WAR PRACTICALLY DECLARED

President Wilson Thrilled Congress with a Masterful and Patriotic Address. Strong Resolution Declaring for War Adopted by the United States Senate. House Expected to Do Likewise.

THE WAR RESOLUTION.

The Senate resolution, as amended and strengthened, reads as follows:

Whereas, The Imperial German government has committed repeated acts of war against the government and the people of the United States of America, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the state of war 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 and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the reserves of the army to carry on war against the Imperial German government, and to bring the conflict to a successful termination all the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States.

PRESIDENT WANTS WAR.

Urges Congress to Declare a State of War With Germany.

President Wilson on Monday night urged Congress, assembled in joint session, to declare a state of war existing between the United States and Germany.

In a dispassionate, but unmeasured denunciation of the course of the Imperial German government, which he characterized as a challenge to all mankind and a warfare against all nations, the President declared that neutrality no longer was feasible or desirable where the peace of the world was involved; that armed neutrality had become ineffectual enough at best and was likely to produce what it was meant to prevent, and urged that Congress accept the gauge of battle with all the resources of the nation.

"I advise that the Congress declare the recent course of the Imperial German government to be in fact nothing less than war against the government and the people of the United States," said the President; "that it formally accept the status of belligerent which has thus been thrust upon it and that it take steps not only to put the country in a more thorough state of defense but also to exert all its power and employ all its resources to bring the government of the German empire to terms and end the war."

When the President finished speaking, resolutions to declare a state of war existing were introduced in both Houses of Congress, and referred to both the Senate and House committees on foreign relations.

President Wilson's appearance before Congress was marked by a scene of the greatest enthusiasm ever shown since he began the practice of delivering his addresses in person. Crowds on the outside of the capitol cheered him frantically as he entered and as he left. Congress roared cheer after cheer in an outburst of patriotic enthusiasm.

From the galleries the only members who appeared not to be joining in the demonstration were some Senators of the group which the President branded as "wilful men" who, by preventing a vote on the armed neutrality bill, had made the "great government of the United States contemptible." Chief Justice White was among those who cheered loudly and there was no division of spirit between Republicans and Democrats.

With a renewed declaration that the nation must unselfishly act, only for freedom, peace and humanity, the President left the question with Congress.

While the President was speaking word of the torpedoing without warning of the American steamer Aztec, the first American armed ship to be attacked in the barred zone, was passed from mouth to mouth, but the President did not know of it until he had finished.

The result of the President's decided stand has been unusual activity in rushing forward war plans, military, economic and financial. Already the navy has taken steps to insure co-operation between the American fleet and those of the entente allies, to become effective upon the formal entry of the United States into the war.

The Senate Passed Resolutions.

The resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, was passed in the Senate Wednesday night by a vote of 82 to 6. It went to the House where debate began at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and will continue until action is taken.

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 in the morning. The climax was reached late in the afternoon when Senator John Sharp Williams denounced a speech by Senator La Follette as more worthy of Herr von Bethmann Hollweg than of an American Senator.

The passage of the resolution was not marked by any outburst from the galleries and on the floor the Senators themselves were unusually grave and quiet. Many of them answered to names in voices that quivered with emotion.

The six Senators voting against the resolution were Lane, Stone, Vardaman, Gronna, La Follette and Norris.

Tentative Plans of the President.

The evolution of the war program of the government has gone forward rapidly in anticipation of an early adoption of a declaration of belligerency by Congress. Outstanding features of it include:

1—Plans for raising an army of 2,000,000 men in increments of 500,000 each.

2—An effective mobilization of the industry and food supplies of the nation by measures which not only will afford the American government and the allies adequate sustenance and equipment, but will prevent waste and extravagance and excessive profits in the dealings between producers in this country on the one hand and the American government and the governments of the entente on the other.

3—The extension of gigantic credits to the entente nations, which will assume a scope startling to even the most drastic advocates of American participation in the war.

