

WEATHER FORECAST.
Fair to-day; not so cold; snow to-mor-
row; light north winds.
Highest temperature yesterday, 31; lowest, 19.
Detailed weather reports on first page.

The Sun.

IT SHINES FOR ALL

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WAR DECLARED ON AUSTRIA ONLY ONE VOTE RECORDED AGAINST IT IN CONGRESS

Senate Passes Resolution,
74 to 0, and House,
361 to 1.

"NO" BY MEYER LONDON

New York Socialist Re-
buked—La Follette Ab-
sent at Roll Call.

BUSY ON AMENDMENT

Lodge Criticises Failure to
Include Turkey and
Bulgaria.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The United States of America and the Austro-Hungarian Empire are at war. At 5:03 this afternoon President Wilson, in the presence of Secretary Tumulty, affixed his signature to the joint Congressional resolution which had been passed by the House and Senate in the course of a single afternoon, and theoretically hostilities began.

In the Senate the war resolution was passed by a vote of 74 to 0. Of the six Senators who voted against war against Germany, Greece, Norway, Stone and Vardaman today voted "Aye." Lane and La Follette were absent.

In the House the resolution passed by 361 to 1, the negative being Meyer London's.

The declaration sets forth that a state of war exists between the two nations. It is not retroactive, but declares only the established fact. Hence the actual beginning of war is the moment at which the Congressional enactment became effective.

Immediately the President put aside his official duties in order to attend to the duties of Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy.

President Wilson at once summoned to the White House A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney general, and a number of other officials, and in a few minutes he had assembled around him a group of his closest advisers.

Plans to Assist Italy.

Throughout the world to allies of the United States and neutral Governments the word was flashed that America's official position with regard to the dual monarchy had terminated by the war declaration. With war declared, plans for the assistance of Italy in her present plight are now under consideration. These plans, it is believed, include the sending of an American military force through neutral territory to assist Italy in her present plight.

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Declaration of War on Austria-Hungary.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The special resolution declaring war against Austria-Hungary is as follows:

JOINT RESOLUTION
Declaring that a state of war exists between the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian Government and the Government and the people of the United States, and making provision to prosecute the same.

Whereas the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian 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 a state of war is hereby declared to exist between the United States of America and the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian Government, and the President be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and resources of the Government to carry on war against the Imperial and Royal Austro-Hungarian Government, and to bring the conflict to a successful termination all the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States.

THOMAS R. MARSHALL, Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate.
WOODROW WILSON.

ALLIES' SHIPS TO BE POOLED TO BE POOLED All Tonnage Will Be Driven at Maximum and Go Where Most Needed.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
PARIS, Dec. 7.—The creation of an inter-allied board to control sea transport and the feeding of the Allies is considered the solution of one of the most important questions dealt with by the inter-allied conference.

The delegates came here with the realization that unless the necessary tonnage could be found plans regarding the transportation of foodstuffs and munitions to the troops could not be carried out according to program.

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CABINET FAVORS RUSSIAN REDS WILSON PLAN OF CONTROL ROADS SEEM TO HOLD SIBERIAN ROAD

Message to Congress Soon Unless Opponents Give Cogent Reasons? WOULD MAKE LOAN EASY RUMANIA CAN'T FIGHT

Labor's Attitude in Doubt; Lovett Issues New Rules; Coal Is Coming Here.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—All indications to-day seem to point to the conclusion that the President will address Congress soon on the railroad situation and that he will advocate Government control of the railroads for the duration of the war.

The Cabinet had a lengthy session to-day with the railroads as the chief topic of discussion. The President, it is understood, did not indicate that his mind was fully made up as to the course he would pursue, but unless some cogent argument is presented to him in the next few days against the plan for Government control it is almost certain that he will urge that the railroads during the war be operated under Government auspices.

A majority of the Cabinet, it appears now, favors this plan. Secretary McAdoo, Postmaster-General Burleson and Attorney-General Gregory are understood to be particularly in favor with respect to the advisability at this time of making the railroads part of the Government machinery to be operated under Government control.

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The newspaper Praeda, organ of the Bolshevik Government, announces that a division is printed in Petrograd by the Red Guard has been sent to Tobolsk, 1,500 miles east of Moscow, to guard Nicholas Romanoff, the former Russian Emperor.

An armed Maximist force has occupied the Marie Palace in Petrograd and has expelled the All-Russian Commission in charge of the elections for the Constituent Assembly.

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BODIES OF 1,600 DEAD DUG FROM RUINS AT HALIFAX; BLIZZARD ADDS TO TERROR

HORRORS TOLD BY SURVIVORS

Halifax Dead Piled Like Cord-wood—Worse Than Battlefield, Says Soldier.

BEDLAM RULED IN CITY

Parents and Children Crazed by Terrifying Sights and Shock.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 7.—A story of bodies piled like so much cord wood, of suffering, misery and desolation to-day from passengers who arrived from Halifax. Among the first of the soul harrowing narratives was one from a passenger that he had seen fifty bodies piled in a heap, and that in a walk from Halifax to Needham 169 bodies had been counted scattered in the fields.

C. H. Frazzell, who was one of the early arrivals, told this city Wednesday night and on Thursday was an eye witness to the horrors of Halifax. A train came along as he watched the scene. Near its track walked a continuing procession of groaning, shivering, terrified and benumbed. They were taken on board the train. Among the refugees was one little fellow who had lost both of his legs and who was added to the bedlam with his frantic appeals for help.

School's Fall Killed 200.

He told of the spectacular destruction of St. Joseph's Church and of the collapse of the Richmond school, killing 200 little children in the ruin. A mother, standing in the street, calling for help which could not be had, to save her husband and four children who were imprisoned in their burning home, followed in the procession of groaning details.

A brakeman sat in the caboose of a freight train apparently in the act of lighting a cigarette. When he was approached it was found that he was dead. The smoking cigarette still remained between his unclenched fingers.

Thomas Trainer, a pilot, said that 100 bodies had been seen in the harbor that had been damaged and said that the number of bodies killed was large.

The bodies of European soldiers, which he had seen at the scene, were piled up in a parallel to the scene witnessed at Halifax, in the opinion of Duncan Grey, who arrived here to-day. He was engaged in inspecting the scene and the water front when the devastation began and barely escaped before the buildings collapsed. This is his story:

"A few seconds before the explosion a gust of wind swept through the shed and then down came pillars, boards and beams. I rushed to the open end of the shed, and as I did so I saw the water rising and I expect to see it in a few minutes."

"I have been in the trenches