

CHAMP CLARK IS ONCE MORE MADE HOUSE SPEAKER

Missourian Chosen to Preside
Over Lower Body by Vote
of 217 to 205 for Repre-
sentative Mann.

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Demo Leader Has Plurality of
Twelve Votes Over Repre-
sentative Mann.

ROLL CALLS CAUSE DELAY

Washington, April 2.—Speaker Clark was re-elected today by a vote of 217 to 205 over his republican opponent, Representative Mann, as the first step in organization of the house of representatives—the necessary preliminary to the delivery of President Wilson's war address.

With the re-election of Speaker Clark it seemed certain that President Wilson would deliver his address late this afternoon.

It is expected on every hand that he will ask congress to declare that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany.

War Resolution Written.
This seemed so certain that Chairman Flood of the house foreign affairs committee, the administration spokesman there, prepared a resolution to declare a state of war and authorize the president to act.

The resolution follows:
"Whereas, The recent course of the imperial German government is in fact nothing less than war against the government and people of the United States;

"Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled, that the state of belligerency between the United States and the imperial German government, which has thus been thrust upon the United States, is hereby formally declared war, and,

"That the president be and is hereby authorized to take immediate steps not only to put the country in thorough state of defense, but also to exert all of its power and employ all of its resources to carry on war against the imperial German government and to bring the conflict to a successful termination."

Speaker Clark was placed in nomination by Representative Schall of Minnesota, a progressive Republican. Leader Mann was nominated for speaker by Representative Green of Massachusetts.

All of the democrats present and four of the so-called independents—Martin, progressive-protectionist; Louisiana; Schall, progressive; Minnesota; London, socialist; of New York; and Randall, prohibitionist, of California, voted for Clark.

Two republicans, Gardner and Fuller of Massachusetts, voted for Representative Lerrout of Wisconsin; Representatives Dallinger of Massachusetts and Gray of New Jersey voted for Representative Gillette of Massachusetts, and Representatives James of Michigan and Haskell of New York, republicans, voted present.

Speaker Clark's Address.
The speaker was escorted to the chair by a committee of which Representative Mann was the chairman. He was greeted with loud applause as he spoke in part as follows:

"I fully appreciate the fact that it will be difficult to discharge the duties of the speakership in this house. It will be almost impossible to do so without the hearty co-operation of the members without regard to party affiliations. I will use my utmost endeavor to be absolutely fair and I invoke the aid of all the members in doing so.

"It is absolutely unnecessary and superfluous to lecture the membership on patriotism. We are all patriotic, as are the people who elected us. We are all Americans, whether natives or foreign-born, as are our constituents. On many questions we are 'distinct as the billows, yet we are one as the sea' when the honor and safety of the republic is involved. Politics finds no place in this house when the general welfare and the common defense of the nation are at stake.

"Let all the ends we aim to be our country's and in the accomplishment of these ends may the God of our fathers be with us and guide us in the way which will redound to the honor and perpetuity of the greatest republic that ever existed in all the food of time."

The speaker took the oath at 1:50 o'clock and members then were sworn into office in groups by states.

Speaker Clark's election was effected in exactly one hour and forty minutes after the house convened, the exact time he predicted a fortnight ago.

Balloting Delays Organization.
Immediately after the speaker's election, new members were sworn in and balloting was begun on the minor officers of the house. At first it was thought that everything might be ready to hear the president soon after 3 o'clock, but the republicans, however, suddenly interposed obstacles to speedy disposition of the business by

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demanding separate roll calls on each office, and it appeared that perfection of the house organization might run late into the afternoon.

Senator Martin, the majority leader, announced in the senate that the house organization was expected to be perfected at 3 p. m. and that President Wilson would address a joint session as soon as the organization was completed.

President Wilson's address immediately will be sent to all the foreign embassies and legations here and will be telegraphed to American diplomats abroad. It was acknowledged today that foreign governments on receipt of it may interpret it as they think best, even to assume that it so closely approximates recognition of a state of war as to necessitate the issuing of neutrality proclamations. Whether such a step will be taken by any neutral prior to formal action by congress is unknown here.

The house session opened with Clerk South Trimble presiding until organization was perfected. The chaplain included in his prayer a plea for patriotism.

"Diplomacy has failed," he prayed. "Moral suasion has failed. Appeals to reason and justice have been swept aside."

