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## An Unsought War

President Wilson has ceased to be the candidate of one political party, and stands as the servant and guide of the nation.

He has encountered much criticism for "watchful waiting" and when he finally calls Congress to act the bulk of the nation is behind him.

We are all gratified by the dignity and moderation as well as reluctant firmness with which he states the case and announces our principles.

"The new policy of ruthlessness has swept every restriction aside."

"The present German submarine warfare against commerce is a warfare against mankind." "It is a war against all nations; there has been no discrimination."

"We must put excited feeling away. Our motive will not be revenge or the vindictive assertion of the physical might of the nation, but only the vindication of right, of huffman right, of which we are only a single champion."

"There is one choice we cannot make, we are incapable of making; we will not choose the path of submission and suffer the most sacred rights of our nation and our people to be ignored."

"We are now about to accept gage of battle with this natural foe to liberty and shall if necessary spend the whole force of the nation to check and nullify its pretensions and its powers."

"We have no selfish ends to serve. We desire no conquest, no dominion. We are but one of the champions of the rights of mankind."

"It is a fearful thing to lead this nation into war; but the right is more precious than peace and we shall fight for the things which we have always carried nearest our heart—for democracy."

This whole affair has called for wisdom more than courage, for our adding our strength to that of the Allies will make an overwhelming and decisive force against the German group. Already Germany moves again for peace.

That America should be one of the warring powers to negotiate this peace may be significant in many ways.

When we pray now it must be with the map of the world before us!



## WORLD NEWS

The President's message to Congress, assembled in special session, asking that a state of war with Germany be recognized, is the leading event of the week. The message gives a clear statement of the causes of this move, and the purposes of the United States. It is a great state paper.

The Aztec, an American merchant vessel, was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of France on her way to a port of that country. At least seventeen of her crew were American citizens, and part of these lost their lives. The vessel was armed.

An effort of the German Socialists to establish relations with the Russian Socialists for the purpose of bringing about a peace has failed because the Russians would not consider the matter until Germany had changed her form of Government.

The new Russian government has been recognized by the United States, France, England and Sweden. The Federal Council of Switzerland voted not to do so, altho the sympathy of the Swiss is manifested.

Russia has offered independence to Poland and Finland, and has called back over an hundred thousand exiles from Siberia. The principle of liberty and nationality has received a great impetus.

The English and French armies continue to push forward on the frontier of France. They have broken through the new German lines, in places, and are now only two miles from St. Quentin, a fort of much importance to both sides.

The former Czar of Russia and his family are in confinement in the royal palace at Tzarcoe-selo. The Empress gives her time to her sick children and the Emperor spends his time in the garden.

Leaders of the labor organization of Spain signed a manifesto, complaining of the present form of government, and asking for radical changes. Sixteen of the leaders were arrested and the strong military and police forces of the Kingdom have put down a possible revolution.

## ST. QUENTIN IN GRIP OF ALLIES

### British Deepen Wedge In Hindenburg Line.

## GERMANS ARE OUTGENERATED

### Backbone of Much Vaunted Hindenburg Line Appears Broken—Big German Counter Offensive Is Looked For—Turks on the Run.

London, April 3.—The doom of St. Quentin, the backbone of the much-vaunted Hindenburg line, appears to be only a question of a few hours.

The latest gains of the British have brought them within two miles of the stronghold and several additional villages have been captured in its investment. This number includes Fracilly-Selency, Helnon and Selency. The British have drawn a deep wedge into the German line and it is expected by military critics that the Teutons soon will be compelled to retreat further to avoid capture.

The French advance has slowed down while their British allies hammer the enemy, although the artillery of the French has been pounding the German fortifications unceasingly. The French fire has practically cut off communication between St. Quentin and the German rear and the garrison must depend on a precarious supply line operated at night.

With St. Quentin and LaFere practically in the grip of the allies, the whole Lille-Laon line seems doomed, and military critics express the opinion that either Field Marshal von Hindenburg never contemplated a stand here or that he was outgeneraled by the amazingly rapid advance of the French toward LaFere.

General Haig is continuing his raids in the Arras sector, the official reports indicating that important operations

## SOLDIERS IN THE TRENCHES

The world's thought goes to the men in the trenches, and Christian people who send food and bandages send also Bibles. The Bibles are appreciated best of all it seems.

The London office of the Pocket Testament League preserves over 250,000 pledge cards signed by soldiers in the field. This means that they have pledged themselves to carry a Testament and to read a chapter of it each day.

The Literary Digest publishes the following: "A Canadian cavalry officer confessed that he had set little store by the Bible until the day came in France when the battalion found itself in a perilous quarter. They were under fire and dared not move when the officer noticed a few of his men who had crawled into a group together, and saw one man take out his knife and cut a Testament into half a dozen bits and distribute them among his comrades, who there and then began to read; 'It must be wonderful to read the story of Gethsemane, the story of Calvary, the story of the Redemption, while lying under fire, and those men had learned by actual experience what it means to be obedient unto death — learned, too, that nothing else matters but the things of the soul, the sinner and his Savior, the reality of God's message in His Word concerning salvation when face to face with eternity.'"

"Up in the corner of the Pocket Testament League military membership-card, printed opposite the flag, is a small blank square where the men, making their decision for

Christ, mark 'A. C.' (accept Christ). Such men sign 'My Decision for Christ' printed inside the back cover of their League Testaments, which reads, 'Being convinced that I am a sinner, and believing that Christ died for me, I now accept Him as my personal Savior, and with His help I intend to confess Him before men.'

