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## PRESS AND PRESIDENT.

News and Observer.

The American press, with but a negligible exception, is speaking out in full endorsement of President Wilson's war address to Congress. There is in the editorials which have come to our knowledge the spirit of full agreement with the program that he presented to Congress on Monday, and the spirit of the press but emphasizes the spirit of the vast bulk of the American people. The declarations made are such as to show that the country is backing up the President in his call to Congress to declare that a state of war exists with Germany and to authorize that all possible means be undertaken to bring Germany to terms and end the war.

The New York World declares that "The case of the American people can rest upon no higher plane than that upon which President Wilson has placed it, and his statement as reasons is no less admirable than his statements of means and methods. President Wilson has driven straight to the heart of the issue and Congress must respond."

The New York Tribune says: "No praise can be too high for the words and purposes of the President. Never in all the long period in which he has directed American policy has he seemed to come nearer the ideals of the American people, the ideals of a President who should lead. All over the world there will be Americans who will find in the decision of the President a cause for new confidence and new hope."

The Chicago Herald: "In demanding a declaration of a state of war President Wilson was asking Congress to recognize one that already exists by the act of Germany itself. The demand for a declaration gathers force from the known character of the man who makes it. The nation knows that President Wilson is not in love with war and states of war for their own sake. And knowing all this, the nation, and the people's representatives in Congress will approve the demand."

The New York Sun: "And thus, at the eloquent call of the President, we are at last face to face through no misdeed or lack of patience on our part with the Imperial government that has dared to make a wicked war on all mankind not subservient to its will."

New Orleans Times-Picayune: "Congress, we have no doubt, will accept the President's recommendation that the existence of a state of war be recognized, and forthwith take all steps needful to carry the conflict forced upon us to righteous and triumphant end."

Richmond Times-Dispatch: The President has more than justified the country's present entrance into the war. It is for each one of us to play his part manfully."

In like expressions there were editorials backing up the President in the Norfolk Virginia-Pilot, the Lynchburg News, the Danville Register, the Charlotte Observer, the Asheville Citizen, the Greenville (S. C.) News, the Columbia State, the Charleston News and Courier, the Atlanta Constitution, the New York Herald, the New York Journal of Commerce, the Boston Post, the Springfield Republican, the Manchester (N. H.) Union, the Providence Journal, Albany Knickerbocker Press, the Little Rock Gazette, the Philadelphia Record, the Cincinnati Enquirer, the Baltimore Sun, the Baltimore American, the Syracuse Post-Standard, the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, the Chattanooga

## Two Hundred Thousand Dollars in Road Bonds

Johnson County News.

County court was in session Monday and passed the necessary order for the issuance of the \$200,000 in bonds for the construction of good roads in the county and the Pike Commissioners will at once advertise for bids and make ready to place the bonds upon the market.

Henry R. Roberts, President of the Southern Appalachian Good Roads Association, of Bristol, and H. L. Russell, Forrester of Abingdon, Va., were in conference with the Johnson county Pike Commissioners Monday with a view of obtaining Federal Aid and Federal Forest Aid in the construction of a macadam road from the top of Holston mountain on the Sullivan county line, across Shady Valley, Iron mountain via Mountain City to the North Carolina line, near Zionville. It did not take Mr. Roberts and Mr. Russell long to convince our pike commissioners of the splendid opportunity of obtaining from the government about \$80,000 for assistance in the construction of the road after which they appeared before the county court where the necessary order was unanimously passed, directing the officials of the court to co-operate with the pike commission in procuring this fund. Johnson county is to be congratulated in the fact that Mr. Roberts and Mr. Russell, who are very influential gentlemen have interested themselves in obtaining for us this government aid, and we should do everything in our power to aid them in their effort.

C. M. Dulaney, of Bristol, who has been employed by the Johnson county Pike Commission to survey, locate and superintend the construction of good roads in the county, arrived from Bristol on Monday evening and on Tuesday morning began surveying the proposed road from Mountain City to the Virginia line near Damascus.

## Sloan's Liniment For Rheumatism.

The torture of rheumatism, the pains and the aches that make life unbearable are relieved by Sloan's Liniment, a clean, clear liquid that is easy to apply and more effective than many plasters or ointments because it penetrates quickly without rubbing. For the many pains and aches that follow exposure, strains, sprains and muscle soreness, Sloan's Liniment is promptly effective. Always have a bottle ready for gout, lumbago, toothache, backache, stiff neck and all external pains. At druggists, 25c.

After years of struggle, agitation and pulling through mud, the good people of Person county have arisen and by a convincing vote proved to the world that she is to be reckoned among the progressive of the State. —Roxboro Courier.

