

WAR DECLARATION BY U.S. DELAYED BY LONG DEBATE

CAMDEN TAKING MILITARY CENSUS



Under the direction of the citizens' home defense committee, appointed and headed by Mayor Charles H. Ellis, policemen are making a count of all the men in the city capable of bearing arms.

HOUSE WILL REACH VOTE LATE TONIGHT; BATTLE CRY SOUNDED AS PACIFISTS MAKE MILD PLEA

Defense of Nation's Honor Against Prussian Ruthlessness, Keynote of Speeches.

Socialist Prefers Dishonor To a Fight

Chief of Staff Scott to Appear Before Committees and Outline Scheme for Raising Army of 1,200,000 as First Line of Defense—France and Britain Welcome New Ally

WASHINGTON, April 5.

Chairman Flood, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, announced that it would be 10 or 11 o'clock tonight before a vote would be taken on the war resolution.

The National House of Representatives opened debate on the Flood-Martin war resolution immediately upon convening at 10 o'clock today.

The measure, certain of adoption, merely awaits expression of the House members' views. It was passed by the Senate, the vote being 82 to 6.

The House rang with patriotic utterances, Chairman Flood, of the Foreign Affairs Committee, opening the debate.

Immediate steps to organize the nation's military forces will follow the war declaration.

Chief of Staff Scott is expected to appear before House committees and outline plans for raising an army.

It is estimated 1,200,000 men will comprise the first line of defense.

Secretary of War Baker and Congress leaders completed details for raising the army to full fighting strength, the first recruits to be added to units of regulars and National Guard.

Plans are in formation for institution of the universal service rule.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels asks that the naval strength be boosted from 87,000 men to 150,000, and for the Marine Corps an increase from 17,000 to 30,000.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo asks Congress for a \$3,000,000,000 appropriation.

America's war step has roused the enthusiasm of the Entente nations.

The French Premier, opening the Chamber of Deputies, welcomed the United States as an ally. Paris papers were jubilant as they announced the coming of the United States into the war. Great Britain continued to rejoice and considered sending a mission to confer with the United States on co-operation in the war.

LOGIC OF PACIFISTS DENOUNCED IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, April 5.

The House today sounded the battery and prepared to make war against Germany a reality within twenty-four hours or less.

House speeches, fiery with patriotism, called upon members to hasten passage of the state of war resolution, which was adopted by the Senate last night by a vote of 82 to 6.

Some pacifism developed, but there was no question as to the ultimate outcome—a hearty support of President Wilson in his demand for war.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union at 10:25, bringing up the state of war resolution for debate. Chairman Flood, of the Foreign Committee, opened the discussion.

At the outset the House developed a temporary wrangle over the disposition of the time for debate. Representative Cooper, pacifist and ranking Republican member

Continued on Page Two, Column Three

Gas Explosion Kills Two

CHICAGO, April 5.—Two are dead and more than forty known to be injured as a result of an explosion of gas at the restaurant of Alexander Theodora, Lake and Halsted streets, today. The force of the explosion caused the roof to fall in upon the crowd that had gathered during the lunch hour. Firemen believe that more bodies may be recovered from the ruins.

Bowie Results

FIRST RACE, two-year-olds, selling, 4 furlongs: 1. Faltan, 111, Parrington, \$13.10 \$2.70 \$4.60 2. Bill Livingston, 105, Washoff, 3.90 3.20 3. Little Swimmer, 107, Fort-

SECOND RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Parlor Boy, 112, Taplin (Gold), \$4.00 \$2.90 \$2.30 2. Amiey, 113, McDermond, 4.10 3.90 3. Bronson, 105, Rodriguez, 3.80

THIRD RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Tarrant, 112, T. Mc-

FOURTH RACE, handicap, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Fruitcake, 120, Robinson, \$3.80 \$2.70 \$2.40 2. Blue Fox, 102, Parrington, 10.30 3.90 3. Warsaw, 100, A. Collins, 3.80

