

WILSON URGES CONGRESS TO DECLARE A STATE OF WAR EXISTS

VINDICATION OF PEACE AND JUSTICE TO BE NATION'S AIM

The United States, Chief Executive Says, Must Enter War to Make the World Safe For Democracy and As One of the Champions of the Rights of Mankind—Wrongs Committed By German Government "Strike at the Very Root of Human Life."

WHAT THE PRESIDENT RECOMMENDS

Most practical co-operation in counsel and action with the governments already at war with Germany.

Extension of liberal financial credits to those governments so that the resources of America may be added so far as possible to theirs.

Organization and mobilization of all the material resources of the country.

Full equipment of the Navy, particularly for means of dealing with submarine warfare.

An army of at least 500,000 men based on the principle of universal liability to service, and the authorization of additional increments of 500,000 each as they are needed or can be handled in training.

Raising necessary money for the United States Government, so far as possible without borrowing and on the basis of equitable taxation.

Washington, April 2.—President Wilson tonight urged Congress, assembled in joint session, to declare a state of war existing between the United States and Germany.

In a dispassionate, but unmeasured, denunciation of the course of the Imperial German Government, which he characterized as a challenge to all mankind and a warfare against all nations, the President declared that neutrality no longer was feasible or desirable where the peace of the world was involved; that armed neutrality had become ineffectual enough at best; and was likely to produce what it was meant to prevent, and urged that Congress accept the gauntlet of battle with all the resources of the nation.

Already Warring On Us

"I advise that the Congress declare the recent course of the Imperial German Government to be in fact nothing less than war against the government and the people of the United States," said the President, "that it formally accept the status of belligerent, which has thus been thrust upon it, and that it take steps not only to put the country in a more thorough state of defense, but also to exert all its power and employ all its resources to bring the government of the German Empire to terms and end the war."

War Against Autocracy

When the President had finished speaking resolutions to declare a state of war existing were introduced in both Houses of Congress referred to appropriate committees, and will be debated tomorrow. There is no doubt of their passage.

The objects of the United States in entering the war, the President said were to vindicate the principles of peace and justice against "selfish and autocratic power." Without selfish ends, for no conquest or dominion seeking no indemnities, or material compensations for the sacrifices it shall make, the United States must enter the war, the President said, to make the world safe for democracy, as only one of the champions of the rights of mankind, and would be satisfied when those rights were as secure as the faith and freedom of nations could make them.

The President's address was sent in full to Germany by a German official news agency for publication in that country. The text also went to England and a summary of its contents was sent around the world to other nations.

NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners appointed the following list taken for the year, 1917:

Allensville, J. T. Woody; B. Fork, L. E. Long; Cunningham, R. L. Paylor; Flat River, S. P. Jones; Flat River High School, C. B. Blalock; Holloways, O. D. Bailey; Holloways High School, G. D. Neal; Mt. Tirezah, J. W. Cash; Olive Hill, J. H. Foushee; West Roxboro, A. R. Clayton, East Roxboro, L. H. Daniel; Woodsdale, E. E. Mitchell.

These are requested to meet with the Commissioners Saturday, April 7, 1917 in the Register of Deeds office. H. J. Whitt, Chairman. Thos. B. Woody, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS MEET MONDAY

W. D. Merritt Appointed County Auditor; Road Matters Turned Over to Central Highway Commission; Tax Listers Appointed.

The Board of County Commissioners met in their regular monthly meeting Monday morning in the offices of Register of Deeds, Thos. B. Woody, with all members present.

Attorney W. D. Merritt was appointed County Auditor for the term of two years.

At the request for the Central Highway Commissioners, the Board turned over to them complete control of all road matters over which they have heretofore exercised jurisdiction. The Central Commissioners assuming all accounts, contracts, obligations, etc., now existing against said board of commissioners.

