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NINTH YEAR — COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 6, 1917. — NUMBER 184

U.S. OFFICIALLY AT WAR

WILSON TELLS PLANS FOR RAISING ARMIES

Approves of Conscription of 500,000 Men in Addition to Regulars.

AGE LIMIT IS 19 TO 25

Drilling to Be Practiced in National Guard if Volunteering Fails.

GUARDS TO MOBILIZE AT NEVADA IN WEEK

Inspector of Company F Says Fourth Missouri Infantry Will Be Called.

75 RECRUITS NEEDED

Local Unit Will Probably Take Members From Other Cities.

DRAFTING OF ARMY TO AFFECT STUDENTS

Large Per Cent Come Within Age Limits Many Have Had Experience.

MUST BE EXAMINED

Recruits Will Be Given Rigid Test and Army Standards Maintained.

WILSON SIGNS RESOLUTION AT 1:13 O'CLOCK TODAY

Four Missouri Representatives Vote "No" When House Passes Act 373 to 50—First War Measures Total $164,000,000—Conscription Plans Call for 2,000,000 Men.

BULLETIN

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The general defensive bill calling for $100,000,000 for national defense purposes and $64,000,000 for war expenses was the first war measure to pass Congress today.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 6. War was declared at 1:13 this afternoon. An exactly that time President Wilson signed the joint resolution passed by the House and Senate declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany.

An hour before, the resolution was signed by Vice-President Marshall in the Senate at 12:13.

These were the last formal steps necessary to make the United States an ally of England, France and Russia in the world war of democracy against autocracy.

Amidst the most dramatic scenes ever witnessed in Congress, the Senate early today passed the resolution which President Wilson signed this afternoon and which formally declared Germany at war with the United States. The vote on the resolution was 373 to 50.

House Votes on Bill.

For the first time in history a woman stood at the speaker's desk when Speaker Clark announced the vote on the war resolution. Miss Jeannette Rankin, Republican, elected from Montana, cast the first vote for war. She voted "Yea."

Missouri Votes.

Blackmar, Igoe, Decker, and Dyer all of Missouri, voted "Yea." Thomas, Cowherd, Gardner, Hamlin, Democrats; one Socialist, and one Prohibitionist voted against the resolution.

Will Take Immediate Action.

The first blow will be struck at once against Germany. Secret orders containing extraordinary steps to be taken on sailing and without the nation will be flashed from Washington immediately. What these orders are, the Administration refused to divulge this afternoon because of their military nature.

The nation is now ready for the desert and men. Two million of the nation's youth will be required within the next two years. Measures covering both these greater needs are drafted and will be presented to Congress promptly.

The first great war budget calling more than three and a half million dollars is up for discussion today in the House. The Military Committee has been informed of the administration's selective conscription bill to raise a giant army.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 6.—As the President affixed his signature to the document declaring war between the United States and Germany, Lieutenant Commander Hollander signaled across the street to the Navy Department that war was officially declared and orders were flashed out to ships of the Navy and all the ports of the country.

Simultaneously thunderbolts every where on the Potomac and whether over the entire city of the nation's capital shrieked out the dreadful report of war which the city had been breathlessly expecting since the calling of the extra session.

While the ink still was wet on the historical document, messages to all the Governments of the earth were sent out informing them of our action.

The Swiss Minister, Dr. Paul Ritti, acting for Germany, communicated the word formally to Berne and hence to Berlin. Dispatches were sent to every foreign and South American Consul. All should be informed of the nation's action within the next twenty-four hours.

President Wilson signed the war resolution while alone in the library of the White House two minutes after it reached the Executive Mansion.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 6.—President Wilson signed the declaration of war with Germany in the presence of Mrs. Wilson, his niece, Rudolph Forster, the executive clerk and the head usher. The gold pen he used in affixing the words "Woodrow Wilson" was given to Mrs. Wilson.

When the document was returned to the capitol from the White House it was turned over to the Secretary of State and sent among the most important papers of the administration.

Immediately after signing the joint resolution for the war the President issued his proclamation to the people of the country declaring that a state of war existed between this nation and The Imperial German Government. He asked all American citizens' undivided devotion to their country because they were devoted to the principles of liberty and justice and therefore to uphold the laws of the land and give undivided and willing support to the prosecution of the war to a successful issue and a just and lasting peace. At the same time he warned all aliens to conform to the strict regulations which he outlined in the proclamation.

THE WAR PROCLAMATION

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 6.—President Wilson this afternoon issued a proclamation to the people of the country declaring a state of war exists between the United States and the Imperial Government of Germany. At the same time he warned all aliens, especially those of all citizens of the United States Government, civil and military, to exercise vigilance in the discharge of their duties accident to such a state of war.

In the same proclamation the President appeals to all Americans to uphold the laws of the land and give undivided and willing support to those measures which may be adopted by the constitutional authorities in undertaking thus in prosecuting the war to a successful issue and to obtaining a secure and just peace.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness, followed by rain late tonight or Saturday; warmer tonight. Lowest temperature about freezing.

For Missouri: Increasing cloudiness followed by rain late tonight or Saturday; warmer tonight and south portions; Saturday warmer.

Weather Conditions.

The low pressure center that was over Iowa in Kansas yesterday morning has traveled northeast reaching New York City by this morning, it is of considerable magnitude. Conditions for weather in most of the territory east of the Mississippi River are fair. The high pressure area in the Pacific slope states is persistent in character.

