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IF AMERICA WAGES WAR

Political Diffrences Are Forgotten As Country Drifts Toward War.

The next 9 days, until congress meets, will be days of tense anxiety, of eager waiting and watching. fraught with possibilities of tremendous consequences to the United

President Wilson and his advisers in the cabinet and in congress have no intention that war shall be declared by the United States. By the hostile acts of German submarines they believe the Imperial German Government is actually making war on the United States, and that it shall be recognized as such a state. To meet such a condition, the armed forces of the country and all the National resources are to be put in a state of readiness. Then whether the Nation shall enter the war in its full nse will depend upon how much further Germany carried her acts of

In every sense, war, if it actually comes, will be a defensive war, free from ambition of spoils or territory in which the United States, the President publicly declared, shall want nothing for itself, and shall seek only to preserve the rights of civilization and bumanity.

In such a situation the United States might even become an actual participant in the hostilities on the European continent without becoming a political ally of any of the Entente Powers, simply casting its weight of men, money and moral influence into the battle against a common enemy.

Would Open Ports.

Ports of the United States probably would be opened to warships of the Entente navies; credits from the vast stocks of gold, food, munitions and other materials might be extended to all the Entente Powers. The American navy probably would co-operate with the British-French navies in clearing submarines from the seas. Hurry calls for all party leaders in congress went out today as soon 38 the President announced the advancement of the date of the extra session. With the menace of war looming close ahead, political differences began to fade away. Some congressmen already here went so far as to suggest that the fight for organization of the House be postponed until been dealt with.

laying the whole situation fore congress, the President is exof Germany against the United States, as the great conflict draws to a close.

It is not improbable that he will his home. ask congress to declare a state of war existing, although there is some indication that he may only outline the situation fully and leave to congress the action which is accepted as unavoidable. So much can develop, however, before congress assembles plans in a tentative form. Germany,

Making Defenses Ready.

Meanwhile every preparation for putting the nation's defenses in con- church, and was a good citizen. dition to meet a state of war are going forward. The principal activities the gates of American cries.

The army's plans are in a less defied out, however, and every step that but the details they discussed were ot revealed.

The possibility of Germany extending submarine operations to the Atestimated, but it is recognized that the comparatively limited barred zone tion blockade of England that the announced object of the campaign of ruthlessness will of necessity be aban- time possible. Mr. Mullis did not utdoned. At the same time, the sub- ter a word after receiving his injury. marine menace of shipping will comattention of the American Governthe full meaning of events in the pulley. world outside, the real condition of affairs in that country guardedly reflected in dispatches from abroad

commands close attention. Murmurings of Revolt.

Murmurings of a revolt against au-

world may be confronted with an en-tirely different set of conditions. While it has been generally assum-

IT WILL BE DEFENSIVE ed that any aggressive action by the United States against Germany and in co-operation with Entente Allies NO AMBITION FOR TERRITORY would be purely of a naval character, designed to aid in the extermination of submarines and raiders preying upon commerce, State Deportment of-ficials declared today that this country might take any and all military measures deemed necessary to make effective its protest against Germany without actually entering into a formal political alliance.

tional law and order.

The armed neutrality status at present in force is held by the international law experts to present many points of weakness. Neither war peace, it involves the country in continual misunderstanding with both sides. It is said to leave open the door for unlimited litigation with Germany after the war. In that status, the United States is still technically neutral and might be held responsible by Germany for any un-neutral acts committed here. With an actual recognition of a state of war, this difficulty would disappear.

Diplomatic Difficulties.

Moreover, diplomatically the United States is in a most extraordinary situation, semi-hostile to the Central Powers and yet not aligned with the which it formerly communicated most freely. Especially is this so as to the Far East, about which the Government's informations is also formerly club work.

Mr. Allen G. Oliver, in charge of N. C. Poultry Clubs, will be with me next week at the following places:

Hemby school house. ernment's informations is alarmingly

Hopes that this Government will be able to take a leading part in the untimate peace conference as a neutral have vanished, and the belief is growing that only as an active participant will America be heard on the great questions guaranteeing the future peace.

