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UNITED STATES

AGAINST GERMANY---ACT RE-**CEIVES LARGE MAJORITY--**SIGNED BY PRESIDENT.

Washington, April 6:- The United States today accepted Germany's challenge to war and formally abandoned its place as the greatest neutral of a world in arms.

President Wilson at 1:18 o'clock (official time) this afternoon signed the resolution of Congress declaring the existence of a state of war, and authorizing and directing the Chief Executive to employ all the resources of the nation to prosecute hostilities against the German Government to a successful termination.

The act was done without ceremony and only in the presence of members of the President's family. Word was flashed immediately to all army and navy stations and to vesels at sea, and orders for further precautionary steps withheld until the last moment were dispatched.

The President signed the resolution with a pen handed to him by Mrs Wilson and which he will preserve. The President then went to lunch and later to the Cabinet meet-

By proclamation the President an- gan consideration of the question of

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nounced the state of war, called up- whether the United States can con-

colors, was ordered by Secretary tion was signed. The War Departraising a real war army is authorrized, wainted on Congress. Secretary Baker conferred with Chairman Dent, of the House military committee, and arranged to appear before the committee tomorrow to discuss the general staff army plans and consider the war budget of more than three billions.

The President went over all of the great preparatory measures with the Cabinet, discussing what has been accomplished and dwelling, it is understood, upon arrangements for cooperation with the entente allies against the common enemy.

The seizure of German ships laid buted along new lines. up in American harbors was the subject of interested comment, and legal officers of the government be-

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pon all citizens to manifest their fiscate the ships outright or must DECLARES WAR loyalty and assured Germans in this pay for them after the war. In any country that they would not be mo- event, as soon as they can be made lested as long as they behaved them- seaworthy the fine merchant fleet selves. Orders were issued soon af- thus acquired will give America a terward for the arrest of sixty ring- merchant marine that could not be leaders in German plots and in-duplicated in several years and add more than 600,000 to the tonnage Complete mobilization of the navy, available for the transportation of calling all reserves and militia to the supplies and munitions to the allies.

> Word that King George and Pres-Daniels as soon as the war resolu- ident Poincare had dispatched messages of congratulation to President ment, already having taken virtually Wilson was received unofficially. every step contemplated before Only unofficial information, also, came concerning the action of President Menocal, of Cuba, in recommending a declaration of war against Germany by Cuba, and the growing sentiment for war in Brazil.

Foreign relationships of the United States today underwent the greatest chance in the country's history, sweeping away practically all the international questions of the past two years and substituting entirely ty-four hours. new problems. As a result, the State Department is being entirely reorganized and the great mass of routine which has overwhelmed even the highest officials, is to be distri-

The first act by the department when war became a fact was to prepare copies of the war resolution and proclamation for all the foreign missions here for immediate transmission to their governments. Cables were sent to American missions abroad and full mail dispatches prepared to go forward at once. So much of this work had been foreseen that it merely awaited release on word that the President had signed the proclamation.

Instructions prepared several days ago were sent to the Treasury Department to cease transmitting details of the armament and armed guards on merchantmen entering American harbors, on the ground that henceforth no restrictions will be placed on such vessels. Announcement will be made shortly that all the allied war vessels have been given free admission to American harbors. It is probable, however, that with the seizure of German shipping here and the enlistment of the American navy in the patrol forces, the entente will withdraw virtually all war craft from this side of the Atlantic.

Negotiations are now practically completed for the admittance of American armed ships into neutral European harbors. All European neutrals are expected to receive

constituted one of the chief subjects considered at today's Cabinet meet-

Indications are that the first year's demands upon the financial resources or the country will run far in excess of the \$3,500,000,000 already asked of Congress, and may appropriate \$5 000,000,000.

Bond issues already authorized al-

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so were discussed. These total \$474,-000,000, including the \$224,000,000 of Panama canal bonds atthorized, but not issued. Announcement by Secretary McAdoo as to the details of one or more of these issues is expected shortly, possibly within twen-

Financial and other cooperation with Entente governments is one of the chief topics under consideration by the Council of National Defense, and plans looking to the issuance of are enticing negroes from this State loans to the Allies are expected to to other States. The Governor in take definite form within the near his proclamation sets forth the fact future. Opinions as to the amount that false promises have been held of the first loan vary between \$500,- out to the negroes as to the wages 000,000 and \$5,000,000,000.

Britain, probably one from France | been lured by false promises. and possibly others from other Allied governments, will visit the Unit- groes themselves are suffering beed States shortly to assist in formu- cause of the false representations, lating a definite program adequate which are being made to them to into meet the most pressing needs of duce them to leave the South and the Allies.

