



WILSON CALLS COUNTRY TO ARMS BY SIGNING WAR BILL

HOUSE BACKS PRESIDENT BY BIG WAR VOTE

After Seventeen Hours of Debate Only Fifty Votes Against Resolution Are Cast in Lower Branch of Congress; Stirring Scenes Mark Balloting in Early Hours of the Morning; Result Rushed to President

Washington, April 6. — President Wilson to-day signed the resolution of Congress declaring a state of war between the United States and Germany.

The war resolution was signed by the President at 1.11 o'clock. The President also signed a proclamation formally declaring a state of war between the United States and Germany.

By the signing of the resolution, the war which Germany actually has been making on the United States for many months is recognized in official form, and the United States thus announces to the world its determination to take up what President Wilson characterized in his address to Congress as Germany's challenge to all the world, her war against humanity.

Speaker Clark signed the resolution soon after it passed the House in the early hours of this morning and Vice President Marshall had signed it soon after the Senate convened at noon.

War between the United States and Germany becomes an actuality to-day immediately upon President Wilson's approval of the war resolution adopted by a vote of 373 to 50 by the House a few minutes after 3 o'clock this morning.

This action will set in motion the government's newly planned machinery for mustering military, navy and economic forces into an aggressive war against Germany.

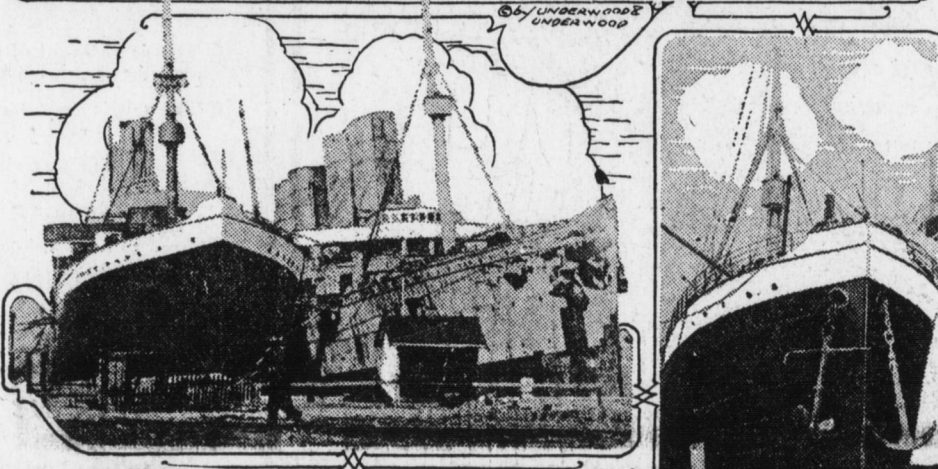
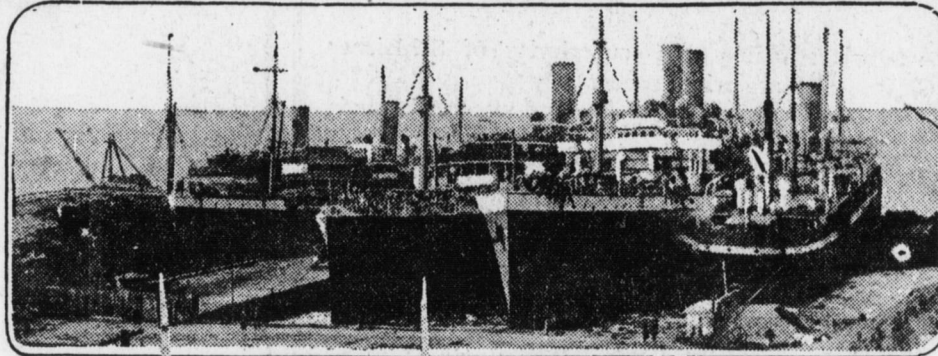
The resolution passed the House in the same form as adopted by the Senate Wednesday night. It declares that a state of war exists and directs the President to employ all the naval and military forces of the United States and resources of the government to carry on war to a successful conclusion.

Final action on the resolution came after 17 hours of continuous debate, and a few minutes afterwards Speaker Clark affixed his signature. After the resolution is signed by Vice-President Marshall it will be rushed to the President who has made the would sign it.

war were thirty-two Republicans, sixteen Democrats, one Socialist and one Prohibitionist. Voting affirmatively were 198 Democrats, 177 Republicans, 2 Progressives and 1 Independent. Democratic Leader Kitchin, and Miss Jeanette Rankin, the new woman

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ALL GERMAN SHIPS INTERNED IN AMERICAN PORTS SEIZED BY AGENTS FOR GOVERNMENT



Above: German interned vessels at New York. Left to right: Prinz Joachim, Prinz Eitel Friedrich, König Wilhelm III, Hamburg and Albatross. Right, the Wilhelm. Below: German cruisers Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich at League Island navy yard, Philadelphia.