Mr. Lem Mullis Met Death at Saw Mill

Pulley Jerked Him to Ground; His Face Horribly Mutilated.

Mr. Lem Mullis met with a tragic accident at Mr. Robert Sander's saw after the international situation had mill, two miles below Marshville, agement of poultry for profit and will Tuesday afternoon at about 1 o'clock which resulted in his death about at these appointments as possible, three hours later. He was uncon- The ladies and children are especialpected to detail fully the warlike acts sclous all the while, and although medical aid reached him within thirand to pay particular attention to the ty minutes after the accident, he was future of the Americani Government so badly injured that as succumbed even before he could be removed to

Runeral services were held at Union Grove church Wednesday afternoon, and interment was in the cem etery there. Rev. A Marsh and Elder J. Mills conducted the services. The deceased was about thirty-two years old, and is survived by his wife that the President is keeping his and four little children. Four brothers, Messrs. L. P. Mullis, C. N. Mullis, by her acts in the interim, may W. M. Mullis and S. L. Mullis, surthrow all the plans awry and accept vive him. He has one sister, Mrs. the blame of having forced the war. Sam Rape, who lives near Wingate. He was a son of the late Henry Mullis. His mother lives near Peachland He was a member of the Union Grove

The accident occurred in a rather peculiar manner. Besides Mr. Mulcenter in the navy, where far-reach- lis, there were four negro hands ing preparations are being carried on working at the mill, and they state to deal with the submarine menace, that Mr. Mullis was adjusting the whether it is to be met in the war belt that ran under the saw and carzone about the British coasts, or at ried off the saw dust, when the key on the pulley in some way caught his clothing. He was burled to the nite state because of the uncertainty of the pulley. The key then worked to what part it will be called upon the pulley. The key then worked to what part it will be called upon the pulley. The key then worked to what part it will be called upon the pulley. The key then worked to what part it will be called upon the pulley. The key then worked to what part it will be called upon the pulley. ground, his face striking the side of The key then worked several contingencies have been work- in a most horrible manger. The left cheek was just simply torn off. It is can be taken in the present situation also believed, though physicians do has been taken. Tonight, Secretary not state so, that Mr. Mullis' neck Baker conferred with the President, was broken, and his left shoulder blade also seemed to have been knocked out of joint. There were no wounds on his body, or his legs.

One of the negroes seeing Mr. Mullantic seaboard has not been under- lis' predicament, cut off the power, and the injured man was pulled out when she extends her warfare from from under the belt. Rev. A Marsh and Messrs. H. B. Marsh and Robert to the 3,000 miles of broad Atlantic, Little, who were near the scene, were she so effectively weakens her starvasummoned. Calls were sent to Dr. Armfield and Dr. Blair at Marshville, and they both arrived in the shortest

Mr. Mullis was in charge of the paratively decrease. Next to war, the mill, having moved to that community about six weeks ago for that purment is upon one other object, the pose. He was an excellent saw m.l. man, and his employer placed a great a military censorship screening the deal of confidence in him. His death history-making events transpiring was very tragic, and was caused, not within the German Empire and equal- by the terrible saw, but by a little inly screening from the German people significant key protruding from a

Sikes For Mayor.

John C. Sikes can be elected Mayor without any opposition if prospective candidates will take a caim, logical view of the situation. He is familiar tocracy, emboldened by the revolu- with the existing paving contracts tion in Russia; reports of food riots now being filled by the Gulf construcin Berlin which are said to have ne- tion company, and he will be in a cessitated the withdrawal of troops position to make new ones. Then, from the fighting lines; military suc- too, he accomplishes things. Dreamcesses by the Entente on the West- ers gave up the idea of street imern front and in Asia-Minor and the provements in Monroe until John submarine campaign operating far Sikes became a member of the board, below the efficiency predicted for it and led the fight. The best interests lead to the belief among officials bere of the city demands the election of that possibly before congress can assemble to meet the situation, the Many Citizens.

