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WAR RESOLUTION

Passed In Congress By a Vote of 373 to 50.

Washington, April 6.—The resolution declaring that a state of war existed between the United States and Germany, already passed by the Senate, passed the House at 3 o'clock this morning by a vote of 373 to 50.

Without roll calls the House rejected all amendments, including proposals to prohibit the sending of any troops overseas without congressional authority.

President Wilson will sign the resolution today as soon as Vice President Marshall has attached his signature in the Senate. It formally accepts the state of belligerency forced by German aggression, and authorizes and directs the President to employ the military and naval forces and all the resources of the Nation to bring war against Germany to a successful termination.

Passage of the resolution followed 17 hours of debate. There was no attempt to filibuster, but the pacifist group under the leadership of Democratic Leader Kitchin prolonged the discussion with impassioned speeches declaring conscience would not permit them to support the President's recommendation that a state of war be declared.

Miss Rankin, of Montana, the only woman member of Congress, sat through the first roll call, with bowed head, failing to answer to her name twice called by the clerk.

On the second roll call she rose and said in a sobbing voice:

"I want to stand by my President, but I cannot vote for war."

For a moment then she remained standing, supporting herself against a desk, and as cries of "vote", "votes", came from several parts of the House, she sank back into her seat without voting audibly. She was recorded in the negative.

For Three-Year War

Defense Council Basing Its Plans On Expectation Of Long Conflict.

Washington, April 6.—War Secretary Baker and the advisory commission of the council of national defense are today discussing war plans on a basis of three years of conflict. Suggestions for food control for the nation, universal service—not merely universal military service.

These three vital projects were carried into the defense council's session today by Samuel Gompers, head of the committee on labor. They were decided upon as the most immediate projects to be disposed of at a meeting of the labor committee attended by Secretary of Labor Wilson, Director Gifford, of the council, Howard Coffin, in charge of the munitions committee, and other members of the council's advisory commission.

It was admitted officially today that every detail of this government's part in the war must be considered on the three-year basis that a "serious struggle is ahead"; that the health and individual effort of the nation must be therefore conserv-

ed and directed with this fact in view; that labor's part will be vast in a war that has demanded in a few months the same amount of labor production that former wars have required in a year.

Use Guard Anywhere

Washington, April 7.—The War Department today authorized department commanders to distribute the National Guard troops doing police duty to any strategic points within their districts without regard to State lines. Formerly it had been understood the guardsmen recently called back into Federal service were to be kept within their respective States.

University Men Prepare for War.

Charlottesville, Va., April 6.—Registration of a University of Virginia unit for the officer reserve corps of the army began here today under Colonel James A. Cole, United States Army, who has been appointed Professor of military science by the War Department. More than 100 enlisted today and of this number one-fourth had had previous military training. The first drill will be held next Monday.

Radford Normal Notes.

Dr. J. P. McConnell and Professor J. E. Avenir will attend the National Conference on Rural Problems at Rock Hill, South Carolina, April 12-15. Dr. McConnell is on the program to discuss "The Contribution that the Normal School can make to the Welfare of the State in Addition to the Training of Teachers". The last Conference of this character was held at Nashville, November 1915, at which time a National Committee on Rural Teacher Training was appointed. Dr. McConnell was made a member of this Committee.

The Junior Operetta under the direction of Miss Florence C. Baird will be given in the auditorium of the Normal School, Monday night, April 9. The Opera "In India" by Paul Bliss will be presented by the young ladies of the Junior Class. Elaborate preparations have been made for this Opera, which will be given in Turkish costumes. The many attractive solos and bright choruses make this one of the most enjoyable occasions of the school year.

On Wednesday, April 4, classes were suspended, and both faculty and students devoted the day to cleaning and beautifying the campus. Flower beds were prepared, grass seed was sown, and flower seeds planted. The contests between the classes and a group of the faculty made the work go forward with interest and speed. A program consisting of songs, readings, and a speech by Professor Gilbert on Community Betterment through Community Co operation was given early in the forenoon. Lunch was served on the campus at 1 o'clock, after which games and outdoor contests were indulged in. A prize of \$2.50 in gold offered by Dr. McConnell for the best work and finest spirit was awarded to the Freshman Class.

ROOMS TO RENT.—Two nicely furnished rooms close in to business section. Address X. Y. Z., care of Post.

Governor Stuart

Makes Appeal for Virginians to Enlist In Navy.

Governor Stuart has sent the following appeal to all members of Boards of Supervisors and Clerks of Courts in Virginia asking them to use their influence in securing enlistments for the navy.

