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GRIM WAR

With All Its Hopes and Attendant Evils
Seems Inevitable, So Let It Come

Unrelenting and Ruthless Warfare of Sub-
marines Finally Ends Peace Efforts

America Will Lend Herself to the Duty of Crushing German
Militarism and All It Implies and Aid in World-
Wide Struggle for Human Freedom

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, April 6—3:00 a.m.—Congress has just voted approval of a resolution declaring a state of war exists between the United States and the German government. The Senate has already passed the measure.

Washington, April 4.—It's War! This is the answer of the United States Senate of the question on the lips of all the world whether war or armed neutrality would be the outcome of the momentous debate in Congress on the speech of President Wilson, in which he advocated that very course.

The resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany was passed in the Senate tonight by an overwhelming majority.

The resolution was passed 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, which is expected to be unanimous.

Senator McCumber's substitute to declare the existence of a state of war upon the sinking of another ship by Germany was defeated without a roll-call.

Senators who cast their negative votes were Gronna of North Dakota, LaFollette of Wisconsin, Norris of Nebraska, Lane of Oregon, Stone of Missouri, and Vandaman of Mississippi.

Means Real War

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

Action 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.

CONGRESS

Not to Be Stampeded to Sudden Action, Allows Debate on
War Resolution to Continue

Washington, April 5.—The House debated the war resolution all of today and far into the night, and although passage was assured before adjournment, the leaders predicted that a vote could not be reached until early morning.

For the most part the discussion proceeded with an air of unemotional acquiescence, scores of members making brief speeches to put themselves or record as reluctantly accepting war as the only course of honor.

During the day the debate revealed an unbroken strength in the min-

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

In the most momentous hour of our history since the Civil War the nation's chosen leader has made the fateful decision which duty and honor impose and Congress and the people will give him loyal support. America must help win the war, and the more speedily the better. But never was a war message couched in terms revealing a more earnest and sincere love of peace. The people of the South have learned to see in Abraham Lincoln their true friend; time will come when the German people will see that in all the world they have no better friend than Woodrow Wilson.—Springfield Republican.

No government of a great people was ever subjected to such a terrific

To You, Fellow Citizen

Since war is inevitable, and all wars are a poor man's war, let wealth pay all the expense incident thereto and thus in a small way become a partner in the struggle for humanity. War will not then seem so funny for the ones standing back and demanding human lives be yielded that they may proceed in peace and pleasure.

Make those who have incomes of \$3,000 or more a year foot the bill. That is a small thing compared to the horrors of war that fall to the common soldier and his kin.

Do you understand it? Let Congressman Welty and Senators Pomerene and Harding hear from you.

Get your neighbor at work along this line, and tell him to continue the agitation among his friends. Then make it a demand.

Tolstoy's Vindication

News reports from Russia tell of the pilgrimage to Tolstoy's grave of the peasants enfranchised through the revolution. It is a hopeful sign. It indicates that free Russia may make a reality of Tolstoy's dream of a great nation wherein the great many would not be the servants of the privileged few. Those who made a pilgrimage to his grave must have been impressed by his teachings. Now it is fitting to recall Tolstoy's expression on what a government should be when the ex-czar had first mounted the throne, Tolstoy made this statement:

"If the new czar were to ask me what I should advise him to do, I would say to him: 'Use your automatic power to abolish landed property in Russia and to introduce the Single Tax system, and then give up your power and give the people a liberal constitution.'"

No doubt this seemed extremely impractical and utopian advice at the time it was offered. The czar probably deemed serious consideration of it as unthinkable. Perhaps he felt that when he gave of his plenty derived of taxation of the poor to relieve distress among his subjects that his duty was done. But unless his mental ability is subnormal, he must now realize that he could not have acted more wisely than to have done exactly as Tolstoy suggested. It would have meant sacrifice of his autocratic power. But

less admirable than his statement of means and methods. President Wilson has driven straight to the heart of the issue and Congress must respond.—New York World.