FIFTH RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Little, 110, Merritts, 10.10 1.40 1.20 2. Third, 109, Trist, 10.10 1.30 1.10 3. Innocent, 98, Jeff, 15.10 1.30 1.20

SIXTH RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Little, 110, Merritts, 10.10 1.40 1.20 2. Third, 109, Trist, 10.10 1.30 1.10 3. Innocent, 98, Jeff, 15.10 1.30 1.20

SEVENTH RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Little, 110, Merritts, 10.10 1.40 1.20 2. Third, 109, Trist, 10.10 1.30 1.10 3. Innocent, 98, Jeff, 15.10 1.30 1.20

EIGHTH RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Little, 110, Merritts, 10.10 1.40 1.20 2. Third, 109, Trist, 10.10 1.30 1.10 3. Innocent, 98, Jeff, 15.10 1.30 1.20

NINTH RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Little, 110, Merritts, 10.10 1.40 1.20 2. Third, 109, Trist, 10.10 1.30 1.10 3. Innocent, 98, Jeff, 15.10 1.30 1.20

TENTH RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Little, 110, Merritts, 10.10 1.40 1.20 2. Third, 109, Trist, 10.10 1.30 1.10 3. Innocent, 98, Jeff, 15.10 1.30 1.20

ELEVENTH RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Little, 110, Merritts, 10.10 1.40 1.20 2. Third, 109, Trist, 10.10 1.30 1.10 3. Innocent, 98, Jeff, 15.10 1.30 1.20

Twelfth RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Little, 110, Merritts, 10.10 1.40 1.20 2. Third, 109, Trist, 10.10 1.30 1.10 3. Innocent, 98, Jeff, 15.10 1.30 1.20

Thirteenth RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Little, 110, Merritts, 10.10 1.40 1.20 2. Third, 109, Trist, 10.10 1.30 1.10 3. Innocent, 98, Jeff, 15.10 1.30 1.20

Fourteenth RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Little, 110, Merritts, 10.10 1.40 1.20 2. Third, 109, Trist, 10.10 1.30 1.10 3. Innocent, 98, Jeff, 15.10 1.30 1.20

Fifteenth RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Little, 110, Merritts, 10.10 1.40 1.20 2. Third, 109, Trist, 10.10 1.30 1.10 3. Innocent, 98, Jeff, 15.10 1.30 1.20

Sixteenth RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Little, 110, Merritts, 10.10 1.40 1.20 2. Third, 109, Trist, 10.10 1.30 1.10 3. Innocent, 98, Jeff, 15.10 1.30 1.20

Seventeenth RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Little, 110, Merritts, 10.10 1.40 1.20 2. Third, 109, Trist, 10.10 1.30 1.10 3. Innocent, 98, Jeff, 15.10 1.30 1.20

Eighteenth RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Little, 110, Merritts, 10.10 1.40 1.20 2. Third, 109, Trist, 10.10 1.30 1.10 3. Innocent, 98, Jeff, 15.10 1.30 1.20

Nineteenth RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Little, 110, Merritts, 10.10 1.40 1.20 2. Third, 109, Trist, 10.10 1.30 1.10 3. Innocent, 98, Jeff, 15.10 1.30 1.20

Twentieth RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 4 furlongs: 1. Little, 110, Merritts, 10.10 1.40 1.20 2. Third, 109, Trist, 10.10 1.30 1.10 3. Innocent, 98, Jeff, 15.10 1.30 1.20

Continued on Page Five, Column One

Mine Sweeper Sunk; 24 Missing

U. S. CITIZENS ON SHIPS SUNK IN WAR ZONE

Five Vessels Sent Down, Some Without Warning

TWO RELIEF SHIPS LOST

WASHINGTON, April 5.

Official information has been received here of the sinking of five more ships by torpedoes or mines.

