



CONGRESS TO SIT UNTIL WAR DECLARATION PASSES

U.S. TO STRIKE WAR'S FIRST BLOW QUICK

Administration's Plans For Conducting Aggressive Hostilities Against Germany Will Be Put Into Execution Immediately Congressional Authority Is Given President Wilson to Follow Out the Course Outlined in His Special Address

WAR RESOLUTIONS TO BE MADE LAW WITHIN ANOTHER TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

Time For Action and Not For Words Has Arrived Senate Hears When Debate Opens; Lodge Supports Washington's Advice That Nation Keep Clear of Permanent Alliances With European Powers; Worse Things Than War May Come

By Associated Press

Washington, April 4.—After the debate on the administration resolution declaring the existence of a state of war between the United States and Germany and directing the President to prosecute it with all the nation's resources to a successful conclusion was forecast to-day upon the assembling of Congress.

Immediately Congressional authority is given the administration's plans for conducting aggressive hostilities against Germany will be put into execution.

The war resolution was debated in the Senate to-day with speeches of support from both sides and prospects that the opposition would be confined to a very few. It was the plan to pass it before adjourning.

The resolution was not reached in the House, however, as had been planned, and is to be taken up at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning under an arrangement to remain in session until it is passed.

The Senate's resolution was accepted by the House Foreign Affairs Committee as a substitute for its own and favorably reported for passage with only two members of the committee voting against it. They were Representative Shackelford, Democrat, of Missouri, and Representative Cooper, Republican, of Wisconsin.

In the Senate patriotic speeches of support for the President and a determination to press the war with all vigor were made by Democrats and Republicans with pledges of nonpartisan consideration for all war questions.

Senator Hitchcock, in charge of the resolution for the President, in place of Senator Stone, who would not support it, declared that as much as he wished and had worked to avoid war, he could not vote against the resolution.

Senator Lodge, ranking Republican of the Foreign Relations Committee, pledging the support of the Republicans to the President called on the government to seize all German ships in American waters to replace those destroyed by submarines and in passionate terms called on the government not to conduct a "half war."

Senator Vardaman, Democrat, of Mississippi, was the first to announce he would vote against the war resolution. He was followed by Senator Stone, who announced his opposition but, like Vardaman, pledged his support to the war when it is begun.

Congress got down to work on the war resolution to-day with prospects of remaining in session continuously until it is disposed of.

In the Senate it was taken up at 10 o'clock by unanimous consent with administration leaders determined to permit no other business to interfere with it.

Senator LaFollette, who yesterday forced the resolution over until to-day, was not in the chamber when Senator Hitchcock got unanimous consent to take it up.

Most every other senator and many House members were present when the debate began.

Time For Action In a brief opening statement, Senator Hitchcock, in charge of the resolution, said the present was a time for "action, not discussion."

"The time for discussion has passed," he said. "The President has almost conclusively stated the reasons which make this grave step necessary. The resolution provides for war against the imperial German government. It is framed on the lines of other war resolutions. It places responsibility for the war squarely upon the shoulders of the German government, charged with repeated acts of war against the United States. It is also unquestionably a declaration of war."

Cost to Be Enormous "I am impressed with the solemnity of the occasion. Some may be filled with joy at the prospect of war. To me it is depressing and dreadful. The enormous cost which the people must pay, the great increase in the cost of living, the enormous burden of taxes the people must bear and the still greater heritage of death stagger my mind. The awful sacrifice of lives that must follow sickens my heart. I am sure many other senators feel as I do."

"We want no more territory," said Senator Hitchcock. "We will demand no indemnity. We have no historic grudge to settle nor racial antipathy. In this respect we differ from the other countries already involved in this awful struggle. There is pan-Slavism against pan-Germanism. Italy wants back the Trentino; France her lost provinces; Great Britain has German commerce and German colonies amongst her grasp; Russia wants Constantinople and Germany besides her place in the sun wants to dominate Europe."

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SOLDIERS MARCHING TO THEIR POSTS ON ROCKVILLE BRIDGE



Here is shown the camp of Company I, First Regiment, N. G. P., of Philadelphia, under command of Captain Robert Atwood, guarding the Rockville bridge. A thorough day and night patrol is maintained on this structure which goes far to linking the east and west. No windows on trains crossing the bridge are allowed to be open and no one is allowed to stand on the rear platform.

HARRISBURG IS GENTLY WAVING CITY OF FLAGS

In Response to Mayor's Proclamation Colors Fly From Virtually Every House

FLAG DAY!

Our national emblem flings out its folds to-day with added luster—the stars and stripes were never so bright. The red, white and blue increases its power to thrill. To-day is Flag Day, and every day henceforth should be Flag Day while the United States girds on its armor and prepares to sacrifice its life blood if necessary for the cause of international justice and in the interests of lasting peace. Hang out every flag in the house!

The HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH wants every one to have one of the flag supplements that are enclosed in each paper that the press turns out this evening. Paste it on your front window or tack it on the wall—it will be a daily reminder that the United States is maintaining the integrity of her position before the world. Additional flags may be secured at the TELEGRAPH business office.

"OLD GLORY!" The beloved emblem of liberty waves majestically o'er the homes of the brave and the free, radiating the patriotism of the people of Harrisburg in all its splendor into the blue dome of the firmament.

The city enthusiastically responding (Continued on Page 13)

Seditious Talk Must Be Squelched at Once

There have been reports of disloyal talk in quarters here and there throughout the city and public sentiment is rapidly crystallizing around the proposition that "he who is not for us is against us." This is a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

Resolutions urging immediate steps to suppress seditious utterances in public places have been presented to the Court of General Sessions by the Grand Jury of the county of New York.

The resolutions stated that the grand jurors "view with dismay and reprobation the tolerance shown to assemblies in the public parks, squares and streets, in allowing them to listen and applaud utterances of a seditious nature, tending to reflect upon and bring into contempt the President and government of the United States, behind which every American should stand at all times and particularly at this juncture."

The district attorney is requested to prepare a bill to be submitted to the Legislature for prompt action, making any disloyal utterance "a crime punishable by a severe penalty."

Today

Unfurl the flag! The breeze of Heaven shall bear her on its breast. God's warming sun shall make each dear fold bleed. Unfurl the flag! Its crimson stripes are precious blood once shed, Its white the souls of our beloved loved dead. Unfurl the flag! Each passing hour is forming history. A world war is the love creed's mystery! Unfurl the flag! Ask not the meaning but in His great hand. Place future, flag and our beloved land. ANNA HAMILTON WOOD.

BRIDGES, AND OTHER STRATEGIC POINTS ARE UNDER GUARD

The country around Harrisburg to-day took on the appearance of a great armed camp with the pitching of tents by the soldiers assigned to guard local bridges, munition plants and other strategic points.

To aid them in protecting these important points flood lights have been placed on the Cumberland Valley Railroad bridge here while the contract has been let for placing lights in each of the long bridge across the river. These same measures may be taken at Rockville and other bridges.

Pennsylvania Railroad, Philadelphia and Reading Railway and Cumberland Valley Railroad officials to-day cooperated with the military officials in charge of the soldiers stationed at various points regarding accommodations. It is the intention to furnish every facility necessary for a prolonged stay. Buildings will be provided and arrangements made for water supply, sanitary facilities, prompt delivery of food supplies and for special lighting.

Close Guard On Camps Important railroad centers, steel plants, munition works and bridges are to-day under close guard. East of Altoona and south of Lock Haven, reaching eastward to Chester, a total of 4,000 state soldiers are now doing special duty.

At Island Park, Rockville and other points within a radius of thirty-five miles of Harrisburg camps have been opened and soldiers are on duty twenty-four hours each day. The men are well quartered, shop buildings and barracks being used where available, and in some places scenes resemble tented cities.

To Deal Sternly Three regiments of the National Guard are out, the First and Third, of (Continued on Page 16)

SEATS ALL TAKEN FOR BIG PATRIOTIC MEETING, THURS.

Chamber of Commerce Swamped With Requests For Tickets; Room For 3,000

Patriotic Harrisburg has been shaken to its foundation. Everybody wants to attend the great patriotic meeting to be held in Chestnut Street Auditorium, to-morrow night. The Chamber of Commerce was virtually swamped to-day with requests for tickets.

Three thousand were mailed to members yesterday and to-day the Chamber was besieged with calls for "extras" from members, while a continuous stream of requests by mail and telephone rolled in from non-members.

The Chamber of Commerce announced this morning that it will be impossible to accommodate all those who have requested tickets. It will be im-

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PACIFIST HOLDS UP FORMATION OF MEDICAL CORPS

Activities of Physician Hinder Work of Harrisburg Unit of Reserve Body

Pacifists are busy in Harrisburg. It leaked out this morning that the activities of one of their number, a prominent physician of this city, have seriously hindered the formation of the Harrisburg unit of the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States Army.

As a result doctors sent applications to the Surgeon General of the Army for examination for the position of first lieutenant of the Medical Reserve Corps. A Harrisburg unit of sufficient size and strength that would reflect credit on the leaders in the movement here. Following the meeting an

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WAR DEPARTMENT ISSUES CALL FOR 20,000 ARTISANS

Men Needed For Important Places Back of Fighting Line

Washington, April 4.—The War Department wants 20,000 men of all trades immediately to join the quarter-master enlisted reserve corps. Rapid promotion is promised to men who prove fit in their particular lines of work behind the fighting front.

