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COMPARATIVE CALM IS NOW PREVAILING ON ALL THE FRONTS

gven in Italy the Fierce Infantry Fighting Has Dwindled to Artillery Duels

TURKS SHOWING ACTIVITY

Austria Has Accepted the Bolsheviki Proposal to Discuss an Armistice

ANSDOWNE CREATES STIR

Peace Letter Subject of Bitter Discussion in England

(Associated Press Summary) Comparative quiet prevails along the battle fronts, except for heavy bombardments on various sectors. Even on the Italian front the fierce engagements by infantry, in which the men often came into hand-to-hand encounters, have turned into duels with the big

guns in the hilly region north of Venetian plain and along the middle and lower Piave river. Little Infantry Activity. Around Cambria, on the French front,

the notable railway the infantry is concerned except for attack by the Germans near Gonneeu, at the southerly base of the salformed by Byng's advance. No

In Palestine, on the line extending om the northeast of Jerusalem to the under General Allenby are showonsiderable activity, but as yet a general attack. Several local fights taken place, however, and these, rding to General Allenby, have reed favorably to his men.

ss to treat with the Russian Bolfor an armistice having as its official reply accepting the present government's wireless proor negotiations. Unofficial rentiaries will meet at noon Sunthe northern Russian battle k to discuss the Bolsheviki project.

ansdowne Raises Controversy.

voring an attempt to secure prolongation of the neme for bitter dis-

Varional Guardsmen Abroad. France. Some of the men already the battle front.

RONG GERMAN FORCES

DRIVEN BACK BY BRITISH Nov. 30 .- Strong forces of is attacked the British on a wide the Cambrai sector this mornwere repulsed after heavy which the attackers sustainelement issued tonight. To the ward in the region of Gonnelieu, my entered British positions at points and penetrated their line distance, but later were driv-

o'clock this morning after a bombardment, the enemy at-

the neighborhood wood and Moeuvres. lery and machine gun fire.

letrated as far as Lavacquerie German and Austrian, Turkish and Duzeacourt. Our counter attacks Bulgarian soldiers maintained on the already regained Lavacquerie and eastern front. lave driven back the enemy from tacourt and the ridge to the east that village. At other points the

ling is continuing."

Austro-Germans Extend Acts of Barbarism to

Invaded Parts of Italy

Washington, Nov. 30 .- All the oppressive measures which characterized the invasion of Belgium and many of the acts of barbarism which revolted the civilized world, semi-official dispatches from Rome say, now are being practiced by the Austro-German invaders of

Near Zenson, the dispatches say, the invaders placed Italian women and children before the troops as they advanced and the Italian soldiers were compelled to sacrifice their innocent countrymen.

In the Friuli region, war taxes, requisitions and conscription of labor is being practiced as it was in Belgium and northern France. Austro-German prisoners tell of Italian non-combatants massacred by the invading troops and loot from Italian homes and shops has been found on the bodies of dead troops. Soldiers on the Piave declare they hear the screams of women and children from the opposite side of the river.

The invading armies have taken away cattle and other property and burned household furniture for their bivouac fires. Bosnian troops, the dispatches say, have committed unnamable atrocities.

made notable ad- Washington Officials Still Hope and Balfour. It has been put in dif-Russia Can Set Up Sta-

ble Government

tails have been received negarding NO HASTY CONDEMNATION

Turkish forces facing the There is a Faint Hope That the Bolsheviki Regime Will Not Violate Russia's Treaty With the Entente Allies.

> of the great danger of causing a retral powers by intervention in the political affairs of the new democracy. against hasty condemnation of the

Back of what is described as a tolerant policy in dealing with Russia mostly vocal there appears to be a council win also assist. and thence proceed by train to apparently not only is a purpose to German headquarters at Brest-Lit- demonstrate faith in the ultimate sta- which welcomes his letter and much said there has been no serious shortage ease is concerned, is almost normal, bilization of the democracy, but a faint interest is being exhibited in what the of workers in any of the other indushope that the extremist faction, which press of the United States has to say tries indirectly related to military opis for the moment in control of the on the subject. There also is a deal erations, but as the army expands and Great Britain's leading seat of government at Petrograd, will for a restatement refrain from violating Russia's treaty Marquis of Lansdowne may have had sistence supplies, it is expected that r aims of the entente allies pledges to the entente allies and make among the political leaders it being many factories will need hundreds of a separate peace. Exerting Pressure Bad Policy.

