

CONGRESS TO DECLARE WAR ON AUSTRIA

WILSON URGES PROMPT ACTION IN PLACING AUSTRIA BESIDE GERMANY AS AMERICA'S ENEMY

Congress, With Virtually Unanimous Approval, is Ready to Respond Immediately

RESOLUTION BEING DRAWN

President Definitely States to the World Our War Aims and Terms of Peace

OUR TASK IS UNALTERABLE

German Power as Now Constituted Must be Crushed

Washington, Dec. 4.—A definite statement to the world of America's war aims and of the basis upon which peace will be considered was made today by President Wilson in an address to Congress in which he urged immediate declaration of a state of war between the United States and Austria-Hungary—Germany's vassal and tool. As to Turkey and Bulgaria—also tools of the enemy—he counseled delay "because they do not yet stand in the direct path of our necessary action."

Our Task Unalterable. To win the war, the president declared in emphatic and ringing tones, is the immediate and unalterable task ahead. He urged congress, just beginning its second war session, to concentrate itself upon it.

The president sharply dismissed the possibility of premature peace, sought by German intrigue and debated here by men who understand neither its nature nor the way it may be attained. With victory an accomplished fact, he said, peace will be evolved based upon justice and equity—to enemy and friend—with hope of a partnership of nations to guarantee future world peace.

The war will be deemed won, he declared, "when the German people say through properly accredited representatives that they are ready to renounce their claims to the territories and reparations of the past and to accept the principle of self-determination for all peoples."

Terms of Peace. Freedom of nations and their peoples from autocratic domination; reparation to the peoples of Austria, Turkey and the Balkan states, as well as the peoples of Prussia, Belgium and northern France; the purpose of the United States not to interfere in the internal affairs of any nation, the president asserted that no wrong against Germany empire was as wrong as the "invasion of Italy made the Austro-Italian front literally a part of the western front on which American forces are operating."

There has been no outstanding "overt act" on the part of Austria against the United States—there have been rather a series of acts short of being classed as cause for war. They go back to the beginning of the European war.

President Wilson's Second War Message to Congress

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Wilson's address before the second session of the sixty-fifth congress follows:

Gentlemen of the Congress: Eight months have elapsed since I last had the honor of addressing you. They have been months crowded with events of immense and grave significance for us. I shall not undertake in detail or even to summarize those events. The practical particulars of the part we have played in them will be laid before you in the reports of the executive departments. I shall discuss only our present outlook upon these vast affairs, our present duties, and the immediate means of accomplishing the objects we shall hold always in view. I shall not go back to debate the causes of the war. The intolerable wrongs done and planned against us by the sinister masters of Germany have long since become too grossly obvious and odious to every true American to need to be rehearsed.

WAY IS CLEAR FOR WAR UPON AUSTRIA

Little Readjustment of Affairs Between America and That Country Necessary

IS A VASSAL OF GERMANY

While There is No Outstanding 'Overt Act' to Be Blamed Upon the Dual Monarchy the Causes for War Are Plentiful.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Declaration of war with Austria-Hungary involves very little readjustment of affairs between the United States and the dual monarchy, because the state of war which congress is about to declare, actually has been a fact for many months.

There have been no such number of deprecations on American lives and rights by Austrian military forces as in the case of Germany, but Austria is the willing or unwilling ally of Germany and has gradually come into a position where officials of the American government have realized more and more clearly that she must be classed with Germany as an enemy.

Long before former Ambassador Dumba was uncovered and sent home to Vienna as an instigator of strikes, submersible warfare plants, the government had evidence that the Austrian diplomatic service was being used in this country for Germany's warlike purpose. The secret service found how the Austrian diplomatic code and the offices of Austrian consuls were being used for activities Germany could not carry on in the United States with her own officials.

The first attack on an American ship which attracted the attention of the nation was that upon the American steamer Petrolite. The Austrian submarine fired on the ship, killed a member of the crew and forcibly took off supplies while the master was held as a hostage on the submarine. Nothing but evasive diplomatic correspondence saved the ship. The Austrian submarine, the Schuykill, sunk last week, is believed to have been sent down by an Austrian submarine, but there has been no absolute proof. German submarines in the Mediterranean have been firing the Austrian flag and Austrian submarines have been flying the German flag. Apparently commanders of both navies have been interchanging.

and we shall not slacken or suffer ourselves to be diverted until it is won. But it is worth while asking and answering the question, when shall we consider the war won?

From one point of view, it is not necessary to broach this fundamental matter. I do not doubt that the American people know what the war is about and what sort of an outcome they will regard as a realization of their purpose in it. As a nation we are united in spirit and intention. I pay little heed to those who tell me otherwise. I hear the voices of dissent—who does not? I hear the criticism and the clamor of the noisily, thoughtless and troublesome. I also see men here and there fling themselves in important disloyalty against the calm, indomitable power of the nation. I hear men debate peace who understood neither its nature nor the way in which we may attain it with uplifted eyes and unbroken spirits.

TAR HEELS FOR DRASTIC ACTION

Carolina Congressmen Find Much Sentiment in State That LaFollette be Expelled

CAROLINA FOR THE U. S. A.

Decided Change in State Say Returning Representatives—Feeling Hostile to War Disappeared—Flora MacDonald Section Warm.

By F. R. ANDERSON. Washington, Dec. 4.—Congressmen who have returned to Washington found a most decided feeling among their constituents that some drastic action should be taken to expel Senator LaFollette and those opposing the war from the senate.

This sentiment is especially strong in the Sixth and Fourth districts. Both Representatives Godwin and Pou stated that they found a strong sentiment in their districts against LaFollette and his following and many people asked them why congress does not purge itself of such members.

