

PRESIDENT WILSON CALLS CONGRESS FOR GERMAN WAR ACTION

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for revenge for Germany's killing of American citizens and destruction of American property in contravention of all international law and the ideals upon which the United States was founded and exists today.

NATION'S WAR PLANS

This is how one of President Wilson's Cabinet members described today the probable course of action, this nation should take if war with Germany comes, as is now expected:

Alignment with the Entente Allies. The British and French fleets now in western Atlantic waters would be released for duty elsewhere, especially in the submarine zone, by being replaced by the United States Atlantic fleets.

This country does not at present plan to send any expedition to Europe, because the Allies have all the men they need.

Our ports would be thrown open to Allied ships for all purposes. Extension of unlimited credit to the Allies so that they would be able to purchase all the necessary ammunition, food and supplies. American gold is what would make the entrance of the United States into the war felt the most.

AFTER LONG STRUGGLE The President's course marks the end of his unprecedented efforts—efforts which have been commended and bitterly condemned—to keep this country at peace even with Germany, in order that it might perform the greater service of restoring reason to war-torn Europe.

In reaching his conclusion to lay before the Congress the grave problem of determining upon this Government's national policy toward Germany, the President brought to an end a struggle for peace not only with his advisers, but with himself—perhaps the most dramatic in history.

Holding out against all arguments for positive warlike action until the last, the President was loath to take a course which he believed might be construed as "forcing the issue."

Appeals were made to him by his Cabinet and through hundreds of telegrams from people of the country that aggressive action was demanded immediately not only for the sake of America's conscience, but for the sake of the peace of the world.

CONSTANT PRESSURE In this connection it is recalled that President Wilson about a year ago declared to some of his advocates that he had reason to believe if the United States entered the war actively there would be a termination of the struggle within a few months.

Executive advisers have told him within the last twenty-four hours that to assume now a positive stand against Germany would be to encourage the new Russian Government, hearten the Allied troops in the field, perhaps create an irrepressible demand in Germany for the overthrow of the autocracy there, and in all bring lasting peace to the world vastly nearer.

It became known today that in the last few weeks many telegrams and much of the advice that have gone to the White House have counseled open war, and have been usually frank in declarations that a high note of patriotism must be sounded at once. They have declared this to be no time for "waiting to hear from the country"; they have declared the country has never in its history been so united as now, and the people what they must do, they have declared it is finally up to the President of the United States to decide on active steps against Germany and German military and naval ruthlessness over the question, "Will the country want me to do this?"

This, in effect, is what President Wilson has been told by his most trusted advisers and counselors, in effect, it was what was told to President Wilson at the Cabinet meeting.

It was in the face of such overwhelming sentiment that the President today decided not to wait even the fourteen more days until April 16, the date he had set in a former proclamation for an extraordinary session.

This action is interpreted by some of his Cabinet, as meaning the President at last has yielded to the last vestige of patience and hope that the war chasm might ultimately be bridged.

Many of them, at first knowledge of the news, believed actual hostilities and a special declaration of actual hostilities inevitable.

ARGUMENTS FOR WAR The President's Cabinet and telegrams from the country argue along the following line in favor of immediate action:

The prompt assumption of an aggressive attitude toward Germany, if the people are ready to go to war and need only the call.

Sounding of a single patriotic note which would immediately augment recruiting in both the navy and army branches of defense service and enable the Government to man its war vessels up to full strength; or

Declaration of a state of war which would encourage the Entente soldiers in the field; encourage the Russian revolutionists in the prompt and definite overthrow of the present German Government; and in all bring peace nearer.

DEFENSE MEASURES TAKEN The first apparently warlike step to be taken by the Government following the President's call for an extraordinary Congressional session April 2 was when the munition standardization division of the Council of National Defense met behind closed doors.

The object of the meeting is to plan immediate co-operation of the country's Government and private munition-making concerns.

While nothing official could be learned regarding the meeting, it is known that the Defense Council for weeks has been consulting with the nation's largest manufacturers of powder, explosives of all other types, and of rifles and all manner of guns, in the interests of standardizing all output with the least possible delay and expense.

It has also been one of the objects of the munition standardization division to formulate the most detailed plans for the purchase of munitions and elimination of "supercharges" that have been made the Government in former wars.

Meantime, other Government branches have been working on their own.

While Peter Bollenbacher, secretary of the Trades Union Liberty League, was making an appeal to local option, his declaration of temperance brought forth a laugh.

He was hissed when he declared that he had the prohibitionists with anarchists, Archdeacon William Cleveland Hicks, of Washington, D. C., and who represents the interests of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and Bethlehem in the Episcopal Church, declared that the time is coming when the whole country will be dry.

"Pennsylvania should get on the bandwagon," he said.

The hearing was closed by C. P. O'Malley, of Scranton, who opposed the local option bill.

SHOOTING IN NEW RIOT AMONG SUGAR WORKERS

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RUSSO-AMERICAN TREATY PLANNED

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New Agreement Will Take Place of One Abrogated Under Taft

JEWISH PROBLEM SOLVED Removal of Racial Restrictions Will Make Broader Inter-course Possible

From a Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, March 21.

Negotiation of a new commercial treaty with Russia, according to an official of the State Department, will follow the establishment of a stable Government of Russia and the recognition of that Government by the United States.

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STROUNG DEFENSE COUNCIL

The defense council, authorized by Congress, and a quasi-official body now in charge of the important work of mobilizing the nation's financial, industrial, social and individual resources, it seemed certain, will be made the President's war council.

Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, will resign the presidency and become chairman of the board of directors, succeeding Oscar Murray, deceased. Mr. Willard also has made plans to take the post of head of the "war council's" transportation portfolio.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and head of the defense council's labor division, would, it is said, probably be given the post of head of a labor portfolio in the proposed war council.

The defense council, it was pointed out today, is composed of the nation's biggest industrial, financial and manufacturing leaders of all political faiths. It was also pointed out that to create new Cabinet posts would take action by Congress.

While the nearest approach to official declaration was that there were no changes in the Cabinet being considered now, it is known that several present Cabinet members have considered getting out in the fall.

It was officially stated that of course the President "would try to get the best men for their places, should the places be vacated," but that the new members would be Democrats.

More Gold for South America NEW YORK, March 21.—Gold to the amount of \$309,000 was withdrawn from the Subtreasury today for export to South America and \$50,000 was taken for Spain.

The strength of Spanish exchange indicates further shipments of gold from this country in settlement for supplies furnished to the belligerents by Spain.

SECURITIES AT AUCTION The following securities were sold at auction today by Barnes & Loeb:

Table listing securities at auction including items like 40 shrs. Pennsylvania Warehousing and Safe Deposit Co., 57 shrs. Pennsylvania Warehousing and Safe Deposit Co., etc.

AIR SERVICE PLANS A report from a joint board of army and navy officers late today recommended the immediate co-ordination of the military and naval aeronautic services "for maximum national advantage in war."

The board urged also that aeronautical pilots and observers be trained together in joint stations near the coast.

Co-ordination of the services, the board said, should include a general standardization of machines and motors. The naval air service, in time of war, would be charged with operations in connection with the fleet, overseas scouting from shore bases and for protection of naval reserves.

The army section would be charged with defense of cities, fortifications, arsenals, navy yards, shipbuilding plants, powder works and national utilities, with fire control for coast defenses and operations in conjunction with the mobile army.

The board recommended, however, that no line of sharp demarcation be drawn. President Wilson has issued an executive order restoring to their former civil service status all national guardsmen, who as a result of border service lost their rating.

The Department of Commerce stated today that the President's order was not intended to consider such a step, it was strongly intimated today.

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