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HOUSE SOUNDS BATTLE CRY

No Question of Hearty Support of President Wilson and Passage of War Resolution

By CARL D GROAT (United Press Staff Correspondent) Washington, April 5--The House will probably pass the War resolution before night. The resolution passed the Senate last night, and as soon as action is taken by the House, Congress will be ready to receive the administration's plans for the conflict. The President must sign the bill, however, before it becomes effective. The House today sounded the battle cry in fact.

All indications point to the willingness of this body to make war against Germany a reality within twenty-four hours or less.

Soon after convening the war resolution was brought up for debate. Chairman Flood of the Foreign Relations Committee declared that there was but one course to pursue, that the United States was compelled by the acts of Germany to enter the colossal war, that the time for argument had passed and the time for action had arrived.

Other speeches, fiery with patriotism, called upon the members of the House to hasten the passage of the war resolution.

Some pacifism developed but there was at no time any question of the ultimate outcome, the hearty support of Wilson and the passage of the resolution.

Congressman Cooper, a prominent pacifist, opposed party control of time debate and indicated that there were a dozen speeches against the resolution waiting to be made.

Reading unpublished portions of the Zimmerman letter, Representative Miller declared that the German plot included the establishment of submarine bases at Mexican ports.

He also revealed that Germany's plan was to use reservists in this country in an aggressive move against the United States along the Mexican border.

For Military Training

Washington, April 5--A universal compulsory military training bill providing for immediate raising of an army of 500,000 men, was introduced by Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military affairs committee.

Under the provision of the bill the President will be empowered to call out all physically fit men of the age of twenty at once. As the necessity arises, men of 21, 22 and 23 could be called.

The means of registering all single men between 20 and 23 is determined under this bill. The question of exemption is being discussed by the committee on labor of the Council for National Defense. The co-operation of municipal governments will be sought.

Germans Will Garble Message

Washington, April 5--If the president's message is given out at all to the German people, it will be garbled to suit the purposes of the Prussian autocracy, allied diplomats here predicted.

These diplomats declared the message so fair and so obviously sincere, in its discussion of the difference between the imperial government and the people it rules with a magnetic hand, that the Kaiser's Houthausen never would consent to its publication in any form.

DUG UP THEIR BIGGEST TYPE

PARIS NEWSPAPERS EXPRESS ED REJOICING THAT AMERICA WOULD ENTER THE CONFLICT AND JOIN ALLIES ON WESTERN FRONT

(By United Press) Paris, April 5--The Paris newspapers dug up their biggest type to express the general rejoicing over America's entering the war.

The greatest interest is expressed over the possibility of an American expeditionary force to join the Allies on the Western front, particularly Roosevelt's division.

Premier Ribot in the chamber of deputies read France's formal salutation to America.

Reports are Unconfirmed

Buenos Aires, April 4--Reports persist that a British cruiser has sunk the German raider, Sea Adder, but these cannot be confirmed.

Lodge Will Not Prosecute

Washington, April 5--Senator Lodge will not prosecute Alexander Bannwart, pacifist, who knocked the veteran Massachusetts down and was himself floored during an argument for peace in the Senate office building.

Lodge gave pressure of public business and an apology from Bannwart, as his reason for dropping the case.

Will Organize Negro Regiment

Washington, April 5--America will be represented almost immediately in the field against Germany by a colored regiment, or at least by a colored company, if Geo. Washington, negro doorkeeper at the gates of the United States consulate has his way. Washington asked Consul General Skinner for permission to start recruiting a body of American negro fighters today. Skinner is inclined to favor the plan.

Washington was a member of the colored regiment during the Spanish American war, and says he can recruit a single company of colored warriors here.

Call Wilson Second Lincoln

London, April 5--President Wilson was called a "second Lincoln" in editorial comment on his war message by the Evening Star.

Hogs Reach New Record

Chicago, April 5--Hogs reached the new record of \$15.65 per hundred.

