

CLEAR WAY FOR WAR POLICIES

Washington, April 2.—Congress today prepared to clear the way for important legislation coming before it. Action on the resolution formally declaring a state of war with Germany is expected tomorrow. The entire list of house officers was re-elected during a long afternoon struggle.

Speaker Clark was re-elected yesterday 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.

All of the Democrats present and four of the so-called Independents, Martin, Progressive, protectionist, of Louisiana; Schall, Progressive, of Minnesota; London, Socialist, New York; and Randall, Prohibitionist, California, voted for Clark.

Two Republicans, Gardner and Fuller, of Massachusetts, voted for Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin; Representative Gallinger, of Massachusetts, and Gray, of New Jersey, voted for Representative Gillett, of Massachusetts, and Representative James, of Michigan, and Hasell, of New York, Republicans, voted present.

Martin's vote for Clark was greeted with Democratic cheers.

Immediately after the speaker's election new members were sworn in, and balloting was begun on the minor officers of the House organization.

At first it was thought that organization could be perfected quickly and that everything might be ready to hear the president soon after 3 o'clock.

The Republicans, however, suddenly interposed obstacles to speedy disposition of the business by demanding separate roll calls on each office and it appeared that perfection of the House organization might come late in the afternoon. The President later announced that he would address Congress in joint session at 8 o'clock.

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF GREAT STORE

One of the events of importance in the trade activities of the boulevard Canal was the imposing celebration yesterday of the 75th anniversary of Holmes' big dry goods store. The vast edifice was crowded during the whole day with people eager to take part in the observance of the festive occasion. The "old guard," employees of fifteen or more years' standing, had charge of the programme.

Governor Pleasant and Mayor Behrman participated in the ceremonies and made brief addresses.

On the platform during the morning were seen two veiled cases. Both were unveiled when the afternoon celebration opened at 4 o'clock. When the covering was lifted from one case the guests saw a portrait of the founder of the store, copied from an old painting done in 1852 and presented to the store by Mr. Holmes' only surviving child, Mrs. Georgiana Thomas.

The other case showed a bronze plaque, done in profile of Mr. Holmes. This bronze was made at the direction of the Holmes employees, every one of whom contributed something for its purchase. Even the cash boys of the store insisted their right to help with the purchase of the plaque. The boys waited on Manager Evans in a body and demanded that they be granted right to contribute. The manager agreed with the stipulation that no one would give more than a half day's pay.

Miss Lois Janvier was unanimously selected to prepare and direct the ceremonies, and she acquitted herself most elegantly of that difficult task.

Miss Flo Field, of the staff of the Times-Picayune, presented the Holmes store with a beautiful wreath in memory of her mother, Mrs. M. R. Field, "Catherine Cole," who was one of the most gifted writers for the old Picayune.

MARINE NEWS
At the Passes, April 2.
SS. Brunswick, 1:45 a. m.
SS. Chalmette, 6:40 a. m.
SS. Mornis, 7:45 a. m.
SS. Almas, 9:50 a. m.
Lower Steam Boat Landing
No arrivals, no departures.

Hon. A. P. Pujo a Visitor.
Former Congressman A. P. Pujo, who voluntarily relinquished his seat in Congress some years ago to look after his extensive law practice, is here from Lake Charles on professional business.

ENTRIES IN THE RACES AT THE OAK LAWN TRACK FOR TO-DAY

Hot Springs, Ark., April 2.—Entries of the Essex Park Jockey Club, fourth day, Tuesday, April 3, at Oak-lawn Park, are as follows:

FIRST RACE—Selling, 3-year-olds; six furlongs.

Ind.	Horses—	Wgt.
321	Enjoy	107
375	Elizabeth Thompson	103
421	Burbank	112
411	Dyson	109
411	Signorette	107
—	Faux Pas	103
421	Cash Up	109
385	Cousin Bob	100
421	Bessanta	107
385	First Rays	100
511	Raggy Man	103
—	Tuffy	105
361	Adelanta	103
293	Peachie	107

SECOND RACE—Selling, 3-year-olds and up; six furlongs.

