

U.S. AT WAR TO-NIGHT OR TO-MORROW

Congress Hastens Action on Greatest Crisis of Nation

Revolt Fomented by Hun Agents in Southern States --Nefarious Plotting to Raise Blacks in Racial War Against America

By Courier Leased Wire.

New York, April 4.—A Tribune despatch from Greensboro, N. C. says:—"As in Ireland, Egypt, South Africa and India, so here in the South, secret agents of the Imperial German Government have been fomenting revolt under the pretense of spreading kultur. They have been insidiously working to bring about a rising of the negroes against the whites.

"The facts are difficult of access, and for obvious reasons are discussed most guardedly by those who know them best. A southerner hates to talk of trouble with the negro. He prefers to prepare silently to meet it and that is what is now going on in the South, from North Carolina to the Gulf.

"No one knows how serious the situation is. The Southerner counts heavily on the loyalty of a great majority of the blacks and fears at the worst local demonstrations by such lawless and reckless elements of the negro population as the German agents have been able to reach. Many well known negroes are working earnestly to counteract or 'back-fire' the German propaganda. The Kaiser's apostles of kultur have probably much misconceived the negro character.

"They could easily underestimate its loyalty and mistake a kind of chronic discontent for a spirit of rebellion. Nevertheless, the colored population has recently been showing symptoms of unusual ill temper, and there are some cool minded Southern men who are prepared, before the thing is over, to see a return of conditions similar to those of 'reconstruction days.'

NEW DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF AMERICAN NATION

Never Did the Ruler of a State Speak With Greater Dignity, Says London Press Upon Wilson's Address and its Results

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, April 4.—The Daily Telegraph, in an editorial describing President Wilson's address as a "new declaration of rights," says: "Never did a ruler of a state speak with greater dignity. We have been proud of the sacrifices we have made but this nation and those associated with it will be prouder today in the knowledge of this latest noble vindication of the purpose of the Allies. Several months ago President Wilson urged the formation of a league of peace. To-day he stands forth as a confederation of democracies determined at all costs to achieve the salvation of the human race from serfdom.

"The speech is the sequel of the Russian revolution. It is the evangel of the transformation which must come to Central Europe before the universe can breathe freely again. There is no hope for the future but in the partnership of the democratic nations. The world is at a new birth. The old order of things is passing away.

"The war has been placed on a new level by the President's statesmanlike announcement. The Allies, moving forward in company with the American people will constitute henceforth a league of honor pledged to free civilization from the menace, which otherwise would have corroded the foundations on which the democracies of the world have

been built in faith, courage and endurance. "When Germany willed this war, she willed it unknowingly of the close of one era and the opening of a new and happier phase of human experience."

Holland's View
Amsterdam, via London, April 4.—The Nieuws Van Den Dag rewards President Wilson's words in his address to Congress as clearly showing that the United States will participate in the world war as vigorously as it can.

"For neutrals," says the newspaper, "it makes a great difference whether America joins fully or only partially in the war. A fresh declaration of neutrality will have to be made and America must be recognized as a full belligerent. Thus, for example, armed American merchant ships must be kept by our government outside our territorial waters."

STOCK YARDS ARE GUARDED IN CHICAGO

Packers and City Officials Confer Upon Plans for Protection

BARBED WIRE FENCE To Encircle Yards and Defend Food Depot

By Courier Leased Wire.
Chicago, April 4.—The packers and city officials have under consideration to-day plans for protecting the Union Stock Yards and packing houses from any havoc which may be attempted by enemies of the government.

Barbed Wire Fence—One of the precautionary measures decided upon for safeguarding the great food depot will be a fence topped by barbed wire, encircling the yards.

Other measures have been taken in the interest of the public welfare it was not deemed prudent to make public.

TWENTY FOUR HOURS TO SEE UNITED STATES FORMALLY AT WAR

No Debate of Unnecessary Length Will be Tolerated by Congress Upon War Measure—Action Hoped For To-night, or by To-morrow Morning at Latest

By Courier Leased Wire

Washington, April 4.—Enactment in another 24 hours of 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 Senate met at 10 o'clock to-day, two hours earlier than usual, in order to expedite consideration of the war resolution and the leaders planned to keep the Senate in continuous session until a vote is reached.