GOVERNOR BICKETT WILL CALL A SPECIAL TERM

IF COMMISSIONERS

MAKE REQUEST FOR IT

But Maske, Who Killed Mr. Williams, Will Not Be Able to Attend Court For Sime Days Yet.

The Journal received a telegram from Mr. J. C. Sikes yesterday after- vices

the County board of Commissioners would be lacking. to make requests for the holding of a special term of court, and it is believed that the Union county commisthe first of April.

Dr. S. A. Stevens, county physician, stated that it would be at least two builders that their full plant capacity weeks, perhaps longer, before Maske would be utilized in this work. There could walk into the court room. For is no way of estimating how many were a while the negro's knee showed destroyers will be ordered until estisigns of infection, but an examination today evidenced an improvement.

Poultry Club Work.

Hemby school house, Vance town-ship, Tuesday, March 27th, at 2:30 o'clock; Secrest school house, Monroe township, Tuesday March 27, at 7:30 o'clock; Rehoboth school house, Jackson township, Wednesday, 28th, at 2:30 o'clock; Tirzah school house, Jackson township, Wednesday, 28th, at-7:30, at night; Trinity school house, Monroe township, Thursday, 29th, at 7:30 o'clock; Mountain Springs school house, Monroe township, Friday, 30th, 2:30 o'clock; Wesley Chapel school house, Monroe township, Friday, 30th, 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Olive will have his lantern and lides with his santern and lides with his santer

slides with him and will give illustrated lectures on the care and manbe pleased to meet as many people ly requested to be present. Mr. Oliver will also be at county meeting of the Farmers' Union at Gilboa, March 31 .- T. J. W. Broom.

Stewart School Items.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Waxhaw, March 22 .- Our school s preparing for an entertainment at the closing of school.

Miss Lillie Usher, teacher at the Unity school, spent last Saturday night with Miss Annie Green. Mrs. W. L. Belk and Miss Nealie

Griffin spent last Wednesday at Mr. W. R. McNeeley's, near College Hill. Mrs. Nettle Huey gave a quilting last Saturday and everybody enjoyed their dinner fine, and quilted three

quilts. Mr. Theron Simpson is right sick with la grippe at this writing.

Misses Cara and Eulalia Simpson spent Tuesday night with Miss Vara

Sam Wallace visited Mrs. George Parkes Monday. Mrs. Charlie Belk and Mrs. Will

Belk visited at Mrs. Robert Stewart's Tuesday.

Miss Imma McCain spent Saturday night with Miss Ida Simpson. Miss Annie Green spent last Thurs-

day night at Mr. S. P. Walkup's. Mr. W. D. Starnes and Mr. J. R.

Simpson spent Tuesday afternoon at Lancaster on business.

Mrs. Dora Wallace and mother spent Thursday with Mrs. Ida Simp-

Mr. Theron Simpson was a pleasant caller at Mr. Jim Fincher's in the Bethlehem section last Sunday afternoon and also was Mr. Baxter Carnes. Mr. John Carter of the Hermon section was a visitor in this communi-

ty last Sunday. Miss Ida Simpson spent last week at Mrs. R. L. Montgomery's. Mr. Ray Stupson was a pleasant

caller at Mr. W. D. Starnes' Monday afternoon .- Rainbow. For Mayor and Aldermen.

We suggest the following ticket for

Mayor and Aldermen of Monroe: For Mayor, John C. Sikes; for Alderman. ward 1, W. A. Henderson; for Alder-male citizen of Charlotte and Meck-man, ward 2, M. Waller; for Alder-lenburg county who will bear arms if the nation becomes involved in war, ward 3, J. W. Richardson; for the nation becomes involved in war, the "Coming Crisis".

Betrayal of Friendship the Excuse For Murder.

A "betrayal of friendship" is given Stockton Heth, Jr., at Roanoke, Va., last week by Prof. Charles Vawter. Heth died in a hospital a few hours after the shooting. It is believed that Vawter will claim the unwritten law as a defense, since a state ment given out by his attorney has this sentence in it: "The day has not come when a Virginia home 's no longer sacred." Vawter is out un-Vawter is out under \$10,060 bond.

MAKING WAR PREPARATIONS.