President Wilson, through the Navy department, has issued a call for 35,000 recruits to make up the complement of men immediately needed for the Navy.

To obtain this number of recruits Virginia has been called on to furnish at the lowest 500 men by April 20. There are 100 counties in the State and if each county furnishes eight men Virginia's quota will thus be supplied.

It is not sufficient, however, that merely 500 men apply; the physical examination for enlistment is somewhat strict and many applicants for the Navy are rejected on account of one defect or another. It is therefore, essential that considerably more than 500 applicants be obtained in Virginia.

Accordingly, at this time of the Nation's emergency I appeal to you as a man of standing and influence in your community to use your best efforts in securing from your County as many applicants for the Navy between the ages of 17 and 30 years as possible.

I am addressing this communication to you as well as to the other members of the Board of Supervisors and the Clerk of your County. The necessity for immediate and energetic action is so urgent that exceptional steps such as county and district mass-meetings in addition to the solicitation of individuals should be taken in order to furnish Virginia's quota by April 20.

In complying with this request you render a double service; for, in addition to the patriotic purpose shown by young men enlisting at this time, you can see from the information sent under another cover that the Navy offers a useful and educational career to any young man, as well as opportunities for fine training and extensive travel.

Please advise me of the result of your activities at the earliest possible date.

The Chautauqua

The following letter has been received by General R. A. Ayers, Chairman of the Committee, in regard to the three days Chautauqua to be held here in August.

My dear Sir:—I want to assure you that it has given me much pleasure to receive the Chautauqua contract signed by you and a number of your fellow citizens.

Each one of our more than seven hundred Chautauqua towns is indicated on an immense map here in my office by a big colored pin. So now that you have literally "put your town on the map", I assure you that from the coming of our Advance Man, who will assist in getting your forces thoroughly organized in preparation for the Chautauqua, on until our tent stake at the close of the Chautauqua, the service you will receive from every Radcliffe representative will be given in such a generous, ungrudging manner as will tend to inspire your confidence and insure your continued good will.

Some larger neighboring towns may be paying three times as much for some other Chautauqua, but you may bank on it that any day's program of yours will fully equal any day of theirs. But the biggest thing of all is that we sincerely endeavor to leave with each

citizen in the towns in which our Chautauqua are held the spirit of the "Boost", as I have tried to describe him in the enclosed folder.

If such results should follow this our first visit to your town, I am confident you will be as glad to have us return another year as we shall be to serve you. All I ask is that you give us that same sort of genuine, whole-hearted, straight from the shoulder cooperation that we shall give to you, and then I know your Chautauqua will be a most gratifying success and we will all feel good over it.

Should business or pleasure ever bring you to Washington here's hoping you will drop in to shake hands, for the larch string hangs out to every "Booster" between the Potomac and the Rio Grande.

Cordially,
W. L. Radcliffe,
P. S.—In a short while, when our agents have completed their booking in your section of the State, we will send you notice of your dates, and ship your advertising material.

Elk Arrive

Twelve of the Animals to Be On High Knob.

Twelve elk arrived today from the west. They will be taken immediately to Stone Mountain where they will be liberated. John Roberts and R. S. Graham will accompany the elk to the woods, where for a time they will be confined and guarded. The Wise County Game and Fish Protective Association are in deal earnest about giving protection to these animals. Much money and time has been spent in securing these elk for our woods, and if they are given a fair chance they will soon replenish our mountains and forests with their progeny. The State Legislature has passed stringent laws to punish the local authorities in protecting them, the penalty being a fine of \$500.00 and six months in jail, and no appeal. The County Game Warden, acting with the local club and the Board of Supervisors are going to enforce this statute to the limit—without fear or favor. Any miscreant who is detected or suspected of molesting these elk will be prosecuted without mercy. The whole High Knob region is posted, and any one found trespassing in these woods will be arrested and prosecuted. The Virginia Iron, Coke and Coal Company, the Hagan Interests and the Norman Water Company are all behind this effort and the one who runs afoul of the laws in this connection will fare badly.

It is now against the law to permit dogs to run at large, and any dog that is caught prowling in these woods will be promptly shot and his owner become guilty before the law of its violation. Any citizen of Wise county who would undertake to molest these beautiful elk, which have been secured at so much trouble and expense, is renegade and will find himself in general detestation and contempt by all right thinking people, besides atout of the most rigorous statutes that the Virginia Legislature has passed for many years.

