

WAR RESOLUTION PASSES SENATE PLANS MADE FOR ARMY OF MILLION House is Expected to Pass War Resolution Yesterday Afternoon—Germans Trying to stir up Negroes—Government to stop Ex- orbitant war profits—Congressmen threat- ened.

Washington, April 4.—The resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany was passed in the Senate tonight by a vote of 82 to 6. It will be taken up for passage in the House tomorrow.

The war resolution was passed by the Senate tonight by a vote of 82 to 6. It goes to the House, where debate will begin tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to continue until action is taken.

Senators who cast the negative votes were:

Alabama, North Dakota; La Follette, Wisconsin; Norris, Nebraska; Lane, Oregon; Stone, Missouri, and Vandenberg, Mississippi.

The resolution, drafted after consultation with the State Department and already accepted by the House Committee, says the state of war trust upon the United States by Germany is formally declared, and directs the President to employ the army, navy and naval forces and the resources of the Government to carry on war and bring it to a successful termination.

LaFollette Denounced

A vote in the Senate came just after 11 o'clock at the close of a debate that had lasted continuously since 10 o'clock this morning. The climax was reached late in the afternoon when Senator John Sharp Williams denounced a speech by Senator LaFollette as more worthy of an American Senator.

The passage of the resolution was opposed by any outburst from the galleries and on the floor. The speakers themselves were unusually calm and quiet. Many of them applauded the names in voices that were full of emotion.

The galleries were filled to overflowing, and on the floor back of the Senators' seats were almost half the membership of the House. In the diplomatic gallery was Secretary Lansing, Counselor Polk of the State Department, Minister Calderon of Bolivia and Minister Ekengren of Sweden. Earlier in the evening Ducrest Ritter, the Swiss Minister in charge of German interests in this country, had been there.

Secretary McAdoo was on the floor during the last few hours of the debate. As the last name was called and the clerk announced the vote 82 to 6, there was hardly a murmur of applause.

An Army of a Million

Detailed plans of the War Department for raising an army numbering millions, if that is necessary to bring the Government of the German Empire to terms, were placed in President Wilson's hands in the form of a bill prepared by the General Staff and reviewed and revised in part by Secretary Baker and the general officers who are his military advisers.

Secretary Baker said today that the bill would go to the House and Senate Committees as soon as the war resolution had been adopted.

Major General Scott, Chief of Staff, will explain the plan and the military reasons for the need to train the number of men the bill will produce, believed to be not less than two million within two years.

In the Navy Department, Secretary Daniels announced during the day that contracts for approximately two hundred submarine chasers or coast patrol boats had been let and additional contracts were being signed each day.

Preparations to take into the service a huge fleet of small motorcraft for inshore patrol work also are being completed.

German Efforts to Arouse Negroes

Birmingham, Ala., April 4.—Reports that agents of the German Government are using Elm Grove, a negro settlement near Greensboro, N. C., as headquarters for a campaign to incite Southern negroes against the Government of the United States today were confirmed by local Federal agents. The activities, according to the officials here, have extended to the tobacco and cotton belts of Georgia, Alabama, the Carolinas, and parts of Florida.

These efforts, however, have met with little sympathy among the negroes, who have pledged themselves in large numbers to support the President and render whatever service they could to the Nation in case of war.

Rumors have reached here that farmers in some agricultural districts

have formed Ku Klux Klans to meet possible uprisings or disaffection.

Government agents declared today that information reaching them led to the belief that in the event war with Germany is declared, efforts will be made by German agents to induce negroes to migrate to Mexico with a view to crippling industries in the South which depend on negro labor.

Stops Exorbitant War Profits

Washington, April 4.—The Government has invoked for the first time its drastic powers to strike a death blow at exorbitant war profits. Under authority of the last naval appropriation bill, a manufacturer was directed to furnish a large order of war supplies at a price fixed by the Government far lower than the figure voluntarily submitted. If the order is not obeyed the plant will be taken over and operated by the Government.

