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UNITED STATES SENATE FORM- ALLY DECLARES STATE OF WAR

THE SENATE PASSES RESO- LUTION BY A VOTE 82 TO 6

Washington, April 4.—The text of the war resolution, adopted last night by the Senate, was as follows:

"Whereas, the Imperial German Government has committed repeated acts of war against the government and the people of the United States of America; therefore be it

"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 Imperial German Government, which has thus been thrust upon the United States, is hereby formally declared; and that the President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the government to carry on war against the Imperial German Government; and, to bring the conflict to a successful termination, all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States.

Got The Juice

Again the A. C. L. depot has been robbed of booze. It has become a stereotyped affair, so frequently is it done. Last week the door to the office, where the precious stuff is kept was forced open, and a quantity carried away. It would be an excellent proposition if none could come here, and then citizens, who should keep away from the stuff would not order it. The express and railroad companies through their authorized agents, pay very little attention to the laws and regulations which govern the delivery of whiskey. Law is a thing apart when booze is mentioned, and has become such an easy commodity here, that it is taken out of the express office any old time. Of course, no clue has been found yet.

S. Collins Peel is agent for the Dees Marble Works at Greenville and solicits jobs from the people of this section. See ad.

The Peoples Bank began business Monday March 5th and since that time has opened more than 400 accounts.

Mesdames J. P. Boyle, Bog Slade, David Matthews, W. T. Grimes, R. W. Salisbury, F. L. Gladstone and Miss Fannie Gladstone, of Hamilton, were in town Monday.

Clark champed the speaker-ship hard with the help of the Independents just as we expected.

WANTED:—Board and rooms for man and wife and baby in private family.—Address J. S. O'Hara, Washington, N. C., or the Enterprise.

Needs Censoring

That proprietors of moving picture shows are not careful enough, was plainly demonstrated here on Thursday evening of last week, when a most objectionable picture was thrown on the screen. Quite a number of men and the women who were present (unfortunately for them) were shocked by the exhibition of immorality, and no picture shown here has been so severely condemned. Why the men present failed to stop the picture or to call the police, is puzzling. No such exhibition should be allowed when there is power to prevent it, or it could be done by everybody leaving the hall and demanding their money at the ticket window. There are various ways of stopping such things without resorting to the law. Manager Gordy should run off every picture before it is exhibited to the public, and ascertain what its nature is. Fortunately there were not many present—only a few women and girls, and these should have gone home where they belonged, and they would not have had to hang their heads in shame. Williamston people are too careless in such matters, and fail to take cognizance of many things which are hurtful to the morals of the town. In the future, it is hoped that if any vile picture is exhibited that the audience will rise on one man and give vent to their indignation.

New Firm Opens Store

Mr. Nathan Orleans, of New York City, has opened an up-to-the-minute stock of dry goods, gents furnishings, etc., in the building formerly occupied by J. B. Hopkins. Mr. Orleans advertised that he would open on March 24th, but the railroads, as usual, failed to comply with their contract to deliver shipments in due course of time, and not until last week did Mr. Orleans open up his stock. A visit to the store will convince one that the best can be had at the very lowest prices, and the goods offered are new in shade, fabric and style. Mr. Orleans has a son with him in business, and will bring the remainder of his family here; they will occupy the house next to that of Simon Manning on Church Street. During the tobacco season, Mr. Orleans will be a buyer on the floors. The trading public should give him a visit and see the bargains for themselves.

Show Your Colors

That the whole country is alive to the present situation, is clearly demonstrated, especially in the cities and larger towns. A wave of patriotism is sweeping over the entire people of the United States, who have borne in patience, the insults of Germany. A state of war exists, and now is the time for every man, woman and child to show their colors. You may hate war and who does not? But when the cause of humanity is at stake, it is the duty of every American citizen to wave the Stars and Stripes and pray that the God of Battles will assist us in the cause for which we must fight.

"Old Glory" is flying every where; let it float from every home, every public building and every business house in town, county and state. It is our insignia of honor; its colors are significant; it is the flag of the free, let it wave in every breeze. Show your colors today, tomorrow forever.

In Honor Of Miss Harris

Miss Mary Thompson charmingly entertained in honor of Miss Esther Harris, on Friday evening March 16th, at her home near Wake Forest. The interior of the home was attractively arranged for the occasion, pink and white forming the color scheme, and the reception room was beautiful under the soft glow of pink candles. While the wedding march was being rendered by the Mandolin Club of Raleigh, mock groomsmen and maids, bearing cupids with missives of happiness from the Kingdom of Hymen, announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Esther Harris and Mr. Harry Murden Stubbs, served refreshments in which the color scheme was prettily carried out. The cards borne by cupids, and which formed souvenirs of the occasion, contained the announcement: "Esther Harris-Harry Stubbs, April 18th, 1917." There were fifty guests present during the evening.