So long as there is a possibility that apparently irreconcilable difference between the Bolsheviki peace scheme bery were consulted before the letter materials and less purchasing of nonfounded on "no annexations and no in- was given to the press. the views of the demnities" and the German demands those of any of the for compensation and "adequate safe-British cabinet. At a guards for the future" it is regarded count Grey, former foreign secretary, the need for men to the men needing of the Unionist party, Mr. Bo- as bad policy to exert any pressure w repudiated the letter of the from the outside at this stage. To do is of Lansdowne, describing it as so, it is believed would only tend to while the meeting in a cause resentment in Russia and to tion condemned the utterances of solidify the various elements around the Petrograd regime.

An additional reason for maintainis of national guardsmen from all ing an attitude of watchfulness and states in the country have arrived reserve in Washington is found in the fact that to meet just such a situation training within sound of the guns as is developing in Russia is one of the purposes of the inter-allied conference assembled in Paris.

Suggestions From Paris. There are intimations that suggestions have reached Washington from the French capital that it would be well to avoid adverse criticism here of the Russian tangle, leaving the commissioners in Paris to deal with it at this stage at least. It is even possible that the pursuance of the idea that by moral suasion Russia can be prevented from going to the extreme of making a separate peace, some of the entente powers may decide to make some sort of acknowledgement of the receipt of the Lenine-Trotzky peace and armistice proposal.

No surprise is felt in diplomatic circles here at the speedy acceptance by Germany and Austria of the Lenine Crevecoeur-Burlescourt. proposals. It had been assumed that afterward heavy attacks also with no intention whatever of accept- not know what she was doing when tional Guardsmen have been arriving in ed against our positions west ing any of the substantial demands of she shot her divorced husband, John France, until now they occupy a wide diers at Camp Beauregard died of of the Bolsheviki, the German and Austrian chancellories would not miss this Tom Masnieres to Moeuvres all the great opportunity to eliminate Russia It sattacks have been repulsed af- as an offensive military force for the any hours of heavy fighting, dur- many days, weeks, or even months which great loss was inflicted on during which the skilled German diattacking German infantry by our plomatists might protract the negotiations for an armistice and peace. In of Masnieres village, from the the meantime, of course there may be shbrohood of Bonavis to Villers- released for active service against the ain the enemy succeeded in enter- British. French and Italians on the experts on diseases of the mind called American army in which each division.

Counteract German Scheme. It may be for the inter-allied conference in Paris to devise some means string advance has been checked. The of neutralizing this German scheme, possibly by influencing the Bolsheviki vict. There was considerable argu- They are scattered somewhat, but, as with the training of troops. element itself through an exposition ment as to whether the interogation far as possible, the units from the deposits made in Savings Department of the duplicity and real aims of the might be revised so as to satisfy same State have been kept close tothe American Bank & Trust Co., to- Germans or by recourse to the ele- counsel for both sides, but this was gether. They found the regular army of the American Bank & Trust Co., to- Germans or by recourse to the ele- counsel for both sides, but this was gether. They found the regular army of the American Bank & Trust Co., to- Germans or by recourse to the ele- counsel for both sides, but this was gether. They found the regular army of the American Bank & Trust Co., to- Germans or by recourse to the ele- counsel for both sides, but this was gether. They found the regular army of the American Bank & Trust Co., to- Germans or by recourse to the ele- counsel for both sides, but this was gether. They found the regular army of the American Bank & Trust Co., to- Germans or by recourse to the ele- counsel for both sides, but this was gether. They found the regular army of the American Bank & Trust Co., to- Germans or by recourse to the ele- counsel for both sides, but this was gether. draw 4 per cent Compound Inter- but on cross-examination a number of oped that there are really more than (Continued On Page Two) (Continued On Page Two)

SPFAIG FOR NO IMPORTANT GROUP

Lord Cecil Tells Associated Press That England's War Aims Are Unchanged

VICTORY'

Lansdowne's Letter Deprecated or Increasing Number of Labor Prob-Denounced in All Governmental Quarters

London, Nov. 30 .- Lord Robert Cecil. opinion in England.

regard to Lansdowne's letter." Lord service. Robert said, "is that he spoke only for himself. Before writing it he did not consult or have any communication with any member of the government and the members of the government read the letter in the newspapers with as much surprise as anybody else.

