



PRESIDENT'S WAR MESSAGE WILL BE DELIVERED TO CONGRESS LATE TODAY

CHAMP CLARK IS RE-ELECTED VOTE 217-205

Chief Executive Urges Legislative Body to Hurry Organization Work So That International Crisis May Be Taken Up at Once; Plan to Provide Great Sum to Finance War Department

SENTIMENT FOR A DECLARATION OF WAR PREDOMINATES AT CAPITAL

Leaders of Both in Senate and House Prepare Bills Giving Chief Executive Authority to Proceed; Factional Lines Not to Hamper Work For Defense of Nation

Washington, April 2---President Wilson will address a joint session of Congress at 8 o'clock this evening.

Washington, D. C., April 2.—The Senate, when it reconvened, recessed again until 5 p. m., to wait for the House to perfect organization. President Wilson, it was said, was prepared to speak as late as 5 o'clock.

Washington, April 2.—Speaker Clark was re-elected today by a vote of 217 to 205 over his Republican opponent, Representative Mann, as the first step in organization of the House of Representatives — the necessary preliminary to the delivery of President Wilson's "war" address. With the re-election of Speaker Clark it seemed certain that President Wilson would deliver his address late this afternoon.

It is expected on every hand that he will ask Congress to declare that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany. This seemed so certain that Chairman Flood, of the House of Foreign Affairs Committee, the administration spokesman there, prepared a resolution, to declare a state of war and authorize the President to attack.

The resolution follows: "Whereas the recent course of the imperial German government is in fact nothing less than war against the government and 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 belligerency 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, to take immediate steps not only to put the country in thorough state of defense, but also 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."

Washington, April 2.—Congress assembled at noon to-day for a session generally agreed to be the most momentous in the history of the republic.

President Wilson, ready with his address, which it is believed will ask that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, waited only for the organization of the House of Representatives.

As Congress assembled President Wilson practically decided to make his address to-day immediately after the organization of the House, even if it should be deferred until the late afternoon or early evening.

Democratic House leaders got word from the White House to hurry the organization as much as possible. All plans had been on the expectation that the President would speak to-morrow, but the leaders promised to do all they could to meet his wish to speak to-day. Congress assembled with a majority openly in favor of a declaration of a state of war, if not actually a declaration of war.

To Inform Foreign Nations President Wilson's address immediately will be sent to all the foreign embassies and legations and will be telegraphed to American diplomats abroad. It was acknowledged to-day that foreign governments on receipt of it may interpret it as they think best even to assume that it so closely approximates recognition of a state of war as to necessitate the issuing of neutrality proclamations. Whether such a step will be taken by any neu-

tral prior to formal action by Congress is unknown here. Beset on one side with large delegations of pacifists praying for peace and beset on the other by large numbers of "patriotic pilgrims" who demand the country's entrance into the war, Congress waited to hear the President outline the long history of German aggressions against American rights and rights and the predatory violence of her submarines. Administration officials consider Germany has been making war on the United States for some time. A large majority in Congress takes the same view. The minority is divided between those who think a state of armed neutrality is sufficient for the present and the very few who openly favor peace at any price.

War Spirit Evident The Capitol was arrayed in a war spirit as Congress assembled. The pacifist delegations wearing white bands on their sleeves or white streamers across their breasts, paraded the sidewalks in numbers, filled the House and Senate galleries and made calls on their Congressmen. They moved about without demonstration and there were few evidences of hostility against them. The patriotic pilgrims were hard to distinguish among thousands of citizens who went about the day's work wearing American flags. The national

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THE PRESIDENT

CRIES FOR PEACE AND WAR RESOUND IN WASHINGTON

Pacifists Plan to Make Hostilities Short if War Comes

By Associated Press

Washington, April 2.—Pacifists and anti-pacifist pilgrims besieged official Washington to-day in an eleventh hour effort to influence Congress toward their respective views of impending war with Germany. Street parading was denied both by police orders, but the program of each called for unorganized sidewalk processions to the capitol, where Senators and Representatives might be canvassed for their peace or war ideas. Simultaneously thousands of telegrams from all parts of the country poured in upon the Capitol and White House either praying for peace or urging drastic action to uphold American rights and honor. Flags floated from nearly every window in downtown Washington, from

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Hang Out the Flag, Proclamation Urges

At this time, when the burden of responsibility that rests upon the shoulders of the President of the United States, the members of his cabinet and the members of Congress grows heavier daily, it is fitting that they should receive that inspiration that comes from the realization that ours is really ONE nation, devoted only to ONE flag and inhabited by a citizenry willing to pay whatever price may be necessary in order to protect the honor and maintain the dignity of our land.

And since the flag of our country is the symbol of our common patriotism and since we can at this time as a community give no more convincing visible evidence of our loyalty and our devotion to our government than by a simultaneous display of that flag, I request that the Stars and Stripes be prominently displayed by the home owners and businessmen of this city. Let us make the day one memorable by reason of a city-wide Flag Day Demonstration of Patriotism. Let us see to it, particularly, that the children in the schools, the Boy Scouts and kindred organizations are privileged to hear a generous part in the observance. EGRA S. MEALS, Mayor.