Ask Increase Army and Navy

Washington, April 5--Secretary McAdoo today asked Congress for about three billions of dollars for the army and navy. Secretary Daniels asked an increase in the navy personnel from 150,000 marine corps to 300,000.

Interest Turns To Eastern Front

London April 5--With the capture of St. Quentin considered as a foregone conclusion, interest turns momentarily to the eastern line in the belief that preliminary rumors of the massing of reserves on the Russian front are now confirmed. The German offensive may be starting there in the first impact which forced the Russians to give way near Stockholm in Kovel sector.

GERMAN PRESS IS VIOLENT

ANTAGONISM ESPECIALLY BITTER AGAINST SEPARATION OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE AND THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT

By JOHN GRANDENS (United Press Staff Correspondent) Berlin, April 5--Bitter criticism by the German press prevails of what is termed Wilson's "bad faith" and charges are made that England "commanded" the indictment of the Kaiser's dynasty. Also insistence that there is no cause for war between Germany and the United States features newspaper comment on the speech of America's executive just received.

Antagonism is particularly violent against the President's separation of the German Government from the German people.

Six Hospital Ships Sunk

London, April 5--Six Allied hospital ships have been mined or sunk by submarines since the opening of the war. Secretary of the Admiralty McNamara told the House of Commons today.

Closing in On St. Quentin

Paris, April 5--The French troops made a reconnaissance of the ground north of Gauchy and Moy during the night as far as the German line which they found occupied in force, declared today's official statement describing the closing in on St. Quentin. Detailed intermittent shelling on the east and west of the Somme was also reported, as well as German counter attacks on the front from Faux de Margival. Attacks northwest of Rheims were repulsed.

The capture of the villages Roncevaux, Basse and Boulogne are reported as today's British forward movement on the western front by General Haig.

The English and Russian troops in Mesopotamia have effected a junction and Persia has been cleared of all Turkish forces.

Jess Willard Wants To Fight

Washington, April 5--Jess Willard today wired President Wilson that he was ready to fight for America.

WEATHER OR NO

Storm moving east, strong southerly wind of gale force, shifting Thursday night to westerly. Fair and cooler Friday.

It might be worse suppose there

HIDEOUS COUNTRY LEFT BY GERMANS

VARIOUS NAMES GIVEN IT--SAHARA, FIELD OF A THOUSAND SHUDDERS, AND PLACE WHERE NIGHTMARES ARE MADE

With the British Armies Afield, March 9--(By Mail)--With Tomlinson of the London "News Leader", Bean, of the combined Australian papers, and "Anzac" staff colonel, I have just explored the new Sahara, that hideous country abandoned by the Germans lest their troopers go mad.

The British gave it the name Sahara, Crown Prince Dupprecht's men called it by another--the graveyard. But I should give it another still--the field of a thousand shudders--the place where nightmares are made.

Take your map of France and find Bapame. To the west and South of that place lies the new Sahara. If your map is a large one you will find it covered with the names of hamlets, villages and towns, but today all these are gone. No trace of them is left, and as one stands in the middle of this blighted country, no spring of grass, no sign of a tree, no weed, flower or shrub greets the vision as far as the eye can see. There is only a greenish black soil, freshly churned up and bespattered by shells, ranging in depth from five to sixty or more feet.

Of course, one cannot ride through this country. Nor for that matter can one walk. One can only slip and slide and stagger along ever in danger of falling into funnel shaped quagmires from which escape is impossible without aid. I know of two correspondents who who came near losing their lives in just such places, more perilous far than the dreaded quicksands. Horses and mules on account of their weight and the difficulty of helping them once in the toils of the ooze usually are drawn down to their death.