"It does not represent our views, nor has there been any change or modification in the slightest degree in the the labor demand war policy of this country. Our policy is still what it always has been and men of the country, namely, Premier mands, and Lloyd-George, Asquith, Bonar Law ferent words by them but perhaps is best summed in the recent utterances of Premier Clemenceau-that the war thereto. aim for which we are fighting is vic-

GOVERNMENTAL QUARTERS

all governmental quarters. J. Austen bring to the defense council digested Chamberlain, former secretary for In- information from all government dedia, in a speech at Northampton tonight said that he and his colleagues, but will not have power to take execuboth in and out of office, viewed the tive action. letter with unfeigned regret. It was States was now exercising.

considerable body of Liberal opinion of curiosity as to what support the with it the need for munitions and subbelieved that he was not likely to additional men. At the same time unpublish such an appeal without some employment is expected to result in such acquiescence. According to some other lines of work not essential to the these overtures will fail because of the rumors, Earl Loreburn, former lord conduct of the war and which will be high chancellor, and the Earl of Rose- forced to curtail production by lack of

opinion that the war policy of Vis- vice, aided by union officials, to adjust (Continued On Page Two)

VOLUME OF EVIDENCE IN FAVOR OF PRISONER

les Temporarily Insane

Her Counsel Submits a 15,000-Word Every State in the Union Represented, Hypothetical Question, and the State Will Introduce One as Long or Longer.

hypothetical question put to alienists siasm. answer tomorrow.

Saulles, ignoring altogether state- diers. (Continued on Page Six).

MEET WAR NEEDS

Government to Give Greater Aid Through the New Industrial Service Section

THE REAL AIM L. C. MARSHALL IS CHIEF

lems to be Investigated as Preliminary Move

Washington, Nov. 30 .- Preparations minister of blockade, in his weekly for greater government aid in adjusttalk with The Associated Press today ing the labor supply to meet war needs declared emphatically that the Mar- were put under way today by the counquis of Lansdowne in writing a letter cil of national defense with the apcontaining peace suggestions was not pointment of L. C. Marshall, dean of the speaking for any important body of school of commerce and administration nounced it had entered a strong protest lutely dependent upon the more rapid editorial secretary of the American "The most important thing to say in of a newly-created section on industrial giving priority to coal movement or

The section will undertake preliminumber of labor problems and will have four main objects:

To determine present and probable future demand for labor in war indus-

To determine, in connection with the priorities committee of the war indus-To arrange for the supplying of the

demand through the department of laas described by the authorized spokes- ilian agencies as can best meet the de-To determine the needs for dilution

of labor, including the introduction of women into industry, and to recommend policies to be followed in regard Four of the Soldiers Were From Is Carried Upstairs and Rolled When the facts have been establish-

ed in the case of labor shortage handicapping any line of industry, the council will look to representatives of the DEPLORE LANSDOWNE LETTER workers to supply available men. The London, Nov. 30 .- The letter of the section on industrial service will have Marquis of Lansdowne continues to functions comparable to the duties of be deprecated or frankly denounced in the war industries board and will partments regarding labor questions

Everything suggestive of coercion of unfortunate and inopportune, because conscription of labor apparently is be-Washington, Nov. 30 .- Realization at the present moment, when Itally ing avoided by the council. Employand Rumania were invaded and Rus- ment agencies of the department of lasia was in the throes of revolution bor, in successful operation for a long nothing ought to be said or written time, will be utilized in obtaining throwing doubt on the loyalty of Great workers, but otherwise it is expected Britain to her allies. Mr. Chamber- that representatives of the workers lain also declared that there must be themselves will be relied upon to reno restrictions of the rights of the cruit the civilian army needed to back showing eight deaths since Thursday, here to sound a note of warning belligerents at sea, such as Great Bri- up the fighting men. The American tain had exercised and the United Federation of Labor has promised to Although at present the attacks to confer with the council. Semi- offiagainst the Marquis of Lansdowne are cial labor committees attached to the

Except shipyards and railroads, it is essentials by the public. It will be the The Weekly Nation expresses the task of the section on industrial ser-

NATIONAL GUARDSMEN ARE NOW IN FRANCE

Introduced to Prove Mrs. De Saul. | The Men Have Been Arriving for Several Weeks

> But the Number and Units Are Not Made Known-Are Excellent Soldiers.

