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**THE WAR RESOLUTION.**

**Representative Claude Kitchin Argues Passionately Against The Measure.**



CLAUDE KITCHIN

Representative Claude Kitchin is opposed to the war resolution, and spoke against it in language unmistakable, when the House debated the question Thursday night.

After saying that he would not criticize those who would vote for it, Mr. Kitchin declared he thought he should vote his convictions regardless of consequences.

"I know that my vote will be criticized from one end of the country to the other," said Congressman Kitchin. "I cannot leave to my children land and riches, nor fame, but I can leave to them a name that regardless of consequences I never hesitated to vote my convictions."

"Prayerfully impressed with the gravities of this situation and appreciating the penalties that war will impose," said he, "My conscience and judgment have shown the path of my duty and I must tread it bareheaded and alone. I have prayed for guidance. I have reached the conclusion that I must vote against this resolution."

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**DEATH CLAIMS MR. STAINBACK.**

Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, death entered our midst and claimed, without a moment's notice, one of our oldest and most honored citizens, Mr. David E. Stainback. Mr. Stainback had just returned from Halifax in an automobile where he went to secure a marriage license, with a couple that he was to unite in marriage at the Terminal Hotel. Just as he stepped upon the hotel porch, he was suddenly attacked and died within a moment of heart failure, before medical assistance could reach him. Dr. Morehead reached his side within a few moments, but grim Old Reaper had claimed his life before any curative power could be used to resist him.

Mr. Stainback was born in Brunswick county, Virginia, in 1851. He was the fourth son of Wm. and Mary C. Stainback. His mother was Miss Mason, daughter of Nathaniel Mason, of that county. His boyhood days were spent in Brunswick county. Shortly after he was grown, he went to Petersburg, Va., to live, where he lived several years; then moved to Enfield. There he married his first wife, Miss Minnie Bell, daughter of Colonel Bell, of that town. Two children were born of that marriage. About 1886 he moved with his family to Weldon, where he has resided and made friends up to his death. About 1895 he lost his wife.

A few years later he married again to Miss Ella Cheek, daughter of Captain W. T. Cheek, who survives him with five small children, one daughter and four sons. Mr. Stainback has for many years been Associate Editor of the ROANOKE NEWS, accepting that position in 1893. He has also for many years acted as secretary to the Board of Town Commissioners, as Town Registrar and clerk, as collector for the water works, as Justice of the Peace, and represented several large insurance companies. He was often sought by couples coming here to be joined in matrimony and married a great many. He was engaged in this work when death overtook him.

Mr. Stainback was a man of sterling character, without guile, envy or jealousy. He always had a cheerful word and smile for every one he met, and to know him was to be his friend. He was never too busy to do a kind favor or to help others in distress.

He will be missed by those who knew him so well, and especially by his family, to which he was so kind and devoted.

Mr. Stainback was a steward in the Methodist Episcopal church, and a member of the choir. He was always ready and willing to do his part in helping the cause of Christianity and rarely missed a service.

He has gone from among us, taken away in the twinkling of an eye, without even a moment to say good-bye to his friends and loved ones, but we know that "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," when we are all called to that better world above, that he will meet us on that happy shore with that same cheerful smile he greeted us with here on earth.

Mr. Stainback leaves a wife and six children, besides three brothers, A. L. Stainback, of Weldon, W. W. Stainback, of Emporia, J. R. Stainback, of Octagon, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. E. L. Hudson, of Weldon, and Mrs. Nannie M. Austin, of Norfolk, Va., besides a host of nephews and nieces.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. M. Shamburger, assisted by Rev. J. G. Blalock, of the Baptist church, Tuesday afternoon, at 3:30 P. M., in the M. E. church, and again at the grave. Beautiful and appropriate musical selections that he loved to sing, such as "Nearer, My God to Thee," "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," were rendered by the choir.

**WAR EXISTS.**



**THE UNITED STATES ACCEPTS CHALLENGE OF GERMANY.**

**Formally Abandons Its Place as The Greatest Neutral of a World In Arms.**

The United States has accepted Germany's challenge to war and formally abandoned its place as the greatest neutral of a world in arms. President Wilson at 1:18 (official time) o'clock Friday afternoon signed the resolution of Congress declaring the existence of a state of war and authorizing and directing the chief executive to employ all the resources of the nation to prosecute hostilities against the German government to a successful termination.

