

By Mr. GALLIVAN: Petition of Pilgrim Publicity Association, against increase in second-class postage; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, petition of the National Security League, relative to committee of three or five men for Bureau of Information; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

## SENATE.

MONDAY, April 15, 1918.

Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, offered the following prayer:

O God of our fathers, in whose hands are the lives of men and in whose power is the destiny of the Nation, look down upon Thy children gathered here in Thy name. In the way of Thy love Thou hast again visited this body and taken from it one whose power was our glory. Make us recognize that with Thee are the issues of life and death. Make us submissive to the decree of Thy divine providence. Thou alone can bring strength to those who mourn. Thou alone can bring peace to hearts oppressed by grief and pain. O grant that his loved ones may find strength in Thee to bear their loss. Grant that his loved ones may through their tears look up to Thee as the only source of joy and consolation.

Chosen representatives of a mighty people, we come to Thee in the most crucial day in the history of our civilization. O give us light that we may see Thy way among the nations. Give us strength that we may follow the light whithersoever it may be. Make our laws reflect Thy divine wisdom and may they direct the issues of the world unto Thy greater glory.

Give strength unto our President and to those in whose hands are the affairs of our mighty people. We pray above all things that they may have strength and power to endure and to fight to the end. Give strength to our men who in fields afar battle for our rights. Give strength to their arms that they may win victory and that through victory there may come peace. And grant, O Lord, that in the days of peace we may grow in power unto righteousness and unto the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

The Journal of Saturday's proceedings was read and approved.

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the House of Representatives, by J. C. South, its Chief Clerk, announced that the House had passed the joint resolution (S. J. Res. 123) providing for the calling into military service of certain classes of persons registered and liable for military service under the terms of the act of Congress approved May 18, 1917, entitled "An act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the Military Establishment of the United States," with an amendment, in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House had passed a bill (H. R. 11364) granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the Civil War and certain widows and dependent children of soldiers and sailors of said war, in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate.

The message further transmitted to the Senate resolutions on the death of Hon. ROBERT F. BROUSSARD, late a Senator from the State of Louisiana.

### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED.

The message also announced that the Speaker of the House had signed the following enrolled bills, and they were thereupon signed by the Vice President:

S. 3980. An act to prevent interference with the use of homing pigeons by the United States, to provide a penalty for such interference, and for other purposes;

H. R. 9504. An act to amend section 4067 of the Revised Statutes by extending its scope to include women; and

H. R. 9901. An act to give indemnity for damages caused by American forces abroad.

### DEATH OF SENATOR STONE.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, Senator STONE died on yesterday, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon. His funeral services will occur at the family residence at 4 o'clock this afternoon. His body will be borne to the capital of his State, arriving there on Tuesday morning. It will lie in state in the capitol building a part of Tuesday. It will then be conveyed to Nevada, Mo., for interment amidst those surroundings where he began his illustrious career.

In a few days more he would have arrived at the allotted threescore years and ten. Over half of that long period he had devoted to the public service. He now returns to his State the badge of his office, upon which there is neither blot nor stain. Dishonor never laid its touch upon the life of WILLIAM JOEL STONE. It may of him be justly said that all his mature life

was devoted to his country. Possessing those great abilities which would have enabled him to achieve eminence in any position of life and to have acquired fortune, he chose to devote his talents to the public welfare and to lead a life devoid of luxury and to die without even a competency.

His love of country was so passionate as to be beyond the understanding of many men. His loyalty was so exalted that he was not always understood, for all could not rise to the sublime devotion which inspired his soul. I knew Senator STONE better than any man outside his immediate blood kin. I knew him so well that I am sure I knew his great soul—the soul of this great Missourian and great American.

Knowing him in this intimate way, I may be permitted to say that during the last three weeks constant news from the battle fields of France telling the story of how our lines were being pushed back by German hordes fell upon his heart with a crushing force. Of all the men I have known there is not one who seemed to me to feel so much the weight of anxiety for our cause, upon whose lips there was so passionate a prayer for victory for the arms of our allies and of our own soldiers. I use no extravagance of speech when I declare that could we restore to him the life that has passed out and bring him here among us clothed in health and flesh he would gladly give his life again if thereby he could serve his country's cause and bring to it a great and victorious peace.

At such a time as this and in the days that are to come, when the wounds of a bleeding world must be bound up, the Senate can ill afford, his State can ill afford, his country can ill afford, the world can ill afford his absence.

Mr. President, I offer the following resolutions, and ask for their immediate consideration.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The resolutions will be read.

The resolutions (S. Res. 225) were read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with deep regret and profound sorrow of the death of Hon. WILLIAM JOEL STONE, late a Senator from the State of Missouri.

*Resolved*, That a committee of 12 Senators be appointed by the Vice President to take order for superintending the funeral of Mr. STONE, which will take place at 4 o'clock post meridian to-day at his late residence in this city.

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect his remains be removed from his late home in this city to Nevada, Mo., for burial, in charge of the Sergeant at Arms, attended by the committee, which shall have full power to carry these resolutions into effect.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary communicate a copy of these resolutions to the House of Representatives.

The VICE PRESIDENT appointed, under the second resolution, as the committee on the part of the Senate Mr. REED, Mr. HITCHCOCK, Mr. SMITH of Arizona, Mr. PITTMAN, Mr. JONES of New Mexico, Mr. KING, Mr. KENDRICK, Mr. GALLINGER, Mr. SMOOT, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. SUTHERLAND, and Mr. FERNALD.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I submit the following resolution, and ask for its adoption.

The VICE PRESIDENT. It will be read.

The Secretary read as follows:

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the Senate do now adjourn.

The resolution was unanimously agreed to; and (at 12 o'clock and 15 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, April 16, 1918, at 12 o'clock meridian.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, April 15, 1918.

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. Henry N. Couden, D. D., offered the following prayer:

O Thou who art supremely great, Infinite in all Thine attributes, our God and our Father; above all, through all, and in us all; make us, we beseech Thee, fit temples for the indwelling of Thy Spirit and tractable to its holy influence; that we may conceive wisely, follow the dictates of a clear conscience, and stand firm in our convictions.

Thus may we think well, live well, pray without ceasing, and be ready, when the summons comes, to pass on into the realms of the blest.

Death has laid a heavy toll upon the congressional family, leaving us to mourn, by the passing of two faithful and conspicuous Senators, the wife of a Representative of this body, and one of the oldest and most trustworthy employees of this House.

Comfort us and their several families, by the faith once delivered to the saints, through Him who said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whosoever believeth on me shall never die." Amen.