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## CUBAN CONGRESS TO PASS WAR MEASURE

### President Menocal Sends Message Requesting That It Follow United States

Havana, April 6.—President Menocal today sent a message to congress asking that body to declare a state of war exists between Cuba and Germany.

At 5:50 o'clock this afternoon the senate after the reading of President Menocal's message, appointed a committee of five senators to meet a like committee from the house of representatives to consider the message and report.

The president's message starts by reviewing the sending by Germany of her notice of unrestricted warfare. Referring to Cuba's reply to the German note, President Menocal says:

"In replying to the terms of the alarming note the department of state clearly signifies the imminence of a definite rupture if the imperial government persisted in its new plan of submarine warfare, emphasizing our increase on formity thereto in accordance with the sentiment of all civilized nations.

I am fulfilling one of my most sacred duties, although with profound sentiment because I am about to propose a resolution which will plunge our country into the dangers of the greatest conflagration in history, but without casting odium upon or without animosity toward the German nation, but convinced that we are compelled to take this step by our international obligations and the principles of justice and liberty, I appeal to the honorable congress in the use of its exclusive faculties with full knowledge of all the antecedents in the case and with the mature deliberation its importance claims, to resolve as a result of these unjustifiable and repeated acts of aggression by submarines notwithstanding the protests of neutral governments, among them Cuba, that there has been created and exists a state of war between the republic of Cuba and the imperial government of Germany, and adopt all measures necessary, which I reserve to myself the right to recommend at the proper moment, for the maintenance of our rights; to defend our territory, to provide for our security and to co-operate decidedly to these ends with the United States government."

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## GERMANS LEAVE TRAIL OF HORROR THROUGH FRANCE

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## CONTRACT LET

### Friday for Remodeling People's Bank Building—Mr. J. F. Reams Being the Successful Bidder

The building committee of the People's Bank awarded the contract to remodel the People's Bank building to Mr. J. F. Reams last Friday.

The bank will move into the Newell building on Main street about the 20th of this month, and work on the building will commence at once. The work is to be completed in ninety days.

When completed the People's Bank will have a most modern home. Entirely new fixtures have been ordered and will be arranged much more convenient for the public as well as the bank officials when they are installed. The first floor will be level with Main street. The offices of W. D. Merritt will be remodeled, and steam heat is to be installed.

## FARM DEMONSTRATOR'S LETTER

I would be glad for all the boys that are thinking of joining either of the clubs, to send me their names as early as convenient. The State Agent asked that all of the poultry club names should be sent in by the 15th of April, as it will be too late to set eggs in time for the chickens to mature and start laying in the fall, after that time. The other clubs will close at an early date, so please send in your name now.

I have enrolled: 45 Corn Club boys; 13 Pig Club boys; 1 Potato Club boy; and 15 Poultry Club girls—seventy-four in all. I would like for you to join in this work, for these boys and girls are going to be the coming farmers of Person county. They are going to beat the average farmer this year, unless they do better farming than they have been doing.

With the present high prices starting in us in the face and the war to cause prices to go higher, it looks like the farmer ought to think and plan carefully before he pitches his crop this Spring. Be sure and plant food crops enough for your family and livestock and then what tobacco you can. If every farmer would do this the war prices would not hurt and he would get practically as much for his tobacco for the crop would be short and a short crop always brings the most money. Live at home this year. Start now—plant a good garden and care for it better than you ever did before.

I am not very much impressed with the way the average farmer raises his meat. In going over the county, I find in nearly every instance that the hogs are kept in a small wood lot or in a closed pen. In either case you had better buy your meat from your neighbor. It will cost you less. At the present high prices you cannot afford to grow hogs on grain alone. You should have grazing crops, such as rape, clover, cowpeas, soy beans, corn and a permanent crop of grass of some kind. If you will graze your hogs and feed a little grain, you can grow your meat at six cents or less. If you have never tried grazing your hogs, try it this year and I think you will see the profit of having something green for them and will continue the plan.—W. C. WARREN, County Agent.

## Commissioners in Session

The county commissioners met in a called session last Saturday to take inventory of the supplies, etc., of the road force. They were in joint meeting with the Central Highway Commission of Person County. The commissioners have turned all road matters over to the Central Commission and they were taking inventory of same for the purpose of closing this matter up with the commission.

## Auto Accident Fatal

Charlotte.—Jack Pendleton was killed instantly and C. M. Marks and C. A. Workman, of this place, were seriously injured in an automobile wreck near Charlotte.