The resolution as passed by both branches of Congress, is as follows: "Whereas, The Imperial German Government has committed repeated acts of war against the government and the 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 a state of war between the United States and the Imperial German Government, which has been thrust upon the United States, is hereby formally declared; and, that the President be, and he 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 German 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."

After signing the resolution President Wilson issued a proclamation, the substance of which is as follows: "Whereas, The Congress of the United States in the exercise of the constitutional authority vested in them have resolved by joint resolution, of the Senate and House of Representatives bearing date this day that the state of war between the United States and the Imperial German Government which has been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared;

"Whereas, it is provided by Section 4,067 of the revised statutes as follows: "Whenever there is declared a war between the United States and any foreign nation or government or any invasion of predatory incursion is perpetrated, attempted, or threatened against the territory of the United States, by any foreign nation or government, and the President makes public proclamation of the event, all natives, citizens, denizens, or subjects of a hostile nation or government being male of the age of 14 years and upwards, who shall be within the United States not actually naturalized, shall be liable to be apprehended, restrained, secured, and removed as alien enemies.

"The President is authorized, in any such event, by his proclamation thereof, or other public acts, to direct the conduct to be observed, on the part of the United States toward the aliens who become so liable; the manner and degree of the restraint to which they shall be subject and in what cases, and upon what security their residence shall be permitted and to provide for the removal of those who, not being permitted to reside within the United States, refuse or neglect to depart therefrom; and to establish any such regulations which are found necessary in the premises and for the public safety.

"Whereas, by sections 4,068, 4,069 and 4,070 of the revised statutes, further provision is made relative to alien enemies:

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim, to all whom it may concern, that a state of war exists between the United States and the Imperial German Government, and I do specially direct all officers, civil or military, of the United States that they exercise vigilance and zeal in the discharge of the duties incident to such a state of war; and I do, moreover, earnestly appeal to all American citizens that they, in loyal devotion to their country, dedicated from its foundation to the principles of liberty and justice, uphold the laws of the land, and give undivided and willing support to those measures which may be adopted by the constitutional authorities in prosecuting the war to a successful issue and in obtaining a secure and just peace.

**SAM B. KITCHIN.** CHEER UP!  
One of Scotland Neck's Substantial Citizens Dead.

Samuel B. Kitchin, aged fifty-two, the oldest member of the well known Scotland Neck family, died at 10:30 Friday morning, of acute indigestion. He had suffered some slight attacks of paralysis during the past year. He was one of the town's most substantial citizens highly regarded by all. He is survived by his wife and six children, they being W. H. Kitchin, S. B. Kitchin, Lewis Kitchin, Mrs. J. H. Dunn, Mrs. J. B. Edwards, Jr., and Miss Evelyn Kitchin. His brothers are Congressman Claude Kitchin, former Governor W. W. Kitchin, Arrington, Paul, Richard, Thurman, Leland and Theodore Kitchin. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Archie McDowell and Mrs. C. L. McDowell.

The funeral was held at the Baptist cemetery. Rev. R. A. McFarland conducted the services and there was a large number in attendance. The floral offerings being profuse. The pallbearers were N. B. Josey, W. T. Hancock, Sam Hoffman, Roy Boyette, Herbert Johnson, N. E. Winslow, Henry Gray and Percy Johnson. A joint choir from the Episcopal and Baptist churches rendered the music.

Two more armed American ships have reached English ports. There will be more of them when America gets its navy into action clearing the seas of the pirates of the submarines.

**RALLY TO THE FLAG**

GOVERNOR THOMAS WALTER BICKETT.



The time for differences has expired. The President, from the day of the sinking of the Lusitania, exercised a self-restraint that proves him to be a zealous lover of peace. He is a quiet, thoughtful man, whose habits of life have begotten a natural distaste for the "thunder of the captains and the shoutings." It is a sad and serious indictment—not of the German people, but of the autocracy that has stunted against Germany and the world—that a President who so deeply abhors bloodshed, has been forced to appeal to the stern armament of the sword.

Henceforward there is but one course for a good citizen to pursue and that is to rally to the Flag. Hereafter "To doubt would bring disloyalty. To falter would be sin."

Personally, I am reconciled to war, because I believe that we are fighting for the only sort of civilization that means an end to all war. I am not in favor of permanent universal military service. I am against the Imperial German Government, because it stands for universal military service. That government has for 30 years prepared to live by the sword. According to Holy Writ, it must die by the sword. When the government that defies blood and iron shall perish from the earth, then and not till then, will the nations forget war, and in their dealings with each other have respect to the principles enunciated in the Sermon on the Mount.



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