correspondent.) Washington, April 2.—Chammy Clark of Missouri, will preside over the "war house" during this session of congress.

The house elected him this afternoon after listening to a war prayer and a war speech by Representative Schall, independent, who swung his vote to Clark, holding that patriotism demanded this be done in the present crisis.

The vote stood: Clark, 217; Mann, 205; Gillet, 2; Lenroot, 2. Two members voted present.

Blind Representative Schall, Minnesota, independent, who, it had been thought, might vote for Mann as speaker, stirred the house when he nominated Clark.

In normal times, he said, he would vote for Mann.

"Today," Schall said, "there should be just one party, and that party the American party. There is no better way of standing by the president than by returning his party's organization of the house."

Schall shouted: "I would be of little use on the battlefield with my sightless eyes," but added he would do his duty in the organization "with the light that God gave me."

EXTRA ARMED MERCHANT STEAMER IS SUNK BY SUBMARINE

Aztec Carried Crew of Thirty-Nine—Loss of Life Not Known

New York, April 2.—The armed American steamer Aztec has been sunk by a submarine. Word that the vessel had been sent to the bottom was received by her owners, the Oriental Navigation company, tonight.

The Aztec carried a crew of 39 men, more than half of whom were Americans. Whether there was any loss of life is not definitely known.

The Aztec left New York for Bordeaux on March 22. Prior to assuming American registry she was a Norwegian steamer, built at Sunderland, England in 1914.

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MILE OF AVENUE JAMMED TIGHTLY PACIFIST CROWDS

Few Peace Advocates Gained Admission To the House Galleries

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EXTRA War Resolution Is Ready For Congress

Washington, April 2.—Declaring Germany's recent acts are "acts of war" and recognizing the existence of a state of war between the United States and Germany, the administration was presented in the house tonight after the president spoke.

The revised resolution reads: "Whereas, the secret acts of the Imperial German government are acts of war against the government and people of the United States; and whereas, a state of war exists between the Imperial German government and the government and people of the United States and making provision to prosecute the same;

Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled that the state of war between the United States and the Imperial German government which has thus been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared; and

Resolved, that the president be and he is hereby authorized and directed to take immediate steps not only to put the country in a thorough state of defense but also to exert all of its power and employ all of its resources to carry on war against the Imperial government and to bring the conflict to a successful termination."

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In Sight of St. Quentin Which Is Only Two and a Half Miles Distant

London, April 2.—Field Marshal Haig's troops today were in sight of the Hindenburg line, the sharpness of the wedge which they have driven toward St. Quentin unblinded by a tremendous drive of the past two days.

London was expecting tremendous fighting in this salient today. Battle front dispatches asserted that the Germans were striving frantically to complete concrete fortifications to oppose further advances with their heaviest guns.

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TENSE EXCITEMENT AS PRESIDENT SPEAKS ON WAR SITUATION

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The president had appeared before congress more than dozen times within the past four years, but about none of his former appearances had there been the glamor, the thrill and the sober display of his visit to the war making power tonight.

Two troops of the Second cavalry were on guard outside the house wing of the capitol. Silent columns of protection, they moved in the shadows of the capitol building or stood aloofly against the lamplight of the big white globes about the grounds.

Chief Justice White, who sat with the supreme court justices immediately in front of the president, led the outburst of applause. Not only did the chief justice applaud vigorously at all times, but more than once his voice was raised in cheering.

When the president concluded his address, White arose and, rubbing his hands, faintly shouted: "Great speech! great speech! great speech!"

Prolonged cheering greeted the president's suggestion of extension of liberal credits to the entente allies.

Organization and mobilization of all resources. "Full equipment of the navy in all respects. Immediate addition to the army of at least five hundred thousand men, chosen upon the principle of universal liability for services."

GUARD MOTHER SHIP

New London, Conn., April 2.—A guard from a United States warship has been placed on the wharf about the German steamer Willehad, tied up here.

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FULL TEXT OF WILSON SPEECH

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As to relations with Austria, the president asked the liberty to postpone a discussion "for the present," as usual.

In a dramatic address to congress in joint session the president recommended the exertion of all the country's power and resources "to bring the government of the German empire to terms and to end the war."

Cheering and applause thundered from the floor and the galleries as the president solemnly read his indictment of the nation which is "waging war against mankind."

"Our motive will not be revenge or the victorious assertion of the physical might of the nation," he said, "but only the vindication of right, of human right, of which we are only a single champion."

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ABE MARTIN advertisement with illustration of a man in a top hat.

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THE WEATHER advertisement with cartoon and forecast for Oregon.