"Look out for the bayonet!" is a common cry of warning as you stumble through the mud and thousands of rifles are buried in the ground and frequently only the thrusting blades of their bayonets are sticking out. The great waste of war is everywhere evident. Wrought and twisted rifle barrels, splintered stocks, cartridge clips full of cartridges in uncountable number, unexploded shells of all calibers, hand grenades of every size and shape, trench mortar bombs, aerial torpedoes, brass shell cases, abandoned stores of live shells, knapsacks, cartridge belts, articles of clothing, steel helmets, fatigue caps and what not. Utter the surface of the new Sahara and one can only imagine the amazing quantity of stuff which must lie beneath it.

You might think the view from here depressing, and it is, for it was while fighting along here that the Germans gave the name of "the graveyard."

But the field of a thousand shudders lies further on. Up towards the bloody butt of Warlencourt, Ligas, Thilly and Herbaumont, one reaches hell's own acres. The water covering the slime in the crater beds has become gruesomely red, exactly like blood, for some uncanny reason and to the noisome smell of miles of muck is added an unmistakable stench. Intuition would tell you the cause of it even were not the bodies lying about plainly to be seen. They lie singly in all kinds of attitudes, or in groups, or piles. They are on mounds, or at the bottom of shell holes, in fragments or so entire as to resemble merely very tired and muddy soldiers gone to sleep regardless of time or place.

Here ran the German lines during December and January following the battle of the Somme. There were no communicating trenches leading back, the British smashed them as they dug, and to get into or out of the foremost positions the soldier had to traverse the open

Miss Belle Morgan

Miss Belle Morgan of Providence township, this county, died at the home of her father, S. N. Morgan Wednesday night. The funeral was conducted at the home by Dr. B. C. Henning, who was called from Norfolk to the service. Interment followed in the family burying ground.

Miss Morgan was a young woman of exemplary life and christian character. Her family is one of the most prominent in the county.

Increase Navy Facilities

Washington April 5--The Navy Department will immediately spend the \$18,000,000 emergency appropriation for increased navy yard facilities.

ODD FELLOWS ELECT DELEGATE

At regular meeting tonight, Elizabeth Lodge, of Odd Fellows will elect a representative to the Grand Lodge which meets in Raleigh next month.

SIX HUNDRED NEW HATS

Mr. O. F. Gilbert, proprietor of Mitchell's Department Store, has returned from New York City, where among other purchases made, he bought 2 big sample lines of Spring hats,--600 of them. These are worth coming to see and to select from.

WILL GIVE EASTER DANCE

The Elizabeth City Cotillion Club will give its Easter Dance on Monday evening, April 9th, in the Robinson Hall. This will be the social event of the post Lenten season and a number of out of town guests will be present.

tion had to be brought up in the same way and a shell never ceased falling in this area and every now and then the darkness was swept by machine guns, those holding the line often went hungry and spent weary days and nights, waiting for relief parties, which never came. When a German fell in the open, he lay where he fell. When he fell in the trenches, he was buried in the side of the trench--providing the walls were firm enough; if not, his body was thrown outside. The bodies of soldiers who fell in this sector during November are only now being buried and by the English--the Germans were unable to get at them.

In the pitch black darkness, many a soldier fell in the awful funnel shaped death traps in the mud to be left to suffocate in the terrible mixture probably already holding bodies of previous victims. By day, while shells fell on and about them, killing the living and disinterring the already buried, dead faces stared at the Kaiser's men from every side and at night cramped hands, sticking out of the mud tripped and threw those who had to venture into the open. Iron nerved troops felt creepy. They were afraid to be left alone in the dark. Showers of fire were sent into the air to shed light about the trench, but those only served to throw a horrible glare over the unburied dead. Faces twitched, nerves, wailed and prisoners say some soldiers went mad.

This new Sahara is the wonder of artillery. One wonders while standing by a clean warm muzzled gun as it blazes away what is happening at the other end of the shell's projectiles. I have seen, immediately the Germans went out I went in and the product of the intensive gunnery, the drumfire of artillery which I have seen and heard throughout weeks lay before me--the new Sahara. And in the middle of this awful desert was the field of a thousand shudders, nightmareland, the ultimate horror place in war.

