



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 Counsel 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. Anti-German feeling in Rio Janeiro as a consequence, is reported intense and talk of a speedy declaration of war is heard in responsible circles, the advices state.

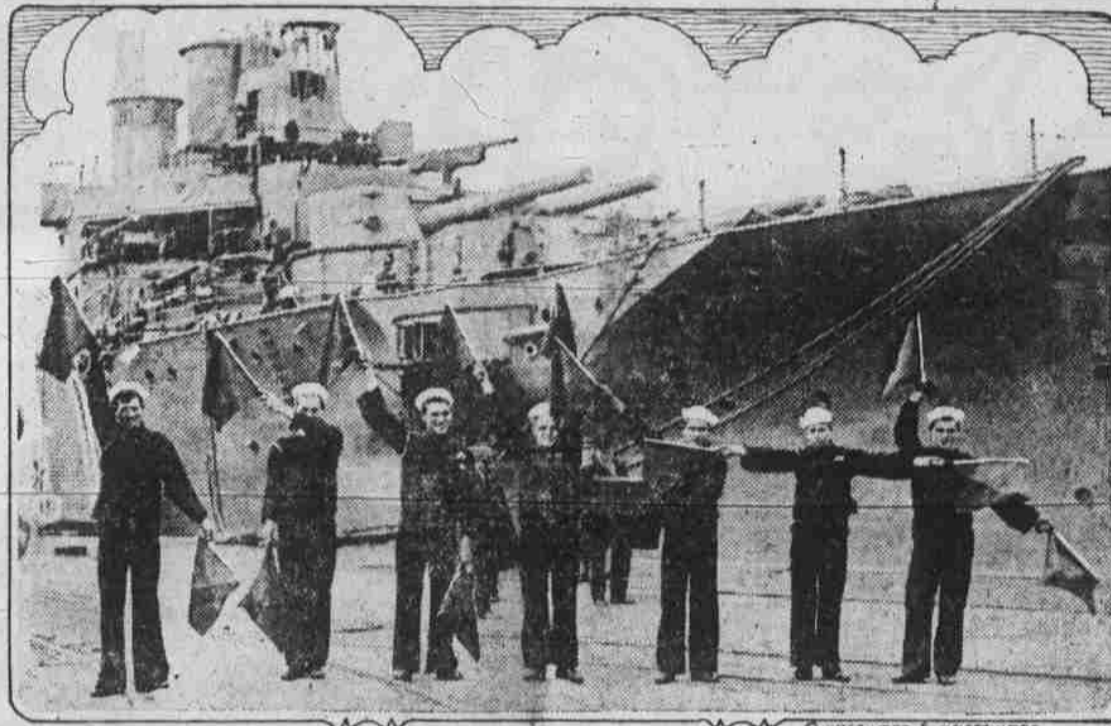
The little Republic of Cuba is another nation that is likely to enter the war following the action of the United States. Havana dispatches forecast the probability of such action by the Cuban government.

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 for his signature.

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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.

BERLIN REPORTS A BIG CAPTURE RUSSIANS

Berlin, April 6.—(By way of London.)—More than 9,000 Russians, 15 guns and 150 machine guns and mine throwers were captured by the Germans in their attack on the Russian bridge head of the Stokhod, the war office announced.

GERMAN U BOATS 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.

It was reported that more than a score of German submarines were already in Mexican waters. Persons here who have been giving attention to the subject think the estimate of numbers is high but feel no doubt that German submarines are somewhere on this side of the Atlantic, probably in Mexican waters and some of them have been there since early in February. There is no doubt here that if the boats are in the gulf they are being supplied from Mexican shore bases.

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 prof German, 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 it is plain 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."

The editor of the Scotland Neck Commonwealth, a newspaper in Mr. Kitchin's home town and in which Mr. Kitchin owns stock is authority for the statement that his vote doesn't represent more than twenty-five per cent of the citizenship of Halifax county.

The Wilson Daily Times declares a "disappointment in his course, even his closest friends regret his attitude towards the administration at this time."

The Evening Telegram of Rocky Mount, declares, "not five per cent of his people hold any such view—Edgewood has been woefully misrepresented, a county that has in the past reared as brave and loyal sons as any in the nation, resent the action. Remember the first blood of the Confederacy—Henry W. Wyatt, of Edgewood—his sons are not degenerates."

The Kingston Free Press: "Out of accord with the times, the sentiment of his district, the leaders of the nation and the party he will, the Majority Leader should resign."

MAYOR TILLERY CALLS VOLUNTEERS

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

A call for volunteers to form a home guard organization from the citizens of Rocky Mount was issued in a proclamation by Mayor L. P. Tillery today. The Mayor says that war has been declared and that all who will serve in this organization will send in their names to him. The guard will be organized so as to be ready in event of military necessity and it is expected that there will be a patriotic response of the Mayor's call. The proclamation follows: "Attention! War has been declared! Call for volunteers will be made. All who will respond to our country's call and all who will serve in a home guard organization will give their name to L. P. TILLERY, Mayor."

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.

During the past week the men in charge have had reason to become uneasy over the safety of the place and now two armed men do duty there each night and a big searchlight which can play its rays over the water for a mile around has been installed.

No visitor is allowed on the place after nightfall and those who start toward it in boats are warned to keep away and so far they have heeded the warning.

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.

The negroes were caught leaving the car carrying a wash tub filled with liquor and each with a water bucket in his hand also filled with liquor. They dropped their burden and ran, losing all the liquor.

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. Mr. Kitchin was in apparent good health when the end came and is well known throughout this section of the State.

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." They state that he was a white man and believe that he also was a foreigner. During the day time they assert that he made several trips up around the electric light plant and also a general inspection of the mills and the water front. Some of the negroes began suspecting that he was a spy and uttered words to that effect. He evidently got wind of their suspicions, for he left suddenly.

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.