Men Will Be Needed For the Army, But Navy Only Lacks Trained Officers.

preparations for war were marked by increased activity today with the ad-

details of the Allied program.

Officials say that an army could properly be sent to Belgium, for instance, to help in the restoration of that violated territory and to throw America's influence in a real and practical way on the side of internal details. Sikes, and others, attended the inauguration of Dr. E. W. Sikes at Hartsville Thursday, available ship or scouting eraft. They would be required for manning every available ship or scouting eraft. They are the than personnel. At most, little more than 100,000 men would be required for manning every available ship or scouting eraft. They could be obtained almost overnight by mobilization of the Naval Militia and the various sections of the Naval Militia

and no definite step toward securing

clude the advancement of the date Chaney. of opening bids for additional destroyers and notification to ship-Secretray Daniels said every availmost. The builders will present their figures next Saturday and awards will be made immediately.

More Bids Received.

of 110-feet submarine chasers or today, but will be held confidential age. boots, the first of them to be delivered in two to three months. Meanwhile the work of surveying private yatchs house, Buford township, Thursday, the work of surveying private yatchs 29th, 2:36 o'clock; Carmel school and motor craft is being pressed in every paval district and the enrollment of volunteers to man the boats

> however, have been surveyed and graft were destined originally to arm heart. erchant fleets for that purpose.

"No definite policy has yet been adopted," Mr. Daniels said. "We will not, however, demoralize commerce. None of the ships engaged in trade wili be taken over except in case of vital necessity. They would all be taken in that case."

. READY FOR WAR.

President Wilson calls extraordinary session of Congress for * April 2, to "receive a communshould be taken immediately un- . lived. der consideration."

Navy department speeds plans for fleet of "submarine chasers." . Defense counsil organize * board to take shipping of entire * ammunition output of nation to . provide immediate and continuous supply.

Army board recommends combination of army and navy air service at once.

Civil service commission takes steps to recruit skilled labor for .

ormy and navy plants. War risk insurance bureau * puts rates on war basis and plans . to handle all reat war risks.

Congressional leaders plan non-partis compromise organization of house to handle defense . measures on "American" basis. • Secretary Danlels hastens bids .

for construction of destroyers.

Pacifist organizations rebuked by Secretary of Commerce . · Redfield.

War and navy department heads call conference tomorrow · of aeroplane manufacturers to ·

Charlotte Mayor Calls on Citizens to Enroll.

Charlotte, March 21 .- Mayor T. L. Kirkpatrick issued a proclamation tomale citizen of Charlotte and Meck- Y. P. S. C. E.; 7.30 p. m., praise ser-Alderman, ward 4, J. B. Williams; to enroll at the mayor's office at once Red Cross service. All industrial mayor's office what "sacrifices and equipment they will make" for the government. All public buildings are and all citizens to wear the insignia of the country.

> Wilmington Places Armed Guard Around Reservoir.

Wilmington, March 21 .- Fear of attempts to pollute the city's supply of drinking water by German sympathizers has caused the city officials reservoir. No one is allowed to ap- porter. proach near.

Mr. Williams Died From His Injuries

Washington, March 21.—Naval He Succumbed in Charlotte Hospital Shortly After 1 O'clock Wednesday

After a brave fight for life, Mr. R. vancement to April 2 of the date of Edgar Williams, the Wingate officer the extra session of congress. No actual war steps were taken by either the War or Navy Departments, but there were many indications that preliminary plans have been worked out in the work of the wo for rapid mobilization of both ser-times it seemed as if Mr. Williams almost heroic attempt to live would

It has always been customary for Reserve, supplemented with volunteers. Only highly trained officers Interment was in the Williams cemetery, near the William Erwin Wil-The army's problem is just the re-liams homestead, where Mr. Williams verse. It is men that will be needed, was born. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. M. Austin, and lieved that the Union county commis-sioners will do so in this case. It will taken until congress expresses its Rev. J. A. Bivens, Rev. C. J. Black, require several days time, but it is said that an effort will be made to put the negro on trial for his life by

sioners will do so in this case. It will taken until congress expresses its will. Full equipment can be obtained long before the men are ready to use it.