Times, the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune, the Indianapolis Star, the St. Louis Republic, the Cleveland Leader and in papers in all parts of the nation. Summed up the voice of the patriotic American press the country over is expressed in the words of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, which says:

"The President has met the expectation of the nation and has stated the case with a force and decision that leaves no room for doubt as to his precise meaning, and less room for questions by all impartial judges as to the absolute righteousness and justice of the cause for which we are to draw the sword."

## CLARK IS AGAIN ELECTED SPEAKER BY THE DEMOCRATS

COMPLETE CONTROL OF HOUSE IS IN THE HANDS OF THE DEMOCRATS.

CLARK GOT 217 VOTES MANN RECEIVED 205

Five Members of Republican Party Did Not Vote For Mann.—Miss Jeannette Rankin is Given an Ovation.

Washington.—The Democrats, with the aid of four of the five Independents, organized the House when the new Congress assembled, re-electing Speaker Champ Clark, of Missouri, and sweeping into office with him all the other Democratic caucus nominees.

Mr. Clark received 217 votes against 205 for Representative Mann, the Republican choice for Speaker, who not only failed to receive an independent vote, but lost the support of five of his party colleagues.

All the Democrats present voted for Mr. Clark and were joined by Representatives Hall, Progressive, Minnesota; Martin, Progressive-Protectionist, Louisiana; London, Socialist, New York and Randall, Prohibitionist, California. The five Republicans who did not support Mr. Mann were Representatives Gardner, of Massachusetts, who voted for Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin; Gray, New Jersey, and Dallinger, Massachusetts, who voted for Representative Gillett, of Massachusetts, and Haskell, of New York.

IS CHOSEN SPEAKER BY AID OF INDEPENDENTS.



CHAMP CLARK.

and James, of Michigan, who voted "present." Representative Fuller, Independent, Massachusetts, voted for Representative Lenroot.

Nominated By Schall. To the surprise of the Republicans, Representative Schall placed Mr. Clark in nomination. For a time it was thought that he had done so by inadvertency, but later it developed he had acted through pre-arrangement with Democratic leaders. He asked permission to address the House just after the first roll call and then after declaring the international situation demanded united support of President Wilson, roused tremendous cheering by announcing that although with his sightless eyes he could be of no use on the battlefield he could at least support the President by casting a vote for Champ Clark.

Representative Green, of Massachusetts, presented Mr. Mann's name in a brief speech and Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, the Progressive-Republican leader, seconded it. There were no other nominations, and in just an hour and forty minutes after the House was convened Mr. Clark, as he had predicted to the minute several days ago, was declared elected and was escorted to the chair by a committee headed by Mr. Mann. In a brief address the Speaker pleaded for united action in the present crisis.

Calling of the roll was replete with outbursts of applause but the lion's share went to Miss Jeannette Rankin, of Montana, a Republican, and the first woman to be elected to the House.

When the Kaiser sets himself he hatches many schemes.

## PREPARING MIGHTY EFFORT TO WIN WAR

GERMANY IS GATHERING TO THE COLORS EVERY AVAILABLE MAN.

SUPREME TEST THIS YEAR

Field Marshall Von Hindenburg Considers it By No Means Impossible to Attain Victory During 1917.

Copenhagen.—Germany, according to information reaching here from Berlin, now is gathering to the colors every available man for a supreme military effort to bring the war to a victorious conclusion in this year's campaign, a goal which Field Marshall von Hindenburg and his advisers consider by no means impossible of attainment.

Without altering formally the law of military service, the German authorities have in practice extended the period of service beyond the forty-fifth year.

The policy of the German War Department, as stated in the Reichstag this week by a military representative, is to withdraw those men over 45 from the front line after they have done six months of duty there, but military exigencies compel the holding of these over-age men for service in the so-called etape, or region behind the actual fighting front.

For some time the German authorities, in a grand coming out of non earlier pronounced unfit for service, have been mustering men on the very verge of the age limit, but up to the present they have announced that the necessity has not yet arisen for legislation raising the age limit to 65 as has been done in Austria-Hungary.

The operations of the labor service law, now in full swing, are further releasing for service at the front every available man behind the lines capable of carrying a rifle, so that the next two or three months should see the German armies at maximum size.

Simultaneously with the draining of the dregs of human reservoirs of soldier material, Germany's industrial mobilization also is approaching a climax. A scheme for converting every available factory and employing every available machine on war work and manning them with labor obtained under the labor service law is contemplated. The work is to be done in three stages, and the construction of a third group of munition plants is to begin immediately. The output of cannon munitions therefore should soon reach its maximum.