It is the earnest belief of all of our people that there will be none such as they, but that all will join efforts in protecting this game until such time as the authorities deem wise to permit its being hunted.—Norman Progress.

NOTICE

Big Stone Gap, Virginia, April 2nd, 1917. To the Stockholders of the Big Stone Gap Land Company: The next regular annual meeting of the stockholders of this Company will be held at the office of the Company in the town of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, Wednesday, May 2nd, 1917. Big Stone Gap Land Company, By Jno. W. Chalkley, Secretary.

RAILROADS SERVE COUNTRY

Raise Hogs

Mayor Writes Letter to Household of the Gap.

To Householders:—Much good advice has been given through the Post about the necessity of planting every foot of available land in vegetables, but nothing so far has been said about raising hogs for the home meat and lard supply. I fear the price of animal fats for cooking will continue to rise so long as conditions remain as at present, and I would not be surprised if the price of lard and bacon should double within the next year.

A large number of hogs were raised and slaughtered here last year and many hundreds of dollars were saved to our people thereby. So long as no complaint is made about the pens no attention is paid to them, but if complaint is made the owner is required to take such action as will stop the complaint and this will continue to be the policy this year. Neglected and filthy pens must be cleaned, but so long as this is done and hog products remain at prevailing prices it is a levelled lot it is right to permit and even encourage the raising of hogs, so that the waste products of the household may be turned to good account by feeding them.

Now a word about planting gardens. It is best to plant early garden crops, such as onions, peas, bunch beans, early cabbage and potatoes to start them other and is sufficient when progress plant corn and beans and other late crops and then keep the ground clean and something new coming in. And plant plenty of beans. Raise more than you want from the vine and shell and clean them for winter use. They may be 25 cents a pound next winter. They are a staple ration for armies and the demand for them this year will be enormous. Plant every available foot of ground into something to eat and raise as much meat as you can to season it with.

Respectfully,
W. S. ROSE,
Mayor.

WILSON'S WAR MESSAGE MAY DROP FROM SKIES

Novel Method Hit Upon to Carry Speech to the German Troops.

Washington, April 7.—Eminent diplomats here advised their governments to have copies of President Wilson's war address printed in German and dropped from aeroplanes into the trenches and behind the lines of the German armies. Cable despatches last night said an official in London had suggested that the British air men could do more effective work in this way than by dropping bombs. In diplomatic circles, it is believed the German government will prevent the publication of the address with its appeal for democracy against autocracy.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

Will Work as One In Handling Vast Business for National Defense.

New York, April 7.—The railroads of the country have worked out with the quartermaster-general of the army a plan whereby all the rail transportation facilities in the United States will be at the disposal of the government, according to a statement made public here tonight by Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway, and general chairman of the special committee on National Defense of the American Railway Association.

The railroads will be able to handle all government business without seriously interfering with the commerce of the Nation, President Harrison believes.

"The railroads of the United States," the statement said, "acting through the American Railway Association, have arranged to put at the services of the government and to give preferential use of all facilities which may be needed for National defense."

"The plan of operation is that the government shall advise the railroads what service is required, and the responsibility will be upon the railroad managers to provide that service. When working to that end, the railroads of the country will be operated practically as one system."

"It is believed that the transportation companies will be able to afford to the government expeditiously all the service it may require, without substantial interference with the commercial business of the country."

Episcopal Church

Christ Church, Big Stone Gap, Services for Sunday April 15th, 10:00 a. m. Sunday School, G. L. Taylor, Superintendent, 8:30 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon, Holy communion. Archdeacon Ernest A. Rich. Everybody is very cordially welcome.

Robinette—Stone.

On March the thirteenth, Miss Lebbie Stone surprised her large number of friends by motoring to Wise, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stone and Miss Lorraine Taylor, of the Gap, where she was quietly married to Mr. James Robinette, a prosperous young farmer of Morristown, Tenn., returning that afternoon to the Gap, where they spent a few days with Mrs. Robinette's brother, Guy Stone, the obliging and accommodating postal clerk, before leaving for Morristown, their future home.

Ready to Take Up Arms.

Freeling, Va., April 6.—Moses Moore, Confederate veteran, of Osborn's Gap, signifies his willingness, not to say desire, to bear arms against Germany. He is 77 years "young", and takes a keen interest in everything pertaining to military affairs. He volunteered early in the Civil War, and served as a private till the close of the great struggle.

Rev. W. N. Wagner, spent a few days in Graham last week, where he was called on account of the illness of his wife, Mrs. Wagner, who has been spending several days there with their daughter.