For Tick Eradication

Mr. J. S. O'Hara, who at present is stationed at Washington, has been in town this week, arranging to start the work in Animal Industry of the Agricultural Department, for which Martin County has appropriated the necessary sum of money. Tick eradication will be the principal work done by him, and it is expected that the citizens of the county will take advantage of the opportunity offered to rid the county of ticks and thus save the cattle. Mr. O'Hara desires to bring his family here if he can secure board and rooms, and remain here some time.

Riddick-Moore

Sunday, Miss Roland Moore and Mr. Levi Riddick were married at Mt. Zion Methodist Church near Washington, Beaufort County. They motored here after the ceremony, and are making their home at the residence of J. Paul Simpson on Smithwick Street.

Mrs. Riddick is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Whit Moore, who reside near Everetts, and has many friends in the county who wish her years of happiness in her new life.

Mr. Riddick is in business here which he has recently acquired and has promises of success in the future. He is the only son of Mr. William Riddick, of Robertsonville, but formerly of Williamston.

Spent Week-End At Tarboro

Harry Biggs and Kelly King motored to Tarboro last week, where they, together with Miss Melba McCullers, of Clayton, were the house guests of Mrs. Jacksie Daniel Thrash for the week-end. Mrs. Thrash and Miss McCullers are preparing to attend the Confederate Reunion at Washington, D. C. in June. Mrs. Thrash will be the guest of the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Josephus Daniels, and Miss McCullers will be sponsor for North Carolina.

Bulletin

President Wilson delivered his solemn message to the extra session of Congress and asked that war be declared on Germany. He also asked for cooperation with the Allies and a big army. This important news prepared especially for readers of The Enterprise will be found in this issue.

WILLIAMSTON LOSES IN TRIANGULAR DEBATE

The Question Debated Was That Government Should Own and Operate the Railroads—Lose Both Contests.

Williamston failed to score in the triangular debate this year, having lost at home and at Scotland Neck on Friday night. The question debated: Resolved, That the Federal Government should own and operate the railroads, admits of strong arguments on both the negative and the affirmative sides. And notwithstanding the fact that the debaters are all young, splendid material had been gathered and delivered with force.

At the Court House, Friday evening, Miss Mary King Ellison and Mr. William C. Manning, Jr. representing the High School here, and also the affirmative side, were opposed by Miss Sadie B. Brown and Mr. Connor Eagles of the Tarboro High School. Supt. J. T. Jerome was in charge of the debate, and Prof. Ben Taylor of Tarboro, was time keeper, while Messrs. John L. Hassell and Clayton Moore, of Williamston, and Rev. Mr. Glass of Tarboro, acted as Judges. Miss Ellison was the first speaker and though the youngest member of her class, represented the school in a highly creditable speech in which she gave sound argument for the government ownership of the railways. The next speaker was Miss Brown, who soon convinced the audience that she had come prepared to meet any argument on the other side. She delivered her speech in a well modulated tone of voice and with ease worthy of older and more experienced debaters. Mr. William C. Manning, Jr., followed Miss Brown and presented a mass of evidence to show that for the good and safety of the people, the railroads should be taken from private ownership. This was the first appearance of Mr. Manning in public debate, and he acquitted himself worthily giving strong evidence of future successful battles. The last speaker was Mr. Connor Eagles, who presented numerous facts and figures against the arguments of his opponents. The audience soon realized that they were listening to a trained debater, one who had been before the public many times before. He left no spot untouched in attempting to set aside the reasons for ownership of the roads for which his opponents had argued. His reasoning was sound, and he appeared confident that he would win for his side, and he did, for the judges gave Tarboro the honors. The rejoinders were made by each, and that of Miss Ellison was most spirited and to the point. Rev. Mr. Glass and Prof. Taylor made pleasing remarks, and the meeting ended.

The visitors were the guests of the High School pupils and Faculty at the rooms of the Lotus Club, which were decorated in class colors. The hours were spent in music and pleasant conversation, and before the evening ended, ice cream and cake were served. Misses Abernathy and Johnson, of Tarboro, accompanied the Tarboro team, and were the guests of Miss Fannie Myrt Manning while here.

At the same hour, Miss Musa Eure and Mr. C. D. Carstarphen Jr. represented the High School at Scotland Neck. They were

accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Biggs, Prof. Bundy, Miss Farnell and Hermon Taylor. They lost the debate, the judges deciding in favor of Scotland Neck. Dr. Biggs represented Williamston in the decision. Tarboro won at home and here, and the team of four will go to Chapel Hill for the finals.

