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Congress Meets Today. In Extra Session

Marks Climax of Almost Three Years Effort on Part of Chief a hard fight, easily carrying the or Executive to Gracefully Protect American Lives And Property.

Flash-The President will address Congress at 8 o'clock tonight.

CHAMP CLARK IS RE-ELECTED SPEAKER

Washington, April 2.-Champ Clark was today re-elected speaker by a vote of 217 to 205. Congressman Gillett received 2 votes and Congressman Lenroot 2. Congressman Schall, Independent, said in his speech nominating Clark that patriotism demanded his re-election.

By J. P. YODER

Washington, April 2- Congress met in extra session here today to receive a special message from President Wilson.

This action marks almost three years' effort on part of the Chief Executive to peacefully force the protection of lives and property of American citizens from the effects of ruthless German submarine warfare.

The session opened with prayers that America should prove mighty in defense of her rights."

Patriots, pacifists and suffragists tormed the Captitol with unfurled flags. The suffragists declared themselves "with the President."

Hot anti-war enthusiasts swarmed on Pennsylvania avenue wearing bands with the words "Keep out of

PRESIDENT SPEAKS TODAY

President Wilson sindicated that he would deliver his message to Congress as soon as the House organized no matter how late the afternoon that should be. The message is an unusually long . one and is designed to justify this country's course, placing the blame of the present crisis on the Kaiser. Wilson is expected to expres the hope that peace will soon be restored to the entire world, on the basis of equality of nations and freedom of the seas with the retriction of autocreies and with limited armaments.

A vigorously phrased resolution calling for immediate dec'aration of war against Germany was introduced in the House foreign affairs committee by Representative Gardner. The resolution completed by the committee is to be introduced immediately following Wilson's ad-

TO SEIZE GERMAN SHIPS

Plans have been completed to take- over approximately ninety German merchant ships interned at American ports immediately upon a declaration of a state of war.

Commercial, industrial and manpower mobilization of our forces to the nation's legislative body ten the war questions. days ago; and so definite has been the conviction that aggressive war is to be waged upon Germany they stand ready at this moment, awaiting only official word from Washto go head

Munition and shipbuilding plants are prepared to serve the equipme for the sea and land forces and the session of Congress present

Today's historic situation resulted directly from Germany's repudiation of her submarine pled es of a year ago and the resumption of ruthless submarine warfare in an attempt to starve . England into

service measure.

The first American ship to go down at the hands of a German submarine commander following the German decree establishing a submarine blockade zone around Eugland February 1st, was the Housatonic. This ship was sunkk without warning on February 3rd. This was followed by the sinking of the Lyman M Law on February 13, the Algonquin on March 12 and the Vigilancia, City of Memphis and the Illinois on March 18.

All these were American ships and al of them with the exception of the City of Memphis were sunk without warning. The Captain. four Americans and four of other nationalties are missing from the City of Memphis and 15, including several Americans are missing from the Vigilancia.

A COALITION CONGRESS

The big question that stares the country in the face is: What will Congress Do? Probably never before in the history of the United States has there been so nearly a coalition congress. Democrats and republicans, with all members present will have 214 each in in the House. The balance of power will be in the hands of five independents. Schall Progressive and Fuller, Independent are expected to vote with the Republicans and London, socialist and Randall, probibitionist with the Democrats, Re sentative Martin of Louisiana, elect ed from a democratic district on a high tariff progressive ticket really holds the whip hand in the House organization. His vote may be And nobody the deciding one. knows how he will cast it.

Representative Jeanette Rankin have made great stride, since the of Montana, the first woman in con-President suddenly issued his call gress, is present and will vote on

> The session beginning today is the most momentous since the Civil war, by reason of the critical aituation which caused its beecedented which marked the

Hertford Loses To Edenton

from Hertford in the State debating contest held here Friday night. The contest was a close ope, in which the Hertford debaters made a hard fight, easily carrying the orquestion bu the negative side pre sented more room for argument.

A large delegation of Hertford supporters met the late train from Elizabeth City to welcome home their own negative team; William H. Gaither and Theims Elliott, who had won the contest in Betsey

FISH MEN READY FOR ACTUAL ATTRACTIVE SCENE IN SPITE OF TOO

The new market house is open, according to schedule and a number of visitors were down Monday who had not had 'opportunity to see the interior of the handsome and well equiped building before,

Thomas Crank & Sons, who have two stalls for fish, were the first men to be ready for business, and their wares were most attractively displayed and advertised. The variety of fish from big shad and drum to Flounders, perch and blue fish were tempting indeed and the cleanliness of the surroundings eliminated the usual "fishy" odor is expected to pass a universal which drive away offtimes the house keeper who likes to eat fish but not to cook and serve them.