Officials would not disclose the name of the manufacturer nor the agency through which the order was given.

European Governments are paying an average of 10 per cent profit on war materials purchased in the United States, it was asserted authoritatively today that the Government of the United States intended to buy its own supplies at less than that rate of profit to the seller.

Germany is Stronger Than Ever

London, April 4.—Germany is stronger today than at any time during the war, and the retirement of her armies in France means that she is moving back in the hope of becoming still stronger, according to General Sir William R. Robertson, Chief of the Imperial Staff at Army Headquarters, who addressed a conference of the trade unionists today, explaining the Government's proposals on man power.

Congressmen Threatened

Several members of Congress turned over to the Department of Justice today telegrams and letters threatening their lives for supporting the war resolution. The Department's agents are seeking the senders.

TAX LISTERS APPOINTED

COUNTY OFFICERS FORBIDDEN FROM BECOMING SURETY ON NOTES, ETC.—JAILER ALLOWED INCREASE FROM 15 TO 65¢ FOR FEEDING PRISONERS.

At the regular monthly meeting of the county board of commissioners Monday at which all five members were present, an order was passed forbidding bonded county officers from becoming surety on money obligations, the tax listers for the several townships were appointed and the pay allowed jailer R. R. Lackey for feeding prisoners was advanced from 45¢ per day to 65¢ per day, the result of high cost of living.

The surety order reads: "It is ordered by the Board that hereafter all county officials who are required by law to give official bonds for the faithful performance of their duties and for the safe accounting of public funds passing through their hands, be and they are hereby forbidden to become surety on obligations involving the payment of money and they are forbidden to incur liabilities of any kind which would tend in any way jeopardize the public funds which are placed in their hands by law."

Tax Listers

The following were appointed tax listers for the year 1917: No. 1 J. A. McCraw; No. 2 J. W. P. Hill; No. 3 W. D. Earl; No. 4 Forest Floyd; No. 5 E. L. Whitworth; No. 6 J. Frank Williams; No. 7 J. G. Lattimore; No. 8 Andrew J. Lattimore; No. 9 W. A. Gantt; No. 10 S. T. Carpenter; No. 11 J. C. Newton.

Two Townships Want Road Bonds

Two orders were made for elections in No. 5 and 9 townships to vote on \$40,000 worth of bonds for each township to build good roads. Attorney C. R. Hoey found conflicts in the general laws and before the elections are called he is getting a ruling for the attorney general on the interpretation of the laws. One general law says counties can vote bonds for good road purposes, the elections to be held May 8th and by using the credit of the state which will sell bonds at a much lower rate of interest than a county or township have the money at 5 per cent.

which will pay interest and mature bonds in 41 years. Another law reads that townships cannot take advantage of the state's credit in this manner without first waiting three months to see whether the county accepts the proposition. It is thought however, that the elections will be held but Mr. Hoey is waiting to find out whether they shall be May 8th or three months later.

The following bills were ordered paid and other business transacted: J. M. Carpenter, bridge work \$58.66.

J. R. Reynolds, feeding prisoner \$8.25.

N. R. Morris, lumber \$9.12.

O. V. Warlick, building fill \$12.50.

B. F. Lindsay, d. s. services \$8.40.

W. C. Barnett, bridge work \$16.25.

Mauney-Green Co., supplies for Philbeck \$12.15.

Rush Stroup, pay roll culvert work \$64.20.

C. P. Peeler, building pier \$15.

Noah Hamrick, lumber \$6.67.

M. P. Harrelson, lumber and nails \$1.09.

M. M. Mauney, lumber \$118.82.

W. H. Hoyle, bridge work \$5.50.

C. J. Hamrick and Sons, nails and iron \$8.70.

G. A. Green, bridge work \$45.25.

West Disinfectant Co., disinfectant \$17.19.

L. L. Perkins, court stenographer \$39.50.

Piedmont Telephone Co., phone rent and call \$5.20.