The State Department has issued a statement concerning the sinking without warning of the unarmed American liner Missouri, with thirty-two United States citizens aboard, in the Mediterranean by a U-boat. The department also announced the sinking of the British ship Lincolnshire, unarmed and unwarmed, and the Norse steamship Karga, which was warned, each having an American aboard. Word also was received of the sinking of the Belgian relief ship Trever, out from New York, which was torpedoed and the Belgian relief ship Feisteln, which is believed to have hit a mine. Both probably had Americans in the crews.

The Missouri was unarmed and all on board were saved. A dispatch from Consul Frost at Queenstown did not state where or on what day the torpedoing occurred.

Following is the Consul's report: Unwarned American steamer Missouri, 4981 tons; master William Lyons, built at Sparrows Point, owners, American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, fifty-three crew including master and officers, thirty-two Americans, balance various nationalities, left Genoa April 4 for the United States, according to telegram received from master, sunk without warning.

Following from Lyons at Porto Maudiro: American Consul General: Sunk without warning. Crew saved. Leave for Genoa 7 p. m.

The sinking unwarned of another ship upon which was an American and of one warned, also carrying an American, was reported to the department by Consul Lathrop at Cardiff.

Felix Morris, negro seaman, was aboard the British unarmed Lincolnshire when she was torpedoed without warning, while Frank Karga, fireman, was on the Norse steamship Sandvikskool, which, however, was warned. All were saved on both ships.

The Belgian relief ship Trever has been torpedoed and sunk by a submarine off Scheveningen, according to a Ymuiden dispatch received here by wireless.

Twenty-four members of the crew have been landed safely, eight of them wounded.

The Trever was a steel screw vessel of 2905 tons, built in 1907, and registered at Antwerp. She was owned by Antwerpse Zee Maats. of Antwerp.

The Trever sailed from New York for Rotterdam February 20, with assurances of safe-conduct through the submarine danger zone. It was stated by the Commission for Relief in Belgium. She was laden with a general cargo.

The Belgian relief ship Feisteln has been sunk in the North Sea near Rotterdam, according to a cablegram received in New York today by the commission. It is believed she struck a mine.

AZTEC CAPTAIN TELLS VIVID TALE OF SINKING

WASHINGTON, April 5.

Charles O'Brien's own dramatic account of the sinking without warning of the armed

Continued on Page Five, Column One

LONDON, April 5.—The Admiralty

Continued on Page Five, Column One

Continued on Page Five, Column One

Continued on Page Five, Column One

Continued on Page Five, Column One

Continued on Page Five, Column One

Continued on Page Five, Column One

Continued on Page Five, Column One

Continued on Page Five, Column One

Continued on Page Five, Column One

Continued on Page Five, Column One

Continued on Page Five, Column One

Continued on Page Five, Column One

QUICK NEWS

GIRARD SWIMMERS DEFEAT ST. JOSEPH

The Girard College swimmers defeated the St. Joseph's swimmer squad this afternoon by the score of 40 to 13. The meet was held in the Girard College tank.

WILSON WON'T GET WAR BILL TONIGHT

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The state of war resolution will not be signed by the President tonight. After struggling over how soon it could be rushed to him, House and Senate parliamentarians realized that after it passes the House it must be signed by the Speaker, then by the Vice President—while the Senate is in session. The Senate adjourned until noon tomorrow.

WHITLOCK REPORTS AN "EASY" EXIT

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The trip out of Belgium of Minister Whitlock, the legation staff and the American relief commissioners was "easy and pleasant," said a cable from Whitlock, dated from Berne, which reached the State Department this afternoon. This was the first direct report from the withdrawn diplomat.

WESTERN MINERS WANT MORE PAY

INDIANAPOLIS, April 5.—Representatives of the Mine Workers Union of Illinois, Iowa and western Pennsylvania this afternoon considered a proposal to call a general conference of local chapters to demand on the operators of these districts for an increase in wages of from five to ten per cent.