4—Utilization of our naval strength in patrol work and in submarine chasing in pursuance of a policy which already has been tentatively formulated in familiarity with the views of the naval ministers at London and Paris.

5—Substantial nationalization of the present supply of shipping and the expeditious construction of hundreds of new vessels.

Imperial Government Will Not War On U. S.

Berlin, April 3.—Via London, April 4.—The press report of President Wilson's "state of war" message reached Berlin at ten o'clock this morning. It is declared here that there would be no change in the German attitude even if Congress adopted President Wilson's views. Germany will not declare war nor take any step to wage war against the United States.

The submarine war will be continued as it has been conducted since February 1, but this, declare the officials, is not directed more against the United States than any other neutral.

It is also declared that there will be no change in the treatment of American citizens in Germany, who now have the same freedom as all other neutrals. But Germany expects that the United States will continue the same treatment of Germans in that country.

Change in Banking Firm Due to War.

New York, April 4.—Due to impending war, the two German members of the international house of Speyer & Co., one of the oldest in this country, have retired from the concern by mutual consent, it was announced here today. The retiring members are Richard Schuster of this city and Eduard Beit von Speyer, of Frankfort on the Main.

James Speyer, head of the New York house, and an American citizen, has retired from the Frankfort firm of Lazard-Speyer-Ellison, which was founded by his ancestors more than 100 years ago. Speyer & Co. in this country was founded 80 years ago.

Mr. Speyer, in announcing the retirement of his partners and the severing of his connection with the Frankfort house, stated that all active relations between Speyer & Co. and their German connections had ceased some time ago.

Penn State's Regiment Will Have Extended Drill.

Extensive preparations have been made for military drill at the Pennsylvania State College this spring. The cadet regiment, numbering more than 1,400 students, will resume training under the direction of three United States Army officers at the close of the Easter vacation, April 11.

Field maneuvers and battle formations will occupy a large part of the program, the college schedules having been adjusted so that the Sophomore companies have a full half-day under arms. The Freshman sections will have a two-hour drilling period. One day each week the twelve companies will unite for a regimental drill.

The enlarged military program provides for the Sophomore companies to be commanded by Senior officers, while the Freshman troops will be handled by lieutenants from the Junion class. Target practice will form a prominent part of the Freshman training.

The student signal corps, attached to the military department, will transmit orders from the college wireless station to the troops in the field.

Just Froth and Foam.

From the Pittsburgh Post.

The wave of patriotism, foam-crested in New York, diminishes to a gentle swell as it travels westward, and dies away at the foot of the Rockies.

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County Correspondence

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PINE GROVE MENTION.

A joyous Easter to all.

Strange as it may seem Miss Nora B. Goheen is a victim of the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Corl spent Tuesday in town on a shopping expedition.

Rev. L. N. Fleck is holding a series of meetings in the Lutheran church here.

Grandmother Davis, who has been ill with an attack of the grip, is improving.

Mrs. Delalia has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. F. Gearhart, on Chestnut street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Fred Fry, of Milton, are here to visit friends until after Easter.

Robert Campbell and family motored to Linden Hall and spent Sunday with friends.

Miss M. B. Meek is recovering nicely from injuries sustained in a fall about a wek ago.

A. L. Weiland, wife and family were Sunday visitors at the H. C. Wagner home on Tadpole.

The Stork again visited the Otis Corl home at Pine Hall, leaving a nice little boy, No. 10.

The flouring mill and farm of Isaac Woomer was sold this week to Edward Woomer for $2850.

James Kuhn, of Centre Hall, will be James S. Miller's right hand man on the farm this season.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in the Presbyterian church on Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Gregg, of Berwick, has been visiting friends here and at State College the past two weeks.

Mrs. Oliver Peters has had a bad attack of the quinsy the past week but is now somewhat improved.

Master Donald Kepler is nursing a badly fractured arm the result of being hit with a stone thrown by another boy.

Mrs. H. N. Walker and sister Ethel, of the Susquehanna University, are spending a week among friends in the valley.