People ask why the Germans retired. Do you wonder why they left? Here you have an inkling but only an inkling--of what the British soldier had to traverse the open

DOCTOR ROYSTER GUEST OF HONOR

BANQUET FOLLOWS PLEASING ADDRESS BY ONE OF STATE'S PROMINENT PHYSICIANS

Dr. Hubert A. Royster of Raleigh Secretary of the State Board of Medical Examiners was guest of honor Wednesday night of the Pasquotank Camden, Dare Medical Society at an elaborate seven course banquet served at the Southern Hotel. Preceding the banquet, Dr. Royster, who is a very pleasing speaker, delivered an address which is today being spoken of in highest terms by the physicians who were present. Dr. Royster was here to deliver this address at the special invitation of the society.

Those present were Doctors W. W. Sawyer, R. L. Kendrick, John Saliba, O. McMullan, I. Fearing, J. Fearing, R. B. Davis, W. A. Peters, E. W. Lister, W. L. Stevens, C. G. Ferebee, C. B. Williams, H. T. Aydtlett, and G. E. Newby.

Jury List For June Term

The following is the Jury List for Pasquotank County, North Carolina, term of Superior Court, beginning June 4, 1917.

FIRST WEEK Geo. W. Cartwright, Mt. Hermon; A. C. Bell; Enoch Speight; D. W. Cartwright, Mt. Hermon; William Horton; Job Ferebee; Jno Webb; T. Delos Cray; W. H. Wilson; Lemuel Jackson, Providence; Ned Rhodes; J. H. Hale; E. G. Davis; W. J. Williams; Victor M. Jenkins; H. C. Grice; Timothy Temple; Joseph Roach; Joe White, (Pearl street); John Berry; H. M. Cartwright; J. H. Gard, Jr.; T. J. Meades; Milton Ives.

SECOND WEEK W. H. Bunch; R. C. Winalow; W. A. Jennings; W. C. Morrisette; J. T. Temple, Providence; William W. Sawyer; R. N. Davis; C. A. Long; W. K. Carter; Gilbert Davis; W. T. Swain; Walter Hughes; C. W. Hollowell; W. H. Scott, Salem; J. P. Thompson; S. O. Mullen; L. R. Bundy; G. Pike; F. N. Williams; E. E. Roughton; J. E. Humphries; W. J. N. Wood; A. H. Baker; O. F. Seymour

THIRD WEEK Robert Meads; J. A. Meads, Nixonton; R. O. Hooper; W. H. Munden; C. S. Bell; N. B. Brothers; M. G. Morrisette; T. B. Jordan; W. A. Chappell; J. P. Greenleaf; William Lowry; W. C. Overman; H. W. Dailley; Cason Morrisette; W. C. Barnes; G. N. Winalow; E. F. Aydtlett Jr.; R. T. Venters; J. C. Modlin; Geo W. White Elizabeth City; W. J. Skiles; J. H. T. White; S. W. Beasley; W. Wescott.

WEEK OF PRAYER This afternoon's prayer service at Blackwell Memorial Church was led by Mrs. J. U. Lambert. The meeting Friday afternoon will be led by Mrs. R. T. Venters, the subject being "Our Outlying Opportunities."

LAST MEETING FRIDAY a add add law sunk of. Friday afternoon the last meeting of the Mother's Study Circle will be held at the First Methodist church. A large attendance is desired at this last meeting which sums up briefly the work of the very instructive course studied by the members for the past months.

MILLINERY WEEK AT MITCHELL'S

"Millinery Week starts tomorrow," says Mr. O. F. Gilbert, "at Mitchell's Department Store. I could not get and am ready to announce these big millinery values as they should be, because I am just back from another buying trip to New York and have not had time to catch up."