

NATION WORKS FEVERISHLY PREPARING FOR STRUGGLE

The President and His Cabinet Approve Plans For Bringing The Land Forces of The Nation Up to 1,200,000 Men Immediately.

WILL CO-OPERATE WITH ALLIES ON LAND AND SEA

Naval Program To Be Put in Effect Immediately Upon Passage By Congress of the War Resolution.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—War plans of vast magnitude were today considered by President Wilson and his advisors as they waited for Congress to accede to the President's demand for a war declaration against the Imperial German Government.

Active and aggressive co-operation with the navies and armies of the Allies, particularly in combating the submarine menace.

Continued supply of arms, munitions and supplies to the Allies overseas.

The control and mobilization of supplies for maintaining the civil population during the war.

The extension of financial aid, to the greatest possible extent, to the Allies actively engaged in land warfare in Europe.

The President and his cabinet today approved plans worked out by the War Department for bringing the land forces of the nation up to the point recommended by President Wilson in his war address to Congress.

These plans contemplate an immediate army of 1,200,000. This number would bring the militia and the regular army up to war strength and provide the 500,000 additional men asked for by the President.

The plans which will go to Congress at once contemplate the raising of the necessary additional men by a modified form of universal military service.

They likewise contemplate aggressive steps to officer this force with trained men from the regular army, the militia and the officers of the reserve corps.

As a start toward securing additional officers, Secretary Baker today announced that the first class at West Point, 125 men, would be graduated April 20, instead of waiting until June.

The cabinet and the President's advisors likewise approved today plans for co-operation between the naval forces of the United States and those of the Allies.

WILL IGNORE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF WAR

High German Official Tells I. N. S. Germany Will Not Attack United States.

ADHERE STRICTLY TO OLD PRUSSIAN TREATY

BERLIN, April 3.—Germany will ignore America's declaration of a state of war if it comes, or when it comes. This was made clear officially when about ten o'clock this morning the first press reports began to come in from New York and Washington telling of President Wilson's speech in Congress.

MIGHTY CHEER FOR AMERICA IN BRITISH HOUSE

Entrance of This Country Into War Spells Certain Early Victory for Allies.

NEWSPAPERS ISSUE EXTRAS FREQUENTLY

LONDON, April 3.—No gladder news has come to the people of Great Britain since they have been engaged in the world war than that of President Wilson's speech in Congress yesterday.

In the House of Commons early today a mighty cheer went up from the representatives of the people when Chancellor of the Exchequer announced the receipt of cablegrams from Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British Ambassador at Washington, expressing Sir Cecil's belief that the American Congress "would comply with President Wilson's recommendation."

From one end of the United Kingdom to the other America is tonight hailed as an ally—not however, as some new acquisition to the Entente, but as a factor that seals the Central Powers' doom and spells certain and early victory for the allies.

The morning papers had only brief excerpts of the President's speech—enough, however, to show that America's aid was casted. Cheering crowds throughout the day besieged the newspaper offices.

The effect upon public opinion was electric. It must not be forgotten that America's interest comes at a moment when the U-boat warfare is imposing real sacrifices upon every nation in the United Kingdom.

WAR AND NAVY CHIEFS WORK FAR INTO THE NIGHT

Many New Steps Outlined To Further Strengthen U. S. Fighting Forces.

SEEK LOWER PRICE ON STRUCTURAL STEEL

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—War and navy chiefs worked with tireless energy today and far into the night, completing all the details of the government war program. Many new steps were outlined to further strengthen the country for war both on land and sea.

WILL TAKE OVER ALL WIRELESS STATIONS

Government Will Not Wait For Congress to Act Before Taking This Step.

North Carolina Coast Artillery Has Been Called Out

RALEIGH, N. C., April 3.—The North Carolina Coast Artillery was called out tonight, but it has not been learned at what place they will be pressed into the Federal service.

EARLY MORNING FIRE AT HALLSBORO

Property Estimated At Between \$12,000 and \$15,000 Burned.

HALLSBORO, N. C., April 3.—This town was visited by a disastrous fire about 7 o'clock this morning and after the flames had been subdued it was found that damage approximating between \$12,000 and \$15,000 had been done.

Brand Whitlock Leaves Brussels

LONDON, April 3.—Brand Whitlock, former ambassador to Belgium, is on his way from Brussels to Basle on a special train provided by the German authorities.

CENTRAL POWERS PLAN TO MAKE A NEW PEACE OFFER SOON

Terms Will Not Be So Moderate As They Were Willing to Give After Proffer of December 12, But Terms Still Honorable to Both Groups of Belligerents, Berlin Dispatches Intimate.

INDEMNITY DEMAND WILL BE INCLUDED

AMSTERDAM, April 3.—Germany and her allies propose to make another peace offer shortly. This much is clearly stated in advices from Berlin. The date and details are still undetermined.