Tax listers for the different townships were appointed at this meeting. They were: Messrs. J. T. Woody, L. E. Long, R. L. Paylor, S. P. Jones, C. B. Blalock, O. D. Bailey, G. D. Neal, J. W. Cash, J. H. Foushee, A. P. Clayton, L. H. Daniel, B. E. Mitchell. The above tax listers were requested to meet with the Commissioners Saturday, April 7th 1917, in the Register of Deeds office. An announcement concerning the above will be found elsewhere in this week's issue of The Courier.

The usual routine of auditing and paying bills was gone thru, after which the commissioners adjourned.

Col. Roosevelt Calls President's Address A Great State Paper

Washington, April 3.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt, returning to his Oyster Bay home from Florida, called at the White House today, during a brief stay here to congratulate President Wilson upon his address to Congress. The Colonel finding the President out, left his card and then called on Representative Nicholas Longworth at the Capitol.

"The President's message is a great state paper which will rank in history among the great state papers of which Americans in future years will be proud," said Col. Roosevelt.

The Colonel expressed the hope that he will be allowed to raise a division of troops "for immediate service at the front". Col. Roosevelt was accompanied to New York by Russel J. Coles, of Danville, Va., with whom he has been fishing in Florida.

HON. JEANNETTE RANKIN IS GIVEN GREAT OVATION

First Woman Congressman Takes Her Seat in House Amid Uproarious Cheering

Washington, April 2.—Representative Jeannette Rankin, of Montana, first woman member of Congress took her seat in the house today after an elaborate prelude of ceremonies in which woman suffragettes predominated.

The principal ceremony was a breakfast for "the Honorable Jeannette Rankin, of Montana," under the auspices of suffragettes of all factions.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage association, sat at Miss Rankin's right and at her left was Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the National Women's party.

"The day of our deliverance is at hand," was the keynote of Mrs. Catt's speech.

Miss Rankin, in reply, made the longest speech she has delivered since she arrived in the capitol.

"The day after election," said Miss Rankin, "it looked very much as if I had not been elected, but it seemed to me that the campaign had been nevertheless worth while, because the women had stood together, the women had learned solidarity. It seemed to me that one thing had been alone worth striving for. I think that this breakfast this morning shows that the women are standing together."

Miss Rankin's entrance into the house was signaled by uproarious cheering and every member and every body in the crowded galleries rose, as accompanied by Representative Evans, of Montana, she walked to a seat in the rear center of the hall. She carried one of the scores of bouquets which came to her office today. She did not wear a hat and was attired simply in a dark dress.

Miss Myrtice Greenwood of Chapel Hill was the guest of Mrs. W. C. [Name] for a few days last week.

COUNTY COMMENCEMENT HELD HERE FRIDAY A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

OVER 1300 CHILDREN MARCH IN PARADE

Blow We Give A List of Those Winning Prizes on Commencement Day—An Ideal Day for the Occasion—Large Crowd in Attendance.

Last Friday was County Commencement Day for Person county and to those who witnessed the parade it looked as if every pupil of Person county schools was here to help celebrate the occasion.

It was an ideal day for just such an occasion and the mothers and fathers took advantage of it and came along with their children to see the exhibits of the different schools of the county.

The exhibits were shown at the Crowell Auto Co., and they were well arranged, making a beautiful sight to look upon and at the same time showing the wonderful work of the children and teachers of Person county rural schools.

The program Supt. Beam had arranged was carried out in full and was very interesting from beginning to end.

Prof. E. C. Brooks of Trinity, spoke in the graded school auditorium in the forenoon.

We are publishing a list below of the prize winners as announced by the judges:

List of Prizes and Honors Won at County Commencement

Best Declaimer: From High School—Byrd Satterfield, Roxboro, 2nd, Aubrey Calton, Bethel Hill; From Elementary school—Ruffin Woody, Bethel Hill.

Best Reciter: From High School—Annie G. Long, Bethel Hill; 2nd, Stalvey, Roxboro; Elementary School—Elizabeth Fontaine, Bethel Hill.

Best Essay on "Good Roads"—Fay Jones, Brooklyn School. Best Debater W. C. Warren. Best Speller Vera Lunsford, Wilkerson school; 2nd, Esther Boyd, Alliance Hall.