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The Almanac.

Sun Temperatures.

Rises	6:31 a. m.	72 in '16
Sets	6:47 p. m.	72 in '15
Moon sets 9:28 p. m.		72 in '14

COLD SPELL WAY DAMAGE FRUIT

By Arrange of Last 48 Years, Killing Fruit Comes April 15.

The greatest cold spell, although not severe, may still visit sections of country for the first week and especially the week preceding and following the 15th of April, according to Dr. Degler, meteorologist of the local Weather Bureau. The ground is still cold and the average date of killing frosts for Columbia and vicinity for the last 48 years falls on April 15, although last year the last killing frost came April 8. Apple trees are beginning to bud and the fruit specialists are of the opinion that should the ground, weather conditions of warmer weather in the early of progress of all open fruits including grapes as parts of the staples and cereal kin.

Although rain is expected here tonight or tomorrow morning the weather will be warmer. Saturday night will be cooler. Mr. Degler would give no colder orders as to Easter Sunday conditions in some parts of the country being slightly expected. The present season is in his opinion, quite well advanced for this time of the year.

RED CROSS URGES SUPPORT

Local Chapter Sends Out Appeal for Members to Help in War Relief.

An urgent appeal under the heading of "Your American Red Cross Needs You" is being sent out by the local chapter of the American Red Cross Society in an effort to secure new members. The appeal says that in other ages if peoples such a practical way for helping the country and humanity. Membership in the society implies only that help shall be given to alleviate the distress caused by war. Prof. L. M. Defoe is treasurer of the local chapter. Memberships are payable to him. It is annual. If for subscription and $1 for contributing membership.

PROF. NEWTON RESERVE MAJOR

Commission Is In Effect With Declaration of War Against Germany.

Prof. G. D. Newton of the School of Engineering has received a commission as major in the Engineering Reserve Corps. The commission was issued at army headquarters in Washington Tom to bring into effect with the declaration. If war against Germany. Professor Newton will probably spend a few weeks in some training camp before going into active service. Further instructions will be sent later from Government headquarters giving the detailed course he will follow.

Negro in Silvus 9 Months in Jail.

A jury returned the verdict of guilty of felonious assault without intent to kill in the case of Louis Schmidt against James Meikle, both negroes, in the Circuit Court this afternoon. The sentence was six months in the county jail.

Funeral Rites for Mrs. Hall.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Hall, wife of Dr. Hall, who died yesterday morning at the family residence, 1000 Hitt street, will be held at the residence at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. Mr. Hall, pastor of the Christian church, will officiate. Burial will be in Columbia cemetery.

Brazil May Declare War on Germany.

By United Press

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Official announcement today at the closing of the Brazilian steamer Parnaiba, sinking three Brazilians aboard the most intense anti-German feeling here.

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Uncle Jack Coates, Aged Negro, Dies.

Uncle Jack Coates, Columbia's old negro basket-maker is dead. He was found dead in bed this morning at the home of W. B. Epperson, 314 South Third street, where he has been staying since leaving the hospital a few days ago. Uncle Jack was one of the old time negroes, having been a slave before the war and a soldier of the Confederacy. He worked at times for members of the Daughters of the Confederacy, making baskets and doing odd jobs. Uncle Jack was nearly 80 years old. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

Sinking of Ships Is First War Act.

By United Press

NEW YORK, April 6.—United States Army forces seized all German ships in all American ports today. It was America's first act of war.

In ports in every coast of the United States, proper and on its island possessions, marines and blue jackets went aboard the German ships, arrested their members and took possession of the vessels in the name of the United States.

At Hoboken, New York, along with twenty-seven vessels, including the giant steamer Vaterland, were taken over. The total number of German ships in American ports is ninety-odd, totaling a total tonnage of 500,000 pounds.

From Philadelphia, Boston, New Orleans, Jacksonville, San Francisco and other ports come reports today of the seizure of ships. No trouble was reported at any point.

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TIGERS DEFEAT KENDALL, 3 TO 0

Hit by Glitzer, Flicker, in Sixth, Helps Score Winning Run.

Special to The Missourian.

TITUS, Okla., April 6.—The Tiger baseball team continued on their winning streak when they defeated the Kendall College nine, 3 to 0 yesterday afternoon. The game was a pitchers' battle, the hits on both sides being scattered.

Glitzer, pitching on a Sunday field, and with poor support from his batsmen, used judgment in getting out of holes. He struck out eleven men and only five hits were gathered off his delivery. He also made three hits one in the last inning helping score the winning run. Young of Kendall struck out nine men but was hit safely seven times. Missouri plays Kendall again today.

The batteries for yesterday's game were: Missouri, Glitzer and Herrin; Kendall, Young and Wallace.

R. F. T. C. Worker Runs Sunday.

Miss Lissa Cecil of Portland, Oregon, national field secretary of the Young People's Branch of the W. C. T. U., will be in Columbia Sunday. She will lecture at the Methodist Church at 3 p. m. and will talk to a mass meeting of the young people's societies of the city at 8:30 o'clock Sunday evening at the Baptist Church. Mrs. Cecil is a reader and lecturer.

Courthouse to Have New Walk.

Work was begun this morning on a new walk that is to run from the north door of the Courthouse diagonally to Eighth street. The walk will be 4 feet wide and be laid by

Mrs. Wilkie Undergoes Operation.

Mrs. J. K. Wilkie of Columbia underwent an operation this morning at Parker Memorial Hospital.