House ways and means committee isting conditions. He takes this acand Chairman Simmons, of the Senate finance committee, will begin the farmers who are being inconconferences tomorrow on the problem of meeting the war needs of age of labor. The Governor also this country.

percentage of the war bill will be to grow all the food stuffs and crops raised by greatly increased taxation possible and he urgently asks that here had no connection with their and that whatever bond issues are necessary will be placed through the person or persons enticing labor to Federal Reserve Board or raised by notify him or officers of the law. popular subscription or by both methods, and there would be no appeal whatever to the big private the attention of the public. banking interests of the country to underwrite any part of the issue.

A Proclamation.

To the citizens of Kingstree, S C:-Whereas, the National and State governments are urging citizens to use all protections for conserving

upon and urge all citizens of the community to adopt and apply every possible means and agency in conserving and protecting our present resources and increasing our food production, and to this end do I specially urge erations, planting and diligently cultivating all available space, not only tion, but also in substantial products capable of preservation for use during the winter months. Not only will of extending huge loans to the Allies reduce the present abnormal high cost of living, and thereby add to your health and happiness, but it will also in some measure curtail our requisitions on other portions of the country for the usual table necessities and thereby release from our local demands the products of other sections of the nation for the requirements of our government during the present serious condition now con-

W R SCOTT, Mayor.

REWARD OFFERED FOR LABOR SCOUTS

ACTS OF DISLOYALTY TO STATE should be promptly suppressed. AND NATION ALSO TO BE SUPPRESSED.

Gov Manning has offered a reward of \$50 for the apprehension and conviction of labor agents, who and other conditions in the North An official deputation from Great and other centres where they have

The Governor says that the negather in centers where they are dy-Secretary McAdoo, member of the ing in large numbers because of extion also because of protection to venienced in many sections by shortstresses the fact that this year above Itseemed likely tonight that a large all others everything should be done any one having knowledge of any

There is a State statute against enticing labor and this is called to

The Governor sent word to each of the 45 Sheriffs in the State in offering this reward and urged them to use every means to put a stop to. activities of labor agents.

Sheriffs the Governor also asked town, S C.

them to report any act of disloyalty to the United States or to the State government. He stressed the fact that this country is now at war with Germany and evidences of disloyalty

LIEBENFELS CREW JAILED.

Convicted Germans Now Behind

Charleston, April 7:-The arrest of the eighth member of the Lieben. fels crew sought by federal deputy marshals occured this afternoon, and all the Liebenfels subordinate officers were lodged in the county jail, seven being taken into custody last night upon receipt of orders to this effect. Capt Klattenhoff is under close guard at a local infirmary, where he has been a patient since the sinking of his steamship in this harbor, January 31, an event which resulted in the conviction of the eight under officers, who were released on bond pending an appeal. Capt Klattenhoff has never been able to appear for trial. It is understood the Germans will be sent to Georgia, there to be interned in detention camp during the period of the war. They were arrested as alien enemies from aboard a German ship. The recent secret service raid apprehension, it is stated. Other arrests of alien enemies are expected to develop here at any time.

To Meet at Georgetown.

The Woman's Missionary society of the South Carolina conference will hold its annual meeting at Georgetown April 25-29. Every adult and young people's society of Kingstree district is urged to send a delegate. Please send names of delegates by April 15 to Mrs BF In his communication to the Jones, Highmarket street, George-OSSIE EPPS, Sec.

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and increasing the food supply of them, except possibly Holland. The man with began by putting When President Wilson signed his And, whereas, our personal interproclamation declaring that a state ests and public welfare require us to of war exists, the United States, his first employ every possible means in enfor the second time since 1814, enearnings \ couraging and upholding all general tered war with an European power. and special movements to eliminate While the United States is the in the waste and to reduce living expenses ACCOUNT first republic of the western hemisin view of the solemn conditions now Bank. phere to join the ranks of the belconfronting us and our nation: ligerents in the world war, there Now, therefore, I, W R Scott, Mayare indications that her step soon or of the Town of Kingstree, do call may be followed by others. President Menocal of Cuba has urged the Cuban Congress to declare a state of war exists between the newest republic of the new world and Germany. Anti-German feeling is reported high in Brazil after the sinkyou to extend your home garden oping of a Brazilian merchant vessel. and the largest republic of South America also may join in defending herself against German methods of in vegetables for summer consumpnaval warfare. Washington, April 6:- Methods of COUNT GREW UNTIL HE WAS COMFORTABLE. THEN THE CONVENIENCE OF PAYING HIS BILLS WITH CHECKS ENABLED HIM TO KEEP HIS ACCOUNTS STRAIGHT AND SAVED HIM TIME AND WORRY. HAPPINESS WAS THE RESULT OF SEEING IT PILE UP AND GROW. ALL OF A SUDDEN HE REALIZED HE WAS A MAN WITH WEALTH. YOU CAN GROW RICH, TOO, IF YOU WILL ONLY PUT THE MONEY YOU HAVE IN YOUR POCKET RIGHT NOW INTO THE BANK AND KEEP ON ADDING TO IT. DO IT. financing the war with Germany and this suggestion, if carried into effect,

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