The list of trades given brings out (Continued on Page 11)

SAND SHORTAGE DELAYS REPAIR WORK ON PAVING

Commissioner Lynch Says This Is Cause of Tie-up on Street Improvements

Delay in getting a supply of sand because dealers are unable to fill orders is the reason for the tie-up in street paving and repairing in the city, Highway Commissioner W. H. Lynch said to-day.

Numerous complaints are being received daily because of the condition of a number of streets which are full (Continued on Page 11)

GARDEN SEEDS GO UP

New York, April 4.—An increase of from 25 to 200 per cent in the price of seeds over last year is attributed by seed merchants here largely to the sudden popularity of suburban gardening. The opinion was expressed, however, that reserve stocks would be sufficient to prevent any serious shortage.

WILSON STUDIES WAR PLANS

Washington, April 4.—President Wilson concentrated his attention to-day on preparedness plans drawn up by the war and navy departments and the Council of National Defense. He has given personal attention to the details of all of the measures which will be presented to Congress as soon as the war resolution is adopted.

U. S. TO RAISE GREAT ARMY OF YOUNG MEN

War Department Plans For Selective Conscription of Those Between 18 and 23 With Exceptions For Married Men and Those With Absolute Dependents

FIRST HALF MILLION SOLDIERS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OTHERS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE

National Defense Council Works Assiduously to Prepare Channels Through Which Steady Stream of Munitions May Flow For Army and Navy Needs

By Associated Press

Washington, April 4.—Legislation under which an army of a half million young men may be raised by selective conscription will be presented to Congress by the War Department as soon as the pending war resolution has been adopted. Only those between certain ages yet to be announced, possibly 18 and 23 are to be called, and of these exemptions will apply to married men, others with dependents, those needed in war industries and men who fail to show the proper physical condition.

Those remaining may be found more than the number desired for the first army and another selection would be necessary, possibly by lot. When that army is sufficiently trained and supplied with officers from the regular army, National Guard and officers' reserve corps, another quota will likely be called by the same process. Graduation of the first class at the West Point Military Academy, April 20, will supply 125 trained officers.

Mobilization of the naval militia and the naval reserve probably will be ordered soon to man reserve ships and coast patrol vessels. Only about 15,000 additional men could be obtained in that way, however, and unless an equal number should volunteer conscription may be applied to the Navy.

The National Defense Council is working assiduously preparing the channels through which a steady stream of munitions and supplies may flow for army and navy needs.

MAYOR MEALS IN CRITICAL CONDITION

HARRISBURG. — LATE THIS AFTERNOON.

MAYOR E. S. MEALS HAD NOT FULLY RECOVERED FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE ANESTHETICS ADMINISTERED LAST NIGHT, WHEN HIS RIGHT FOOT WAS AMPUTATED. HE HAS FREQUENT PERIODS OF CONSCIOUSNESS BUT HAS NOT FULLY REGAINED HIS SENSES. HIS CONDITION IS REVERSED BY HIS PHYSICIANS AS CRITICAL. LOOK INTO DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

Harrisburg. — Senate and House appropriation committees began this afternoon to look into department expenditures. Contingent funds, regular appropriations and other expenditures will be inquired about. The investigation will be entirely apart from that of the economy and efficiency commission.

PRESIDENT PLANS FOR WAR

Washington, April 4.—Secretary Baker conferred with President Wilson to-day on army plans to be submitted to Congress when the war resolution is passed.

HOUSE GETS WAR RESOLUTION

Washington, April 4.—The House Foreign Affairs Committee to-day accepted the Senate's amendment of the war resolution and favorably reported it out for passage. If the resolution is not taken up for action late to-day it will be scheduled as the first order of business to-morrow.

FINLAND AND ST. PAUL SAFE

New York, April 4.—Word was received here to-day of the arrival of the American steamers Finland and St. Paul at English ports. Both ships left an American port March 24. They were armed.

RUSSIANS FALL BACK UNDER ATTACK

Petrograd April 4.—German troops have forced a crossing of the Stokhod river in Volhynia after pressing back the Russians, the war office announces.

WILL FILLIBUSTER TWO HOURS

Washington, April 4.—Many Republican Senators who desired to speak on the administration war resolution agreed not to do so in order to hasten its adoption. Senator La Follette is expected to take about two hours.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Samuel Clegg, Spurrer and Anna Frances Enaley, West Fairview. Robert McClain and Sara Helen Williams, Harrisburg. John Luther Gell and Maud Burkhardt, Harrisburg. William Raymond Reed and Harry Irene Traxell, Grant.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night; Thursday overcast, with probable showers; moderate temperature, lowest to-night about 40 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night; Thursday overcast, with probable showers; moderate temperature; moderate, variable winds, becoming fresh east and southeast. Temperature: 5 a. m., 46. Sun: Rises, 5:40 a. m. Moon: Full moon, April 7. River Stage: 7.5 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 56. Lowest temperature, 42. Mean temperature, 46. Normal temperature, 45.