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PRESIDENT SAYS A STATE OF WAR EXISTS

WAR AGAINST THE IMPERIAL GERMAN GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION IN CONGRESS

PRACTICALLY DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY

United States Congress is Discussing War Resolution—Declares War Exists—Stormy Scenes.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, April 4.—President Wilson has picked up the gage of battle thrown down by Germany. The President's speech in Congress is hailed with acclaim by the press the world over. The American press characterize the utterance of the President as the greatest of this generation. That the President has the whole nation behind him and has enunciated the unanimous feeling, is shown by the acclamation with which his words have been received. Congress has been stirred by the pronouncement of the nation's executive that "a state of war exists" and that the nation must bend every energy to prepare the army and navy, and to render every assistance to the Allies. A canvass of Congress shows approval of the statement of the President and that both chambers stand united behind him. The United States will go into war united and determined to a man. The President urged the immediate organization of an army of 500,000.

Congress Re-convenes. Immediately after the President left the capitol, both the Senate and the House of Representatives re-convened and an identical joint resolution was introduced into both houses declaring the existence of a state of war and directing the President to employ all the resources of the country to carry on war against the Imperial German government and to bring the conflict to a successful conclusion.

Stormy Scenes. In the Senate the pacifists adopted obstructionist tactics. La Follette forced over the further consideration of the war measure until the following day. Stormy scenes were witnessed and Senator Martin forced the adjournment to cut off La Follette. Consideration of the war resolution was, therefore, delayed until the next day.

PRESIDENT'S SUGGESTIONS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, April 4.—in his speech to Congress, the President suggested that extending credit to the Allies be heeded. Bonds will be provided for the present expenses but hereafter the country itself must pay largely the burden of the war. It was intimated that a heavy tax on excess profits and large incomes will be the means of raising the bulk of the war revenue. The foremost leaders today say that the President can have what he wants. "We will pass credit for the Allies and will see that there is sufficient money to make the war a success."

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THE ARMY THAT CONQUERED BAGHDAD AND IS STILL CHASING THE TURKS.—This picture shows a portion of the army of General Maude in his victorious Mesopotamian campaign. His army is largely made up of Indian troops like these shown in the picture. The meagre dispatches received from the East pay a high tribute to the valor of these troops, which are now many miles beyond Baghdad.

BRITISH COMMONS CHEERS PRESIDENT

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 4.—A great outburst of cheering, which lasted for a considerable period, broke the stillness of the British House of Commons, when the announcement was made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Bonar Law, that the President of the United States had recommended to Congress the entrance of America into the war with Germany. There was a perceptible stillness for a second, while the full import of this statement was grasped by the House, and then uproarious cheers broke forth. The London press is eulogistic of the President's action and the British point of view is that the United States has declared war upon Hohenzollernism.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, April 4.—Senator Chamberlain has introduced a bill to Congress for universal military training.

A break between the United States and Austria seems probable.

London, April 4.—Mr. Page, the American ambassador, held a long conference with Mr. Arthur Balfour, the Foreign Minister today.

Amsterdam, April 4.—German and Austrian heads meet today in Berlin. Newspapers hint that Germany is ready to talk peace.

Ottawa, April 4.—Canadian officers with overseas experience may be loaned to the United States government by Ottawa.

TO BE CALLED FOR PRESIDENT CHAMBERLIN

The Geographical Board of Canada announces that it has decided to name a splendid peak in the Canadian Rockies "Mount Chamberlin" in honor of President E. J. Chamberlin, of the G. T. P. The great mountain territory in the neighborhood of the Yellowhead Pass was first thrown open to travellers by the building of the Grand Trunk Pacific's transcontinental line, which was completed under President Chamberlin's supervision. The peak is at the southerly end of a massive mountain range in the Grand Fork amphitheatre and is surpassed only by its near neighbor, Mount Robson.

G. T. P. PURCHASE AMERICAN SHIP

It has been learned that the Grand Trunk Pacific has just purchased an American bottom for service between Prince Rupert and Ketchikan, particularly in connection with the fish business. Certain alterations have to be made to make the vessel suitable for this service, after which her schedule will be announced.

THE "PRINCE RUPERT"

It was learned yesterday morning that there had been a fire on the steamer now on the rocks at Genn Island. The pilot house and the cabins immediately behind it were burnt more or less badly due to a defect in the electrical wiring. The patent extinguishers on the ship proved sufficient to control the blaze, which was quickly put out. It was exciting while it lasted though. Preparations are well in hand for an attempt to float the vessel about the 8th inst., when the tides are higher. Failing success at this date, the tides will not serve again till the 22nd of April.

