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U. S. WAR AIMS DEFINED

President Urges War Declaration on Austria—Gives Basis for Peace Terms.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Immediate declaration of war against Austria-Hungary was recommended to congress today by President Wilson.

The president did not, however, recommend a declaration of war against Turkey and Bulgaria at this time.

Immediate war against Austria, the president told congress, was necessary to meet the anomalous situation the United States faces in its war with Germany even though, he declared, Austria was not her own mistress and merely a vassal of Germany.

The same logic, he said, would lead to war against Turkey and Bulgaria but they do not yet, he said, stand in the path of the United States in its war against Prussian autocracy.

In ringing and definite terms the president declared that nothing shall turn the United States aside until the war is won and Germany is beaten. All talk of peace he pronounced out of the question.

Peace, the president declared, could come only when the German people make it through rulers the world can trust; when they make reparation for the destruction their present rulers have wrought and when Germany recedes from all the territory acquired by armed conquest.

Thrifty Stamps Now on Sale Here.

Thrifty stamps were received at the Marion postoffice Monday and Postmaster Goodson reports the sale of one on the first day. The government's newest plan for raising war funds and encouraging habits of thrift is expected to result in securing two billion dollars.

Thrifty stamps cost twenty-five cents each, and with the first stamp bought is given a card to place it on. When sixteen stamps are on the card it may be exchanged for a savings certificate stamp, valued at \$5. It is required that a small payment, ranging from twelve to twenty-three cents, be made at the same time. When a sufficient number of these savings certificate stamps have been secured they may be exchanged, in turn, for a government bond. The first twenty-five cent stamps do not bear interest; the \$5 savings certificate stamps do bear interest at the rate of four per cent, compounded quarterly. No one person will be allowed to buy more than \$1,000 worth of these stamps.

For the present these stamps may be secured only at the post-offices, but eventually they will be on sale at millions of agencies throughout the country.

Eleven Billions for The War.

Estimates of more than \$13,500,000,000—the greatest in the nation's history—for conduct of the government and prosecution of the war during the fiscal year 1919, were submitted to Congress Monday by the Treasury Department.

In round figures more than \$11,000,000,000 is for the war alone. Only part will be realized from taxation; the remainder will come from Liberty bonds.

Services at St. John's next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Germans Put Children Before Advancing Army.

Washington, Dec. 1.—All the oppressive measures which characterized the invasion of Belgium and many of the acts of barbarism which revolted the civilized world, semi-official dispatches from Rome say, are now being practiced by the Austro-German invaders of Italy.

Near Zenson, the dispatches say, the invaders placed Italian women and children before their troops as they advanced and the Italian soldiers were compelled to sacrifice their innocent countrymen.

In the Friuli region, war taxes, requisitions and conscription of labor is being practiced as it was in Belgium and northern France. Austro-German prisoners tell of Italian noncombatants massacred by the invading troops, and loot from Italian homes and shops has been found on the bodies of dead troops. Soldiers on the Piave declare they hear the screams of women and children from the opposite side of the river.

The invading armies have taken away cattle and other property, burned household furniture for their bivouac fires. Bosnia troops the dispatch says have committed unnameable atrocities.

Denton-Goforth.

Of interest to their many friends at Dysartsville and in McDowell county is the announcement of the marriage of Mr. J. Ray Denton, of Atlanta, Ga., and Miss Maggie Miriam Goforth, which took place at the home of the bride at Dysartsville Saturday, December 1.

The wedding was a very quiet home affair, attended by only the near relatives. The home was artistically decorated with ferns and bouquets of chrysanthemums. The bride was dressed in bisque colored crepe de chine. Her going away suit was blue ottoman. The wedding took place at 11:15 a. m., and the ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Fry. Miss Lona Goforth, youngest sister of the bride, played the wedding march.

The bride has been teaching in McDowell for several years and has a wide circle of friends throughout the county. Mr. Denton is a city mail carrier in Atlanta, Ga., where he has made his home for a number of years.

The bride and groom left Saturday for Atlanta, where they will make their future home.

Naval Reserve Force Strength 49,246 Men.

The strength of the naval reserve force today is 49,246 men, 70 per cent of whom have volunteered for general service, the committee on public information announced last Wednesday.