"We abhor war and love peace, but if war has been or shall be forced upon us we pray that the heart of every American citizen may throb with patriotism and that a united people may rally around our president to hold up his hands in every measure deemed necessary to protect the lives of American citizens and safeguard our inheritance."

Senate Session Brief.
Nearly the entire senate membership was present when Vice President Marshall called for order, and after the invocation the president's proclamation calling for the extraordinary session was read.

In the senate the chaplain also referred to the problems confronting congress.

"Amid the confusion and violence of the world today we cannot know the things that may shortly come to pass," he prayed. "Lead us, oh God, through the darkness until the day dawns and shadows flee away. Grant us courage to defend the truth. At this critical time in the history of our country lead these, thy servants, in a plain path and inspire them with lofty principles."

Senator Johnson of California was sworn in.

The senate, after being in session about ten minutes, recessed to await organization of the house. Senators Martin and Gallinger, the two party leaders, were appointed to act with a house committee in notifying President Wilson that congress is ready to receive a communication from him.

In moving for a recess until 3 p. m. Senator Martin said:
"I understand there is a strong probability that the house will perfect its organization by 3 o'clock and the president will be pleased to address a joint session as soon as it is complete."

Before going to congress the president did not take even members of his cabinet into his confidence on the exact terms of his address. From information he has called for and general discussions at cabinet meetings, they know that he has concluded that war with Germany seems inevitable.

EARLY SCENES AT CAPITOL

Majority Openly in Favor of Declaration of State of War.

Washington, April 2.—Congress assembled at noon today for a session generally agreed to as the most momentous in the history of the republic.

President Wilson, ready with his address, which it is believed will ask for a declaration that a state of war already exists between the United States and Germany, waited only for the organization of the house of representatives.

Congress assembled with a majority openly in favor of a declaration of a state of war, if not actually a declaration of war.

Based on one side with large delegations of pacifists praying for peace and besieged on the other by large numbers of "patriotic pilgrims," who demand the country's entrance into the war, congress waited to hear the president outline the long history of German aggressions against American lives and rights and the predatory violence of its submarines.

Administration officials consider Germany has been making war on the United States for some time. A large majority in congress takes the same view. The minority is divided between those who think a state of armed neutrality is sufficient for the present and the very few who openly favor peace at any price.

War Spirit is Rampant.
The capitol was arrayed in a war spirit as congress assembled. The pacifist delegations, wearing white bands on their sleeves or white streamers across their breasts, paraded the sidewalks in numbers, filled the house and senate galleries and made calls on their congressmen.

They moved about without demonstration and there were few evidences of hostilities against them.

The patriotic pilgrims were hard to distinguish among thousands of citizens, who went about the day's

work wearing American flags. The national colors fluttered and rippled from buildings, automobiles and almost every point of vantage. The street car companies placed them on their cars; every traffic policeman's "go-go" sign had a flag fluttering from its peak. The capitol was a wave of color.

Chairman Simmons of the senate finance committee conferred with Secretary McAdoo on the amount of money needed immediately by the government. It was agreed not to go into details until after congress takes action defining the attitude of the United States, and then Secretary McAdoo, Baker and Daniels will again discuss the question with Senator Simmons and also with house leaders.

Senator Simmons said that he thought the credit to be granted to the president by congress should be a large one. The amount fixed, he added, would not mean that all of it was to be used or that much more might not be asked for later.

Senator Simmons said there was no longer doubt that war with Germany would be declared to exist, although the form of the resolution had not been determined upon.

Gardner's War Resolution.

A resolution to declare war between the German empire and the United States as prepared by Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, republican, says "that we be and the same is hereby declared between the German empire and the United States of America, and that the president is authorized and directed to use the whole land and naval forces of the United States against the said German empire, its subjects and dependencies."

The preamble sets out that "the triumph of Germany would destroy the liberty of the world" that "the grandeur of the United States will not permit its share of the burden of war to be borne by other nations," and that "Germany has continued to destroy American ships and to take American lives."

President Wilson's address was sent to the public printer early this morning and he held himself ready to deliver it as soon as the house had been organized. Meanwhile the president went golfing, but arranged to return to the White House before noon, the hour set for the convening of congress. He made no engagements for the day.

Having already recited to congress in previous addresses most of the incidents leading up to the present situation, it is understood that the president now will deal with Germany's acts broadly, refer particularly to the present situation in the world and deal with recommendations to place the United States on a war footing.