On the House side the Foreign affairs committee met at the same hour to consider the same resolution and was expected to report it to the House promptly under a special rule.

While the leaders in the two Houses had given no definite indication early to-day, how long debate would be allowed to continue, it was plainly evident that Congress was in no mood to permit unnecessary delay.

Chairman Flood and other members of the House Foreign Committee predicted passage of the resolution by the House before night, while Senate leaders hoped to get action by night or to-morrow morning at the latest moment. This depended however upon the ability of the Senate to maintain a quorum.

Most of the pacifists, finding their efforts to prevent war fruitless, have gone home to-day. The few that remained continued to seek the votes of members of Congress against the resolution. The ranks of the "Pillgrims of Patriotism" were augmented by additional arrivals, and they urged senators and representatives to stand by the president.

The question of finances to meet the war with Germany will be taken up as soon as Congress acts on the resolution. Chairman Kitchin of the House ways and means committee, plans to call his committee together when estimates of the amount of revenue that will be needed are received.

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NO GERMAN DRIVE ON THE RIGA

Spring Thaw Upon Russian Front Precludes Thought of an Offensive

MORE TIME IS NEEDED For Revolution Will Change Plans of Hun Leaders

DRIVE ON ROUMANIA Also Scouted by Danish Military Expert

By Courier Leased Wire.
Copenhagen, via London, April 4.—"A 'personae' has been informed politically and militarily, who is easily recognizable as Colonel von Haefen of the general staff in charge of the military department of the foreign office, has informed the Politiken that there is no prospect of a German offensive on the Riga front. Colonel von Haefen says: "The spring thaw that is now setting in is enough in itself to deprive an offensive of any chance of success. Even if the Germans succeeded in taking the Russian positions, it would be impossible for them to move artillery and supplies forward for an advance on Petrograd. They would be hopelessly bogged."

"A modern offensive cannot be improvised. Months are needed for preparation as it is extremely improbable that the German leaders will change their original plan owing to the new political situation resulting from the Russian revolution."

Col. von Haefen also doubts whether Field Marshal von Hindenburg contemplates an offensive on the Sereth front in Roumania, but thinks he will adopt a defensive attitude on the east front, generally.

The Politiken continues: "The statements of the German general staff, which have certain inherent probabilities, are another example of the German determination to quiet Russian apprehension in every possible way. They are issued, as is clearly evident from the tone of the various newspaper comments, with the design of not interfering by outside pressure with the growth of the peace sentiment in Russia and particularly with the spirit of disorganization."

RED LETTER DAY.

By Courier Leased Wire.
Paris, April 4.—"It is a red letter day for us," says Premier Ribot's comment on President Wilson's speech. In conversation with his friends the Premier expressed the deep joy felt by everybody in France over the entry into the conflict of the United States.

The official text of the President's speech has not yet reached Paris so no official declaration in response to it has been made by the government. A statement will, however, be made in the Chamber of Deputies on Thursday, if the American Congress has taken action at that time.

Vote Tonight.
Washington, April 4.—After debate on the Administration war resolution in the Senate had proceeded two hours, Democratic leaders, expressed the belief that a vote would be reached early this evening and that only an unusually long speech by Senator La Follette would postpone action beyond that time. Many Republican senators, who desired to speak, but who favored the resolution agreed not to do so in order to hasten its adoption.

LABOR TROUBLE.
By Courier Leased Wire.
Copenhagen, via London, April 4.—The Berlin Tageblatt says that labor difficulties have broken out in the big Vulcan shipbuilding works in Hamburg. The workmen demand a one third increase in their wages. The Vulcan works are where most of Germany's great ocean liners have been built.

Labor difficulties and strikes have been reported from various sections of Germany in the last few months. Trouble of a serious nature for the same reason that a man arms himself when armed hooligans threaten him."

