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STATE OF WAR WITH GERMANY EXISTS

CABINET MEETS ON A WAR BASIS AND STEPS ARE PLANNED

Methods of Raising Funds to Prosecute the War Are Discussed At Length In Session of Cabinet Today

DECLARATION BY CONGRESS ONLY A MATTER OF HOURS

Universal and Compulsory Military Training and the Raising of An Army of 500,000 Men Is Discussed—The Navy Is To Be Put on as Efficient Basis As Possible and Brought to War Strength Immediately.

Washington, April 3.—The United States really is at war with the German Empire today awaiting only the formal recognition of Congress. Every agency was moving to gird the nation against the government which President Wilson, in his address to Congress, has characterized as "The natural foe to liberty."

The Cabinet, at war session, was called to discuss the extension of credit to the nations already at war against Germany. The way of raising funds for the United States in the war, the equipment of the navy to the fullest state of efficiency to cope with the submarine menace and the raising of a great army on the principle of universal liability to service. The first increment of which is to be 500,000 men.

Counsel of the national defense and its advisory commission in a joint session continued the work of mobilization of the national resources to bring the government of the German Empire "to terms and end the war," as the President expressed it.

The War Department and the Army general staff was ready to present to Congress its plans for raising an army just as soon as the legislative body asked for it. Work in Congress on the resolution to formally declare a state of war existing, went forward. The Senate Foreign Relations committee approved the resolution as introduced without change in its effect. The House committee is expected to act later today.

The resolution as approved by the Senate committee now is as follows:

Whereas, The Imperial German government has committed repeated acts of war against the government and 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 the Imperial German government which has thus been thrust upon the United State, is hereby formally declared and that the President be and 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 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.

Chairman Stone, who voted against the resolution, said he would not make a minority report, but expected to speak on the resolution.

HOUSE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS RESOLUTION

Washington, April 3.—Consideration of the administration war resolution by the House Foreign Affairs committee was postponed until tomorrow. While Congress went ahead with its work the Cabinet met in its virtual war council.

CHAMBERLAIN BILL RE-INTRODUCED

Washington, April 3.—Universal military compulsory training was virtually launched in the Senate today when Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, chairman of the military committee, introduced his amended bill providing for training of about 500,000 men of 20 years at the President's discretion and many thousand more up to 23 years. The bill was referred to the committee.

READY TO PUT MEASURE THROUGH

Washington, April 3.—An effort to put through the resolution declaring a state of war before the Senate adjourns tonight probably will be made by Democratic leaders.

EXPECTS MOTION PASS EARLY

Washington, April 3.—"The resolution ought to pass in thirty minutes," said Senator Martin, the Democratic floor leader. "I don't think that any Senator ought to speak more than five minutes on it. They all know what it contains and what they expect to do. I am in favor of sitting through until it is passed. The Senate ought not to adjourn without acting on it." Senator Martin said that when the resolution comes from the committee that any Sen-

TWENTY NINE IS BELIEVED LOST

Dispatch From Ambassador Sharp Says Most of Lost Were Americans

WAS AMERICAN SHIP

The Nineteen Survivors Are Landed at Briest and Declare Ship Was Torpedoed Without Being Given Any Warning.

Washington, April 3.—A dispatch from Ambassador Sharp at Paris, 5 p. m. yesterday, said 19 survivors from the Aztec were landed yesterday afternoon at Briest, France, and 25 persons still were missing and their rescue was doubtful because of the heavy sea and storm.

PAINT PACIFICIST QUARTERS YELLOW

National Guardsmen and Citizens Show Disregard For the Emergency Peace Federation.

Washington, April 3.—National guardsmen of the Third District of Columbia infantry backed by a party of citizens covered the front of the headquarters of the emergency peace federation with a coat of yellow paint while another party of citizens destroyed pacifist banners and literature inside.