Judgement has not been heard of the best story tellers from the 2nd and 3rd grades.

Best Original Composition on Good Roads, Lucile Woody, Bethel Hill; The Baldheaded Man, Muzette Winstead, Alliance Hall; Shucking Corn in the South, Caltolina.

Best Illustrated Map, Minnie Seamster, Alliance Hall; Map of Person County, Annie D. Monk, Hurdle Mills; Map of U. S., Blanche Winstead, Alliance Hall; Map of N. C., Louise Stephens, Pinehurst.

Best Illustrated Calendar, Muzette Winstead, Alliance Hall; Drawing, Annie D. Monk, Hurdle Mills; Free hand painting, Dorothy Fontaine, Bethel Hill; Best Athletic Record, Roxboro; Second, Bethel Hill; Best Chorus Singing, Pinehurst.

General exhibit of trained and high grade work, Alliance Hall; Second, Pinehurst and Hurdle Mills best all-round classroom exhibit work.

Best industrial training, Pinehurst; Most picturesque in Parade, Pinehurst; Best penmanship, Mollie Dixon, Bethel Hill; Second, Nellie Ranes, Bethel Hill; Highest percentage in parade, Woodsdale.

Best Tatting, Beth Winstead; Second, Ruth Blalock; Best Croceting, Ethel Winstead; Second, Lena Evans; Best Hemstitching, Muzette Winstead; Second, Beth Winstead; Best Set of Doll, Muzette Winstead; Second, Lorene Woody; Best Camisole, Beth Winstead; Second, Mary Joyner; Best Boy's Croceting, Jesse Slaughter; Best Gown, Ruth Blalock; Best Made Dress, Beth Winstead; Best Boudoir Cap, Lorene Woody; Best Chain, Byrd Long; Best Table, Lem Clayton; Second, Ossie Taylor; Best basket, John Bailey; Best telephone, Lamar Fontaine; Best Axe Handle, Aubrey Pass; Second, Arch Whitt; Best Bird House, Lem Clayton; Second, Will Part; Best Single-tree, Nathaniel Warren; Best Mechanical Set, Lem Rogers; Hammer and handle, Jesse Russell; Swing, Pata Woody and Thaddeus Gentry; Doll House, Bethel Hill; Collection of Candy, Pinehurst; Second, Alliance Hall; Best Collection of Cakes, Pinehurst; Second, Alliance Hall; Soda, Biscuit, Fox School; Beaten Biscuit, Miss Sue William's School; Lemon Pie, Miss Sue William's School; Ginger Snaps, Miss Sue William's school; Light Bread, Alliance Hall.

Miss Effie and Mr. Arthur Perkins spent several days last week in Danville.

NORTH CAROLINIANS IN HOUSE ARE GIVEN BEST ASSIGNMENTS

Mr. Kitchin Again Heads Ways and Means Committee; Weaver is Put On Territories, Indian Affairs and Expenditure, and Robinson to Election, Insular Affairs and Labor.

Washington, April 2.—For the fourth consecutive time the house of representatives was turned over to the Democratic party again today when that branch of Congress by a vote of 217 to 205 selected Champ Clark, speaker of the house over Jas. E. Mann, of Illinois. The election of Speaker Clark carries with it the re-assignment of all of the North Carolina members who headed big committees during the past four sessions of Congress to the old places.

Two more big committees, however, are added to the long and honorable list now held by North Carolinians. They are rivers and harbors and rules two of the biggest and most powerful committees in the lower branch of Congress. Representative John H. Small heads rivers and harbors and Edwin W. Pou, of Smithfield, takes charge of rules, resigning from his former place as head of the house claims committee.

The other big committee assignments now held by North Carolinians are: Claude Kitchin, ways and means, and majority leader. Yates Webb, judiciary. H. L. Godwin, reform in the civil service. Doughton is chairman of the committee on expenditure in the agricultural department, and a member of the committee on roads.