Steps taken by the navy today in the date.

Rev. J. A. Bivens, Rev. C. J. Bines, and Rev. R. M. Haigler, The pall bearers were: Messrs. S. W. Hinson, H. K. Helms, R. L. McWhorter, J. L. Austin, W. V. Williams, and W. A.

funeral more largely attended in this county than Mr. Williams'. The home was simple. There has probably never been a home was simply packed; while many forced to stand in the yard while the last rites were being para. mates show how many can be built. Hundreds of people from Monroe, and from all sections of the county atable plant would be utilized to its ut- tended the funeral, and all afternoon there was a large concourse of people going and coming from the pect on the situation.

Mr. Will Mr. Will

Mr. Williams was a son of Mr. H. Bids for the first large consignment F. Williams, and is survived by his wife and four little children, the coast patrol-boats also were received youngest being only six months of The dead man's mother died until next Wednesday when 100 ad- when he was only five months old, ruthless destruction of one of them ditional builders are expected to sub-mit figures. The navy hopes to find the was reared by his grandmoth-er, Mrs. William Erwin Williams. facilities available for more than 200 There have been few men more de voted to their families than was Mr. Williams to his. One of the best of men, his death, even aside from the tragic manner in which he passed away, would have cast a gloom over the entire neighborhood. Honeat, an act. proceeds rapidly.

The Department has no present intention of taking over merchant craft for naval use, Secretary Daniels said tonight. All American merchant ships, however, have been surroyed as same. Although a same of the neighborhood. Honest, clean, he had a deep conviction of the uprightness of his fellowman. One of his friends said that he lived a straightforward life, and thought that all of his fellowmen did the classified by naval officials for pos- law, it is doubtful if he ever carried sfble use in time of war. The guns a gun, so little did strife and preju-being placed aboard trans-Atlantic dice against his fellow man enter his

The family of Mr. Williams has stantly in communication with the follows: hospital authorities, hoping and praythough against heavy odds, would be variably told that no finer man ever lived than Edgar Williams. Thouication concerning grave mat. . sands of tributes have been paid to tors of national policy which . the manner in which Mr. Williams with a desire to serve his fellow men. of war waged against American shio-

It is extremely doubtful if there has ever been a death that has attracted such sympathy, and so many expressions of regret. So law-abiding, he did not for a moment think, in the situation. Since the destruc-To him, strife was to be dencies. vent, rather than cause the slightest ill feelings between even the humblest and poorest citizen.

Strong physically, he was envied by the less fortunate of his fellow left port before the President author-citizens. Endowed with strong muscular qualities at birth, he did not waste his precious heritage by dissipation, like many others who have gone before. Had not Maske's bullet stopped his strong, active life, it American vessel prepared and ready is very probably that Mr. Williams to semi a shell into a hostile submawould have reached his four score general staff of the army take . His was a clean life, and it should be and ten years, and perhaps more. up plans for impending hostili- a model for many to pattern theirs

The most tragic occurence in the history of the peaceful little town, the citizens of Wingate have been justly grieved over the serious affair. There has been little done around Wingate in the past few days in a business way; people stopped their work to speed up building of aerial fleet. way; people stopped their work to pay homage to such a sterling character as was Edgar Williams.

Presbyterian Church Notes.

All are invited to the following services: 11 a. m., Worship and sermon; night calling upon every able bodied 3.30 p. m., Sunday school; 7 p. m., Russian socialists have formed a sec-The Session will meet immediately

Alderman at Barge, Dr. S. A. Stevens. as asking the women to volunteer for after the morning service for the purpose of receiving any who may deplants are asked to list with the sire to unite with the church, either by letter or on Confession of Faith. Amsterdam bourse it is expected that The Philatheas will meet with Mrs. Gus Henderson on Monday night, as the reason for the shooting of asked to display the American flag next, at eight o'clock. We were glad to have a number of our Baptist

> They are always welcome. Next Sunday closes our church this effect by the foreign office." year, not the first Sunday in April. In order that the church officers may be able to make up their reports for Presbytery, which meets April 3rd, it is expected that all arrearages will to place an armed guard around the be made up on the 25th inst .- Re-

brethren worship with us on Sunday

EXPECTED TO DECLARE WAR WITH GERMANY

CONGRESS IS CALLED EARLIER

A Large Appropriation For National Defense is Expected to be Made.