AUSTRIA AND U. S. TO BREAK

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London, April 4.—The Austrian ministers of justice, war and finance have resigned after the revelation of a grave scandal connected with army supplies, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from The Hague, which quotes German newspapers as its authority. According to the despatch the three ministers assisted Dr. Franz, former director of the Vienna deposit bank, to escape the consequences of having illegally sold food stuffs to the army at exorbitant prices.

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BERLIN IS SURPRISED BY THE U. S.

Attitude of America in Past Two Months Styled Amazing

BREAK IN RELATIONS Came as a Surprise But Has Since Been Surpassed

By Courier Leased Wire.
Amsterdam, via London, April 4.—Tuesday evening newspapers in western Germany, as far as could be reached from Amsterdam, contained no mention of the recent events in Washington. The Cologne edition of the Exchange Telegraph carried a leading editorial under the caption: "America before the decision," in which it says: "When President Wilson replied to our proclamation of unrestricted submarine warfare with a rupture of relations the world was surprised, but his attitude since that time has been more than a surprise. Nobody, even in anti-German circles in the United States believed that the tension between the two countries would go beyond a diplomatic rupture. It is not Germany but the United States which took the rupture as a starting point for warfare. The American people does not desire war, but probably it will believe the President if he declares that it cannot be avoided.

"We wait to see whether President Wilson will plunge American people into war in order to make free seas for Anglo-American business."

Scandal in Austria
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War Resolution Favorably Reported by House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congress to Act Without Delay

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Washington, April 4.—The House of Foreign Affairs Committee today accepted the Senate's war resolution in place of its own and favorably reports the resolution for passage.

Washington, April 4.—Congress got down to business on the war resolution today 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 and with administration leaders determined to permit no other business to interfere with it.

Senator La Follette, who yesterday forced the resolution over until today, was not in the chamber when Senator Hitchcock got unanimous consent to take it up.

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

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 already stated more clearly, effectively, more conclusively 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."

TEUTONS CANNOT CONCEAL APPREHENSION OVER U. S.

America Accused of Bad Faith in Entering With the Allies; End of the Monroe Doctrine, Had the Proclamation of Imperialism

By Courier Leased Wire.

Berlin, Tuesday, April 3, via London, April 4.—"President Wilson's message is not surprising," says The Tageblatt. "But do the people of the United States have the same view? That is hard to say."

"German policy now pays the penalty for failure to conclude a Bryan treaty with the United States, such as Great Britain and other great powers made. If such an agreement existed the United States would be compelled to submit even a commission for investigation before

breaking off relations. Such an investigation would take at least a year. It is not impossible that President Wilson would have availed himself of such a way out of a serious situation.

"President Wilson must realize that the results of his action will be far greater for the United States than for us. It means the end of the Monroe doctrine. It means the end of the policy of avoiding entangling alliances, which since the days of Washington, has been an article of faith. It is a change from provincialism to world citizenship involving participation in European affairs. The proclamation of the policy of imperialism, which heretofore has been sought hardest by the Democrats, is now complete. The effect on internal affairs of the United States cannot be avoided.

"But we shall not appraise too lightly the consequence for us of the entry of America into the ranks of our enemies. The possibilities of injuries to us by the sending of an expedition to the western front or by the co-operation with the so far insufficient British fleet, may be restricted, but any accession of strength to our enemies is undesirable, no matter how small. Nor do we forget that the Union, with 100,000,000 persons, is the richest nation in the world. Nor must we overlook the moral effect on France and Russia."

Most of the other newspapers thus far have made no comment, pending the news despatches regarding President Wilson's speech with question marks and saying that the despatches have come by way of London and have not been confirmed.

BARON ALLERTON DEAD.
By Courier Leased Wire.
London, April 4.—12.40 p.m.—Baron Allerton of Chapel Allerton (William Lawies Jackson) died in London today. Born in 1840, he was a member of the House of Commons for Leeds for more than twenty years up to the time he was created a baron in 1902; he was formerly financial secretary of the treasury and was chief secretary for Ireland in 1801-92.

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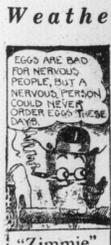
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