In addition to the above chairmanships Major Stedman is a member of the foreign relations committee, one of the most important assignments, especially at this time when the foreign situation is so acute.

Hood, of the third district, holds membership on two big committees, public buildings and grounds and immigration.

Zeb Weaver and Lee Robinson, the two new members were given good assignments, for new members. Weaver was put on territories, Indian affairs and expenditures on the interior department and Robinson was assigned to election No. 1, insular affairs, and labor.

Mr. Robinson will therefore sit in the hearings on the Britt-Weaver contest, which is expected to be taken up at the very earliest possible moment. Weaver, however, has a good chance of holding his place until something sensational or radically wrong can be produced by the other side.

With every seat in the galleries crowded to its fullest capacity, including a hundred or more North Carolinians, the public was treated to a real sensation soon after the roll call developed a quorum present when Representative Schall, the blind Republican-Progressive, of Minnesota, arose in his seat and upon being recognized nominated, Champ Clark for speaker. The action of the blind Minnesota member was not looked for by the Republicans, nor even any of the Democrats, unless Claude Kitchin was inaware of the action.

Presbyterian Announcements

Prayer meeting tonight at 8 o'clock. Sunday school next Sunday at 9:45 A. M. Preaching at 8 o'clock. Rev. Carleton E. White will preach at Hurdle Mills next Sunday at 11 A. M.. The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

Don't worry about having to pay \$10 to \$12 for shoes. You don't have to do it. Just come to see us. We have Queen Quality at \$4 to \$5, Ziegler's at \$4.50 to \$8.50, Sherwoods at \$3.50 to \$5, Godmans at \$2.50 to \$3, Walk-Overs at \$4 to \$5.50. Shoes are higher but not as high as you have heard. Let us show you and save you money.—Harris & Burns.

BOARD OF EDUCATION IN SESSION MONDAY

Hold Lengthy Meeting; New High School for Helena; Bethel Hill to Re-Model Building.

The Board of Education met in called meeting Monday morning in the offices of Supt. J. A. Beam with all members present.

Much business came before the board during the day, and they were kept busy practically all day.

Mr. J. G. Chambers and Dr. G. W. Gentry of Helena, were here in the interest of a proposed high school for Helena. They are asking help from the board to build same. It is generally understood that this will be the next high school for the county.

Mr. S. P. Gentry appeared before the board for help to remodel the Bethel Hill High School. It is the purpose of the people of Bethel Hill to re-build.

The colored people of Bushy Fork have purchased the ground for a rural school building in Bushy Fork township and were here asking aid from the board.

The board was in session practically all day, many committeemen being present.

London Papers Rejoice At President's Course

London, April 3.—The text of President Wilson's address to Congress with long accounts of the scenes attendant upon its delivery, and published in the noon editions of the evening papers under big headlines, such as "America's Weight Into The Scale," "An Indictment of Hohenzollernism," "The United States at War," "Money and Munitions for the Allies."

All the comment is in the most flattering terms, and the Westminster Gazette says:

"The stirring words with which the President's address closes should remove all hope on the enemy's part and all on fear on the part of the allies that America, having made her choice, will pursue it half-heartedly. She comes as a great ally with immense reserves of man power to be used, as she tells us, without stint to supplement and fortify the heavily drained resources of the other nations, who are fighting for the same cause."

SALE OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT BONDS

The Central Highway Commission of Person County will, on the 8th day of May, 1917, at 12 M. — at the court house door

in Roxboro, North Carolina, offer for sale at public auction \$225,000 of 5 per cent Road Improvement Bond of Person County.

Right reserved to reject any and all bids. Full information will be furnished upon application to M. R. Long, Chairman, Roxboro, North Carolina.

This the 3rd day of April, 1917.

M. R. LONG, Chairman Central Highway Commission.

Announcement

The Pastor of Person Circuit will preach Easter sermons at Lira's Chapel and Warren's Grove at 11 A. M. and 3 P. M. respectively. Special music will be rendered. Public cordially invited.