The president has met the expectations of the nations and has stated the case with a force and decision that leaves no room for doubt as to his precise meaning and less room for question by all impartial judges as to the absolute righteousness and justice of the cause or which we are to draw the sword. His arraignment of Germany is one of the most tremendous and crushing ever addressed in modern times by one power against another.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

London, April 5.—"A second Lincoln; a Lincoln inaugural. In these simple words," says The Evening Star, "our emotions find expression as we read the majestic closing words of President Wilson's message. We are not ashamed to say that these words are destined to echo through the ages and to be read by free men with grateful hearts. They fill our eyes with tears of pride and gratitude." Here and now the future of humanity is being shaped and molded for all time.

"Lacking America, the allies could and would have won the victory over organized evil, but the victory would not have been complete. Now we know that the world's freedom is won and that the great peace for which we pray will be established for evermore."

THE GERMAN PRESS

The Express-Westbote, of Columbus, the oldest German paper in the State, tells its readers to stand by the land of their adoption. It says: "The lie is cast," declares the Express-Westbote editorially, in pointing out to German and Anglo-Americans that only one course remains to them—to stand by the government of the land they have chosen in war with the Teutonic empire.

Forecasting passage of resolutions by Congress declaring a state of war exists, the Columbus publication holds that "this was to be expected." "The state of uncertainty existing in the past few weeks," it says, "has terminated in a declaration of war against Germany."

"Our citizens of German birth and descent must govern themselves accordingly!"

"If you have come to this country from Germany of Austria-Hungary you came of your own free will and because you desired to make this country your home."

"If you have not become a citizen of the United States it is your absolute duty to do so at the earliest opportunity or be treated as an alien."

actions. The bill to reduce the number of grand jurors by Judge Mansfield of Steubenville, was vetoed because there was no complaint against the present system and no demand for the changes sought.

The bill by Tom Reynolds to grauate the penalty on delinquent taxes (Continued on fourth page)

Said to Be Held in Belgium Under German Orders.

A foreign dispatch of last Friday to the Cincinnati Enquirer announced the fact that Milton W. Brown, one-time manager of the Celina Chautauque and well known in this city, is being held in Belgium under the relief commission temporarily held in Belgium under orders of the German Government. Mr. Brown's home is in Cincinnati.

BOLD

Robberies of Five Stores in Heart of Town

Tuesday Night Startles Old Town Out of Belief of Its Splendid Security.

Five bold robberies were pulled off in this city sometime last Tuesday night, when as many business places were entered after front doors had been battered in.

The robbers, however, secured very little bounty. Every indication points to the fact that there were several in the party and they worked, seemingly with knowledge as to where the others were.

The nature of the work, the places visited and other circumstances indicate very strongly that the jobs were pulled off by local talent. This is all the more so in view of the fact that the chief of Night Policemen Heister, who was on duty on official business Tuesday afternoon and night, and only learned of the robberies upon his return home Wednesday morning.

The fact that the time clock at the Weber Jewelry store was registered punctually every hour during the night shows that both the merchant and police, John Mayer and Fred Diemer were up and about, but neither knew nothing of the robberies until the next day.

The places entered included the Jordan hardware store, and the Ott Meat Market on West Fayette street; the Kaylor & Brennehan hardware store, South Main street, and Ungerer's grocery and Beiersdorfer Meat market, on the curve at Main and Logan. The cash registers in all places were rapped. About ten dollars was secured at Ott's, a couple of dollars at Beiersdorfer's and six or seven dollars at Ungerer's. The tills at the hardware stores were empty.

At Jorga's several revolvers, razors and pocket knives were taken and cases unsacked. Nothing but a pearl handled pocket knife was stolen from Kaylor & Brennehan's, although their show cases were ransacked. The robbers, had a difficult task trying open the door into the latter place, and only succeeded after they had busted the lock entirely out of the door.

At the Ungerer grocery they found the cash register locked and they carried it to the Loy blacksmith shop, two doors west, where it was battered open. The damage to the register is far more than suffered by all the places entered.

INTEREST

In Local Aviation School Grows, and Promoter Beam Is Rushed to Care for Business.