Easter Day

Easter services will be held at The Church of the Advent, Rev. Clarence H. Jordan, rector, both morning and evening on Sunday. Celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 and 11 o'clock a. m. Morning and Evening Prayer will be said with the following additional musical numbers:

Morning
Prelude, "Easter Day"—Loret
"Christ our Passover—Mornington
Te Deum Laudamus—Jackson
Jubilate Deo—Woodward
"At the Lamb's high feast we sing"—Elvey
Offertory—"Day of Resurrection"—Rotterdam
Evening
Prelude, "Hosannah"—Hartmann
"Angels roll the rock away"—Arimathea
Offertory, "The Strife is over"—Palestrina.
The public is cordially invited to attend each service.

Stubbs-Harris

The following invitation has been received by friends here: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Harris request the pleasure of your company at the wedding reception of their daughter Esther Morgan and Mr. Harry Murden Stubbs on the evening of Wednesday the eighteenth of April at nine o'clock at home Wake Forest, North Carolina. Ceremony at half after eight o'clock

Oak City Items

Mrs. J. W. York is in Washington this week.
Johnnie Eubanks, of Hassell, was in town Sunday.
Miss Bessie Roberson, of Hassell, spent Monday here.
Miss Sammie Staton, of Hobgood was in town Tuesday.
Mrs. Gladstone Anthony and Miss Shields, of Hobgood, were in town Monday.
Misses Annie Lee Anthony and Mary W. Sullivan, of Hamilton, were here Monday.
Mr. Bath, of Wilson, spent the week-end here as the guest of R. W. House and brother.
Miss Lizzie Harrell, Mrs. James Hopkins and Mrs. S. E. Hines were in Tarboro Friday.

Mrs. Henry Gay and Mrs. Chas. Bowen, of Bath, spent the week-end with Mrs. John Bellflower.

Mrs. Jesse Everett, of Hamilton was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Tommie Johnson, Monday.

J. W. York met with an accident Tuesday evening, when one of the lines came unbuckled while he was driving. He could not stop the horse, so he jumped over the wheel, landing on a banana peel which was the cause of a broken ankle-bone and badly sprained ligaments. He will not be able to walk for a few days.

SOIL TEST WORK ON DIVISION OF AGRONOMY

Following is a report of soil test work by Mr. C. C. Logan of the Division of Agronomy West Raleigh, and J. L. Holliday, County Agent. During the week beginning March the 20, soils were tested on a number of farms in Williamston, Williams, Jamesville, Griffins, Bear Grass, X Roads and Poplar Point Townships.

We had hoped to make the test in each township in the county, but were rained out for practically one day. In all we made 125 tests. This work was intended to find to what extent our soils were acid of the tests made 122 soils were found acid in some degree, three soils tested sweet by heavy applications of lime. Our investigation showed that around 50 per cent of the soils tests the acid of which had been partially corrected, by the use of small applications of lime, were in a much more commendable condition than those that had not been treated.

Two marl quarries were tested the test showed the marl to be from thirty to fifty per cent pure. We had hoped to find some marl of a better grade, so that the cost of applying to the soils would not be so great; even if we have to continue to freight the lime in; we can not afford not to use it so long as the returns from it are so great.

On the Edgecombe Test Farm a soil identical with ours, on which a liberal application of lime has given a return of \$14.20 net profit per acre for thirteen years; this was on cotton. At this rate a 50 acre farm would give an annual return of \$710.00 annually, an amount sufficient to run the farm. Of course, lime is not an antidote for all ills still it is one of our big problems; once we were inclined to think that our wet bottom lands were sour and needed lime, but upon investigation we find that the highest hills as well as the valleys are alike hungry for lime. They have already cried to us, we can not grow legumes save you sweeten us, and our experience teaches us that these are our only hope of a substantial agriculture. When the thirst for lime in our soils has been quenched and not the exception; we will all rejoice over our greatly improved agriculture.

We feel that the effort of the Department to work with us through its distinguished Mr. Logan will ripen into bigger crops in this county.

Yours for further service,
Joseph L. Holliday,
County Agent.

Have you joined the Christmas Savings Club at the Peoples Bank? It is not too late to join now.

"Old Glory" is being conspicuously displayed around here, and shows that the folks are real glad of being Americans at this time. The sentiment should grow stronger with each hour.

The Parish Guild that intended having a white sale Easter week, has decided to postpone the sale until Wednesday, April 18th.

If you have Funds you will not need for three months, place them with The Peoples Bank they will allow 4 per cent.

Don't forget that the town must have more water this summer for the public in the business section.