RUSSIAN PRESS HAILS WORLD DEMOCRACY

PETROGRAD, April 5.—The Russian press is united in enthusiastic approbation of President Wilson's suggestion that all world democracies are now united against autocracy.

U. S. PLANS WHOLESALE ARREST OF SPIES

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Wholesale arrests of German spies in all parts of the country will be made by agents of the Department of Justice and Secret Service almost simultaneously with the adoption of the war resolution by Congress.

MAY WHEAT HITS \$2.07 A BUSHEL; CLOSES AT \$2.06

CHICAGO, April 5.—A new high mark was established by May wheat in the trading in the pit on the Board of Trade here today, when \$2.07 a bushel was reached, an advance of five cents from the close of yesterday. The close was \$2.06. July and September wheat kept step with May, scoring substantial gains. The strength in wheat was followed up by advances in corn and oats. War talk and heavy demand were responsible for the strength in the market. There was much excitement as the high marks were reached.

MAYOR OFFERS STATE FENCIBLES FOR SERVICE

Mayor Smith has offered the services of the State Fencibles to Governor Brumbaugh. In a letter to Chief Executive today the Mayor traced the history of the organization, said it was the only municipal guard in the country and told the Governor that the Fencibles would perform at this time any duty required of them.

OFFERS HIS YACHT AND HOUSE TO GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Joseph Willmann, of Morristown, N. J., today tendered the Navy Department, through Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, his steam yacht Roma, a base for her in the Thousand Islands and a seventeen-room house near Morristown as a hospital.

\$18,746,067 CITY'S BANK BALANCE

The weekly reports of City Treasurer McCoach shows receipts of \$1,693,170.51 and payments of \$1,855,574.29, leaving a balance in the treasury, not including the sinking fund account, of \$18,746,067.23.

AMERICAN STORES PREFERRED STOCK OVERSUBSCRIBED

Announcement was made by Chandler & Co., Inc., today that the issue of \$3,000,000 first preferred stock of the American Stores Company, which company is to take over the five chain store companies in this city, has been more than three times oversubscribed. The stock was offered at 97 1/2.

EX-CZAR AND CZARINA TO BE IMPRISONED

COPENHAGEN, April 5.—The Russian newspaper Den asserted today it learned from good sources that the former Czar and Czarina would shortly be imprisoned in the Fortress of St. Peter and Paul.

THOMAS CADWALADER NOW FIRST LIEUTENANT

Thomas Cadwalader, first sergeant of the First City Troop, has been elected first lieutenant to succeed George C. Thayer, recently elected captain of the cavalry organization. William Innes Forbes, second lieutenant, was placed on the nonactive roll, and J. Conyngham Stevens, formerly cornet, was elected second lieutenant. William Joyce Sewell, Jr., was moved up to the position of cornet.

ARMOUR EMPLOYEES TO SHARE IN HALF MILLION BONUS

CHICAGO, April 5.—Armour employees receiving \$1800 or under a year will participate in a \$500,000 bonus, to be distributed Easter. Eight thousand will share in the division.

GOETHALS INSPECTS PROPOSED ROAD IN CAMDEN

General George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, now chief engineer for the Highway Department of New Jersey, today inspected a route proposed through Camden for the new Trenton-Atlantic City State Highway. The General's party was joined by a committee of Camden Councilmen, who urged that the route

BRITISH ARMY JOINS SLAVS IN MESOPOTAMIA

Effect Junction 100 Miles Northeast of Bagdad

TWO REGIMENTS LOST BY RUSSIANS

Haig Reports Capture of Two More Villages on West Front

ST. QUENTIN TOTTERING

BERLIN, April 5.—German forces near Rheims have inflicted a sanguinary defeat of the French, capturing more than eight hundred prisoners, according to today's official statement.