B. Ward Beam, promoter and manager of the Beam School of Aviation, in this city, has found it necessary to open up office rooms, and has made his headquarters above the Olmhaus Jewelry Store, S. Main street.

The Aviation School has gained such a wide reputation, and combined with Mr. Beam's progressive ability in launching of free attractions for fair amusement parks, etc., he has found it almost impossible to keep in correspondence with the many inquiries received each day.

As it is being announced broad-cast that Aviator Billy Brock, of the world-wide fame, is the head instructor of the school here many letters are being received from the larger cities, and Mr. Beam feels with the spring-summer opening courses of the school he will be forced to open offices in several of the cities, plans being already under way for the opening of office rooms in Chicago.

The new war airplane that arrived a few weeks ago is now upon the aviation field and demonstrations for the many students now enrolled are being held daily.

On Wednesday another big aeroplane (Continued on Eighth Page)

Coldwater Business Changes Ownership.

Real Estate Broker W. O. Borman, of this city, closed a deal the first of the week whereby Joseph Rosenbeck, of Ottawa, became owner of the August Moorhead meat market at Coldwater. Mr. Moorhead will move on a farm near Coldwater.

THIRTEEN

Indictments Against Offenders of Law, Most of Them Bootleggers

The grand jury of the April term of Common Pleas Court reported to Judge Miller about half past ten yesterday morning after being in session since Monday morning. The session was a rather lengthy one, made so by the examination into boot-legging and gambling conditions in this city. Quite a number of witnesses were examined in connection with the furnishing of liquor to Rufus Wagner, Earl Courtwright, Chloe Yingling, Lucretia Dumbauld and others in this city cited as habitual drunkards.

A big bunch of witnesses, including quite a number of young fellows, were examined in connection with reported gambling holes in the south end.

Fifty-four witnesses were examined in all, covering seventeen cases. Thirteen true bills or indictments were returned and four cases ignored.

Of the thirteen indictments only six were made public when the report was filed. They were:

Verlin Fuston, alias Al Buckson, alias Al Blackson, alias Mearl Buckstone, for obtaining money under false pretense.

William Pratt, for a similar offense.

Bert Painter, on two counts for house breaking.

John Arnett, for embezzlement.

John Kiser, for burglary.

Among the indictments ignored was Alexander Smith for assault; Richard Boroff, for non-support; Alroy Dabbert, for forgery.

They jury during their session also visited the county jail, and found things under Sheriff and Mrs. Humphrey in tip-top condition.

They reported that they had found the basement of the jail should be deepened and a cement floor placed therein; that its present condition is unsightly and unsanitary.

They therefore recommended that the Commissioners give this matter their immediate attention, especially since many similar recommendations by former grand jurors had been wholly ignored.

The report was signed by A. W. LaRue, who was selected as foreman by Judge Miller when the jury convened Monday morning.

Late yesterday afternoon Sheriff Humphrey arrested Ed Bone and Wil-

liam "Big Bill" Shulte on indictments returned.

Bone was indicted on two counts, one for furnishing liquor to Earl Courtwright and another for furnishing liquor to Rufus Wagner.

Shulte was indicted for furnishing liquor to Courtwright.

These included seven of the secret indictments. It is rumored that one of her indictments is for furnishing liquor and the other three for gambling.

Nothing definite on this point was obtainable last night. Deputy Clerk of Courts Hinters had his hands so full yesterday afternoon looking after other office work and the case of *Cher vs. Burnett* being heard before Judge Miller that he did not succeed in getting out more than the three writs above mentioned. The others will be turned over to Sheriff Humphrey for service sometime this morning.

This is the biggest bunch of indictments returned for several years by one jury and the matters have been given Prosecutor Stubbs an abundance of work.

Common Pleas Judge Miller last Monday afternoon called the docket for the April term of court, but assigned only a few cases for hearing.

Judge Miller's docket shows the following motions:

Harry VanKirk vs Village of Ft. Recovery, injunction, assigned for April 10.

Paul Junod vs. Ire E. Wagner, money, assigned for April 10.