BRITISH FREIGHTER IS SENT TO THE BOTTOM

New York, April 3.—The British freight steamer Trevese reported by Germany as having been sunk was torpedoed without warning on March 28, and twenty-four members of her crew are unaccounted for according to the officers of the steamship Venezia which arrived here today with five of the Trevese's crew.

COTTON MARKET

New York, April 3.—Cotton futures opened firm, May 19.25; July 18.95; October 18.15; December 18.25; January 18.21.

New York, April 3.—The news from Washington was followed by an active buying movement in the cotton market early today which carried all crop positions to the highest point reached since last February. The opening was firm at an advance of 8 to 21 points and the active months sold 39 to 43 points net higher before the end of the first half hour with May selling at 19.55 and July 18.35 and October 18.45. This advance met with a good deal of realizing, but there was broadening outside demand as well as covering.

THE COTON MARKET CLOSED

New York, April 3.—The cotton market closed January, 18.53; May, 19.54; July, 19.28; October, 18.40; December, 18.48.

STOCK MARKET

New York, April 3.—The stock market was visibly heartened at today's opening by President Wilson's message calling for a declaration that a state of war exist between the United States and Germany. Aids of one to two points were limited largely to munitions, equipments and allied industrials. Ralls and metals falling to participate in more than minor degree. Dealings were large, but lacked the breadth and exciting incidents which have characterized other war markets of the past two years. Heavy profit taking and the reactionary tendency caused a general reversal and wiping out of gains wiped out during advances during the first hour. Weakness of motor issues was a feature.

BIG SAVING IN FIRE PREMIUMS

City Goes to Second Class in Fire Protection as Result of Big Improvements in Fire Department.

The first real returns in a monetary way from the improvements in the Central Fire Department and its organization has just been received in this city by City Fire D. D. Daughtridge, who has been advised by the State Inspection and Rating Bureau that this city is entitled to second class rating with certain minor modifications. This change will mean a material reduction in the fire insurance premiums of the city and the aggregate saving has been variously estimated by insurance men at from ten to fifteen thousand dollars per year.

The work of the reduction while made possible by the addition of another unit of fire fighting apparatus in the gasoline pumper, and the new quarters with men in duty practically all of the time—it was first undertaken by the Chamber of Commerce and Secretary George R. Home and it has been from his office that practically all of the correspondence and information has gone forward which had as the result the material reduction in the city's rating.

In the future the premiums on residential will be on a straight two per cent basis of \$1, as compared to \$1.20 at this time, while for the business property it will be \$1.05 as compared to \$1.25 at this time. The straight two per cent rate is \$1.00 but the five cents additional in the business district is explained in a few bad risks or fire traps, coupled with the fact that the hydrants in the city are not properly equipped for pumper service but rather for service hose connection. It is expected that this 5 cents will be deducted when these bounteous supply hydrants are put into place.

The Inspection and Rating Bureau has advised that as soon as possible their clerks who are in another part of the state, will be sent here and that the entire city will be re-rated.

COL. ROOSEVELT IS DELIGHTED

Stops Off in Washington En Route Home and Congratulates President Wilson on His Stand.

Washington, April 3.—Col. Roosevelt stopped off here today on his way home from Florida to call on President Wilson at the white house and congratulate him on his address to congress.

BRITISH PHYSICIANS NOW OVERWORKED

Central Surgeons Proposed By Medical Journal As Remedy For Situation.

London, April 2.—Every doctor and surgeon fit for military service has been called to the colors by the British government, with the result that the public is being appealed to for cooperation in lightening the duties of the remaining members of the medical profession. The further call upon the profession, made recently by Neville Chamberlain, Director of National Service, has entailed a vast cutting down of the medical rendered to the civil population.

The British Medical Journal, commenting upon the coming out of physicians, declare that it may become necessary to establish central surgeries in each community and organize the medical men available into bodies similar to a first brigade, subject to the call of any person becoming ill.

"If central surgeries were established," says the Journal, "it might be possible for the older doctors or those infirm health to undertake a certain number of hours work a day at the centers, liberating the younger practitioners for attendance upon those who must be seen in their own homes."