Maurice Pappendick had his sign already up at the East corner and was preparing his meat stall for customers. Electricians were putting in electric bulbs, where this had not been done, an dthe place by ten o'clock began to look like a real market, in spite of its too large space and too limited number

C C Pappendick has taken the the western corner stall for meats.

Cheerel 11 She Takes Oath

(By United Press) Washington April 2-The repre-New York City, April 2nd cheered this morning as Miss Jean nette Rankin, the first woman mem ber of the House took her oath.

United Press At Richmond

(By United Press) Richmond, April 2- The United Press opened a bureau here today.

Press Hard On St. Quentin

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS (United Press Staff Correspondent)

With British Armies Afield, April 2-The British forces today advanced to within two and a half miles of St. Quentin. The lines are thrust forward from the west to this near approach to the city which is believed to be one of the main points of the Hindenburg line. Meantime to the northwest of the city the British have occupied a number of villages of strategic im-

Interim between the close of the EASTER FLOWERS! GOOD ASmixty fourth Congress March 4 and SORMENT -LEAVE YOUR ORing and the vital incidents, many the opening of the new Congress DERS AT THE APOTHECARY

OVER THOUSAND PEOPLE AT-TENDED AND PARADE PRESEN TED ENTERTAINING. FEA-

Hertford, N. C., March 31st-The first County Commencement of the Perquimans County Schools, held in Hertford Thursday was a success from every standpoint.

The program opened with a big parade through the principal streets of Hertford in the morning. proximately one thousand school children particlipated in the parade. which was led by the Woodmen drum corps. The Primary Department of the Hertford schools followed with a story reader pageant, in which Red Riding Hood followed by a sure enough shagzy wolf, Goldy Locks and the Three Bears, and the Pilgrim family was the outstanding feature. Then followed the Grammar School girls who added a brilliant touch of color to the line. There werefifty girls in the detachment all wearing white middy blouses, red ties and blue skirts. A military touch was given to the line by the grammar Grade Boys, who came next in regulation fermation. The boys were clad in Scout uniforms and carried rifles and marched with the precision of regulars. This company was followed by a squad of girls clad in Red-Cross uniforms.

The Second Division was composed of the County Schools, all but two of the schools being represented. Each school wore some distinctive costume or uniform and carried school pennants and banners.

The parade was followed by the reading contests held in the High School building where an exhibition of art and craft work by the different schools was also made,

At noon a picnic lunch was served on the school grounds, fifteen hundred people being pres-Following lunch the crowd again returned to the auditorium, where medals and prizes were awarded the winners of the various contests, and Dr. T. S. McMullan delivered the address of the day. So great yas the crowd that only a portion of them could be accommodated in the school building, so the Hertford girls played an interclass basket ball game, to entertain those who could not gain admission

to the speaking. The day concluded with a big field meet on the school yard, in which there were many interesting and closely contested races, jumps and contests for the smaller child-

The Whiteston School won , the Pennant for the greatest number of prizes taken, including the field meet and scholastic contests.

Tonight's Show At Alkrama

A big show at the Aikrama Monday matinee and night. Francis X. Bushman, in "The Diplomatic Service" will be the feature attraction at the Alkrama Monday, This is one of Mr. Bushmans nowest releases, and will no doubt show to a large and appreciative house at both Matinee and Night

Chapter eight of "The Great Secret," is the serial attraction for both matinee and night Monday.

of Patria Tuesday at the Alkrama matinee and night. Mrs. Vernon Castle in Patria at the Alkrama Tuesday matinee and

Don't fall to see the first chapter

This week will be banner week at the Alkkrama. Never before in has such a wonderful program been

arranged. Mr. Kramer says that the patrons of the Alkrama shall have the best that money can buy.

Jesse White Dead

inutes before seven o'clock.

The funeral was conducted the home Sunday afternoon at two thirty by Rev. D. P. Harris and Rev. J. L. Cunninggim.