RED CROSS SALE ON SATURDAY

The sale of home cooking this week will be under the charge of Miss McClenaghan and Miss B. McLeod, in the society's new premises and will be held on Saturday, Friday being a public holiday. The public are asked to especially remember the wounded men who are spending another Easter on the battlefields of France, where so many are giving up their lives.

Special Easter music on Good Friday. Farmers Oratorio "Christ and His Soldiers" at the Methodist Church at 8 p. m.

MOTHER AND SON SLEEP OUT IN THE BUSH

The provincial constable brought down from Terrace on the train Sunday night Mrs. Sarah Alfson for a medical and mental examination. Mrs. Alfson had recently arrived in B. C. and has a brother residing in Terrace. While the officer was telephoning to the doctor after coming off the train on Sunday night, the woman and her son slipped out and disappeared. A careful search was made all over the city but without avail. It was thought yesterday that possibly she was making her way back home to Terrace and Constable Doolittle left on the early morning train and arrived back again with his charge last night. Mrs. Alfson had evidently got out of the city at once and the surmise of the police was correct. She was found near Zanardi bridge and had evidently not kept to the railroad track, but had made her way through the bush, as she was in a pitiable condition, with bruises and scratches. The first night the mother and son had slept out in the snow which was then lying in places and on Monday night had taken possession of a deserted shack near the bridge. The way across Kaien Island to Zanardi through the bush is not to be considered in any way easy going, and with little food and the rough going, the mother and the little fellow must have been very tired.

Mrs. Alfson will be examined by Dr. Cade to determine the malady.

ORATORIO FOR GOOD FRIDAY

That the music loving public of Prince Rupert have something good in store is to be seen from the programme of the concert to be held in the Methodist Church on Friday, which is published today.

To those of the community who are acquainted with works of this class, Farmer's "Christ and His Soldiers" stands out distinctly from the others as something better than ordinary.

Both in the solos and the choruses, the individuality of the composer breaks through the swathings of convention and they afford a fine opportunity for the display of individual interpretation. Some of the solo numbers are exceedingly fine, and a glance at the names of the principles will show that justice will be done to their opportunities. The choir is to be an augmented one, members of the other church choirs in the city joining in this production, in order to get the required volume. The members of the orchestra, too, are well known as musical enthusiasts, and the high standard of Prince Rupert's local talent will be sustained on this occasion.

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PROGRESSING STILL NEARER ST. QUENTIN

British Forward Movement Makes Further Capture of German Positions—French Get Machine Guns.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 4.—Bitter and desperate fighting marks the further progress of the British troops in their piercing of the Hindenburg line. The British positions are now less than two miles from St. Quentin, and they are relentlessly pushing the Germans back from their so-called impregnable positions.

The town of Maissemy is the latest among the British captures and their enveloping grip of the captured positions never relaxes. Northward in the Arras sector, the British have advanced from Boyelles, captured a few days ago, and have now taken the town of Henin, which was a very strongly fortified post.

Fire the Town.

The Germans are apparently aware that they cannot hope to hold St. Quentin as they are deliberately firing the city and blowing it up with dynamite. The British have captured their trenches along a ten-mile front and have taken six more villages.

French Front.

Official.—Artillery fighting continues north and south of Ailette. We took six machine guns yesterday, north of Vaux Aillon. In the Champagne district, violent artillery actions are also in progress.

Russian Front.

Petrograd, April 4.—A violent German attack was made on the Russian positions to the south of Illukst. The Germans attacked in close formation in a series of waves, but each wave was repelled by our gunfire and the attack was thrown back.

WAR PICTURES TONIGHT AT WESTHOLME THEATRE

In the Westholme Theatre tonight will be shown some of the most marvellous pictures ever shown on a screen. The Battle of Courcellette ranks as one of the biggest in this present war, and in it 70,000 Canadians were engaged. That is three times as many Canadians as there were British under Wellington at Waterloo. These pictures show the Canadian troops marching to their positions for the attack. Show the bombardment which preceded the attack, show our soldiers going "over the top", the charge across "no man's land", the struggle and the victory. They show the huge tanks come wallowing up and into the storm of bullets, show the terror-stricken night of the Germans and their shell-smashed and deserted trenches, and the victorious Canadians cheering and triumphant that day at Courcellette last September.

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