SAFETY FIRST IS SHOWING RESULTS

Washington, D. C., April 3.—"Safety First," which the country has been hearing so much about for several years, is beginning to show substantial results in the mortality among miners, according to the Bureau of Mines here today. Mines throughout the United States have been exacting a yearly toll in about 3,400 men in every 1,000 employed. The latest figures available are the lowest in 8 years and the prospect is for still greater decreases.

POU TO HEAD THE RULES COMMITTEE

Two North Carolina Representatives Given Chairman Jobs

DEMOCRATS AT HELM

Representative John Small Is Chairman of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors in Reorganization of Congress.

Washington, April 3.—The house met today under the new organization completed last night by the Democrats with a few changes in committee chairmanships from the arrangements in the last congress.

Southern Democrats were replaced by Northern Democrats in some places. The Democrats maintained their majorities of all committees, but allowed the Republicans some more places on some of the important committees.

The committees for which new chairmen were named included the Rules, Post of North Carolina, and Rivers and Harbors, Small, of North Carolina.

CHARGES OF ROBBERY PREFERRED AGAINST BETHEL BUSINESS MEN

Greenville, April 3.—What promises to be a general sensation in this county was the arrest of J. J. Ford and Rich Carson, prominent business men of Bethel Sunday, charged with having been the perpetrators of the series of robberies that have taken place in Parrale during the past twelve months. Several times during the past few months the A. C. L. depot there has been robbed, and there had been no clue until Saturday night when the station agent followed the tracks of a wagon to the home of Rich Carson. A further search disclosed many stolen packages in the warehouse of J. J. Ford, who conducts a general supply store in Bethel.

The officers placed the suspected parties under arrest, and they have been bound over to Superior Court to await trial. They are prominently connected and the trial will be hotly contested.

MONROE, WIS., TAKES VOTE ON WAR

Monroe, Wis., April 3.—The first war referendum in the United States is being held here today. The citizens of Monroe are voting on whether they should support the United States to go to war with Germany. The vote is being taken in connection with the regular city election. A notable percentage of the population here is German and Swiss and the result is being watched with keen interest in Washington and elsewhere.

WAR SPIRIT RAMPANT IN NATION'S CAPITAL

Even F Street, Washington's Fifth Avenue, Hears Notes of Army Bugle

Washington, April 3.—The war spirit was rampant for the first time Saturday night throughout Washington. At the hotel dining rooms, hotel lobbies and theatres there was evident that spirit which was so plainly seen here during the interim between the sinking of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor and the day congress passed the resolution McKinley asked for, declaring a state of war existed.

Even F, Washington's gayest and most colorful street—they call it Washington's Fifth Avenue—was invaded with the spirit. Right there the crowds of handsomely gowned matrons and pretty girls are thickest, a militia recruiting station was opened on F street Saturday afternoon, and from the big double doors came constantly the blast of bugles, blown in relays by three or four men to attract the men to their country's call.

ALL TROOPS MUST GO MOBILIZATION CAMPS

San Antonio, Texas, April 3.—General Pershing today authorized the announce that orders will be issued this afternoon directing national guard troops called out in the Southern department to proceed to state mobilization camps immediately.

Senator LaFollette Blocks Declaration War Today

There Is a Hot Exchange of Views When He Demands One Day Privilege Rule And Consideration Goes Over Until Tomorrow With Assurance that Both Branches Will Pass the Administration Measure.

Washington, April 3.—The resolution declaring a state of war exists with Germany and directing the President to prosecute war against the Imperial German government was presented to the Senate today. Senator Hitchcock for the Foreign Relations committee asked unanimous consent for its immediate consideration, but it went over under the rule on objection by Senator LaFollette.

When LaFollette objected to immediate consideration there was a stormy scene between him and Senator Martin, this was interrupted by a burst of applause from the gallery which Vice-President Marshall had a difficulty in checking.