SCHOOL NOTES

I wish to say to teachers and committeemen of the schools of Person county that I deeply appreciate their hearty co-operation in making our County School Fair a fine success. I have never known such general interest, nor such faithful work in any school movement in our county as we had this year. Surely the true need of educating our children is getting a strong hold on our people. Last Friday was a red-letter day for the cause of education in this county.

You will find in this issue of The Courier a list of the students and schools who won prizes and honors, but it is incomplete, as I have not been able to get a full report of all the judges, but I hope to get all correct, soon.

The prizes will be sent out to the winners as soon as possible, but it will take a little time to do so. I wish we could give each a prize but we congratulate both who won the prizes and those who gained the honors. We are proud of them and of all who helped to give us such a fine exhibit.—J. A. Beam.

Mrs. H. G. Clayton has returned from Burlington, where she has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. L. J. Lee.

PREPARING FOR WAR WHILE AWAITING ACTION OF CONGRESS

PLAN DEvised TO RAISE AN ARMY OF 500,000 MEN

Much of the Money to Carry on the War Will be Raised By Taxation—Divide Young Men of the Country Into Service Classes.

Washington, April 3.—War plans—military, economic and financial—for aggressive hostilities against Germany, were rushed forward today by the administration branch of the government and only await action by Congress on a war resolution to be put into execution.

Enactment of the resolution not later than Thursday was confidently forecast at the capitol after a delay of 24 hours had been caused in the senate by Senator LaFollette's objection to its immediate consideration. Debate will begin in both houses tomorrow, with action before adjournment probable. Sentiment in favor of the resolution is almost unanimous and the only question is how much time shall be devoted to speechmaking.

"Selective Conscription"

President Wilson and his cabinet went over the war plans at a two-hour session and previously the national defense council, with its civilian advisory commission and several subsidiary organizations developed policies and details of momentous consequence to the nation. Meanwhile the war and navy department were going ahead with the most immediate preparations for defense.

Already the navy has taken steps to insure co-operation between the American fleet and those of the entente allies to become effective upon the formal entry of the United States into the war.

The most important plans under preparation by the administration include:

Enlistment by selective conscription young men for a national army, in addition to the regular enlistment and national guard, in increments of 500,000 until enough have been trained to make certain the defeat of Germany.

Raise Money by Taxation

Organization of the nation's commercial interests for economical and effective distribution of commodities among the civilian population.

Rapid provisions of adequate means of combatting the submarine menace.

The raising of a very large sum of money, as much as possible to be obtained by taxation, and the definite amount of the first budget not to be fixed until the exact needs of the army and navy and of the entente allies are ascertained.

Purchase of supplies and equipment of all kinds for the army under a provision of law which allows the secretary of war to fix "reasonable price."

Division of the young men of the country into service classes, those needed most in industries than in the army or navy to receive insignia showing they are performing duty equivalent to fighting.

BASEBALL IN DURHAM

Durham, March 4.—Thousands of enthusiastic baseball fans are expected to be present at the East Durham baseball park, Thursday afternoon, April, 5th at 4 o'clock, to witness the only big league game of the season to be staged by the Durham Bulls and Philadelphia Nationals, former National league champions. Hundreds of fans from Hillsboro, Chapel Hill, Creedmor, Roxboro, Oxford and other surrounding towns are expected to attend.

Owing to the fact that George Whitted, Philadelphia's star leftfielder was born and reared in Durham, the day has been designated by local club officials as "Whitted Day". Whitted recently joined the Philadelphia club, and has written home promising to have Alexander, the world's greatest on the mound for the local game.

It's a bang-up chance for fans thru-out this section to witness "big show" baseball, and club officials predict the biggest attendance ever recorded.

Durham Athletic Association. John M. Lipscombe, President.

BONDING! A man that will ask a friend to sign a bond now should be dealt with. I'll bet he will oppose good roads. See SATTERFIELD. He will bond. It costs but little.

Mrs. H. S. Barnette is visiting her daughter, Mrs. McKeowan in Mocksville this week.