Of this number 2,190 are in the fleet naval reserve, those who have received naval training; 8,921 in the naval auxiliary reserve, seafaring men with experience on merchant ships; 36,891 in the naval coast defense reserve, citizens whose technical and practical knowledge peculiarly fits them for the duty, and 1,244 in the naval reserve flying corps, persons skilled in aircraft.

Will Yaqui Joe Tell? The answer will be given in the thrilling picture, "The Fighting Trail," at The Grand Saturday. Matinee at 3 o'clock.

CONGRESS IN SESSION

Big War Session Is Expected by All Congressmen to Be a Lengthy One.

Washington—Congress reassembled Monday for its second war session.

Most of the senate and house members had arrived and arrangements were complete for the first meeting of what promises to be another epochal session. Increased determination of the American people for vigorous prosecution of the war was the message universally brought by the returning members.

Brief and routine opening session were held by both senate and house. Immediately after convening and appointing committees formally to notify President Wilson and each other that the second session of the sixty-fifth congress in readiness, adjournment was taken out of respect to members who died during the recess, Senator Husting of Wisconsin, who was accidentally shot, and Representative Martin, of Illinois.

Another feature of the opening day was receipt of appropriation estimates, aggregating many billions of dollars, for war and general governmental purposes for the next fiscal year.

Before the holiday recess, which Speaker Clark and others favor abandoning, disposition of the national prohibition question is to be pressed.

Revenue legislation will not be taken up immediately, but a deficiency appropriation bill before the holidays to care for unexpected war expenditures is probable. The senate democrats' steering committee and house ways and committee may meet this week to discuss tentative legislative programs, but no party caucuses or conferences for that purpose are planned.

New War Stamps for Deeds, Etc.

Another war tax became effective last Saturday requiring business documents, bonds, deeds and other commercial papers to carry special stamps under the provisions of the new revenue act. The stamps are expected to aid in raising a considerable part of the money the government needs and are to be placed on many pieces of paper. Deeds and conveyances, for instance, must have stamps affixed before they are legal; parcels post packages must have one cent for each twenty-five cents charged.

Postmaster Goodson received a supply of the new war stamps last week. The stamps are of the following denominations: One cent, two cents, five cents, ten cents, fifty cents, \$1 and \$2. They are about the size of the ordinary postage stamp, with the denomination in large figures in the centre.

Registrants Cannot Enlist After Dec. 15.

Under the new regulations approved by the President, no registrant may enlist voluntarily in the military service of the United States from and after Dec. 15, 1917.

No man who has been called for physical examination by a local board is eligible for enlistment now or after Dec. 15.

Men can be accepted for all branches of the service except for the cavalry.

Death of Mrs. J. H. English.

Mrs. J. H. English, aged 76, died Sunday morning at her home at English, N. C., following a long illness. The deceased is survived by three sons and one daughter. Three brothers, R. S. McCall of Asheville, I. N. McCall of Etowah and S. A. McCall of Nebo, also survive, and one sister, Mrs. J. H. Brown of Ashford.

Teachers Close Convention With Patriotic Rally—Officers Elected.

Charlotte, Nov. 30.—The North Carolina Teachers assembly closed its thirty-fourth annual convention here tonight with a patriotic rally in the city auditorium when speeches were made by Governor Bickett, President Graham, of the university, and Arthur Farwell, composer and musician, of New York city. The occasion was the presentation of the Shirley cup, given for the best musical composition in the state for the year.

Friday proved a busy day for the delegates, more than twenty-five special meetings being held during the day. There were a number of social events, consisting of banquets held by four or five large college alumnae and the university, and a visit to Camp Greene, where the soldiers went through special maneuvers for the benefit of the visitors.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows: N. W. Walker, president, Chapel Hill; S. B. Underwood, vice-president, Greenville; E. E. Sams, secretary, Raleigh; A. S. Webb, Miss Mary Arrington and R. H. Latham were elected to fill vacancies on the executive board.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED.