## \$100,000 Building in High Point

High Point.—Building operations representing an expenditure of more than \$100,000 are now going on in High Point according to official figures.

## Asheville Citizens Drill

Asheville.—Citizens of Asheville have organized a drilling company and are being drilled daily by Captain C. I. Bard, of the National Guard.

## ROOSEVELT WISHES TO RECRUIT TROOPS TO SEND TO FRANCE

### MAKES KNOWN HIS PLANS IN INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT

Begins Personally Directed Efforts to Have the American Flag and American Soldiers, Including himself, Appear on the Firing Line; Spends a Busy Day in the Capitol

Washington, April 10.—Col. Roosevelt, full of his old-time vigor and enthusiasm, began Tuesday, a personal campaign designed to result "at the earliest possible moment," in the appearance of the American flag and American soldiers, including himself, upon the firing line of France.

The former President placed his plans for recruiting a division of troops before President Wilson at a half-hour conference at the White House and during the remainder of the day and evening was busy with callers at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth. He talked about his project to the chairman and minority members of the House and Senate Military Committee and made arrangements to write them letters giving more specific details. He conferred with Secretary Baker and with Howard Coffin, Daniel Willard and Julius Hosenwald, members of the advisory commission of the Council of National Defense. He also received calls from the British, French and Japanese Ambassadors; Assistant Secretary of State Phillips, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin Roosevelt, and many Senators and Representatives, and a score or more of personal friends.

The Colonel apparently enjoyed himself thoroughly. He did not spend a quiet moment from early morning until late at night. At all of his conferences he spoke not only of his own plans, but made it clearly that he stood squarely behind President Wilson in the proposal to raise a war army on the principle of universal military service. He emphasized that his plans were not intended to interfere in any way with the policy of the administration and that he was anxious to place himself and the division he proposed raising under the orders of whatever regular army officer may be given command of an American expeditionary force.

At noon Colonel Roosevelt went to the White House where he was immediately received by President Wilson in the green room. Just what happened during the conference no one would tell. After a half hour newspaper correspondents gathered under the high portico at the front door of the executive mansion, saw its former occupant appear inside a window with Secretary Tumulty. There was an animated conversation and then the Colonel emerged, Secretary Tumulty at his side.

Immediately upon his return to the Longworth home the stream of callers began. Senators Chamberlain and Weeks of the Senate Military Committee and Representatives Dent and Kahn, of the House Military Committee were among the first. Among the others were Senators Poindexter and Hiram Johnson, Watson and Kellogg; Representative Lenroot and Rear Admiral Wainwright.

Later the former president received a number of newspaper correspondents, told them of his activities and chuckled when one remarked that he seemed to be almost as busy as he was when he was president. Then he sat down in a circle of chairs occupied by the correspondents, and said: "I am very glad to have been here. I wanted to do everything possible to help the President's move for universal military service and in addition, not as a substitute, urge that immediate provision be made for a volunteer force, which together with a portion of the regulars, shall at the earliest possible moment put out flags on the firing line in France.

Late in the afternoon Secretary Baker called. He and Colonel Roosevelt were in conference for more than an hour. At the conclusion Mr. Baker said he had "spent a very pleasant hour," but would not go into details. Colonel Roosevelt will return to New York Wednesday.

Register of Deeds, Thos. B. Woody, issued marriage license to Mr. F. L. Bray and Miss Olney Mason, of Brookline, Va., Sunday night. They were married here Sunday night. Licenses were also issued Tuesday for W. T. Davis, of Hallsville, and Miss Iola Burch, of Roxboro, route 2.

## BRITISH MAKE GAINS ON WESTERN FRONT

### British Drive Germans Back Two to Three Miles in Arras Sector; Battle Still Rages

London, April 9.—An advance of from two to three miles has been made by the British troops on a front extending from Henin-sur-Cojeul southeast of Arras, to Givency-en-Gohelle, a distance of about 12 miles. The official report from army headquarters in France makes this announcement tonight, and adds that the advance continues.

The famous Vimy ridge was carried by Canadian troops.

Thousands of German prisoners were taken by the British. Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon 5,816, including 119 officers, passed through the receiving stations and, according to the official report, many more remained to be counted.

## Battle Still Rages

London, April 9.—Some 3,500 prisoners have been captured in the new drive against the German lines by one of the British armies, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters telegraphs.

The prisoners have been coming in an endless procession. The fighting is increasing in intensity as the battle progresses. The British casualties thus far are reported comparatively slight.

## Berlin Admits Reverses

London, April 9.—The official communication issued by the war office at