"War Protest Meetings."

Delegations of pacifists held "war protest" meetings in their respective senators' offices.

One such delegation was rebuked by Senator Wadsworth when one of several speakers said America had been a "false friend" to Germany.

"That's calling my country a pretty harsh name; I don't care to hear any more of it," said Senator Wadsworth in terminating the interview.

David Starr Jordan, chancellor of Leland Stanford university and one of the leading pacifists, made an effort to see President Wilson this morning, but the president was busy.

About 1,000 of the pacifists assembled on the steps of the main entrance at the capitol and became

so active that squads of police drove them to the broad plaza, while small delegates of the pilgrims jeered and hooted. The pacifists shouted replies and there was no mistaking foreign accents in the words of some of the shouters. There were a few clashes between the two parties, but nothing in the nature of serious fighting or disorder.

Some of those in the crowd persisted in breaking through the police lines and mounting the steps. Police reserves were called and the pacifists were forced back, while the police kept all persons wearing pacifist insignia on the move.

Senator Pomerene of Ohio, indignant over arguments of an Ohio pacifist delegation visiting him, told them:

"You are the best allies the kaiser has."

Senator Martin, democratic leader, received petitions demanding the ouster of Senator Stone as chairman of the foreign relations committee because of his attitude on the armed ship bill.

Temporary Halt

In Recruiting of

Guard Regiments

Chicago, April 2.—On orders from Washington, General Barry, commanding the Central department, U. S. A., today instructed that a temporary halt be called in recruiting for National Guard regiments.

Among National Guard officers it was said that inability to equip the recruits as fast as they enlist had been noted. Captain Fitch, aide to General Barry, said that the interruption doubtless would be brief.

Washington, April 2.—The War department today called into the federal service the following National Guard organizations for police purposes.

Second West Virginia infantry, Fourth Virginia infantry and Battery D, field artillery, Virginia.

Two Men Escape

From Penitentiary

By Scaling Wall

Lincoln, Neb., April 2.—Two convicts, Tom Carr and Hadesel Trook, made their escape from the Nebraska State penitentiary early this morning by attaching a hook to a forty-foot rope, hurling it to the top of the west cell house and scaling the high wall of the building. Their escape was learned at 5 o'clock.

The men were firing in the engine house last night and at midnight were expected to go to bed in the engine house. It is thought that they procured the rope from a supply room which they opened with a skeleton key.

Carr, serving from one to ten years for burglary, carries a bad reputation among the officials. He has twice violated prison paroles. Trook is serving a five-year sentence for a statutory charge. Both men were sent to the prison from Lancaster county.

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VISITS ELEVEN STATES

New York, April 2.—William Howard Taft, returning to New York today after what he said was the longest and most strenuous journey he has taken since he left the White House, asserted that the people of the south and southwest are ready for war and that the United States must enter the conflict "wholeheartedly."

Mr. Taft spoke in eleven cities in nine states from Virginia to Missouri in behalf of the program of the League to Enforce Peace and urged the necessity of preparation for war.

Unless the war continues a year longer an American army cannot be placed in the trenches of Europe, the former president said, but the government can aid with food supplies, money and credit and with the navy in suppressing submarines.

"The south and southwest is ready for the conflict with Germany," he said. "This great section of the country, part of which was decided to Mexico by Foreign Secretary Zimmermann, has not an ounce of anti-war spirit. Neither is there any rampant jingoism. The people of the south and southwest feel that war is inevitable and they are willing to go into it to demand our rights. In fact, they do not want to fight any longer and they feel that their battles are being fought by somebody else."

Roosevelt is for War.

Tampa, Fla., April 2.—Theodore Roosevelt, speaking to large gatherings here and in Lake Land, Fla., yesterday declared that the United States should declare war on Germany without further formality. He scored the pacifists, asserting they had "already done all they could to convince the world that the United States could be kicked with impunity."

Colonel Roosevelt, who arrived from Punta Gorda, Fla., where he has been fishing, left last night for Washington to be on hand during the extra session of congress. He said he was in excellent health and killed devil fish during the trip.

Department Orders.

Washington, April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska pensions granted: Elizabeth F. Devinney, Burkett, \$20; Lucetta C. Giller, St. Edwards, \$12; Narcissa A. Rutherford, Nebraska City, \$12; Gertrude Weatherby, Norfolk, \$12.

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