John Grier vs. County Commissioners, injunction, case settled and costs paid.

W. E. Coote, executor, vs. First National Bank, money, assigned for April 10.

John B. Schmitt et al vs. Frank Enke as treasurer, injunction, assigned for April 10.

James H. Riley vs. Eulala Riley, divorce, assigned for April 10.

The case of Lucinda Smith vs. Ferdinand M. Smith, assigned for next Saturday, April 7.

Eleanor L. Tindall vs. Grace Tindall, divorce, continued off docket.

D. H. Miller vs. W. M. Nolan, Ira E. Wagner et al., assigned for hearing on motion April 10.

Coldwater Grain & Coal Co., through their attorneys, Myers & Myers yesterday afternoon filed suit against A. G. Tripper, praying for judgment in the sum of \$605 with interest and costs, which amount plaintiffs claim on a bill of goods for corn, hay and coal sold to defendant.

ACCIDENTS NUMEROUS

Ed. Bauer, seventeen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bauer, Liberty township, a member of the Celina High school baseball squad, had the little finger of his left hand broken, while at practice Wednesday afternoon. He attempted to stop a high speedy one.

Vera Buxton, North Mill street, employed at the Specialty Works had his left hand, between the first and second fingers badly lacerated yesterday morning, when a chisel he was using in doing some cabinet work, slipped.

Verner C. Wilson of Van Wert, an employee of the Specialty Works, had his right wrist sprained and an ugly gash cut in the palm of the hand, hand was caught in a wheel, while at work Wednesday afternoon.

While roller skating on the sidewalk in front of her home Wednesday evening, Mary, ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Freeman, Leona street, fell and fractured both bones of the left fore-arm.

EXAMINATIONS

For Positions of Clerk and Carrier at Local Post-Office to Be Held April 28.

An examination for clerk and carrier will be held at the postoffice in this city on April 28, 1917. Each applicant will be required to submit to the examiner on the day of examination a photograph of himself taken within two years. Age limit, 18 to 45 years on the date of the examination.

Married women will not be admitted to the examination. This prohibition, however, does not apply to women who are divorced, but they are eligible for appointment only as clerk.

Applicants must be physically sound, and male applicants must be not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height in bare feet, and weigh not less than 125 pounds without overcoat or hat.

For application blanks and for full information relative to the examinations, qualifications, duties, salaries, vacations, promotions, etc., address immediately Secretary Board of Civil Service Examiners, Postoffice, Celina, Ohio.

BUSINESS MEN

Go On Record as Favoring Experiment Farm at Infirmary and Other Measures.

The Celina Business Men's Association at their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday evening by resolution recommended a thorough investigation and action in the matter of authorizing the local fire department on the installation of a fire alarm system.

A committee was also appointed by the Association to confer with the council relative to immediate action in improving the south end.

The association also recommended to the Commissioners the use of 80 acres of the County Infirmary farm as a County Experiment Farm.

TOWN TOPICS

Geo. H. Preston, of Montesuma, well known throughout the county, one time serving as Infirmary Director, has located at Bradford, Ohio, where he has become proprietor of the Hotel Dewey. His Mercer county friends hope he may meet with success in his new venture.

The term of J. W. Riley as member of the Soldiers' Relief Commission having expired on April 1, Common Pleas Judge Miller last Monday re-appointed him as a member of said Commission for a period of three years, commencing on April 2.

Chapman Bros., the well known dredge men of this city, were last week awarded a \$45,000 contract for dredging 25 miles of Blue river ditch near Columbus City, Ind. Work will begin just as soon as they can get their big dredges into the stream.

Aaa Kennard, laborer, was arrested by Marshal Duncan last Monday evening for being drunk and disorderly. He pled guilty before Mayor Scrantom Tuesday morning and was fined \$5 and costs. He paid the bill and was released.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schock, North Mill street, are the happy parents of a bouncing baby boy, born last Saturday.

State Senator George Holl, of New Knoxville, was in this city yesterday, a witness in an action before the Common Pleas Court.

One moment please, doest thee forth, we are builded on the shore of Grand Lake.