J. C. Peters and James S. Oliver, two representative farmers of Spruce Creek, were visitors here on Saturday evening.

Ed. Page moved to Huntingdon Furnace to assist the Grazier brothers on their large farm and in their lumbering operations.

Mrs. John Snyder has been ill the past month with a valvular affection of the heart and her condition is considered quite serious.

Our new tonsorial artist, George Reed, has opened up shop on east Main street and is ready to shave your face and wallet.

John W. Miller, accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Martz and Mrs. G. C. Corl, motored to Bellefonte the other day on a shopping expedition.

Walter Sager, of Mt. Union, motored over to see that his uncle, Harry Sunday, got moved and fixed up at his new home on Tadpole.

W. S. Moore, farmer and stockman of Mooresville, was here this week in quest of grain and stock, but found both scarce and high in price.

The Wolford sale last Friday was the last in this valley. Horses sold up to $220, cows $100, and yearling calves $78. The sale footed up $2850.

Mrs. Sue Peters went to the county capital last Friday to see that Ed. Decker and little family got snugly located in their new home on Howard street.

W. K. Corl has invested in an Oliver gang plow with a traction engine to haul it. Mr. Corl is one of the most progressive farmers in this township.

The A. and J. Markle sale of Holstein cows and young cattle last Thursday was largely attended, cows bringing as high as $180. The sale netted $4000.

Horace W. Orwig, of Mifflinburg, is negotiating for the purchase of the A. C. Kepler timber tract. If he gets it, it will take several years to clean out the tract.

James M. Williams and sister Mary were in town on Monday to see that Claude Williams and his bride got rightly started in housekeeping on the Maggie Reed farm.

Ralph Illingsworth, of Lancaster, and his sister Ruth, of the Women's college, Chambersburg, are here to spend their Easter vacation with their grandmother, Mrs. H. M. Snyder.

After a three month's lay-off on account of ill health W. E. McWilliams is back on his job as rural mail carrier. During his absence Charles Gates filled the position very efficiently.

On Tuesday Ralph Musser and family moved to the G. W. Garbrick home in Boalsburg, Mr. Musser to have charge of Lieut. Theodore Davis Boal's carpenter work at the Boal troop barracks and on his various farms.

Fred C. Roush, a brakeman on the Pennsy, was here over Sunday. He is a member of Troop L, of Bellefonte, and if orders are issued calling out the troop will be quick to respond, though he has no desire to return to the Mexican border.

J. H. McCracken and sister Clara attended the funeral of their old friend, Joseph Adair, last Thursday. He was eighty-four years old and was a brother of the late Rev. J. A. Adair. One of his daughters is the wife of Rev. J. O. C. McCracken, of Johnstown.

Col. J. Miles Kephart left on Monday for the national capitol to see that his old friend, Champ Clark, got seated in the speaker's chair. Though almost eighty years of age the Colonel has a retentive memory on all public events. He is a loyal G. A. R. man, having served in the 84th Pennsylvania during the latter part of the war. He was a member of the commissary department and had a reputation of being one of the most efficient in the department.

—The "Watchman" has all the news

BOALSBURG.

David Stuart, of Ingram, Pa., spent the week-end in town.

Charles Segner transacted business in Bellefonte on Monday.

Dr. Longwell, of Centre Hall, spent a short time in town recently.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Homan, of State College, were callers in town on Friday.

Miss Rosalie McCormick visited at her home in Hublersburg over Sunday.

Paul Rupp came home from Pitcairn last week to recuperate from a recent illness.

Mrs. Devine returned to Altoona Monday, after spending a month in this vicinity.

Mrs. Harry McGirk and daughter, of Bellefonte, spent several days in town last week.

Miss Anna Mary Goheen, of Rock Springs, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Lucretia Goheen.

Kleckner Reish, of Altoona, spent the week-end with Misses Mary Reish and Nora Miller.

Miss Florence Hazel, of the Allentown College, is spending the Easter vacation at her home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reitz and son Henry, of Stone Valley, were visitors in town Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. James Poorman went to Oak Hall Monday to visit her granddaughter, Madeline Markle, who is ill.