In the list of resolutions passed at the business meeting held today at noon, the secretary was instructed to write a letter to all Superior court judges, calling upon them to charge their several grand juries as to their duty on the compulsory attendance law. Owing to the fact that many valuable teachers are leaving the service, because of higher salaries paid by teachers, profiting by the world war, the resolutions call upon the proper authorities to prevent this great loss to the teaching force of the state.

Pressure will be brought to bear upon the next legislature for the raising of teachers' salaries, enlarging the state school funds, and erecting fire-proof buildings.

Following the conclusion of the business session and the social features this afternoon, many of the 1,500 delegates left for their homes in various sections of the state.

Selection of the place of meeting for 1918 will be determined later by the executive committee. A cordial invitation for the assembly to meet in Greensboro was extended.

Jury List for January Court.

The county commissioners were in session Monday. Only routine business was transacted. Jurors were drawn for the January term of court, which convenes on the 21st, as follows:

First week: R. C. Nanney, E. M. Owenby, E. E. Huffstickler, Ben Price, C. A. McCoy, L. C. Blackwelder, T. W. Gowen, M. T. Pyatt, D. A. Kanipe, A. P. Poteet, H. B. Brackett, T. B. Ledbetter, J. B. Marlow, Arthur Gardin, G. E. Watkins, E. H. Dysart, J. W. Noblitt and W. B. Dalton.

Second week: C. Y. Mode, J. A. Gibson, M. F. Hensley, Reid Morgan, J. L. Burgin, P. F. Cannon, J. C. Justice, I. A. Cannon, A. C. Gardin, G. L. Arrowood, R. L. Padgett, J. L. Biddix, Harvey Morgan, M. E. Goforth, C. C. Bradley, S. P. Curtis, Grant Harris and C. H. Biggerstaff.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

CAMP CREEK

Camp Creek, Dec. 3.—Luther Eatmen of Petersburg, Va., visited friends here recently.

Miss Mamie Bowman of Chapel Hill visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Fate Simmons left Wednesday for Carlyle, S. C., where he will be engaged in work this winter.

Misses Annie Bowman, Rosa Holland and Dora Hensley were shopping in Marion Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. Withers and little daughter of Marion are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bowman.

Fermon Simmons left Saturday for Richmond, Va., where he has accepted a position in a hospital.

James Bowman was a visitor on Thompson's Fork, Sunday.

J. J. Holland and W. W. Huskins were in Marion on business Saturday.

Miss Hessie Simmons entertained quite a number of her friends at a singing Sunday afternoon.

EAST MARION.

East Marion, Dec. 4.—Judson Nesbitt of Fairview was a visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. Rachel Sisk is visiting her daughter, Mrs. B. G. Gettys.

Otis Crawley has moved to Chesnee, S. C.

Lawson Taylor has returned to his home near Vein Mountain.

Miss Ethel Morgan visited homefolks at Curfew last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben J. Wylie, a son.

Mrs. Alice Austin is on the sick list.

The Sunday School is progressing nicely at this place with a good attendance. Plans and preparations are going on for a Christmas tree and entertainment.

Will Sprouse is home again from Utica, N. Y.

HARMONY GROVE

Nebo, Dec. 2.—Dan and Herman Crawley spent Saturday in Marion.

W. J. Snipes made a business trip to the Southern Power works one day last week.

F. W. Bradley of Marion was a visitor here Sunday.

W. J. Toney of Marion spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. Thomas of this place has moved his family to the Southern power works where he is engaged in work.

Mrs. William Pyatt and son, Fermon, spent one day last week in Glenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Anderson, who have been suffering with lagrippe, are able to be out again.

North Carolina Day.

North Carolina Day will be celebrated in every public school in McDowell county on Friday, December 14, with appropriate exercises. State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner has written a letter to every school in the state outlining a program for this occasion. Supt. N. F. Steppe has sent out programs and literature for the preparation of a suitable exercise.

The idea is to make the occasion a patriotic day. Special emphasis is to be given to the issues of the world war. An effort is being made to have a good speaker in every district of the county who will speak on events of the day.

Entertainment at Dysartsville.

A Thanksgiving entertainment was given by the Dysartsville High School on Thursday evening. The program consisted of selections of patriotic nature. The children of the primary grades gave a cantata which was very pretty. There was a large audience present. A neat sum was realized as proceeds which will be used for school improvements.