J. J. Pruett, officer on grand jury \$6.00.

E. B. Lattimore, county physician \$30.

R. M. Gidney, farm demonstrator, \$50.

J. M. London, judge election \$4.

M. C. Ellis, freight and drayage \$2.70.

Southern Express Co., express \$16.

City Cafe, feeding jurors \$4.20.

The Printery, envelopes \$1.12.

News-Pub. Co., printing and advertising \$2.00.

R. L. Wilson, granted release on \$349 real estate, error.

Good Roads Supply Co., hammocks for jail \$44.70.

Rutherford county, expenses paper per \$8.55.

Star Pub. Co., printing and advertising \$75.50.

News-Pub. Co., printing and advertising \$5.

L. A. Humphries, serving notice \$60.

R. A. White, bridge work \$4.

I. N. Z. Huffman, bridge work \$7.25.

A. R. McNeilly, bridge work \$47.71.

Herndon and Hambricht, bridge iron and bolts \$91.25.

C. G. Poston, expense prisoner \$3.40.

E. W. Dixon, calling court \$12.

Arcey Bros. auto for jurors \$6.50.

L. U. Arrowood, cement \$136.50.

School District No. 78 election ordered.

Shelby Hotel, feeding jurors \$18.

W. D. Lackey, postage and telegrams \$16.34.

Plato Grigg, trip to Morganton \$10.

Contract made with J. A. Smith for hire of Roy Degree.

J. C. Eaker, service \$2.

Young and Boyles, part burial expense Eliza Revis account pension \$20.

Farmers Hardware Co., hardware \$19.95.

Town of Shelby, in stallment on pavement \$277.44.

Hannah Whitworth ordered to county home.

Mary Dellinger's allowance ordered discontinued.

W. D. Lackey, sheriff elect, presented his bond and took oath of office.

H. T. Fulton, service as county commissioner, Dec. 4th 1916 to April 2nd 1917, \$49.50. Dr. J. G. Hord, damage to land account of road \$100.

C. C. Martin, culvert work \$9.

County Home Bills

Hull Bros., dry goods \$8.84.

J. L. Allen, groceries \$3.34.

M. A. McSwain, groceries \$33.

Fayal and Oxford, shop work \$11.15.

J. W. Wilson, shop work \$2.10.

Farmers Hardware Co., hardware \$9.63.

W. B. Palmer's Sons, groceries \$8.45.

Tom Tucker, 1 month salary \$19.50.

J. L. Suttle Co., dry goods and groceries \$62.64.

J. C. Mull, salary and help \$59.

Total county home \$173.98.

GO TO CHURCH ON EASTER

It is the solemn day of the Lord's resurrection. "Now is Christ risen from the dead." Make one in the great congregations which throughout Christendom acclaim the rising of Christ and gain in spiritual richness by the acknowledgment of His Lordship. Bow the head and bend the knee in gratitude to God for the passing of winter's perils and in joyful anticipation of spring and summer.

It is time for prayer. Join the worshippers.

Evans E. McBrayer, the store that satisfies.

FREE FLAGS FOR THE CHILDREN

EVERY CHILD IN COUNTY COMMENCEMENT PARADE WILL BE GIVEN A FLAG—FLAG SALUTE ON COURT SQUARE AFTER PARADE.

Although it was raining yesterday and looked like unfavorable weather for county commencement exercises tomorrow, Supt. Irvin held out hope for a clear sky, warmth and sunshine and said the commencement exercises would not be postponed, whatever the weather might be. He feels that if the smaller children are unable to come, it is unwise to postpone exercises and if the larger boys and girls are able to get here for the various contests to be held in public buildings about the city, the day will be worth while and much good accomplished.

This will be Cleveland county's fifth annual commencement and with favorable weather, the largest crowd in all history is expected. Heretofore occasions of this kind have brought 8,000 or more people together. With several mills agreed to stop work on this day, special accommodation on the railroads and interest aroused by reason of the successful commencement exercises in the past, Mr. Irvin confidently expects the largest educational rally in the history of Cleveland.

