

EX-PREMIER ASQUITH WELCOMES U. S. TO WAR

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President Wilson's Speech Will Live in History as One of Most Memorable of All Utterances is the Opinion of Great Britain's Former Prime Minister—Germany Waging a War of Barbarous Aggression Against the Entire World.

London, April 6.—Former Premier Asquith has given the following statement to the Associated Press in connection with the entry of the United States into the war:

"There is not a man among us who does not breathe more freely now that he knows that, through the action of the president and congress of the United States, the whole English-speaking race is to fight as comrades side by side in the most momentous struggle in history. The president's speech will live in the annals of eloquence as a worthy and noble exposition of the grounds and the aims of a great national resolve.

"The people of the United States have been forced, as the United Kingdom was forced, into a struggle which, in neither case, was of our own seeking. They have realized, as we have realized, that the choice lay between peace with humiliation and war with honor. There was no middle course, for armed neutrality, as the president points out with irresistible cogency, affords no secure or powerful foothold.

"The provocation offered in the two cases was different, but in both the challenge was one which neither nation could refuse to take up without the sacrifice of its self-respect, and without a betrayal of the sacred trust, which is imposed upon all free peoples, to uphold the defense of liberty and humanity.

"Never had the fundamental issues which are at stake been stated with more precision, or with a greater elevation of thought and language, than in the president's address.

"The present German warfare, he points out, is a war against all nations, and the animating motives of the Allies, by whose side he invited his fellow countrymen to range themselves is not vindictiveness, but

vindication—the vindication of those human rights which are the common interest and the natural bond of the whole family of civilized societies.

"To this great purpose the American people now dedicate their lives and fortunes—as we have already dedicated ours—conscious that they are listening to and obeying one of those supreme calls which come but rarely in history, but which, when they come, sound in the ears of a community of free men with a note of imperious demand.

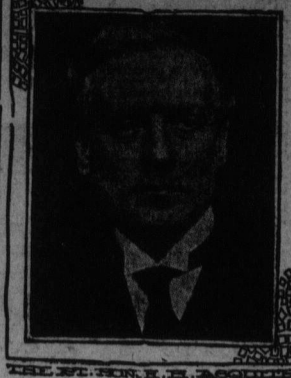
"The president urges upon his fellow citizens the utmost practical co-operation in counsel with the Allies, and promises every form of effective help that America can provide. We, on this side of the Atlantic, acknowledge his appeal and his assurance with profound sympathy and gratitude. We have never presumed to dictate, or even to suggest, to our kinsmen in the United States what their course should be; we have, in our heart of hearts, longed that the time might come when their strength would be joined with ours in a struggle so consonant to all that is best in our common instincts and traditions. That day has now dawned, and we believe that its sun shall not set until the two great English-speaking democracies can rejoice together, as fellow workers and fellow combatants, over the triumph of freedom and of right."

"H. H. Asquith."

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brown and family are spending a few weeks in the city visiting relatives.

Charles Robinson left last night on a trip to Fredericton in connection with matters concerning returned soldiers aid work.



KNOX CHURCH ORGANIZATION IS COMPLETED

St. John and St. Stephen Presbyterian Churches Merged in New Congregation.

Last night was a memorable one in the history of the Presbyterian church in St. John. The Presbytery of St. John met in formal session at St. John Presbyterian church and declared the congregations of St. John

and St. Stephen churches dissolved, and the congregation of Knox church formed to replace them.

Rev. W. M. Fraser, moderator of the Presbytery, presided and had on the platform with him Rev. J. A. MacKegan, who was appointed interim moderator of the session of the new church, and Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison, who delivered the charge of the Presbytery to the congregation.

After the opening hymn and reading of the Scriptures, the moderator reviewed the steps leading up to the union of the two bodies. After the removal of Rev. Gordon Dickie to Newfoundland some of the members of the two churches got together and informally talked the matter over, then the Presbytery was asked to appoint a committee to work in conjunction with committees from the two churches in formulating a basis of union. A basis of union was drawn up and submitted to the congregations and adopted by a very large majority. He then read the basis of union which was signed by the moderator and clerk and chairman and secretary of the trustee board of each church, and the moderator of the Presbytery. The signatories were Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, W. S. Clawson, Joseph B. Hamm, Ralph R. Cummings, representing St. John; Rev. F. W. Thompson, D. B. Doig, R. J. McAfee, R. F. McQuarrie, representing St. Stephen, and Rev. W. M. Fraser, representing the Presbytery. The records of both sessions were then placed in the hands of the clerk of the Presbytery and the moderator declared the congregations of St. John and St. Stephen dissolved and the congregation of Knox church formed. He appointed the sessions of the two former churches as interim sessions for the new church with Rev. J. A. MacKegan as interim moderator. This interim session will act until the new organization shall elect

a session of its own which it must do within two years. The moderator then extended his greetings to the newly formed body and congratulated them on the step which had been taken. He read a letter of congratulation from the vestry of St. Andrew's church conveying their best wishes for a bright and prosperous future for Knox church.

The sessions of the Presbyterian Ministers' Association were tendered by Rev. J. A. Morrison delivered the charge to the congregation on behalf of the Presbytery. He reminded them that a union to be a success must have two essential features, it must be necessary and it must be natural. He believed that the union just consummated was such a one.

One in heart and purpose, and that purpose the advancement of the Kingdom of God. The church was never intended for an end but only as a means to the end of bringing in the Kingdom of God. Knox church had a great future before it and he felt sure they would live up to their opportunities and make it a force for righteousness in the community.

The members of the interim session are Peter Campbell, George M. McLeod, D. B. Doig, Thomas Graham, J. H. Davidson, Dr. Murray MacLaren, John McKechnie, D. McArthur, Charles D. Fowler, David Mitchell, Alex. Morrison, S. Cunningham, W. J. Cappon, Robert McAfee and W. S. Clawson.

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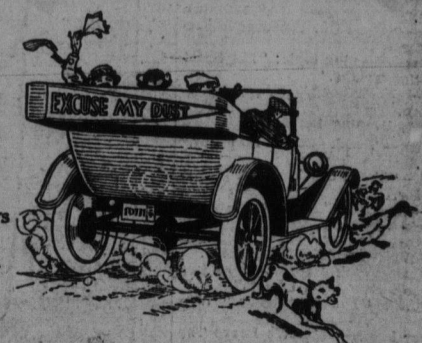
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