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has always prevailed, hard and conscientious work on the part of its Officers and Directors... a willingness to aid and advise with its depositors, and the necessary principle of SAFETY in each transaction.
If without a banking home, we'll welcome your account
The First National Bank
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CONGRESS ADOPTS WAR RESOLUTION

DECLARES STATE OF WAR EXISTS BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

ONLY ONE DISSIDENTING VOTE

Socialist Votes Against Resolution—Debate Was Brief in Both Houses—Resolution Immediately Signed by President Effective at Once.

Washington.—War between the United States and Austria-Hungary has been formally declared.

Congress, with one dissenting vote in the house, adopted and President Wilson approved a resolution declaring existence of a state of war between the "imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government and the government and people of the United States" authorizing the President to employ the nation's armed forces and pledging its resources to victory.

Text of Resolution.
The resolution follows:
"Joint resolution.

"Declaring that a state of war exists between the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government and people of the United States and making provision to prosecute the same.

"Whereas the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian 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 is hereby declared to exist between the United States of America and the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government; 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 and royal Austro-Hungarian government; and to bring the conflict to a successful termination all the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States.

(Signed) "CHAMP CLARK,
Speaker House of Representatives."
"THOMAS R. MARSHALL,
Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate."
Approved 7th December, 1917.
"WOODROW WILSON."

PRESIDENT WILSON SENDS MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

Washington.—President Wilson sent to the governor general of Canada an expression of sympathy of the people of the United States because of the disaster at Halifax.

His telegram follows:
"In presence of the awful disaster at Halifax the people of the United States offer their noblest sympathy and grief, as is fitting at this time when to the ties of kinship and community of speech and of material interests are added the strong bonds of union in the common cause of devotion to the supreme duties of national existence."

STRICKEN HALIFAX SWEEP BY RAGING BLIZZARD

Halifax, N. S.—Stricken Halifax was swept by a raging blizzard. So fierce was the storm that rescue workers were forced to suspend their operations in the devastated section. It is believed certain that all the injured under the ruins of shattered buildings have perished of cold and hunger.

Battered by a biting wind and blinding snow, the plight of the survivors of the holocaust is little short of desperate.

The Rocky Mount tobacco market has passed the sixteen million pounds mark and all sales records for Rocky Mount have again been broken. The total sales to date for the season have been 15,350,000 pounds at a price average of \$29.33 per hundred.

2,000 LIVES LOST BY EXPLOSION ON SHIP

TRANSPORT LADEN WITH MUNITIONS EXPLODES IN HALIFAX HARBOR.

HALF OF CITY IS LAID WASTE

Death Dealing Shock Caused by Collision Between Munitions Ship and Belgian Relief Ship—Property Loss Will Run Far Into Millions.

Halifax, N. S.—With the toll of dead steadily mounting, it was believed that more than 2,000 persons perished in the explosion and fire which followed the collision in Halifax harbor between a munitions-laden French ship and another vessel, the Iona, loaded with supplies for the Belgian relief commission.

The disaster, which has plunged the Dominion into mourning probably will rank as the most fearful that ever occurred on the American continent. Residents of Halifax and thousands of volunteer relief workers who have come into the city have been almost dazed at the extent of the horror.

Temporary morgues have been established in many buildings to which a steady procession of vehicles of all kinds carried for hours the bodies of men, women and children. Most of them were so charred that they were unrecognizable. Thousands of persons seeking trace of relatives and friends passed by the long, silent rows, attempting to identify the ones they sought.

Virtually every building in the city which could be converted into a hospital is filled with wounded, many of them so desperately injured that there is no hope of their recovery. Scores already have died in these temporary hospitals. An ever-increasing number is being taken from the completely devastated Richmond district to the relief station.

The flame-swept area covers approximately two and one-half square miles. It begins at what is known as the North street bridge extending north to Pier 8 on the Richmond water front and back to a point running parallel with Gottington street. Nothing has been left standing in this section of the city. Only a pile of smouldering ruins marks the spot where the great building of the American Sugar Refining Company stood. The dry dock and all the buildings which surrounded it were destroyed.

In the west and northwest ends the damage was more extensive and there the walls of many houses were blown to bits. It was in Richmond, however, opposite the scene of the explosion, that the havoc was greatest. Whole blocks of dwellings, most of frame construction, were leveled. Street after street is in ruins and the structures which were left standing by the explosion were destroyed by fires which broke out simultaneously in a score of places and which it was impossible to check until they had burned themselves out. It is believed scores of persons who had been injured by the collapse of their homes perished in the flames from which they were helpless to flee.

Five minutes after the explosion the streets in all parts of Halifax were filled with frenzied, panic-stricken throngs striving to reach the outskirts in a effort to escape what they believed was a raid by German fleet. Hundreds of them had been cut by the shower of glass which followed the explosion.

Defy Description.
In the Richmond section the scenes enacted defied description. Seriously injured men and women crawled from the wreckage of their homes and lay in the streets until they were removed in ambulances and automobiles to hospitals. Those less seriously hurt aided those more gravely injured. In the streets piled high with debris were found the shattered bodies of many women and children. Several children were crushed to death when they were hurled against telegraph poles by the force of the explosion.

The Richmond school, which housed hundreds of children, was demolished and it is reported only three escaped.

Canadian officers who have seen long service in France characterize the catastrophe as "the most fearful which has befallen any city in the world."

CONGRESS CLEARS WAY FOR ACTION

RESOLUTION IN HOUSE DECLARING STATE OF WAR WITH AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

IS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

House Resolution.

"Whereas, the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government has severed diplomatic relations with the government of the United States of America and has committed acts of war against the government and the people of the United States of America, among which are its adherence to the policy of ruthless submarine warfare adopted by its ally, the imperial German government with which the United States of America is at war, and by giving its ally active support and aid on both land and sea in the prosecution of war against the government and 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 be and is hereby declared to exist between the United States of America and the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government; 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 carry on war against the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government, and to bring the conflict to a successful termination all the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States."

Approval is Certain.
Although sentiment remains strong in both branches to have the war declaration extended to Turkey and Bulgaria, approval of the resolution as it stands is regarded as very certain. Reasons given confidentially to Chairman Stone and Flood and which probably will be made public in debate, were regarded as convincing.

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