Tomorrow will be a sort of patriotic occasion and this is entirely opportune in view of the impending war with the Imperial German Government. The county Board of Education at their meeting Monday placed an order for 3,000 flags which will be given to the children who participate in the parade. These flags are on staff and are 12x36 and 5 1/2 by 7 1/2 inches. Each child in the parade will carry a flag and after the parade is over they will salute a large "Old Glory" on the court square.

Kings Mountain will bring a large flag, so will Patterson Springs and the Junior Order will furnish a mammoth Old Glory to be carried at the head of the parade. The Junior Order flag used on this occasion will be formally presented to the Shelby school on a later date at which time some speaker of note will deliver a patriotic fraternal address.

The baseball game in the afternoon gaged to furnish music and the Lawndale train will carry special coaches to accommodate the travel from upper Cleveland. The train will remain over in the afternoon until after all exercises are over.

The committee on athletics is composed of S. C. Lattimore, Prof. Sloan and Frank Orr. Races will be run around the square where the asphalt paving furnishes an excellent track for running. As is noted elsewhere in this issue, automobiles will not be allowed to park on either side of the streets around the square.

The baseball game in the afternoon will be between Fallston and Kings Mountain, while Kings Mountain basketball team will either play Fallston or Elizabeth.

Exhibits have been coming in fast and will be on display in the Graded School building. The exhibits which have always been a great feature of county commencement will be much better this year than ever before. The eighth grade of Kings Mountain will send its entire exhibits which won first prize at the school fair held there a short time ago, while the Grover school has engaged eighty square feet of space for its splendid exhibits.

Important Meeting

The Board of Trade in the very beginning decided that anything done for the good of the county would be good for the town, therefore a committee on Agriculture was appointed consisting of Col. J. T. Gardner, C. T. Hord, W. L. Lineberger, W. J. Arcey, and Dr. R. M. Gidney. This committee met yesterday afternoon and agreed to recall a conference of the farmers and dairymen of the county to be held next Saturday, April 7, at the court house for the purpose of selecting a standard grade of cattle for Cleveland county and to discuss a proposed plan to bring several car loads of pure bred cattle into the county. All are agreed that Cleveland county is well adapted to the cattle industry and this movement on the part of the Board of Trade should meet with hearty cooperation on the part of the farmers and dairymen. Mr. Arcey, representing the State Department of Agriculture is in Shelby today and will remain over for the conference Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. He will give an illustrated lecture in the court house at this hour, using some very interesting slides that every one should see.

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PRESIDENT WILSON ASKS CONGRESS TO DECLARE THAT STATE OF WAR EXISTS

Army of half million more men is asked
Course of German Government is nothing less than WAR against Government of UNITED STATES—Wants full co-operation with Entente Allies.

Washington, April 2.—President Wilson tonight asked Congress, assembled in joint session, to declare a state of war existing between the United States and Germany.

In a dispassionate but unmeasured denunciation of the course of the Imperial German Government, which he characterized as a challenge to all mankind and a warfare against all Nations, the President declared that neutrality no longer was feasible or desirable where the peace of the world was involved; that armed neutrality had become ineffectual enough at best, and was likely to produce what it was meant to prevent, and urged that Congress accept the gauntlet of battle with all the resources of the Nation.

"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," said the President, "that it formally accept the status of belligerent, which has thus been thrust upon it, and that it take steps not only to put the country in a more thorough state of defense, but also to exert all its power and employ all its resources to bring the Government of the German Empire to terms and end the war." When the President had finished speaking, resolutions to declare a state of war existing between the United States and Germany were introduced in both houses of Congress, referred to appropriate committees and will be debated tomorrow. There is not doubt of their passage.

