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Senate Passes War Resolution, Vote 82 to 6.

WILSON ASKS CONGRESS DECLARE STATE OF WAR

Congress Asked to Provide for Half Million Men
And Otherwise Prepare to End War Soon

"We Will Not Choose the Path of Submission" Was the Key-note of the Address of the President to the Joint Session of the War Congress, and the Sentiment was Cheered by the Representatives of the People and by Galleries.

Washington, April 2. Gravely and solemnly President Wilson tonight demanded that the United States recognize the state of war which Germany has thrust upon the nation and exert all of its powers to bring the government of Germany to terms, and end the war. Before the Congress in joint session, the president bitterly but dispassionately arraigned the German government for its warfare "against mankind" and urged its representatives of the people to act at once to put an end to the destruction of "man, woman and children in the submarine zone." In calm silence, but with determined faces, the senators and representatives listened as the President told them:

...and the galleries once more did voice their approval. The law makers of the nation sat in attentive and determined silence as the president laid down a program of war legislation, which must be enacted to enable the United States to take its place among the enemies of Germany effectively. He urged the utmost practical cooperation with the entire powers, and the extension to them of the nation's liberal financial resources. He declared the material resources of the nation must be organized and mobilized for military purposes. He urged the complete equipment of the navy to combat submarines. And he de-

clared for an immediate army of 500,000 to be raised on the principle of universal liability to service and subsequent armies as soon as they are needed. Finally he demanded adequate credits for the government to finance the war measures. He promised detailed drafts of legislation and estimates of expenditure from the departments in charge of war preparation to carry out his recommendations.

TO FACE CHARGE OF DEPOT ROBBERIES

Prominent Men of county must
Face charge of Depot Rob-
beries After Months of Search
to Unearth Evidence.

A series of robberies that have been recently in progress at Farmville and Whitehurst for more than twelve months, were on yesterday brought to light when prominent men residing in and near Bethel were taken into custody charged with entering rail-way cars and stations at the

ville, Farmville, Bethel and several other points on the local A. C. L. divisions. Still not having all evidence desired, Mr. Whitehurst continued to follow the tracks of the wagon and horse which carried him to the home of Rich Carson. The agent immediately notified officers and the suspects charged with the crime are reported to have given bond to await preliminary hearings. Greenville Reflector.

ACTIVITIES OF THE FARMVILLE CIVIC LEAGUE

Work of Civic League endorsed
by Chamber of Commerce of
Clean-Up Campaign and Beau-
tifying of Cemetery.

March 28, 1917
Mrs. J. W. Lovelace,
Civic League,
Farmville, N. C.
Dear Madame:—
At a recent meeting of the Farmville Community Chamber of Commerce a resolution was passed and adopted extending the appreciation and commendation to this body, representing as it does the progressive and industrious business life of Farmville,

FOLLOWING A DAY AND NIGHT OF BITTER DEBATE

In Which Charges of Treason Were Made The Sen-
ate Voted Eighty-Two to Six

Senator LaFollette Led the Attack on The Foreign Policy of the Administration and Held the Floor for Three Hours. He was Bitter in His Denunciation of the Policy of England and Upheld the Attitude the Germans Have Taken.

Washington, April 3.—Admin- istration plans for raising an army on the principle of universal liability to service, to be submitted to Congress as soon as the pending war resolution is adopted, are based on selective conscription of young men to be summoned to the colors as rapidly as they can be trained and officered. A detailed scheme for the registration of eligibles has been worked out.

"Whereas, the Imperial German 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 the state of war between the United States and the Imperial German Government, which has thus been thrust upon the United States, is hereby formally declared; 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 German Government; and to bring the conflict to a successful termination, all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States."

After married men, others with dependents and those whose service is required in industries have been exempted, others with in the age limits fixed will be examined physically, and those found fit will be selected, possibly by lot, until the first 500,000 to be trained are secured. It was made clear today that 500,000 is nowhere near the limit needed, and it is expected that more than 500,000 available will be trained in the first months of the war.

Others will be trained as rapidly as possible by officers from the regular army, national guard and officers' reserve corps. Maximum and minimum age limits for the first call are fixed in the administration plan, but will not be made public until it is presented to Congress. In recent discussions a minimum of 18 years and a maximum of 23 years have been mentioned.

Text of War Resolution.

Washington April 4.—The text of the war resolution, adopted last night by the Senate, was as follows:

Prove and File Accounts Against the county

All persons selling goods to the County are requested to furnish itemized proven statements of the same to the Register of Deeds on the last Thursday of each month, to be added for payment on each first Monday following. These accounts can be proven before the Register of Deeds without cost. Parties wishing their accounts against the county paid each first Monday will please observe this rule. This March 15, 1917. Board of Commissioners, Pitt Co. McD. Horton, Chairman.

the congress immediately took calmly but enthusiastically, the first steps toward declaring the existence of war and making ready for its prosecution. A joint resolution, worded almost exactly in the president's phraseology, was introduced in both the house and senate immediately after his speech was concluded. Congress leaders called the proper committees together this morning to take up the resolution for immediate action.

The leaders declared tonight that both houses would be prompt in making the declaration recommended by the president and in providing legislation to mobilize the man power, mon-

conviction of the proper parties, their efforts have been all in vain until yesterday when Mr. Whitehurst, station agent at Whitehurst discovered the entrance of thieves into the depot during Saturday night. He immediately followed the tracks of a wagon that lead from the station, which directed him to the warehouse of Mr. J. J. Ford, a prominent business man of Bethel. There was found goods consigned to merchants at Green-

A good idea on the part of the war office is the detached platoons, by which small towns, which are unable to organize full militia companies can get up detachments of smaller units.

cleaning up the town, particularly for its improvement, the cemetery and its inauguration of "Clean-up Week." I know of nothing which helps to beautify and express the civic pride of a town more than the planting of shrubbery and flowers in the "Silent City of the Dead." The hedge planted by your league around the Farmville Cemetery is certainly a thing which is appreciated by every citizen of the town and community. The inauguration of "Clean-up Week" is another step which typifies a forward movement of (continued on page 2)

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