Charles Fisher, of Danville, and Frank Fisher and son, of Altoona, were guests of their mother last week.

Mrs. Elmer Campbell, Mrs. Al. Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wieland, of Linden Hall, were recent visitors in town.

F. E. Meyer received the appointment of mail carrier from Oak Hall station and now we have auto mail service.

Dr. and Mrs. Kidder and daughter Mary, and Forester and Mrs. J. U. Keller spent Saturday afternoon in Bellefonte.

William Catherman moved to Linden Hall on Tuesday and Cyrus Confer will move from Oak Hall to the house vacated by Mr. Catherman.

Mrs. L. Mothersbaugh, Mrs. Amanda Fisher, Mrs. John Jacobs and Mrs. George Shugerts spent Thursday at the home of Ernest Hess, at Shingletown.

Mrs. M. A. Woods, who spent the Winter at Braddock, and her daughter, Mrs. Irvin Johnson, of Clairton, returned to their home in town for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Mothersbaugh entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Meyer, Misses Annie Weber and Annie Lohr, and Mr. S. E. Weber at dinner on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wood, of Milesburg; Miss Hester Smull and brother Earl, of State College, and Russell Auman, of Rebersburg, were guests of A. J. Hazel and family on Sunday.

There will be preaching services in the Lutheran church Friday and Saturday evening, and communion services on Sunday morning. An Easter service will be rendered in the Reformed church on Sunday evening.

CENTRE HALL NEWS.

Mrs. Thomas Smith and daughter spent Sunday in State College.

Roy White, of Burnham, is spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Kate Conley.

Mrs. Clyde A. Smith is spending a short time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson.

Capt. George M. Boal, B. D. Brisbin and Frank Bradford were Bellefonte visitors Saturday.

Mrs. J. C. Strohm, who has been in Phillipsburg, N. J., during the winter, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rowe, of Boalsburg, spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rowe.

Those who attended the funeral of Miss Catherine Fleisher on Monday afternoon were Mr. Isaiah Fleisher and daughter, Miss Margaret, of Philadelphia; Mr. Jared Fleisher, of Jamestown, N. Y., and Earl Fleming, of Baltimore, Md.

COLEVILLE.

David Casper is moving from our town to the Ellis Way farm near Unionville.

Miss Mabel Price, from Bald Eagle, was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Snyder Stover.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Keller, of Akron, Ohio, have been visiting with Mrs. Keller's grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Poorman.

Mrs. John Billet and children visited several days in our town. Mr. and Mrs. Billet are moving from Mackeyville to their home near Harrisburg.

This is moving week. Mrs. Kate Stover moved into town and her son, Snyder Stover and family took the house she vacated; John Davis Jr. and family, moved into the house vacated by Snyder Stover; Roy Keeler and family moved into the house vacated by the Davis family.

A Scotch Rebuke.

Many stories are told of a former Canadian bishop who had passed his youth in Scotland, but flattered himself that not a hint of his origin could be gained from his speech or manner. One day he met a Scotchman, to whom he said at last, abruptly.

"Hoo lang hae ye been here?"

"About sax years," was the reply.

"Hoot, mon!" said the bishop sharply, "why hae ye na lost your accent like mysel'?"—Christian Register.

A Worth-While Smile.

It is easy enough to be happy
When life is a bright, rosy wreath,
But the man worth while
Is the man who can smile
When the dentist is filling his teeth.
—New York Times.

——Women are asking for White Shoes.—See Cohen & Co. 14-1t

Political Announcements.

Jury Commissioner.

We are authorized to announce that A. C. Ripka, of Centre Hall borough, is a candidate for Jury Commissioner on the Democratic ticket, subject to the decision of the voters as expressed at the primaries to be held September 18, 1917.