Ind.	Horses—	Wgt.
416	xIngot	100
419	Row Oakwood	111
423	King K	103
—	xIra Kay	101
409	xClumsy Kate	98
—	Coro Lee	103
423	Al Court	111
380	xDr. Kendall	112
373	Miss Shot	107
422	Bermudian	115
422	xAunt Sal	98
—	xPannan	92
252	Jack Carey	103

THIRD RACE—Bath House Handicap; purse \$700; for 3-year-olds and up; six furlongs.

Ind.	Horses—	Wgt.
413	Pan Zareta	126
400	Cane Run	101
400	Marie Miller	106
357	Langhorne	103

FOURTH RACE—Selling, 3-year-olds and up; six furlongs.

Ind.	Horses—	Wgt.
—	Examiner	114
361	Lame Deer	105
423	Frisky	111
209	xSan Jose Belle	98
422	Electric	113
422	Miss Detroit	103
293	xZin Del	110
423	Cash on Delivery	111
423	xOldsmobile	112
387	Wap	103
420	First Star	108
423	xBetour	112
—	Zig	105

FIFTH RACE—Selling, 3-year-olds and up; six furlongs.

Ind.	Horses—	Wgt.
300	Bars and Stars	110
403	Canon Bridge	104
417	Gleimner	101
404	Arch Potter	109
407	Volusia	101
405	xAnna Kruter	93
380	xAl Pierre	86
(417)	Tingaling	105
405	Brizz	101
305	Paymaster	102
404	Bozy Johnson	97
(415)	Freeman	104
415	Noynon	106

SIXTH RACE—Selling, 4-year-olds and up; mile and a sixteenth.

Ind.	Horses—	Wgt.
388	xJoe D.	106
414	Stonchenge	111
407	xBaby Cal.	99
—	Queen Apple	99
414	xPollar	102
(411)	Milton Roblee	111
409	Black Frost	105
415	xBogart	106

xApprentice allowance claimed. Weather, clear; track, slow.

SIX YOUNG MEN HAVE THRILLING EXPERIENCE IN STORM ON LAKE

Bringing with them thrilling accounts of a 10-hour battle with a high wind and how the crew of a passing schooner refused to aid them, six young Orkadians, who were caught in a squall on Lake Pontchartrain Sunday, arrived safely at their West End camp yesterday morning. That they were not drowned is considered by them nothing short of a miracle.

They left the camp, Araby-on-the-Lake, aboard the frail racing sail yacht *Seminole* about 11 o'clock Saturday night. Oswald LaPorte is owner and captain of the vessel. Others in the party were Gus Jaquet, 139 South Clark street; Louis Descaire, of Toye Bros. Auto Company; R. A. Barnes, Alvin Flick and Albert Coats.

Next morning about 6 o'clock they reached West Rigolets. They left there three hours later and about 11 o'clock, when approximately seven miles this side of North Draw, a northwester began to blow despite a hot sun and fair sky. The wind rapidly increased. LaPorte realized it would be foolish to attempt to reach West End in the teeth of such a squall, and started back to North Draw.

However, the wind became so strong that he was compelled to cast anchor about a mile and a half from North Draw. But for LaPorte's skillful handling, his companions say, they would have gone to the bottom with the *Seminole*.

The little boat was tossed about upon the waves like an egg shell. Every few minutes it listed dangerously as if the wind were tantalizing it before wreaking destruction.

While the six were clinging desperately onto the tossing craft, a schooner, en route to West End, manned by negroes passed. The occupants of the *Seminole* shouted to them that they were in danger and would pay handsomely to be towed ashore, but the blacks paid no heed to their pleadings.

Shortly after the wind abated and as LaPorte was steering for land, the squall burst forth again with redoubled fury. The six gave up all hope of ever reaching land alive again.

"I don't know how we came through with our lives," one of the party said last night. "The water washed over the boat and while we clung on to keep from being washed into the lake, we had to keep throwing the water out of the boat. Those ten hours were to us an eternity."

"I don't know whether the other fellows prayed, but believe me I prayed as I never did before. All the thoughts of a man about to die rushed through my brain—thoughts of parents, home and sweetheart."

"We had given up hope after the wind came up the second time, but it stopped again. It was a good thing it did, for a little longer and we would have gone to the bottom. We were drenched, chilled to the bones and almost dead from exhaustion."