LONDON, April 5.—English and Russian troops in Mesopotamia have effected a junction and Persia has been cleared of all Turkish forces, General F. B. Maurice, in charge of military operations, announced today. The British and Russians came in contact at Khanikan.

Khanikan is located on the border between Persia and Mesopotamia, 100 miles northeast of Bagdad.

PETROGRAD ADMITS TWO REGIMENTS WERE LOST

PETROGRAD, April 5.—Severe losses were sustained by Russian troops in Tuesday's battle along the Stokhol, which was unsuccessful for us, we occupied the right bank," the War Office said. "The enemy continued intermittent artillery fighting. Defenders of the dump suffered severely. Out of two regiments only a few groups of ten men reached the right bank. A third regiment withdrew without losses. Others suffered less heavily."

BRITISH OCCUPY TWO MORE VILLAGES IN PUSH

LONDON, April 5.—Capture of the villages of Ronsoy and Basseboulogne, with twenty-two German prisoners, was reported as today's progress of the British forward movement on the western front by Field Marshal Haig.

To the east and northeast of Metz-en-Couture, the British commander-in-chief reported continued progress "despite considerable resistance," his troops having reached the western and southwestern edges of the woods of Metz-en-Couture, which General Haig's sixty prisoners were taken.

"The enemy was caught on his own wire entanglements at Ronsoy and Basseboulogne, suffering heavily," the statement said.

Pushing forward through blustery squalls of snow General Nivelle's men took by storm the villages of Grugies, Trivillers and Moy, cutting the Vendoul-Ribemont Railroad and outflanking Von Hindenburg's line of defense on the southern side of St. Quentin. The Germans resisted savagely and the trampled mud of the battlefield was covered with corpses and reeked with blood before the German line gave way.

During the night the Germans tried unsuccessfully to drive the French from their positions on the "dominating heights" south of St. Quentin which, the War Office reports, were taken by the French soldiers yesterday.

That the Germans are not going to give up their main positions in the St. Quentin sector without further struggle is shown by the fury of their counter-attacks against the Vendoul-Ribemont Railroad positions are daily becoming more impetuous. After beating off the German counter-assaults the British thrust forward, maintaining the main road from Benthincourt to Cambrail in Havrincourt Wood, about which there were bloody combats last night. Havrincourt Wood lies north of the village of Metz-en-Couture, which General Haig's men captured by storm on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Violent artillery duels are reported from the western front, particularly between Arras and Lens and between Arras and the Aisne.

Ronsoy is about three and a half miles northeast of Ronel, on the road to Le Catelet, and is about three and a half miles distant from what is supposed to be the Hindenburg defense line, running from Cambrai to St. Quentin.

Basseboulogne does not show on available maps. It is probably a village in the same sector.

Metz-en-Couture is about four miles southeast of Benthincourt and ten miles west of Cambrai. The Havrincourt wood lies just to the north of the town, close to the main road from Benthincourt to Cambrai. Metz-en-Couture is about the same distance to the south of Metz-en-Couture, near the main highway between Peronne and Cambrai.

French troops made reconnaissance of the ground north of Gauchy and Moy during the night as far as the German lines, which they found occupied in force," declared today's official statement, describing the closing in on St. Quentin.

The report also detailed intermittent stilling east and west of the Somme. German counter-attacks on the front from Laffaux to Margival and attacks northwest of Rheims were all repulsed.

Moy and Gauchy are within less than two miles of St. Quentin, to the south.

Margival and Laffaux are villages situated about a mile apart and lying south-

Continued on Page Six, Column One

THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Rain tonight and probably Friday morning, followed by clearing; not much change in temperature; strong southeast to south-west winds.

LENGTH OF DAY

Sun rises... 5:50 a.m. Moon sets... 4:15 p.m. Daylight... 11:45 a.m. Twilight... 4:15 a.m. 7:15 p.m.

DELAWARE RIVER STAGE

CHESTER STAGE

High water... 1:30 a.m. Low water... 4:15 a.m.