Washington, March 24.-President Wilson today met the constantly increasing probability of war with Germany by summoning congress to assemble in extra session Monday, April 2, two weeks earlier than the date he had chosen before the latest assaults upon American rights on the

When the President addresses congress, he is expected to show how a state of war actually has existed for some time because of the unlawful aggressions of German submarines.

Congress is expected formally to declare a state of war existing, vote a large sum, probably half a billion dollars, for National defense, and clothe the President with authority to use the armed forces of the United States, as it empowered President McKinley to deal with the menace of Spain in 1898.

Such action would not be a declaration of war except in a technical sense, and whether the United States depend on what the Imperial Government does before Congress is assem-

bled or after it acts. Dispacthes from abroad tonight declaring that the German Government expected a state of war within the next 48 hours placed an omnious as-

Much to change the President's present intentions or the course of the Government in the crisis may develop before April 2. The first American armed ships will by that time have reached the war zone. undoubtedly would be an act of war. On the other hand, sinking of a submarine by one of the armed mer-

avowed purpose of defending them against U-beats may be declared such In any of these events, practically nothing would remain except for Congress to acknowledge a state of war existing from a certain specified date, probably last Sunday, when three

American ships were munk with loss

chantmen probably would be met as

an act of war by Germany. Even the

arming of American ships with the

Another Ameican Ship Sent Down.

Washington, March 22 .- American Consul Mahin, at Amsterdam, cabled the sympathy, not only of his friends the State Department tonight that the and acquaintances in this county, but American steamer Healdton, mank by those over the State who were ac- a submarine yesterday off Terschellquainted with the tragic manner in ing. Holland, was tornedeed without which he met his death. As he gal- warning, and that 20 of the crew lantly strove to live, friends kept con- were drowned. The Consul't dispatch

"Standard Oil ship Healdton, from ing that his struggle for life, al- Philadelphia for Rotterdam, cargo oil, torpedoed without warning 8:15 successful. People who had never evening of 21st, 25 miles north of known Mr. Williams began to en Terschelling, Holland. Twenty of quire about him, and they were in- crew drowned. One died of injuries, Others (taken) to north of Holland. Submarine seen after torpedoing. More details to follow."

The sinking of the Healdton adds open-hearted. liberal, and another grave chapter to the story ping by Germany to be laid before Congress by President Wilson at the special session he has called for April It can cause no immediate change it seems, that there are men in this tion of three American ships last world with cruel, and unmanly ten- Saturday and Sunday, Administration officials have considered that a state abhorred, and it was his aim to pre- of war existed, and it is to meet this situation that Congress has been summoned to authorize steps beyond the arming of merchantment.

The Healdton was unarmed, having ized the navy to furnish guns and gunners to merchantmen. Her fate serves to heighten the profound interest with which the government and the public await the time when an rine on sight will enter the war zone.

Deposed Czar of Russia is Broken Pown in Health.

Vienna, March 21 -- Latest dispatches from Petrograd state Nicholas Romanul has completely broken down in health and spirit on account of the overpowering excitement of the last few weeks. He is suffering from acute nervous trouble and has weeping convulsions.

Independent Governments Forming In Russian Empire.

Barlin, wia Shyville, March 21.-The Berliner Tageblatt hears from the Russo-Swildish border that the ond independent government in Os-

Germany May Precipitate War With This Country.

London, March 21 .- "According to private telegrams from Berlin to the a state of war with the United States will be an accomplished fact within 48 hours," says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam. 'American journalists in Berlin," the dispatch adds, "have been warned to

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Services tonight at 8:00 p. m. Sunday as follows: 7:30 and M:00 m. and 8:00 p. m. Sunday school at 3:30 p. m.

Come.