"LaPorte saved the day. Never before did a sailor work harder than he did. It was only by efforts that were almost superhuman that he saved us."

"After the storm was over and while we were sailing for home, a heavy rain added to our misery."

"We arrived at the camp about 8 o'clock this morning, a sorry spectacle indeed, compared with the care-free chaps we were when we left Saturday night bent on a trip of pleasure. I am through with Lake Pontchartrain."

Death of Miss Harriet McCall.

Miss Harriet McCall, 63 years old, last of fourteen children of the late Richard P. McCall, prominent planter of Ascension parish, died Monday morning, at 3:15 o'clock, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Charles R. Gaines, 4119 Perrier street, after an illness of several months. The funeral will be held this morning, at 11 o'clock, with services at St. Stephen's Church and private interment in this city.

Miss McCall had been residing in New Orleans for about five years.

LOCAL SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Louisiana Historical Association and Board of Governors of Confederate Memorial Hall was held yesterday at the Hall, when were present the following members: Professor J. W. Caldwell and J. A. Gamstock of the Army of Northern Virginia; Gen. J. Audemorte, Colonel C. L. Walker, Captain G. A. Williams and W. O. Hart, of the Army of Tennessee; Judge Joseph A. Breaux and Dr. W. C. Stubbs, of Confederate Cavalry Veterans' Camp No. 9, U. C. V.; J. A. Blaffer, Prof. T. W. Dyer, Gen. W. J. Bohan and Sumner Turner, of Washington Artillery Veterans' Association.

The meeting was presided over by Judge Breaux, Acting President and the Secretary announced that J. B. Smett and C. P. Knowlton had been elected to the board by the Army of Northern Virginia, to succeed Col. E. M. Hudson and Capt. John Holmes, deceased.

The chairman announced that the only business in order at the meeting was the election of officers and the following were unanimously chosen: President, Judge Breaux, he having been nominated by Dr. Stubbs, who put the motion; Prof. Caldwell, first vice-president, Mr. Audemorte, second vice-president, and Sumner Turner, secretary and treasurer and custodian of the Hall.



SUPT. JAMES W. REYNOLDS was to throw out strong parties of police and detectives to run down the three robbers who smashed the show window of August Bauman's jewelry store at 1826 Magazine street and escape with \$1,500 worth of diamonds. Superintendent Reynolds is being assisted by Detective Chief and Assistant Detective Chief Moincy.

Hail to the Chief on His Return From His Vacation. After a month's stay at Hot Springs, Police Superintendent Jas. W. Reynolds returned to his desk yesterday morning almost entirely cured of the rheumatism in his left arm. One of his first official acts

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Newark Fire Insurance Company, of Newark, New Jersey.

For the year ending December 31st, 1916, published in conformity with sections 1871 and 1872 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana, (as amended and re-enacted by Act 125 of 1916).

Capital paid up	\$ 500,000.00
Assets	2,270,200.00
Liabilities, less capital and surplus	1,862,322.19
Surplus	407,877.81
Premiums received in Louisiana, 1916:	
Fire	815,798.19
Marine	13,708.19
Total	829,506.38
Losses paid in Louisiana, 1916:	
Fire	813,909.66
Marine	2,551.75
Total	816,461.41

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Capital paid up	\$1,250,000.00
Assets	7,707,318.85
Liabilities, less capital and surplus	4,007,748.92
Surplus	2,419,569.93
Premiums received in Louisiana, 1916:	
Fire	2,202,261.19
Marine	13,708.19
Total	2,215,969.38
Losses paid in Louisiana, 1916:	
Fire	2,000,185.33
Marine	7,028.33
Total	2,007,213.66

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Capital paid up	\$ 500,000.00
Assets	13,700,473.26
Liabilities, less capital and surplus	6,880,912.71
Surplus	6,819,560.55
Premiums received in Louisiana, 1916:	
Fire	4,109,774.00
Marine	5,092.38
Total	4,114,866.38
Losses paid in Louisiana, 1916:	
Fire	3,515,136.33
Marine	7,028.33
Total	3,522,164.66

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