

President Wilson's War Proclamation

At the call of President Wilson, congress met in extraordinary session April 2, two weeks in advance of the date set by previous proclamation.

On the organization of the 65th congress Champ Clark was re-elected speaker of the house of representatives by a vote of 217 to 205.

President Wilson addressed congress on the night of April 2. The address will be found on another page. A resolution declaring a state of war was immediately introduced and referred to the proper committees.

On April 4, the declaration of war passed the senate by a vote of 82 to 6. On April 6, the house passed the war resolution by a vote of 373 to 50.

President Wilson, on April 6, signed the resolution of congress declaring a state of war between the United States and Germany, and then issued a proclamation of war to the American people. The text of the war resolution and the President's proclamation will be found on this page.

The war proclamation issued by President Wilson, at Washington, D. C., April 6, follows:

"Whereas, The congress of the United States, in the exercise of the constitutional authority vested in them, have resolved by joint resolution of the senate and house of representatives, bearing date this day, "that a state of war between the United States and the imperial German government, which has been thrust upon the United States, is hereby formally declared;

"Whereas, It is provided by section 4067 of the revised statutes as follows:

"Whenever there is declared a war between the United States and any foreign nation or government or any invasion of predatory incursion is perpetrated, attempted or threatened against the territory of the United States by any foreign nation or government, and the President makes public proclamation of the event, all natives, citizens, denizens or subjects of a hostile nation or government, being male of the age of 14 years and upward, who shall be within the United States and not actually naturalized, shall be liable to be apprehended, restrained, secured and removed as alien enemies.

AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT

"The President is authorized in any such event by his proclamation thereof or other public acts to direct the conduct to be observed on the part of the United States toward the aliens who become so liable; the manner and degrees of the restraint to which they shall be subject and in what cases and upon what security their residence shall be permitted and to provide for the removal of those who, not being permitted to reside within the United States, refuse or neglect to depart therefrom; and to establish any such regulations which are found necessary in the premises and for the public safety:

"Whereas, By sections 4068, 4069 and 4070 of the revised statutes, further provision is made relative to alien enemies;

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim, to all whom it may concern, that a state of war exists between the United States and the imperial German government, and I do specially direct all officers, civil or military, of the United States that they exercise vigilance and zeal in the discharge of the duties incident to such a state of war, and I do, moreover, earnestly appeal to all American citizens that they in loyal devotion to their country, dedicated from its foundation to the principles of liberty and justice, uphold the laws of the land and give undivided and willing support to those measures which may be adopted by the constitutional authorities in prosecuting the war to

a successful issue and in obtaining a secure and just peace;

CONDUCT OF U. S. OFFICERS

"And, acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution of the United States and the said sections of the revised statutes;

"I do hereby further proclaim and direct that the conduct to be observed on the part of the United States toward all native citizens, denizens or subjects of Germany, being male, of the age of 14 years and upward, who shall be within the United States and not actually naturalized, who for the purpose of this proclamation and under such sections of the revised statutes are termed alien enemies, shall be as follows:

"All alien enemies are enjoined to preserve the peace toward the United States and to refrain from crime against the public safety and from violating the laws of the United States and of the states and territories thereof and to refrain from actual hostility or giving information, aid or comfort to the enemies of the United States and to comply strictly with the regulations which are hereby or which may be from time to time promulgated by the President and so long as they shall conduct themselves in accordance with law they shall be undisturbed in the peaceful pursuit of their lives and occupations and be accorded the consideration do to all peaceful and law-abiding persons, except so far as restrictions may be necessary for their own protection and for the safety of the United States and toward such alien enemies as conduct themselves in accordance with law, all citizens of the United States are enjoined to preserve the peace and to treat them with all such friendliness as may be compatible with loyalty and allegiance to the United States.