Federal Agents Board 91 Ships Immediately Upon Declaration of War; Government Undecided Whether to Take Them Over Permanently and Pay Owners When Peace Is Declared

New York, April 6. — Seizure of German ships in New York harbor, twenty-seven in number, and aggregating more than 275,000 tons gross, from the 54,000 ton liner Vaterland, down to the 1,458 ton bark Matador, was completed early this morning and their 1,500 men and officers were transferred under military guard to the immigration station on Ellis Island.

in an examination of the shops to determine the amount of damage which it has been reported the crews inflicted on them when diplomatic relations were severed with Germany. The port officers acted on orders issued by the Secretary of the Treasury. It is understood that this move does not involve confiscation and that the vessels are held for the present as a measure of safety. There has been no announcement as to whether the gov-

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BRAZIL AND CUBA LIKELY TO ENTER WAR ON GERMANY

European Belligerents Look to America For Aid in Conflict

With the proclamation of a state of war between the United States and Germany on the verge of issuance the probability of other American nations joining this republic in hostilities is pointed to in to-day's dispatches.

Brazil, according to advices from South America, is trembling on the brink of war with Germany. A Ger-

Gerard Says if Germans Hear of War Action They Will Get News in Slices

"If the German people hear of our declaration of a state of war against its government at all, they will get the news in choice slices," ex-Ambassador Gerard said this morning just before his departure from Harrisburg. Mr. Gerard, who last night spoke at the big patriotic rally in Chestnut Street Hall, left for New York a few minutes before 10 o'clock.

Government Seeks High Class Commercial Men

Washington, April 6.—High class men for commercial attaches of the United States at its embassies and legations in South America and the Far East are wanted by the government which will hold civil service examinations April 25 to obtain a list of such men with proper qualifications and from which vacancies will be filled. These commercial attaches or trade diplomats will receive up to \$5,000 a year and will have a diplomatic standing with the embassy or legation to which they are assigned by the State Department.

U. S. WARNED OF U-BOAT BASE IN GULF OF MEXICO

More Than Scores of Submarines Reported to Be Waiting Hostilities

Washington, D. C., April 6.—Persistent but heretofore unconfirmed reports of German submarines waiting in the Gulf of Mexico for the opening of hostilities on the United States were further supported to-day by advices to the government from Europe.

The full nature of the government's information is not disclosed but it was received from one of the neutrals contiguous to Germany which has served as a clearinghouse for German information since the severance of diplomatic relations.

It was reported at the source of origin of the government's information that more than a score of German submarines were already in Mexican waters. Persons here who have been giving attention to the subject think the estimate of numbers is high but feel no doubt that German submarines are somewhere on this side of the Atlantic most probably in Mexican waters and that some of them have been here since early in February.

There is no doubt here that if the U-boats are in the Gulf they are being supplied from Mexican shore bases. Those who hold these views are also convinced that something closely approaching the arrangements proposed by Foreign Minister Zimmermann in his celebrated communication intended for General Carranza have been achieved and that the whole matter, including the supplying of submarines from Mexican shores was arranged by Mexican Minister Zubaran in Berlin.

EX-CITY TREASURER DIES Philadelphia, April 6. — Murrell Dobbins, a member of the Philadelphia Board of Education and formerly city treasurer, died to-day. Mr. Dobbins, who was 74 years old, was prominent in the building trade.

VICTORIOUS, KAISER WOULD ATTACK U. S.

Gerard, Before Great Gathering in Chestnut Street Hall, Justifies Action of Congress; Hatred For America Deliberately Fostered in Germany; Scenes of Patriotic Fervor in Harrisburg; As House Votes For War; Ovations For Governor and Cattell

That Germany, victorious, would turn her attention from Europe to make war on America for the purpose of paying the expenses of the present conflict, that the Prussian government has carefully cultivated a spirit of hatred for the United States among German people with that end in view, that notwithstanding full knowledge of these facts, President Wilson made every effort to keep this country out of the war, and that now we are in, we go forward with the conviction that we are fighting for democracy as against an autocracy, that we are lined up with the free peoples of the earth for the overthrow of a military monarchy that is the last example in the world of the worn-out theory of the divine right of kings, that we stand shoulder to shoulder with the great liberty-loving nations in a gigantic battle for the freedom of all mankind.

