

Many War Measures Taken Up by Congress

Bills to Provide for Five Billion Dollar Bond Issue and Raising Army of Two Million Men Are Started on Way.

By J. P. Yoder, United Press Staff Correspondent.

Washington, April 9.—Congress today was set for immediate action on the most important war measures. All work today at the capitol preliminary to starting the nation's war wheels is going at top speed.

Chief among measures thus started on their way today are the \$5,000,000,000 bond issue bill, the army bill to raise 2,000,000 men, and the espionage and censorship bills.

As the first step towards expediting passage of war measures, the house today grudgingly assented to committee jurisdiction.

It was decided to let the appropriations committee handle all war measures.

The military committee will report on the bill to provide an army of 2,000,000 men, and the appropriations committee will attend to measures to provide money for the equipment and upkeep of this force.

The naval committee will report on the bill to increase the navy to 150,000 men and the marine corps to 30,000 men, and the appropriations committee will attend to measures to provide money for the necessary money.

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The measure was passed over section by section. Chairman Dent of the committee said this analysis of the bill would be completed tomorrow.

Under opposition to any form of censorship, the committee also strongly opposed sending troops to Europe.

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The censorship measure will give the government close control of the telegraph and telephone lines, mails and newspapers.

In both houses a joint resolution for the conduct of the war, "on the conduct of the war," was introduced.

The committee would keep the legislative and executive branches in closer touch and would make cooperation easier and would make cooperation easier.

The house naval committee, introduced a bill giving the president power to buy or commandeer any merchant ship.

A house committee on merchant marine and fisheries, now in consultation with the shipping board, will have before it by the end of the week, wartime legislation, as follows:

A proposal for immediate repair of damaged German vessels, which have been taken over by the United States Government and must be repaired before they can be utilized.

A proposition involving the construction of thousands of comparatively small wooden cargo vessels, which will be from 250 to 300 feet in length and made of wood. The vessels are to be used for ordinary cargo purposes.

They can be built, it is estimated, "faster than German submarines could destroy them."

People's War Loan. The \$5,000,000,000 bond issue to finance America's war on Germany, is to be the people's war loan. Every man, woman and child in the United States is to be appealed to to buy war bonds.

This announcement was made tonight by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo after a day of conference on the bond issue.

Practically every bank in the country, McAdoo said, is to be used in helping sell the bonds direct to the people. In addition, the postal savings banks will help. From hundreds of bankers have come offers of higher services in this connection with the sale of the bonds.

A nation-wide advertising campaign may be part of the bond selling campaign. The bonds probably will be sold in small denominations.

FRENCH BOMBARD ENEMY SHARPLY

Ally's Artillery Energetically Shells Somme to Aisne Front.

Paris, April 9.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads:

"From the Somme to the Aisne our artillery energetically bombarded the German positions. The enemy countered, particularly north of the Aisne and on the town of Rheims, which suffered intense bombardment. Several civilians being killed."

"In the Farrow forest our grenade throwers repulsed an enemy attack against one of our advanced posts. 'Belgian communication.' The artillery on both sides was less powerful than on the preceding days. It was localized in the region east of Ramscapelle."

"Eastern theatre, April 8: Cannonading took place in the region of Tervuren Stena and between the lakes, and there was rifle and machine gun firing in the Italian sector. A German aeroplane was brought down south of Lake Doiran, two officers and one mechanic being made prisoner."

STRACHAN JOHNSTON WILL PREPARE BILL

Committee of the House Meets Thursday to Consider Railway Act.

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Ottawa, April 9.—Strachan Johnston, of the legal firm of Thompson, Tilley & Johnston, of Toronto, has been appointed solicitor for the department of railways and canals, in preparing the consolidation of the railway act bill.

The committee of the house which will consider the measure, will meet on Thursday. In all probability J. E. Armstrong, of East Lambton, will be appointed chairman.

The special committee dealing with the question of returned soldiers will also meet before the house reconvenes, in order to prepare its report.

As Sir Robert Borden will not be back in Ottawa until after the beginning of May, there has been some talk of a further adjournment of the house until his return, but this is unlikely. Non-contentious matters can be disposed of. There are the estimates also.

Boy Scouts of U. S. Urged To Help Feed Country

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New York, April 9.—Uncle Sam today told the 250,000 boy scouts of America, that a home garden apiece is the greatest service they can render the United States.

"Every scout to feed a soldier," is the slogan of the National Executive Board. Home gardening was placed at the head of the list of definite services which the scouts will give their country.

Duma Calls Upon Nation To Fight on to Victory

London, April 9.—The Russian official news agency, in a despatch from Petrograd, says that the Russian duma has adopted a resolution expressing the full confidence in the foreign policy of the provisional government, based upon fidelity to all present alliances.

The resolution calls upon the nation to unite in support of the government in order to bring the war to a victorious end.

St. Pierre Murder Trial Will Likely Start Wednesday

Cornwall, April 9.—The spring assizes in the unit of counties of St. John's, Dumas and Glenora will open at the court house here on Tuesday before Mr. Justice Leitchford. Beyond one or two civil cases the sitting will be largely taken up with the murder trial of St. Pierre.

St. Pierre is charged with murdering his father, William St. Pierre, Feb. 8, at the St. Pierre home, about three miles north of Aulaville, and Nettie Richmond, with being an accessory after the fact. It is expected that the civil cases will be disposed of the "first day," and that the St. Pierre trial will start late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

MEACAL WINS ELECTION.

Havana, April 9.—In the partial presidential election held in the Province of Oriente today as a result of charges of fraud in the regular election held some time ago, President Menocal was victorious over Dr. Alfred Zayas, the Liberal candidate. President Menocal thus far has 86 electoral votes as against 44 for Dr. Zayas.

AUZONIA AT NEW YORK.

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The difficulty is to decide whether the law should go to them, or whether they should be brought to the law. Probably the trial will take place at Edmonton.

By Sterrell

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