"And all alien enemies who fail to conduct themselves as so enjoined in addition to all other penalties prescribed by law shall be liable to restraint or to give security or to remove and depart from the United States in the manner prescribed by sections 4,069 and 4,070 of the revised statutes and as prescribed in the regulations duly promulgated by the President.

"And pursuant to the authority vested in me, I hereby declare and establish the following regulations, which I find necessary in the premises and for the public safety:

"1. An alien enemy shall not have in his possession at any time or place any firearms, weapons or implement of war, or component parts thereof, ammunition, Maxim or other silencer, arms or explosives or materials used in the manufacture of explosives.

"2. An alien enemy shall not have in his possession at any time or place or use or operate any aircraft or wireless apparatus or any form of signaling device or any form of cipher code, or any paper, document or book, written or printed in cipher, or in which there may be invisible writing.

"3. All property found in the possession of an alien enemy in violation of the foregoing regulations shall be subject to seizure by the United States.

U. S. PROPERTY RESTRICTION

"4. An alien enemy shall not approach or be found within one-half of a mile of any federal or state fort, camp, arsenal, aircraft station, government or naval vessel, navy yard, factory or workshop for the manufacture of munitions of war or of any products for the use of the army or navy.

"5. An alien enemy shall not write, print or publish any attack or threat against the government or congress of the United States or either branch thereof, or against the measures or policy of the United States, or against the persons or property of any person in the military, naval or civil service of the United States or of the states or territories or of the District of Columbia or of the municipal governments therein.

"6. An alien enemy shall not commit or abet any hostile acts against the United States or give information, aid or comfort to its enemies.

BAN ON RESIDENCE

"7. An alien enemy shall not reside in or continue to reside in, to remain in or enter any

THE WAR RESOLUTION

A Washington dispatch dated April 6, says: The war resolution, passed by the United States senate and the house of representatives, is as follows:

"Whereas, The Imperial German government has committed repeated acts of war against the government and the people of the United States of America; therefore, be it

"Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled, That the state of war between the United States and the imperial German government which has thus been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared; and that the President be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the government to carry on war against the imperial German government, and to bring the conflict to a successful termination, all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the congress of the United States."

locality which the President may from time to time designate by an executive order as a prohibitive area in which residence by an alien shall be found by him to constitute a danger to the public peace and safety of the United States except by permit from the President and except under such limitations or restrictions as the President may prescribe.

"8. An alien enemy whom the President shall have reasonable cause to believe to be aiding or about to aid the enemy or to be at large to the danger of the public peace or safety of the United States or to have violated or to be about to violate any of these regulations shall remove to any location designated by the President by executive order and shall not remove therefrom without permit, or shall depart from the United States if so required by the President.

DEPARTURE PERMITS

"9. No alien enemy shall depart from the United States until he shall have received such permit as the President shall prescribe or except under order of a court, judge or justice, under sections 4069 and 4070 of the revised statutes.

"10. No alien enemy shall land in or enter the United States except under such restrictions and at such places as the President may prescribe.

"11. If necessary to prevent violation of the regulations, all alien enemies will be obliged to register.

"12. An alien enemy whom there may be reasonable cause to believe to be aiding or about to aid the enemy, or who be at large to the danger of the public peace or safety, or who violates or who attempts to violate or of whom there is reasonable grounds to believe that he is about to violate any regulation to be promulgated by the President or any criminal law of the United States, or of the states or territories thereof, will be subject to summary arrest by the United States marshal or his deputy or such other officers as the President shall designate, and confined in such penitentiary, prison, jail, military camp or other place of detention as may be directed by the President.

"This proclamation and the regulations herein contained shall extend and apply to all land and water, continental or insular, in any way within the jurisdiction of the United States."

Nobody ever heard of a brewer or distiller pursuing a course of conduct that would mean the shortening of his business career, yet the Anti-Saloon league, which comes in for the bitterest criticism at the hands of the wet groups everywhere, is always working itself out of a job. That ought to settle the question of men's sincerity