The objects of the United States in entering the war, the President said, were to vindicate the principles of peace and justice against "selfish and autocratic power." Without selfish ends, for conquest or dominion, seeking no indemnities or material compensations for the sacrifices it shall make, the United States must enter the war, the President said, to make the world safe for democracy, as only one of the champions of the rights of mankind, and would be satisfied when those rights were as secure as the faith and freedom of Nations could make them.

To Help Other Nations

The President's address was sent in full to Germany by a German official news agency for publication in that country. The text also went to England and a summary of its contents was sent around the world to other Nations.

To carry on an effective warfare against the German Government which he characterized as a "natural foe to liberty" the President recommended:

"Utmost practical co-operation in counsel and action with the Governments already at war with Germany. "Extension of liberal financial credits to those Governments so that the resources of America may be added so far as possible to theirs.

"Organization and mobilization of all the material resources of the country.

"Full equipment of the Navy particularly for means of featurizing with submarine warfare.

"An army of at least 500,000 men, based on the people of universal liability to service, and the authorization of additional increments of 500,000 each as they are needed or can be handled in training.

"Raising necessary money for the United States Government so far as possible without borrowing and on the basis of equitable taxation."

All preparations, the President urged, should be made in such way as not to check the flow of war supplies to the Nations already in the field against Germany.

Co-operation Besought

Measures to accomplish all those ends, the President told Congress would be presented with the best thought of the executive departments which will be charged with the conduct of the war, and be besought consideration for them in that light.

President Wilson's appearance before Congress was marked by a scene of the greatest enthusiasm ever shown since he began the practice of delivering his addresses in person. Crowds on the outside of the Capitol cheered him frantically as he entered and as he left. Congress roared cheer after cheer in an outburst of patriotic enthusiasm.

From the galleries the only members who appeared not to be joining in the demonstration were some members of the group which the Presi-

ARMY OF A MILLION

Will Have Been Marshaled if the Half Million, Asked by President Wilson Are Added to Full War Strength.

Washington, April 2.—Army and Navy preparations were believed by officials tonight to have reached a stage of guaranteeing against all immediate defense needs, and insuring that the more sweeping steps Congress is expected to authorize can be carried out promptly.

During the day more National Guardsmen were called into the Federal service for police duty, making a total of more than 60,000 of the State troops now assigned to guard against internal disorders. The War Department also announced that in order not to handicap Government construction work, all Guardsmen who are Government employes of private plants doing Government work will be mustered out.

The guard organizations called out today are as follows:

- Virginia—Fourth Infantry, First and Second Coast Artillery, Battery B, Field Artillery.
- West Virginia—Second Infantry.
- Vermont—First Infantry.
- Connecticut—Second and Fourth Companies Coast Artillery.

Gain in Recruiting

Returns today from recruiting stations showed big gains in the number of men accepted by the Army and Navy. During March the gain in the Army was 5,723 and while declining to go into details, War Department officials said the total strength was nearing the authorized peace maximum of 120,000. The daily returns to the Navy Department showed that today had set a new record with 73 applicants accepted.

Another indication of the Government's preparations for a large army was evidenced today in the announcement that the old Fort Ringgold military reservation in Texas has been restored to the War Department for military purposes. It is assumed that the transfer was made to provide training space.

War Department plans for the mobilization of a war-time army has been completed for some days, and are ready for submission to the military committees of the House and Senate. No details of the proposal to be made as to the method of assembling the force have been given out, but President Wilson's words to Congress tonight indicated the scope of the first step to be taken.

Officers for Army

The War Department recently directed that sixty or more non-commissioned officers and enlisted men from each regiment in the regular army be selected by their commanders to form a provisional list of men available for duty as officers. No examinations were required. These lists now have been completed and with the steadily increasing Officers' Reserve Corps furnish six or eight thousand men who will hold commands in the half million army to be mobilized.

Officials of the Army General Staff are virtually unanimous in believing that troops should not be sent to the battle front with less than twelve months intensive training.

If the plans adopted call for 500,000 Federal troops in addition to bringing the present regular army and National Guard forces up to their maximum strength, the United States army would number more than 1,200,000.

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