

# President Demands Recognition Of State Of War Thrust Upon The Nation

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# URGES CO-OPERATION WITH ENTENTE POWERS

## Calls For An Immediate Army of Half Million Men

### Congress Prepares To Grant Demands

Gravely and Solemnly The President Presents the Full Situation to Joint Session of Congress, and Advises Representatives of American People to Take Steps to Exert All Powers and Employ All Resources To Bring The Government of Germany To Terms and End The War.

### OUTBURST OF ENTHUSIASM WHEN PRESIDENT DECLARES 'WE WILL NOT CHOOSE PATH OF SUBMISSION'

Nation's Chief Makes It Clear That The War The United States Is About To Embark in Is Not a War of Conquest But One for "The Rights of Mankind; A War Against The Prussian Autocracy and Not Against The German People.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—Gravely and solemnly President Wilson tonight demanded that the United States recognize the state of war 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 and dispassionately arraigned the German government for its warfare "against mankind," and urged the representatives of the people to act at once to put an end to the destruction of "men, women and children" in the submarine zone.

In calm silence but with determined faces, the Senators and Representatives listened as the President told them:

"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 people of the United States: That it formally accept the status of a belligerent which has thus been thrust upon it and that it take immediate steps not only to put the country in a state of defense, but to exert all its powers and employ all its resources to bring the government of Germany to terms and end the war."

Brought face to face with the fatal plunge into the maelstrom of the struggle which for three years has convulsed the world, 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. Congressional leaders called the proper committees together tomorrow 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, money power and all the resources of the nation for the coming struggle. The spirit in Congress was calm but determined and it evidenced itself in a wild outburst of enthusiasm when the President in the course of his address declared:

"We will not choose the path of submission."

For minutes the Congress and the spectators

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### SENATOR LODGE IS ATTACKED BY IRATE PACIFIST

After Receiving First Lick, The Senator Comes Back With a Swinging Right.

### A FREE-FOR-ALL FISTICUFF FOLLOWS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—Pacifists and patriotism clashed in the capital today on the occasion of the gathering of the new Congress. It was a verbal clash in the earlier hours of the morning when the throngs of "peace at any price" advocates assembled around "the great white pile on the hill," and began their series of buttonholing attacks on legislators, but it culminated toward the middle of the afternoon in actual fistuffs when the dignified Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, resenting the charge of cowardice from the lips of one of the buttonholers, called his opponent a liar and when the peacemaker swung a staggering blow into his face.

The attack upon Senator Lodge was followed by a free-for-all mix-up between the senator's secretaries, a telegraph messenger boy and the followers of the bellicose pacifists occurred. In a narrow hallway in the main building of the capitol, just off the rotunda, Alexander Bannwart, of Boston, accompanying Mrs. Anna May Hilliard, of Cambridge, had stopped at the senator's private office in the course of a presentation of the arguments to legislators. Senator Lodge politely told Bannwart he thought he needed no information as to the attitude of Massachusetts in the present international emergency.

"Anyone who wants to go to war at a time like this is a coward," Bannwart hissed at the senator.

"You're a liar," crisply enunciated Senator Lodge, his eyes flashing and his form stiffening.

In a second Bannwart had planted a blow at the senator's chin. The senator staggered at the force of the impact and nearly lost his balance, but he came back with a swinging right, and out of the senator's office piled the clerks and secretaries to end the fight.

### 'LITTLE' WASHINGTON FEARS GERMAN 'SUBS'

Suggested That Armed Craft Be Provided to Protect the City.

"It would not be impossible for a hostile submarine to come as far as Hatteras Inlet, unload a small boat, with a couple of guns aboard, send the boat up the Pamlico and play havoc in Washington," said Captain Dave Hill this morning in speaking of the means which Washington has for its defense.

"It appears to me that the thing we ought to do," he continued, "would be to try to get some guns down this way. They have them for protection of other cities and, in case of war, I think it would be highly essential that we have a few small-armed craft in these waters."

"It would be an easy matter for a submarine to carry one or two small boats in its hold for use in those waters along the coast where the depth is too shallow for the submarine to proceed."



Woodrow Wilson

"We will not choose the path of submission."—Woodrow Wilson.

### WAR MEASURE IS INTRODUCED IN BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—The United States will accept Germany's "State of war" and will meet force with force, if the amended resolution introduced tonight by Chairman Flood, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, prevails. This resolution will be considered by the House Foreign Affairs Committee when Congress meets tomorrow. It is:

"Whereas, the recent acts of the Imperial German Government are acts of war against the government and the people of the United States.

"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 is hereby authorized and directed to take immediate steps not only to put the country in a thorough state of defense but also to exert all of its power and employ all of its resources to carry on war against the Imperial German Government and to bring the conflict to a successful termination."

An identical resolution was introduced in the Senate by Senator Martin, the Democratic floor leader of that body.

### GERMANY CALLS ALL MEN TO COLORS

Every Available Man Able to Bear Arms Must Go To The Front.

COPENHAGEN, via London, April 2.—Germany, according to information reaching here from Berlin, now is gathering to the colors every available man for the supreme military effort to bring the war to a victorious conclusion in this year's campaign, a goal which Field Marshal von Hindenburg and his advisors consider by no means impossible of attainment.

No, Monde, dear; in discussing current topics it isn't absolutely necessary to limit yourself to the subject of electricity.

