

WAR DECLARATION IS NOW COMPLETE

BRAZIL, CUBA, AND OTHER NATIONS OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE PLAN TO JOIN THIS NATION IN WAR

PRESIDENT SIGNS ORDER CONGRESS THIS EVENING

Activity of German Submarines in Sinking the Brazilian Ships Raises Ire and Causes Outbreaks in Rio Janeiro—Russia would Welcome American Members in the War Council and Asks Assistance in the Way of Money and Advice in Matters of Prosecuting the War.

With the proclamation of a state of war between the United States and Germany on the verge of issuance, the probability of other American nations joining this Republic in hostilities is pointed in today's dispatches.

Brazil, according to advices from South America, is trembling on the brink of war with Germany. A submarine has sunk the Brazilian steamer Parapa with the loss of three members of the crew.

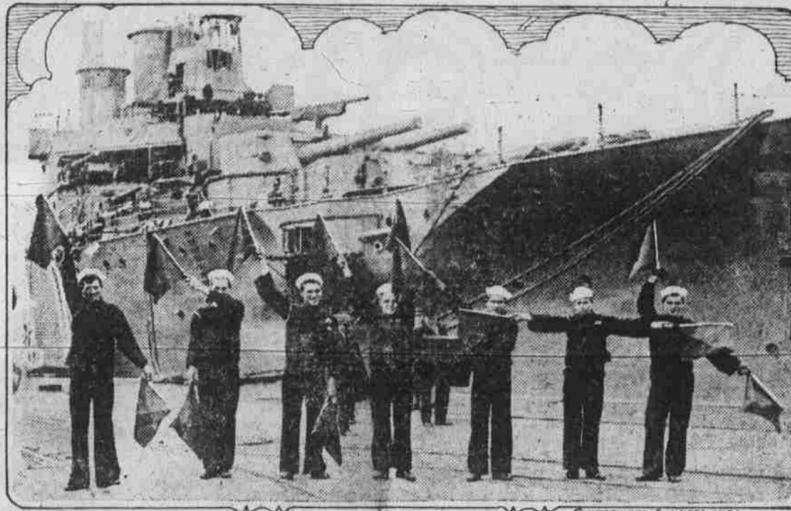
The little Republic of Cuba is another nation that is likely to enter the war following the action of the United States. Havana dispatches forecast the probability of such action by the Cuban government.

Appeals for American expert advice and other assistance in prosecuting the war are coming from some of the present European belligerents. Reports from Russia indicate that an American commission of national character would be welcome there to cooperate in financing munitions and transportation operations.

Italy, likewise, is welcoming American co-operation and the hope is expressed there of help from the United States in the way of credit, food and increase in means of ocean transportation.

In the field of military operations the French have made further progress in one sector of the present main battle front. In the separate engagement that has been in progress northwest of Rheims, additional trenches that the Germans were able to retain in their recent attack in force have been wrested from them by the French troops.

"VICTORY!" IS WORD FLASHED WITH FLAGS BY U. S. SAILORS



"V-I-C-T-O-R-Y" being spelled out with flags by U. S. sailors.

No American dreams of anything but victory in the war with Germany. This is especially true of the boys who man Uncle Sam's fighting ships, and they are here shown spelling out with flags the thought that is nearest every man's heart.

Plunges This Nation's Resources Into Fight to Crush German Nation

PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY PRESIDENT

All of the Naval Militia and the Naval Reserves Are Called to the Colors—Mammoth Appropriations for Purpose of Pressing the War.

Washington, April 6.—President Wilson today signed the resolution of Congress, declaring a state of war between the United States and Germany. The resolution was signed by the President 11 minutes after 1 o'clock. All the naval militia and naval reserves were called to the colors with the President's signing of the war resolution.

By signing of the resolution, the war which Germany actually has been making on the United States for many months is recognized in official form and the United States thus announces to the world determination to take up what President Wilson characterized in his address to Congress as, "Germany's challenge to all the world, her war against humanity."

Speaker Clark signed the resolution soon after it passed the House during the early morning and Vice-President Marshall had signed it soon after the Senate convened at noon. The engrossed copy was sent at once to the White House. It was waiting for the President when he returned from a short walk with Mrs. Wilson.

ISSUES CALL TO ALL AMERICANS

Washington, April 6.—The President also signed a proclamation formally declaring a state of war between the United States and Germany. In the proclamation he called upon American citizens to give support to all measures of government.

SENATE VOTES EMERGENCY FUND

Washington, April 6.—An emergency war fund of \$100,000,000 was quickly voted today by the Senate to President Wilson to be used in his discretion. The appropriation must be approved by the House.

HOPES FOR A WORLD PEACE

Washington, April 6.—In a statement approving the army plan presented to Congress by the War Department, President Wilson said that "The hope of the world war is that when the European war is over arrangements will have been made composing many of the questions which have hereto required an arming of the nations."

HOUSE MEETS ON MONDAY

Washington, April 6.—The House will not meet again until Monday. President Wilson will sign the war resolution as soon as it reaches him from the capitol.

MAMMOTH FUND TO PRESS WAR

Washington, April 6.—Appropriation of \$100,000,000 for an emergency war fund to be used at the President's discretion, similar to the \$50,000,000 fund given President McKinley, for prosecuting the war, was attached today by the Senate appropriations committee to the general deficiency bill.

MISS RANKIN WAS MUCH DISTURBED

Washington, April 6.—War between the United States and Germany immediately upon President's Wilson's approval of the war resolution adopted by a vote of 373 to 50 by the House a few minutes after 3 o'clock this morning. This action will set in motion the government's newly planned machinery for mustering naval, military and economic forces into an aggressive war against Germany.