PLAN WARTIME DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD SUPPLIES

Huge Task To Be Placed Under Control of a Commercial Economy Board.

PREVENT SUFFERING CIVILIAN POPULATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—Wartime distribution of food supplies for the nation's civilian population is to be placed under the control of a commercial economy board, it was definitely decided today at a conference of the Council of National Defense and its advisory committee.

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Senate To Be Kept In Session Until The War Measure Is Passed

ALLIES MAKE FURTHER GAINS ON ST. QUENTIN

British Capture Henin-Sur-Cojeul, Five Miles Northwest of Arras.

FIGHTING NOT HALTED BY SWIRLING BLIZZARD

LONDON, April 3.—Further progress in the region of Arras in northern France was made by the British troops last night and today, while the French captured additional organized points of support south of St. Quentin, one of the few remaining strongholds in the "Hindenburg line."

A MYSTERIOUS LIGHT PASSES OVER THE CITY

Opinion Divided As to Whether It Was Paper Balloon or an Aeroplane.

GOING IN DIRECTION OF WILMINGTON

A great many of the citizens of New Bern were alarmed in the early part of last night by the appearance in the sky of what appeared to be the light from an aeroplane, or some air craft. It was between nine and ten o'clock when some one noticed a large red light moving over the city, and it was not long before several hundred of New Bern's citizens had noticed this very same red light.

New Cloture Rule Not to Be Put in Operation Unless "Little Group of Willful Men" Resort to Tactics to Prevent The Expression of Approval by Congress of Stand Taken by President.

WAR MEASURE TO BE TAKEN UP AT 10 A. M. TODAY

Black Looks and Growls From Galleries Greet LaFollette When He Causes Temporary Delay in Consideration of The Measure.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—Prompt action on the Flood-Martin resolution declaring a state of war to exist between the United States and the Imperial German Government was assured today when the Democratic Steering Committee decided to hold the Senate of the United States in continuous session until definite action has been taken on the measure.

This means that any "little group of willful men" disposed to interpose dilatory legislative tactics to prevent the expression of the approval by Congress of the very definite stand assumed by the President will have the question of physical endurance and a growing public sentiment against them to deal with.

The Senate is not expected to invoke its new cloture rule to limit free debate upon the war declaration. It recently possessed itself of this power but there will be a hesitancy about calling it into use just now.

Senator Robert M. LaFollette, of Wisconsin, halted consideration of the Flood-Martin resolution in the Senate today by the parliamentary maneuver of demanding the "regular order" which sent the consideration over until tomorrow morning.

There was a brief verbal clash between majority leader Martin of Virginia, and the Wisconsin Senator, but LaFollette, adhering to his position that the matter could not be discussed today, was sustained by Vice-President Marshall and the resolution went over.

In the House there was a delay because the Republican members of the committee on foreign affairs had not been selected. The committee will be chosen and a meeting will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow at which time it will get down to business.

In the Senate committee on foreign affairs, the chairman, Senator Stone of Missouri, cast the only negative vote on the favorable report of the Flood-Martin resolution.

It is not believed that a protracted debate in the House will follow the certainly favorable report of the war resolution from the Flood committee. The House with its drastic provisions for the application of a cloture rule can limit the debate on the measure to a virtual zero, but the impression prevails that this will not be necessary.

The trade of a King is getting so uncertain that some of them can tell for sure when they get up in the morning whether they are going to get in a full day's work.—Kansas City Times.

JOHN L. POTTER DIES AS RESULT AUTO ACCIDENT

Run Down by Touring Car Driven by J. H. Harrell, on Griffith Street.

VICTIM STEPPED IN FRONT OF MACHINE

A most distressing accident occurred on Griffith street near the Pine Lumber Company's mill yesterday about one o'clock when Mr. John L. Potter was run down and fatally injured by a touring car driven by Mr. J. H. Harrell.

Mr. Harrell, who is a saw filer for the Roper Lumber Company, was returning to his work after dinner, and just before arriving at the place where the accident occurred, Mr. Potter started across the street.

Mr. Potter stepped his car so as to go around Mr. Potter, but for some reason the latter changed his course the second time and started directly in front of the approaching car.

Mr. Potter was rushed to Fairview hospital, where his injuries were treated. The base of his skull was fractured and his jaw-bone was broken and his face badly crushed.

Mr. Potter, who was employed as a street hand by the city, is survived by one sister, Mrs. W. R. Dixon, of Wilmington, who has instructed that the body be shipped to Wilmington this morning for interment. There are no other relatives.

POLICEMAN FULCHER RESIGNS HIS POST

Accepted at Brief Session of the Board of Aldermen Last Night.

Last night was the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, but due to the election, which was held yesterday, only a short session was held.

The first and only business disposed of, in addition to allowing the bills, was the action on the resignation of Policeman Fulcher.

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