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PROCLAMATION FORMALLY DECLARING A STATE OF WAR BETWEEN U. S. AND GERMANY IS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

NEWS IS IMMEDIATELY WIRELESSED BY NAVY DEPARTMENT TO ALL STATIONS, NAVY YARDS AND VESSELS; STATUS OF UNNATURALIZED RESIDENTS DEFINED; PLEADS FOR LOYALTY

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, April 6.—President Wilson today signed the resolution of congress declaring a state of war between the United States and Germany. The war resolution was signed by the president at 1:11 o'clock.

The president also signed a proclamation formally declaring a state of war between the United States and Germany. In the proclamation he called upon American citizens to give support to all measures of the government.

The navy department immediately wirelessed or telegraphed all its stations, navy yards and ships as follows:

"The president has signed an act of congress which declares that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany."

Vice President Marshall signed the war resolution at 12:14 o'clock.

By the signing of the resolution, the war which Germany actually has been making on the United States for many months is recognized in official form and the United States thus announces to the world its determination to take up what President Wilson characterized in his address to congress as Germany's challenge to all the world, her war against humanity.

Speaker Clark had signed the resolution soon after it passed the house in the early hours this morning and Vice President Marshall had signed it soon after the senate convened at noon. The engrossed copy was sent at once to the White House. It was waiting for the president when he returned from a short walk with Mrs. Wilson.

The war proclamation follows:

"Whereas, the congress of the United States, in the exercise of the constitutional authority vested in them have resolved by joint resolution of the senate and house of representatives bearing date this day that a state of war between the United States and the imperial German government, which has been thrust upon the United States, declared.

"Whereas, it is provided by section 4067 of the revised statutes as follows:

"Whenever there is declared a war between the United States and any foreign nation or government or any invasion or predatory incursion is perpetrated, attempted or threatened against the territory of the United States by any foreign nation or government and the president makes public proclamation of the event, all natives, citizens, denizens or subjects of a hostile nation or government being male of the age of fourteen years and upwards, who shall be within the United States and not actually naturalized, shall be liable to be apprehended, restrained, secured and removed as alien enemies.

"The president is authorized in any such event by his proclamation thereof or other public acts, to direct the conduct to be observed on the part of the United States toward the aliens who become so liable; the manner and degree of the restraint to which they shall be subject and in what cases and what security their residence shall be permitted and to provide for the removal of those who, not being permitted to reside within the United States, refuse or neglect to depart therefrom, and to establish any such regulations which are found necessary in the premises and for the public safety.

"Whereas, by Sections 4068, 4069 and 4070 of the revised statutes, further provision is made relative to alien enemies.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim to all whom it may concern, that a state of war exists between the United States and the imperial German government, and I do especially direct all officers, civil or military, of the United States, that they exercise vigilance and zeal in the discharge of the duties incident to such a state of war, and I do moreover, earnestly appeal to all American citizens, that they in loyal devotion to their country, dedicated from its foundation to the principles of liberty and justice, uphold the laws of the land and give undivided and willing support to those measures which may be adopted by the constitutional authorities in prosecuting the war to a successful issue and in obtaining a secure and just peace.

"And acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution of the United States and the said sections of the revised statutes.

"I do hereby further proclaim and direct that the conduct to be observed on the part of the United States toward all native citizens, denizens or subjects of Germany, male, of the age of fourteen years and upwards, who shall be within the United States and not actually naturalized, who for the purpose of this proclamation and under such sections of the revised statutes are termed alien enemies shall be as follows:

"All alien enemies are enjoined to preserve the peace towards the United States and to refrain from crime against the public safety and from violating the laws of the United States and of the states and territories and to refrain from actual hostility or giving information, aid or comfort to the enemies of the United States and to comply strictly with the regulations which are hereby, or which may from time to time, promulgated by the president and so long as they shall conduct themselves in accordance with the law they shall be undisturbed in the peaceful pursuit of their lives and occupations and be accorded the consideration due to all peaceful and law abiding persons, except so far as restrictions may be necessary for their own protection and for the safety of the United States and towards such alien enemies as conduct themselves not in accordance with law, all citizens of the United States are enjoined to preserve the peace and to treat them with all such friendliness as may be compatible with loyalty and allegiance to the United States.

"And all alien enemies who fail to conduct themselves as so enjoined in addition to all other penalties prescribed by law, shall be liable to restraint or to give security or to remove and depart from the United States in the manner prescribed by Sections 4069 and 4070 of the revised statutes and as prescribed by the regulations duly promulgated by the president.

Regulations Established.

"And pursuant to the authority vested in me, I hereby declare and establish the following regulations which I deem necessary to the premises and for the public safety:

"1. An alien enemy shall not have in his possession at any time or place any firearms, weapons or implements of war, or component parts thereof, ammunition, naval or other officers' uniforms or equipments, or any part thereof, or any other military equipment, or any part thereof, or any other military equipment, or any part thereof, or any other military equipment