## RIOT BREAKS UP PEACE MEETING IN BALTIMORE.

Waving Flags, Crowd Breaks into Hall During Meeting.—Many Fights.

Baltimore.—A mass-meeting held here under the auspices of the American League Against Militarism, ended in a riot. A counter-demonstration was organized on the pavement of the Academy of Music, in which Dr. David Starr Jordan was speaking. Finally the crowd took the matter into its own hands and, led by some militiamen, broke into the theater and marched down the aisles, waving a large American flag.

There was an audience of about 2,000 inside, and about that number tried to enter. Several fights started. The police department had sounded a riot call and police from every section of the city soon arrived. Ejections started, the lights were dimmed and the meeting broke up just as Doctor Jordan was reaching an impassioned climax in his address.

Men socially prominent led the throng of 4,000. College professors, students, bankers and lawyers were there. Carter G. Osburn, Jr., a banker, was at the head waving a flag. A policeman clubbed him into unconsciousness and a crowd which saw the flag disappear from his hand, leaped forward, swept the police aside and got into the theater.

Twenty men were clubbed and four of them were taken to a hospital. A dozen others were arrested.

## FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS

FOR BACKACHE, KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

PACIFIST IS STRUCK DOWN BY SENATOR LODGE.

Washington.—A personal encounter between Senator Lodge of Massachusetts and Alexander Bannwart, of Dorchester, Mass., in which the senator knocked his opponent down, occurred in the corridors of the capitol. Bannwart and several men and women of a pacifist delegation, called Senator Lodge to the door of his committee room and asked him to vote against war with Germany.

## PRESIDENT ASKS JOINT CONGRESS TO DECLARE WAR

COURSE OF GERMAN GOVERNMENT NOTHING LESS THAN WAR AGAINST U. S.

RECOMMEND FULL NAVY AND ARMY OF 500,000

Declares President in Dispassionate But Unmeasured Denunciation of Course of That Government, Which He Characterized as a Challenge to Mankind and a Warfare Against All Nations, Making Neutrality Neither Feasible Nor Desirable.

Washington.—President Wilson asked Congress, assembled in joint session, to declare a state of war existing between the United States and Germany.

In a dispassionate but unmeasured denunciation of the course of the Imperial Government, which he characterized as a challenge to all mankind and a warfare against all nations, the President declared that neutrality no longer was feasible or desirable where the peace of the world was involved; that armed neutrality had become ineffectual enough at best, and was likely to produce what it was meant to prevent, and urged that Congress accept the gauge of battle with all the resources of the nation.

"I advise that the Congress declare the recent course of the Imperial German Government to be in fact nothing less than war against the Government and people of the United States," said the President, "that it formally accept the status of belligerent, which has thus been thrust upon it, and that it take steps not only to put the country in a more thorough state of defense, but also to exert all its power and employ all its resources to bring the Government of the German Empire to terms and end the war." When the President had finished speaking, resolutions to declare a state of war existing were introduced in both houses of Congress, referred to appropriate committees and will be debated. There is no doubt of their passage.

The objects of the United States in entering the war, the President said, were to vindicate the principles of peace and justice against "selfish and autocratic power." Without selfish ends, for conquest or dominion, seeking no indemnity or material compensations for the sacrifices it shall make, the United States must enter the war, the President said, to make the world safe for democracy, as only one of the champions of the rights of mankind, and would be satisfied when those rights were as secure as the faith and freedom of nations could make them.

## Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a Favorite For Colds.

J. L. Easley, Macon, Ill., in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy says, "During the past fifteen years it has been my sister's favorite medicine for colds on the lungs. I myself have taken it a number of times when suffering with a cold, and it always relieved me promptly."

## EIGHT INJURED IN STORM AT MEMPHIS.

Memphis, Tenn.—Eight persons were injured several buildings were wrecked and a score or more were unroofed or otherwise damaged in a windstorm that skirted this city and struck Binghamton, a suburb, with its full force. Three of the injured, who were caught under the falling timbers of the Christian Church at Binghamton, one of the buildings demolished, were seriously hurt. All are expected to recover.

## MUCH TONNOGE WAS DESTROYED DURING MARCH.

Berlin, via Sayville.—In addition to submarine successes already published in the month of March, says an official statement published the first of April by the German Admiralty, 34 steamers, two sailing vessels and 14 fishing craft, aggregating 90,000 gross tons, were sunk by German submarines. Of the total 24 were British vessels, one of which was an auxiliary cruiser displacing at least 8,000 tons.

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