"Many a sad mother or wife has been comforted beyond words when one of these worn, possibly blood-stained, little Testaments has been returned home and on the Decision page they have found written the loved one's name."

With death staring them in the face they are made serious and soon realize the value of the soul treasures described in the Testament. We ought to be serious and wise without any such momentous experience of danger!

## TEN YEARS A HIRED MAN

By Edward Iverson

When Warren Shively was seventeen and husky and strong he left his native state on the Atlantic Coast and came to Indiana. Within a few months he had shown his physical power and his steadiness and had hired out to a farmer for one year. "I'm payin' him thirty dollars a month regular," his employer remarked to a neighbor, "but he's the awfulest worker that ever was in these parts. He's more than worth it."

In those days that was a marvelous amount to pay a hired man, but his employer evidently felt his

position being propagated by Berea Bank and Trust Co., found on the Farm Page.

The glad Easter time is here. You will find an entire page devoted to it scattered through this issue.

The first instalment of our new serial, "The Wanderer" failed to reach us in time for this issue. We will not fail you next week.

Two good short stories appear on page Three this week. Don't neglect reading them.

You sure want The Citizen during these trying times of our national affairs. We give you the best news available.

We are a splendid medium for campaign advertising. We will run an advertisement like you see on Page Eight for \$4.00 until the August Primary.

## IN OUR OWN STATE

Louisville's contribution to the New Albany cyclone relief fund passed the \$50,000 mark by more than \$200.

Members of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, at the request of the Navy League, will furnish sleeveless jackets, mufflers and mittens for the comfort of United States sailors.

Plans to raise a patriotic fund to care for the families of men who volunteer for service in the navy were discussed by the Navy League.

The Kentucky House of Representatives Thursday passed the bill which permits of special tax of 20 cents on every \$100 for ten years for good road purposes.

Citizens of Winchester, at a meeting at the courthouse Sunday afternoon, endorsed the course of President Wilson relative to the foreign relations of the United States.

W. Holcomb Bolling, nephew of President Wilson, and George Adams, Louisville boys, have been notified by Secretary of War Baker that they will be permitted to enter the army aviation corps.

Organization of the Kentucky Pure Bred Live Stock Association will be perfected at a meeting to be held in Louisville today. One thousand invitations have been sent to breeders to attend.

That portion of the First Regiment, Kentucky National Guard mustered out some time ago, is expected to be recalled under orders to be issued in Washington. Fifty thousand guardsmen are now in the Federal service under orders from the Government.

Members of the military company, recently formed by the students of Transylvania University, at Lexington, are compelled to have their baseball practice at 6 o'clock in the morning in order to be able to comply with the drill regulations.

## Four Kentucky Boys Graduate from Annapolis

Kentucky will have four young men among the 183 members of the class of 1917 of the Naval Academy, who, by special order of the Navy Department, on account of the seri-

## MISS GERTRUDE R. SMITH

Is Organizing Women For Patriotic Work.



Photo by American Press Association.

New York, April 3.—Miss Smith, who is chairman of the New York State Branch of the League For Women's Service, has just returned from an up-state tour of organization and says she found women everywhere eager to enlist for patriotic service and to do their part in war.

relations with Germany, will graduate today, two months in advance of the regular period. Secretary Daniels will go to Annapolis to deliver the diplomas.

The exact form which the service of these young men will take cannot be told definitely at present, but there is every reason to believe that for awhile they will be assigned to the duties generally allotted to junior officers, and that some of them may soon be commanding gun crews on merchant ships or commanding U-boat chasers.

The four Kentucky boys who will gain their commissions are: Thomas F. Harris, Versailles; Andrew I. McKee, Lawrenceburg; John C. Tyler, Louisville; and Ben H. Wyatt, Williamsburg. McKee is winner of the gold sextant offered by Col. Robert M. Thompson of New York for excellence in navigation. Wyatt has been one of the most expert members of the wrestling team for three seasons. The other two have finish-

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## CONGRESS READY TO BACK WILSON

### Joint Resolution Gives President Full Power.

## EARLY VOTE IS EXPECTED

### President in Message Asks Congress to Declare That a State of War Exists and For an Army of 500,000 Men.

Washington, April 3.—That the sixty-fifth congress, by a large majority, will back President Wilson to the limit in his request for a declaration that a state of war is existing between the United States and Germany, is apparent.

While the news of the submarining of the steamer Aztec—the first American armed ship to sail into the war zone—was being told from mouth to mouth in the capitol the president appearing before the house and senate in joint session asked congress to recognize and deal with Germany's warfare on America.

The president said war with Germany would involve practically co-operation with the governments now at war with Germany, including liberal financial credits.

The president urged the organization of an army of at least 500,000 men, chosen "upon the principle of universal liability to service."

The president made it clear that no action was being taken against the Austrian government and the other nations allied with Germany.

Immediately after the president left the capitol the senate and house reconvened and an identical joint resolution was introduced in both houses declaring the existence of a state of war, and directing the president to employ all the resources of the country to carry on war against the imperial German government and bring the conflict to a successful conclusion.

## Resolution in Senate.

Because of the opposition to the measure by Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, the resolution was introduced in the senate by Senator Martin of Virginia, the Democratic floor leader. Representative Flood, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, introduced it in the house.

The resolution was referred to the foreign affairs committees by both houses and adjournment followed soon afterward.

Thunderous applause interrupted

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