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HARRY C. TAYLOR, Administrator, Bellefonte, Pa.
HARRA KELLER, Attorney.
62-14-6t

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration having been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of Mirinda Harper, late of Bellefonte borough, deceased, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt payment, and those having claims against the same must present the same duly authenticated for settlement.
LOUISE GARMAN HARPER,
GEORGE EDWARD HARPER, Administrators, Bellefonte, Pa.
W. HARRISON WALKER, Attorney.
62-14-6t*

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration having been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of James Toner, late of Bellefonte borough, deceased, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt settlement, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.
CLARA TONER,
L. J. TONER, Administrators, Bellefonte, Pa.
W. HARRISON WALKER, Attorney.
62-14-6t

EXECUTRIX NOTICE.—Estate of Thomas A. Shoemaker, late of the Borough of Bellefonte, in the County of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, deceased.

Letters testamentary in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre County, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to the said estate are here-by requested to make payment, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same, duly authenticated, without delay to
AUGUSTA C. SHOEMAKER, Executrix, Bellefonte, Pa.
BLANCHARD & BLANCHARD, Attorneys.
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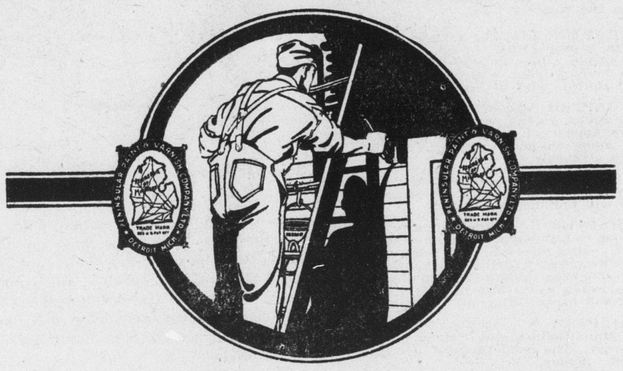

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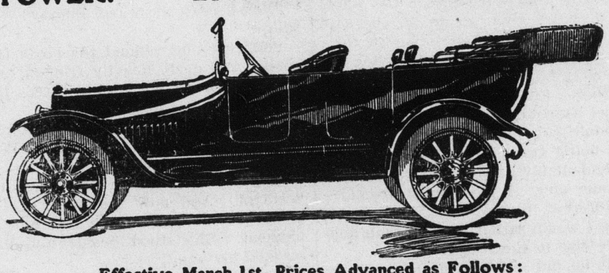

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Roadster	"	930.00	"	985.00
Everyweather	"	1,140.00	"	1,185.00
Chassis	"	850.00	"	885.00

SIXES.

Touring	from	$1,180.00	to	$1,250.00
Roadster	"	1,170.00	"	1,250.00
Everyweather	"	1,380.00	"	1,450.00
Chassis	"	1,090.00	"	1,150.00
Heaslet Victoria Top		1,450.00	"	1,575.00
" Exten. "	"	1,450.00	"	1,500.00

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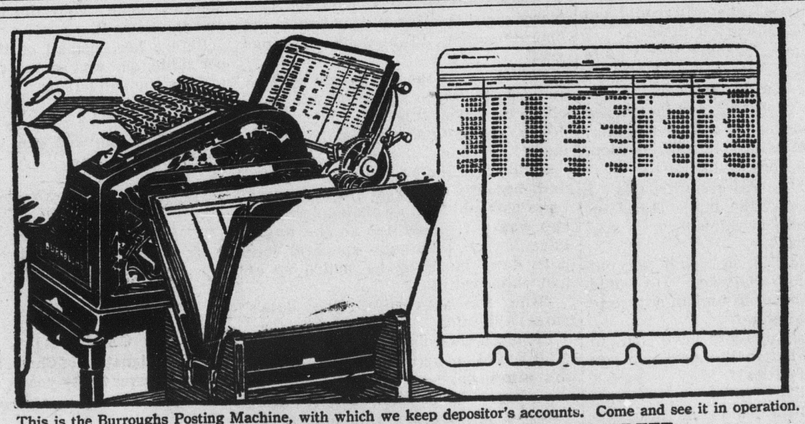

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