When order was restored Senator Martin moved that no other business be taken up and the Senate adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Soon after the Senate adjourned as the climax of a storm scene which arose over LaFollette's objections, the House also adjourned to meet tomorrow at noon.

NO PLACE FOR PACIFICISTS NOW

Washington, April 3.—Pacificists delegations here today turned their energies towards trying to persuade Senators and Representatives from voting for the state of war resolution. They also began a plan to prevent enlistments in the army and navy. Declarations were circulated by persons calling themselves representatives of a non-enlistment league. The signers pledged themselves not to enlist.

Disorders of yesterday including fist fights in small riots in the headquarters of the Emergency Peace Federation on Pennsylvania avenue resulted today in the disappearance of many of the army bands and body banners worn by the Pacificists. The few "keep out of war" that appeared on the streets were hissed.

ANNOUNCE SCORES EATING PLACES

Denies Markets and Cafes Are to be Graded by the City Health Department as to Cleanliness.

The health department will make public the scores of the various dairies, markets and cafes during the latter part of the present week. A score card system has been worked out by the city health officer, Dr. Braswell, and during the past two months the various establishments have been rated according to the conditions of the place.

A score card has been placed in each market and cafe in a conspicuous place for the benefit of the public and the score of each establishment is placed on the card monthly. The cards have been adopted after the United States standard score card showing the sanitary inspection of places where foods are prepared for sale or sold. A market or restaurant that does not score above 75 points is considered to be in bad shape. Where the score is very low and the sanitary conditions are bad the establishment is required to remedy the condition or else close its doors to the public.

Dr. Braswell states that people do not give enough thought to the places in which their food is prepared and handled, and because of a serious nature is often spread by this source. The health department can be of much help to the public if they will demand better conditions. When you visit your market or call on your dairyman try to remember the score as given that party by the health department. Ask the market man to show you his score and if he has a nice, clean place he will take much pride in doing so.

NORTH CAROLINA BRANCH OF WOMAN'S PARTY ORGANIZED

Charlotte, April 3.—The North Carolina branch of the National Woman's Party was organized Saturday. A State executive committee was formed with Mrs. Arthur Taylor and Mrs. William Robertson, both of Charlotte, as chairman and secretary. The organizer was Miss Doris Stevens, of New York, member of the National executive committee. A constitution was adopted. The resolutions asked the North Carolina delegation to work for the adoption of the Susan B. Anthony amendment and pledge the support of the women to the support of the women to the nation during the present crisis.

BILTMORE ESTATE OFFERED TO U. S.

Widow of the Late George W. Vanderbilt Offers Site As Mobilization Camp to Government.

Raleigh, April 3.—Biltmore the estate of the late George W. Vanderbilt, near Asheville, has been offered by Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, to the War Department as a mobilization camp site, it was announced here today.

The offer came to state officials late yesterday and was forwarded to Washington.

MUCH FIGHTING IN CHAMPAGNE

Paris, April 3.—Violent artillery engagement are in progress in the Champagne, the war office announces. No important action is reported along the line of the German retreat.

ONE CASE IN THE CITY COURT TODAY

The morning session of the city court today was a model of brevity and there was but one case, that of Mr. George T. Burnett, who was charged with running an automobile without license. The extenuating circumstances caused the recorder to decide that the defendant should be let off upon the payment of the costs in the case.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ORGANIZED

The organization of a very enthusiastic Epworth league was completed at South Rocky Mount N. C. church Sunday night. The following officers having been previously elected were formally installed: Mr. L. A. Hickman, president; Mr. E. M. Sanders, vice-president; Mr. J. W. Knowles, superintendent of first department; Mrs. Martha Everett, superintendent of second department; Miss Laura Swanson, superintendent of third department; Mrs. W. D. Rice, superintendent of fourth department; Miss Annie Cross, secretary; Mr. George Whitley, treasurer; Mr. Leo Moore, corresponding secretary; Mr. Oliver Boston, agent; Miss Annie Pascoe, press reporter. Everybody is cordially invited to join the league and attend the meetings.