Mr. White is survived by his with and two little girls, Mary Louise and Elizabeth White, also by his father, Alonso White of Winfall; two brothers, R. T. White of Hertford and Alphonso White, Jr. of Winfall; a sister, Mrs. E. B. Daughtrey of Winfall; six half brothers, J. H. Opal, Charles Elijah and Thomas White of Winfall; and four half sisters, Mrs. J. H. Baker, Misses Ruth, Dana and Helen White of Winfall. His wife is the sister of Mrs. T. T. Turner of this city.

Mr. White was a native of Perquimans County and moved to Elizabeth City last November with his family and his wife's mother. Mrs. J. W. Turner, from Winfall, and since that time has been with the Foreman Blades Lumber Comapny with headquarters at Williamston where he was in charge of logging operations with a large force of men under him with whom he was very popular and to whom his death brought real grief.

He was a man of sterling integrity and was much liked by all who knew him. He was a member of the First Methodist church

WITH HARD WORK AND EX-TENSIVE PLANS

"Gardening" is the study in every Home Demonstra tion Club of Pasquotank County

Each club member is preparing to have a better garden than she has ever had before and a greater variety of vegetables. No longer will the average country garden of this section consist of a row of greens," as has slanderous ly been said of it sometimes, but there will be every vegetable to which the soil and climate are favorable. The summer table will be well supplied and what they can't eat they'll can.

The weather has hindered actual work but plans have been made and conditions studied while the work which could be done was done. Tomato plants are up and a better crop expected than last year's.

The Pasquotank Canning Club girls will again can tomatoes, string beans and soup mixture for the market and will in addition can a very large variety of vegetables and fruits for home use.

The clubs have been well attended recently in spite of bad roads. Fly traps, fireless cookers, floor mops and other household conveniences have been made. Fashions have been discussed and patterns exchanged and an added impetus has been given the home economics department of the club work by the possibility of war and the existing high cost of living.

New canning clubs have been formed at Okisko and Mount Hermon, at Dry Ridge at Newland and at Brothers school and a new Woman's club at Salem.

Forks club which has co-operated with the domestic science department of the school has been specalizing in bread making with much success.

But, after all, the chief interest now is in gardening and the county is leading in the very front ranks the history of this popular theatre, of the nation-wide gardening move-

> Elizabeth City indeed is getting envious and is beseeching the Home Demonstrator to desert her large and busy field of the county to direct, the city gardens planned for the year, but Miss Albertson has City garden the large share of at of the city work,

TION HAS NO TAINT OF ANT WAR SPIRIT AND IS FREE FROM JINGOISM AS WELL

(By United Press)

"The South and Southwest 11 ready for conflict with Germ This great section which was deed to Mexico by Zimmerman ha not an ounce of anti-war spirit an neither has it any rampant fil

This is the opinion of dent Taft upon his return from A week's tour of nine states as an nounced today through the League to enforce peace. Taft started in Richmond and wound up to Kan sas City.

"The people of the South Southwest feel that war is in table," said Taft. They are W ing to go into it for the defence of their rights. They feel as I do that Germany has forced war u

"The South is in favor of o pulsory military training."

SENATOR LODGE DARES SAY THAT A PACIFIST SUCH A CRISIS IS MERELY COWARD

(By United Press)

fully injured today in a clash two pacifists, Alexander Banwart of Boston and Mrs. Anna Mae Pe body of Cambridge, who were at once arrested on the charge of ansault. They argued in that Lodge had said "Any who could be a pacifist at this time is a coward," whereupon Banwart struck Lodge to the floor and a telegraph operator, Herman, threw himself upon Bannwart.

More Guardsmen Are Called Out

(By United Press)

Washington April 2-Additional guardsmen ordered out today word the Second Virginia Infantry the Fourth Virginia Infantry, Bab tery E, Virginia Field artillery,

Russian Cabinet At Front Today

(By United Press Petrograd, April 2-The entire cabinet of new Russia is at the front today in conference with the Chief of the Staff, General Alexia. The minister of war Cutchoff has been at the front for several days but his colleagues did not arrive

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Weekk services will be held at Christ Church next week as fol lows

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at five p. m. Thursday at eight p. m. Holy

Communion. Friday at eleven a. m. Rev. H. S. Osburn, the new tor will have charge of the

vices. -

WEATHER OR NO TO

Showers and thunderstorms M day afternoon and night. Tuesda fair and cooler.

tention which they would t and no one else has yet been her hands already to full to give the to take her slace in the direct