Final action upon the resolution came after seventeen hours of continuous debate and a few minutes afterward Speaker Clark affixed his signature. After the resolution is signed by Vice-President Marshall, it will be rushed to the President.

ident for his signature.

Majority Leader Kitchin and Miss Jeanette Rankin, the new woman member from Montana, voted against the resolution. After failing to answer to her name twice on the first roll call, Miss Rankin rose on the second call, trembling, obviously badly frightened and with a snarl in her voice she declared: "I want to stand by my country but I cannot vote for war."

Half a dozen of her colleagues, wearied by the protracted debate demanded, "Vote, vote."

Sinking into her seat, Miss Rankin whispered, "No."

Most of those opposing the resolution including Mr. Kitchin, announced that once it was passed they would support it without reservation.

When a vote was finally taken members quickly dispersed to their homes.

ALLIED WARSHIPS TO BE WITHDRAWN. Washington, April 6.—Allied warships patrolling the Atlantic Coast will be withdrawn and many will be sent to the European battle front now that German merchant ships in American ports have been taken over and there is no possibility of their slipping to sea as commerce raiders. All the allied war vessels which have been patrolling close into American shores will be withdrawn.

GERMAN U BOATS MUCH CRITICISM REPORTED IN THE WATERS OF GULF

Advices Received Through Neutral Country That Gulf of Mexico Base

BEEN THERE SINCE EARLY IN FEBRUARY

The Government Takes Cognizance of Report Which is Believed to Have Much Foundation. Report Declares There are Six.

Washington, April 6.—Persistent but hitherto unconfirmed reports of German submarines in the Gulf of Mexico for the opening of the hostilities by the United States were further substantiated today in advices to the government from Europe. The full nature of the government's information is not disclosed, but it was received from one of the neutrals contiguous to Germany which has served as a clearing house for German rearmament since the severance of diplomatic relations.

COMPANY ENGINEERS FOR WASHINGTON

Washington, N. C., April 6.—E. W. Myers, son of Mrs. J. W. Myers, and a prominent engineer, located at Greensboro, has been asked by the government to captain and recruit a company of engineers for governmental service. Mr. Myers has tendered this service to the government.

CUBAN PRESIDENT WANTS STATE OF WAR

Havana, Cuba, April 6.—President Menocal, of Cuba, this afternoon sent a message to Congress asking that body to declare that a state of war exists between Cuba and Germany.

MUCH CRITICISM OF KITCHIN VOTE

His District Not Represented in His Personal Opinion as He Voted.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

Nowhere Claimed That He Represented Even a Fair Percentage of His Constituency in his Vote Against the War Measure.

Unsubstantiated criticism and outlandish declarations that his vote against the administration measure for war with Germany doesn't represent ten per cent of his constituency are being heard in the Second Congressional District today from which Majority Leader Claude Kitchin of North Carolina is elected. His vote last night is not only deplored by his district but by his friends and prominent leaders some of whom go so far as to challenge his right to vote his personal convictions in a matter of national moment, and which is so clearly contrary to the views of the voters who made his election possible. Men who are neither professed pacifists or cowards.

Daily papers in his district are outspoken in their editorial criticism of the Representative's course, the Greenville Reformer declares in part, it was all right for him to vote his convictions, but that it was such and not that of his people, but it should not have been done as Democratic Leaders of the house, he should have resigned his vote, does not represent five per cent of the residents of Pitt county.

MAYOR TILLERY CALLS VOLUNTEERS

All Men Willing to Serve Asked to Send In Their Names to Mayor, Tillery At Once.

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SEARCHLIGHT FOR BIG WIRELESS PLANT

Now York, April 6.—A few weeks ago electric lights were placed all around the government's big wireless plant down at Beaufort and an armed guard was placed on duty there at night in order to protect this plant from any possible danger.

DRAINED BARREL OF WHISKEY ONLY TO LOSE IT ALL

Norfolk, Va., April 6.—William Carson and Walter Flood, negroes, living in Pinner's Point were arrested by County Officers Harrell and Rountree last night charged with draining a barrel of liquor in transit over the Belt Line railroad.

CLAUDE KITCHIN'S BROTHER DEAD

Scotland Neck, April 6.—Sam Kitchin, brother of Claude Kitchin, Representative from the second congressional district of North Carolina, and a prominent saw mill man of Scotland Neck, died today from heart failure.

A BRAZILLIAN SHIP SUNK TODAY BY A SUBMARINE

Cherbourg, France, April 6.—The Brazilian steamer Parapa, was sunk during the night. Three members of her crew were missing. The Parapa was a vessel of 4,000 tons. She was owned in Rio Janeiro.

TOWNS ON COAST OF KENT BOMBARDED

London, April 6.—Towns on the coast of Kent were again bombarded last night by a German air plane. There were no casualties, it is announced officially.

MYSTERIOUS STRANGER VISITS WASHINGTON

Washington, N. C., April 6.—Several local negroes have told of the presence of a mysterious stranger in Washington about two weeks ago, who delivered talks at the local "sanctified church."

CALL FOR MASS MEETING OF THE CITIZENS

Citizens of Rocky Mount are called to meet April 9th at 8:00 o'clock p. m. in the Masonic opera house for the purpose of endorsing suitable resolutions on the action of our President and Congress in their stand for justice in the defense of our rights.

A programme is being arranged and will be published tomorrow. Several speakers of prominence in our city have consented to address the meeting.

All fraternal and benevolent organizations, the different troops of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls and all citizens are invited to attend. The ladies are especially invited.

L. F. TILLERY, Mayor.