This in brief was the message James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Berlin delivered to nearly 3,000 people of Harrisburg last night who braved one of the worst storms in years and crowded the great Chestnut street hall beyond its capacity to demonstrate

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BEIDLEMAN BILL IS SIGNED

Harrisburg. — Governor Brumbaugh this afternoon signed the Beidleman bill providing for the filling of vacancies in third class cities. Under the provisions of this law city council of Harrisburg will in the next thirty days fill the vacancy created by the death of Commissioner Harry Bowman. The man chosen will serve out the unexpired term. In case council fails to name within the time limit the duty of filling the place passes to the county courts. This law saves the taxpayers about \$6,000 which would have been necessary to meet the expenses of a special election. It is generally reported that council favors the choice of City Clerk Charles A. Miller for Mr. Bowman's place.

TEUTONS TAKE 9,000 RUSSIANS

Berlin, April 6.—More than 9,000 Russians, 15 guns and 150 machine guns and mine throwers were captured by the Germans in their attack on the Russian Bridgehead on the Stokhod, the war office announces.

WILSON APPROVES ARMY PLANS

Washington, April 6.—In a statement approving the army plan presented to Congress by the War Department, President Wilson to-day said that "the hope of the world is that when the European war is over, arrangements will have been made composing many of the questions which have hitherto seemed to require the arming of the nations."

NAVY TOLD OF WAR

Washington, April 6. — The Navy Department immediately wireless or telegraphed all its stations, navy yards and ships as follows: "The President has signed an act of Congress which declares that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany."

SENATE VOTES \$100,000,000

Washington, April 6.—The emergency war fund of \$100,000,000 to be used by President Wilson in his discretion, was quickly voted by the Senate. It must also be approved by the House. The Senate adjourned until Monday.

AIRPLANE BOMBARDS COAST

London, April 6.—Towns on the coast of Kent were again bombarded last night by a German airplane. There were no casualties it was announced officially.

ENEMY ALIEN MUST KEEP QUIET

Philadelphia, April 6.—The following notice signed by United State Attorney General Gregory, was received here to-day: "No German alien enemy in this country who has not hitherto been implicated in plots against the interests of the United States, need have any fear of action by the department of justice so long as he observes the following warning. Obey the law; keep your mouth shut."

TO GUARD SEIZED SHIPS

Washington, April 6.—Seizures of German merchantships in American ports according to official statements to-day are measures of safety for the ships themselves and adjoining property. The crews aboard are regarded as German reservists on German territory. The ships may be pressed into service and paid for at the close of the war or they may be confiscated.

ITALY POSTS WILSON'S ADDRESS

Rome, April 6.—The Italian government is about to take the unusual course of posting President Wilson's address to Congress in public places in all communes. Such action has been taken in the past only in respect of official Italian documents of the highest importance.

WAR PROCLAIMED BY PRESIDENT WILSON IN CALL TO ARMS

Washington, April 6.—After signing the war resolution, President Wilson issued the following proclamation of war:

"Whereas, the Congress of the United States in the exercise of the constitutional authority vested in them have resolved by joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives bearing date this day that a state of war between the United States and the Imperial German government which has been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared;

"Whereas it is provided by Section 4067 of the revised statutes as follows:

"Whereas by Sections 4068, 4069 and 4070 of the revised statutes further provision is made relative to alien enemies.

"Whenever there is declared a war between the United States and any foreign nation or government or any invasion of predatory incursion is perpetrated, attempted or threatened against the territory of the United States by any foreign nation or government and the President makes public proclamation of the events, all natives, citizens, denizens or subjects of a hostile nation or government being male of the age of fourteen years and upwards who shall be with-

in the United States and not actually naturalized, shall be liable to be apprehended, restrained, secured and removed as alien enemies.

"The President is authorized in any such event by his proclamation hereof or other public acts to direct the conduct to be observed on the part of the United States toward the aliens who become so liable; the manner and degree of the restraint to which they shall be subject and in what cases and upon what security their residence shall be permitted and to provide for the removal of those who not being

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and slightly colder to-night, with lowest temperature about 34 degrees; Saturday fair.

The main river will not change much. The North Branch will probably fall slowly. The West Branch will rise somewhat, except the upper portion will begin to fall to-night or Saturday. The Juniata will rise this afternoon and begin to fall to-night. A stage of about 7.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Saturday morning.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 46. Sun: Rise, 6:55 a. m. Moon: Full moon, April 7. River: Stage, 7.5 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 46. Lowest temperature, 37. Mean temperature, 42. Normal temperature, 46.