### DEMOCRATS IN FULL CONTROLL OF THE HOUSE

Organization Effected By Close Margin, With Aid of Four Independents.

### CHAMP CLARK IS RE-ELECTED SPEAKER

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—The War Congress was organized today by the Democratic party and the way was cleared tonight for immediate legislative action to support President Wilson in hostilities with Germany. The Democratic organization of the House was accomplished by a narrow margin, with the aid of four representatives elected as independents. The Senate, with a safe Democratic majority had already been organized in special session of the upper house, held March 5.

The election of Champ Clark as speaker, and other House officers, the adoption of Democratic House rules and the election of the House committee, kept the House busy from noon well into the evening, when arrangements were completed for a joint session of both houses to hear President Wilson's war address.

The session was marked by sombre business-like earnestness as the representatives of the people confronted a legislative decision that may throw the United States into the maelstrom of war. Democrats and Republicans in patriotic declarations even as they fought for partisan organization of the House.

The defeat of Republican Leader James R. Mann for speaker was accomplished by the defection of three representatives from his standard and the decision of independents to give the House control of the administration. The vote was: Clark 217; Mann 205; Lenroot, of Wisconsin, 2; Gillette, of Massachusetts, 2.

Clark received the votes of 213 Democrats, Schall, of Minnesota, Progressive; London, of New York, Socialist; Randall, of California, Prohibitionist; and Martin, of Louisiana, Progressive-Protectionist.

### TROOPS GUARD CAPITOL DURING THE WAR SPEECH

Extreme Precautions Taken Because of Feeling Between War Advocates and Pacifists.

### PRESIDENT WILSON IS CLOSELY GUARDED

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—Two troops of cavalry were ordered to the capitol tonight to guard against any disorder while the President delivered his war message. The soldiers rode through the city to the capitol about half an hour before the President was scheduled to start up Pennsylvania Avenue with an escort of secret service men. The high feeling between pacifists and war advocates, who crowded the city, led to

### American Armed Ship Is Destroyed

"Aztec" Was Torpedoed Without Warning Off The French Coast, According to Dispatch Received at French Embassy at Washington—Eleven Members of Crew Missing.

### SECRETARY DANIELS AWAITS THE OFFICIAL REPORTS BEFORE GIVING OUT NAMES OF GUN CREW ABOARD

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—Eleven of the crew of the armed American steamer "Aztec," torpedoed without warning off the French coast, are missing, according to a dispatch received at the French embassy tonight. No complete list of survivors of the ship was contained in the dispatch, which was garbled in transmission and which mentioned two missing boats after referring to the eleven men missing. The dispatch, as given out by the French embassy, read:

"The French minister of the navy has given the foreign office the following information: "The American steamer 'Aztec,' armed, bound from New York to Havre, has been sunk without warning April 1 off Ouessant. The torpedo

struck amidship, destroying the wireless apparatus and generating great quantities of asphyxiating gas. The first boat broke in two while being lowered. The second boat took off the captain, Lieut. Fuller Gresham, the naval officer in charge of the ship's guard and 15 men of the crew.

"The third boat took off the second officer and 18 men. Eleven men are missing. The boat with the captain was sighted by the French cattle ship 'Sirius' and this ship took the survivors aboard. Searching for the other."

Secretary of the Navy Daniels said he had no official information as to the sinking of the Aztec but that he would make public the names of the gun crew aboard just as soon as he could get a complete list of them.

### CALL TO MEN TO ENLIST IN NAVAL MILITIA

New Bern Company Needs 75 Able-Bodied Men to Bring It To War Strength.

### AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR COUNTRY

Are our people patriotic? When our nation is in peril it is the duty of our people to respond. Surely this section is not less patriotic than other sections of the country.

Lieutenant F. T. Brandt of the local Naval Militia is in need of seventy-five able bodied men to put his division on a war footing. The government gives good pay, the pay ranging from \$24.20 per month to \$77.00 and rations, outfit of clothing and medical attention.

The local division now has but thirty-eight qualified men. Let our men respond to the call of patriotic duty. Obey the impulse and communicate with Lieutenant F. T. Brandt, New Bern, at once and get information as to how to enlist. Do not delay. You have the opportunity to serve your country.

The usual monthly meeting of the Craven County Board of Education was held in the office of Mr. S. M. Beinson, superintendent of public instruction, yesterday morning, and the usual routine of business was attended to.

### CAMP GLENN AS TRAINING CAMP SEEMS CERTAIN

Learned That Officials of War Department Will Designate it as Mobilizing Point.

### FOR VOLUNTEERS AND NATIONAL GUARDSMEN

While nothing definite has been announced by the war department, relative to the National Guard and volunteers mobilizing at Camp Glenn, it has been learned from a confidential source, that this is the decision arrived at by those in charge. It was also reported in New Bern last night that several officers and men are expected to go to Camp Glenn today to prepare for the arrival of the troops.

In addition to the members of the National Guard, it is expected that several thousand volunteers will be sent there for training. The volunteers will not only come from North Carolina, but from other States along the Atlantic coast. Arrangements are being made to provide quarters for several thousand volunteers.

Francis Boyd, Louis Boyd and Pearlie Foy, colored, were arraigned in Police Court yesterday charged with engaging in a fight Saturday night. Louis Boyd was dismissed and the two women found guilty and fined five dollars and taxed with the cost. Walter Edwards, colored, was taxed with the cost for discharging a pistol within the city limits.