Harrisburg, April 1.

LODGE KNOCKS DOWN PACIFIST IN FIST FIGHT

Senior Senator From Massachusetts Knocks Down Peace Crank; Lie Passed Before Encounter; Had Called Lodge a Coward in Effort to Get Him to Vote For Peace at Any Price

By Associated Press

Washington, April 2. — A personal encounter between Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Alexander Bannwart, of Dorchester, Mass., in which the Senator knocked his opponent down, occurred to-day in the corridors of the Capitol.

Bannwart, with the Rev. Paul Harris Drake, of Christ Church, Dorchester, and several other men and women of pacifist delegations, called Senator Lodge to the door of his committee room and asked him to vote against a declaration of war with Germany. Senator Lodge replied that if President Wilson asked for such a declaration he certainly would support it. "That is cowardice," retorted one of the group. "National degeneracy is worse than cowardice," replied the Massachusetts Senator. "You are a coward," said Bannwart. "You are a liar," retorted Senator Lodge. Bannwart advanced and struck the Senator, who then, despite his sixty odd years, launched a blow that sent Bannwart sprawling on the hard tiled corridor.

Bannwart and several of his friends were taken in charge by the Capitol police. Bannwart told the Capitol police he was not the aggressor and contended that Senator Lodge struck the first blow. In other respects his story did not differ greatly from that told by the Senator in the Senator's office. After Senator Lodge finished with the pacifist, David B. Herman, of this city, stepped in and, according to spectators, pummeled Bannwart, cutting several gashes in his forehead and spreading blood over his face. Bannwart was taken to a police station with directions that a charge of assault on Senator Lodge be preferred against him. The others in the group with him were allowed to go. Senator Lodge appeared on the floor when the Senate met. Scores of Senators went over to the Massachusetts Senator's desk and shook his hand. Bannwart's Story Pacifist headquarters gave out a statement about the affair, which in part was as follows: "A group of Massachusetts delegates to the peace gathering were received by Senator Lodge. A plea for peace was presented and replied to by Senator Lodge. On some further talk by Alexander Bannwart, of Boston, an American, and said to be of Swiss descent, the senator suddenly called 'you are a damned liar.' "The Massachusetts man replied: 'Then I must call you one,' or words to that effect. "On this Senator Lodge struck Bannwart in the face. Two Boston men struck back, knocking the senator down. Thereupon a group of young men came out of the senator's office and began severely to pummel and beat Bannwart, striking him, also, whether or not accidentally, a young lady among the delegates who was trying to explain."

HOLD THREE FOR SYSTEMATICALLY ROBBING STATION

\$300 Worth of Booty Recovered From Employes of Rutherford Transfer

Following the arrest Saturday night of three employes of the Philadelphia and Reading freight transfer station at Rutherford booty valued at \$300 was recovered. It is said that the robberies have been going on for some time.

The men arrested are Clarence C. Pechart, of Hayes Grove, and Phebus and Charles Hershey, of Hummelstown. They were given a hearing this morning before Alderman C. E. Murray, of the Third ward. Pechart fur-

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Wants Everyone to Do Days Work on Farm As Preparedness Step

Captain Henry M. Stine is planning to advocate a campaign to have citizens in all walks of life do at least one day's work on the farm this summer.

Captain Stine will take the plan up with the Chamber of Commerce, because of the food situation which may exist in the State in the fall is something is not done to aid the farmers and agriculturists. Captain Stine also urges the use of all vacant lots and large yards for gardening during the summer to increase the crops and prevent any possible shortage.

\$15,000 FOR HOMES Building permits were issued to-day to Shanno Brothers for the erection of two three-story brick houses, one two-story brick barn and two two-story brick houses at the corners of Seventeenth and Walnut and Seventeenth and Elm streets. The total cost of the construction will be \$15,000.

RAILWAYS PAYS DIVIDEND Stockholders of the Harrisburg Railways Company received to-day their dividend of 1 1/2 per cent, which is 87 1/2 cents per share on the preferred stock of the company.

COAL EXPERT DIES Pittsburgh, Pa., April 2.—George W. Schluenderberg, aged 74, general manager of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, and noted as a coal mine expert, died at his home here yesterday.

BRIDGE GUARD EXCHANGES SHOTS WITH THREE MEN

Sighted Acting Suspiciously Around Base of C. V. Bridge Pier

POLICE RUSH TO AID

Make Escape in Boat; Many Bullets Fired, but in Darkness No One Is Hit

Early this morning one of the watchmen on the Cumberland Valley bridge was shot at by three men whom he had accosted for loitering under the bridge at Island Park. The guard exchanged shots with them and sent for a detachment of police who scoured the island but could discover no one. The guard noticed three men loitering and acting suspiciously near the base of one of the piers. He accosted

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Twenty-Three Violators of Traffic Laws Are Given Police Court Hearings

Twenty-three violators of traffic ordinances relating to automobiles were heard this afternoon at police court. Saturday night, seven more were added to the sixteen that had been ordered to appear this afternoon. Not only speeders but several who were driving within the city limits without dimmers were arrested.