Change in Sentiment Now. Mr. Pou found that the disinterested and in some cases hostile feeling against the war, which was noticeable when congress adjourned last October, has disappeared entirely. The same was found by Mr. Godwin in his district. But the people are now asking congress to "get right" on the war by impeaching such members as LaFollette.

"Down around the Flora MacDonald section," said Mr. Godwin, "I find the most patriotic people in the world. The 'Macs' are strong for this war and they do not want it stopped until America has won an honorable victory."

WILSON'S SPEECH HERALDED TO ALL PARTS OF WORLD

Nearly Every Known Means of Communication Brought Into Play by Government

35,000 MILES OF WIRE USED

Ships at Sea and Foreign Nations Received Message Almost as Soon as Spoken

New York, Dec. 4.—President Wilson's address to congress today was heralded throughout the world by the United States government. The attachment is regarded as probably the greatest publicity feat ever undertaken.

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America's Task Is To Win The War and Nothing Shall Stop Her Until It Is Done

President Declares That Every Resource of Men, Money and Materials Will be Expended Until the Great Purpose is Achieved. German Attacks in the Cambrai Region Have Ceased. Enemy Artillery is Still Active in Italy.

(Associated Press Summary.)

President Wilson, in a message to Congress that is regarded as one of the momentous declarations in American history, again has enunciated but more strongly than before, America's purpose in the war.

He also asked Congress to declare war on Austria-Hungary, the chief ally of Germany, but failed to include in his request Turkey and Bulgaria, Germany's other allies, declaring they were "mere tools and do not yet stand in the direct path of our necessary action."

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ed and will continue to be devoted to that purpose until it is achieved." The Germans apparently have ceased their reckless expenditure of lives of their troops in trying to blot out the Cambrai salient held by General Byng's forces. After four days of onslaughts that have been characterized as equaling any previously witnessed during the war, only the artillery now is engaged. Although the Germans claim the capture of more than 6,000 British prisoners in their attacks and also more than 100 guns, reports from the scene of battle both from British war office and from correspondents have indicated that the German loss in men, killed, wounded or made prisoner was a terrible price to pay for the very small recovery of lost terrain.

While it is expected that further attacks will be delivered on the Cambrai sector which is a salient vitally menacing to the important railroad junction of Cambrai, with its highways and railways radiating in all directions as feeders to the German lines north and south, the British troops are declared now to be in a better position to offer stronger resistance to their efforts if such a thing is possible than heretofore. As yet the anticipated renewal by the Austro-Hungarians of their infantry (Continued On Page Two)

JOHN A. OATES IS AGAIN PRESIDENT

Baptist State Convention, Attended by 1,000 Delegates and Visitors, Opens

VARIOUS OFFICERS NAMED

Rev. Bruce Benton Preaches the Opening Sermon—Sessions Being Held in the Academy of Music at Durham.

By REV. W. M. GILMORE. Durham, Dec. 4.—The Baptist state convention with half a thousand delegates and as many more visitors, swung into action tonight in the Academy of Music in this city. The singing of "America," was led by E. L. Wolslagle, of Asheville. After a ringing message by President John A. Oates, the convention sermon was preached by Rev. Bruce Benton, pastor of the First Baptist church, Rockingham, who used for his subject, "False Foundations," based on first Corinthians, 3:11.

John A. Oates, of Fayetteville, was re-elected president of the convention; E. F. Aydtett, of Elizabeth City; R. L. Moore, of Mars Hill, and C. L. Greaves, big drive Thursday morning when the convention Thursday afternoon. Pastors' Conference Closed. The pastors' conference, which has been in session in the First Baptist church since Monday evening, closed this afternoon. The following officers of the conference were elected for the ensuing year: President W. S. Olive, Apex; vice president, A. A. Butler, Tyrone; secretary, J. E. High, Andrews. The outstanding features of the conference were the three addresses by Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, Louisville, Ky.; addresses by Drs. L. E. M. Freeman, Des Moines, Iowa; J. Dean Crane, Camp Sevier, Greenville; B. C. Hening, Elizabeth City, and J. M. Arnette, Mebane.

The Baptist board of education, together with a special committee appointed at the last convention and a number of the other leading Baptists in the state, engaged in the first skirmish this afternoon preparatory to the big drive Thursday morning when this board will recommend that the convention push vigorously the campaign to raise a million dollars for the Baptist educational institutions in the state.

RUSSIAN LEGATIONS REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE NEW REGIME

Washington, Dec. 4.—A cable from Rome today said the Russian embassy in the Quirinal and the Russian legation at the Vatican had given notice of their refusal to recognize the Lenin government in Russia. They have stopped all correspondence with the Lenin ministry of foreign affairs.

GEN. DUKHONIN IS KILLED BY ANGRY MOB OF RUSSIANS

Former Commander-in-Chief of Armies is Thrown From Train as Result of Lynch Law

GENERAL KORNILOFF FLED

Headquarters at Mohilev is Captured by Bolsheviki Forces Under Krylenko

Petrograd, Dec. 4.—General Dukhonin, who took over the post of commander-in-chief of the Russian armies after the overthrow of Premier Kerensky, was thrown from a train and killed as the result of lynch law, after Ensign Krylenko had captured Mohilev, it was officially announced by the Russian war office.

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COMPLETE AGREEMENT IS REACHED BY ALLIES

Will Work Closely Together to Solve War Problems

Creation of Supreme Inter-Allied Naval Committee Decided Upon—Joint General Staff Working Upon Military Program.

Paris, Dec. 4.—The foreign office officially announced today that at the recent inter-allied conference, in which the United States participated, agreements were concluded "upon the basis of a complete understanding and close solidarity among the allies for the solution of the questions in which they have a common interest in the war."

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