Four motormen were on the list who were running street cars with headlights undimmed. Complaints are being made to the police department concerning motormen on rural lines who do not dim their headlights when on the outskirts of the city.

GUARDSMEN ARE COMING HERE TO PROTECT BRIDGES

Phila. Companies Reported to Be Assigned to Stand Watch at Rockville

ARE DUE LATE TODAY

P. R. R. Sends Force of Shopmen Along Lines With Commissary Cars

Reports reached Harrisburg to-day that Company M, of Third Regiment National Guard, would arrive here to-day to guard the railroad bridges. It is said the soldiers will be placed on duty at Rockville, and on the Cumberland Valley railroad bridge. While Captain of Police Paul L. Barclay, of the Philadelphia division, Pennsylvania railroad, admitted that soldiers would be assigned to duty

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Senator Sones Disposes of Large Lumber Operations

Williamsport, Pa., April 2.—State Senator Charles W. Sones has sold his entire lumber operations and allied industries in Lycoming and Sullivan counties to the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company. The consideration is said to be about \$1,000,000. Sones will devote his time to farming. Sones was one of the largest independent lumber operators in the State. His holdings included the town of Masten, Lycoming county, which he built. Here are a large saw mill, clothes pin factory, big temperance hotel, stoves and many dwellings. Stonestown, in Sullivan county, was another center of his operations.

NEW TRAINING BILL IN

Washington, April 2.—Materially amended to make it effective in promptly raising armed forces, Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate Military Committee, today virtually completed his universal compulsory military training bill. The chief change provides for registration and training this year of men between 20 and 23. In subsequent years men of 21, 22 and 23 years would be subject to training upon call of the President. Senator Chamberlain plans to introduce the amended bill at the first opportunity. The amendments were decided upon by Senator Chamberlain after a recent conference with President Wilson on the subject of Universal Training. Whether the bill will have the support of the administration has not been fully developed.

GUARD RECRUITING HALTED

Chicago, April 2.—On orders from Washington, General Barry, commanding the Central Department, U. S. A., to-day instructed a temporary halt in the recruiting of National Guard regiments.

TURKS LOSE HEAVILY

London, April 2.—Andrew Bonar Law, member of the British War Council, to-day stated in the House of Commons that the total casualties suffered by the Turks in the battle of Gaza, in Palestine, were 8,000. The total number of British killed, he added, was less than 400.

BRITISH DRIVE ON

London, April 2.—British forces to-day widened the wedge they had inserted in the German line in the region of St. Quentin and captured the vilages of Atilly and Villecholes, respectively southeast and northeast of the village of Vermand.

GERMANS REPULSE RUSSIANS

Berlin, April 2.—Russian forces after strong artillery preparation yesterday launched an offensive along a breadth of more than four miles against the German positions on the Rumanian frontier heights on both sides of the Oltus Valley. The Russian waves broken down under the German fire and in one place after hand-to-hand fighting.

ENTENTE POUNDS AT HEART OF THE HINDENBURG LINE

Backbone of Teuton Defensive Works Virtually in Hands of Allies

The British and French are knocking at the doors of St. Quentin, the medieval tower that marks the backbone of the so-called Hindenburg line. Of the four railroads entering the city two are in possession of the allies and the remaining two are under the fire of their guns. This means that the garrison must depend on a precarious supply line operated at night and that the value of the city as a base is gone. Apparently its fall is certain and this

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First Congresswoman Blushes Furiously at Tremendous Oration

Washington, April 2.—Representative Jeanette Rankin, of Montana, first woman member of Congress, took her seat in the House to-day after an elaborate prelude of ceremonies, in which woman suffragists predominated.

The principal occasion was a breakfast for "the Honorable Jeanette Rankin, of Montana," under the auspices of suffragists of all factions. Miss Rankin's entrance to the House was signaled by uproarious cheering. Miss Rankin carried one of the scores of bouquets of flowers which had come to her office. She wore no hat and was attired in a dark dress. Members rushed from all parts of the chamber and congratulated her. A second outburst of applause greeted Miss Rankin when her name was called on the roll and she replied "present" blushing furiously. The ovation continued until she rose from her seat and bowed.

FIRE BURNS STABLE Fire believed to have been of incendiary origin yesterday afternoon destroyed the small stable owned by Cooper & Son, 1005 Paxton street. The loss was small.

COAL STAYS UP Harrisburg coal dealers announced this morning that coal prices would not be reduced fifty cents per ton in price, until the new shipments can be received from the operators. Many have placed orders but the operators will not guarantee delivery. It will probably be another month or more before the coal can be received here.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Robert Patterson Schan and Edna Van Aalden, Harrisburg.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain and colder this afternoon and tonight, with lowest temperature to-night about 36 degrees; Tuesday fair and colder. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain and colder to-night; Tuesday fair and colder; fresh south shifting to northwest winds.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 60 degrees above zero. Sun: Rises, 6:44 a. m. Moon: Full moon, April 8. River: Stage, 7.1 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 51. Lowest temperature, 54. Mean temperature, 68. Normal temperature, 44.