Mineola, N. Y., Nov. 30 .- Another With the American Army in France, succumbed to pneumonia during the newspapermen could not see Mrs. Robmass of expert testimony was added Thursday, Nov. 29 .- Every state in the last eighteen days, according to base inson, who left a few minutes later for today to the volume of evidence al- American Union has representatives hospital records. ready introduced in support of Mrs. behind the fighting lines in France. For Blanca De Saulles' claim that she did weeks units composed of former Na-Because District Attorney Weeks did upon their period of preparation for of fifty-one deaths at the camp due to census of opinion among those who not like the phrasing of a 15,000-word active fighting with remarkable enthu-

by attorneys for the defense, he is to- They are showing a spirit in keeping BAKER LEAVES TO INSPECT night preparing a similar interroga- with the purpose to make the American tion of equal or greater length which expeditionary force a homogeneous

(Continued on Page Ten).

Preferential Shipment Question Is Tangled Up

Fuel Administration Asks Priority for Coal Shipments While Food Administration Objects to Anything Being Placed Ahead of Food Supplies-Lovett Trying to Untangle.

Washington. Nov. 30 .- Requests from heads and chairmen of the various govdifferent government quarters for ernment boards and commissions. priority of transportation for food, fuel | The railroads in responding to Dr and munitions has thrown the whole Garfield's request that coal be moved question of preferential shipment into ahead of general freight asked that a a tangle. The committee on priority general priority order for coal of transportation, of which Robert M. withheld until the roads have had an Lovett is chairman, was trying tonight opportunity to test their plan for pool-

ministrator Garfield, the general oper- ments the food administration said: ating committee of eastern railroads today without waiting for formal govence to the fullest possible extent. Dr.

Tonight the food administration anof the University of Chicago as chief with the priority committee against movement of crops. any other freight over food shipments. farmer to see large prices for corn at missions. The situation is further complicated by shortages work to the benefit of a few demands of the war and navy depart- the terminals if he cannot ship. Car nary investigation of the increasing | ments for preferential rights for the producers and to the loss of the mamovement of their supplies. Some offi- jority and to all consumers. With a cials suggested that the whole ques- free movement of corn the prices tion might be taken up for a decision should recede rapidly, for the crop is tion of those two countries," said a by the recently created war council large, and in fact larger than can be statement issued by Dr. Strong tonight. comprising department

ing equipment and trackage. In explaining tonight its request that

nothing be put ahead of food ship-"The necessity of moving livestock and perishables and corn, oats and animal feeding stuffs generally is preernment action gave coal and coke eminent, or large amounts of foods shipments a general right of way to would be lost. The car shortage is a clear congested terminals and an- matter of the most extreme anxiety nounced they would be given prefer- especially now in respect to the coarse grains. Garfield has requested of the priority normal and requires rapid movement to against Turkey now would be playing committee a general order giving coal the drying establishments at the terminals if it is to be saved. The prices of corn and of feeding stuffs are abso- in the opinion of Dr William E. Strong,

"Moreover, it is of (Continued On Page Two)

INITIO, IVINO O NOLD

North Carolina-All Succumbed to Pneumonia

New Cases of Measles-Several Days Must Pass Before Death Rate Improves Much.

Greenville, S. C., Nov. 30 .- In connection with the report issued at divisional headquarters at Camp Sevier today medical authorities announced that co-operate and will send officials here all of these deaths were from disease at the camp was at its height. The situation, so far as new cases of disment will be noted in the death rate.

The dead are: Benjamin A. Cooper, 105th ammunition train; home Plattersville, S. C.

home Apex, N. C. August Anderson, 120th infantry; home. Oak Mills, N. C. Bethel L. Watts, 120th infantry; home, Vineland, N. C. Thomas W. Suggs, remount depot,

Sublet B. Hill, 118th infantry; home, Branchville, S. C. train; home, Barriville, S. C.

quartermaster corps; home Pirenay, N.

home, Collis Place, S. C.

A call for live mice to be used in diagnosing various diseases was today sent out by authorities at the base half hour after Mrs. Robinson left the supply of the rodents.

EIGHT SOLDIERS AT CAMP

DEATH CLAIMS THREE MEN

the last fourteen days.

Down Aisle of Court Room in Invalid's Chair

Room-Mrs. Melvin, Her Daughter, Sat Near Her While on the Stand.

stairway to the court room and then war, ut would open the door for new rolled down the aisle to the bar, where, and startling atrocities under the leadsitting in the chair with a colored maid ership of Berlin, to say nothing of imbeside her, while a storm of legal tech- periling all American interests in both nicalities beat about her for an hour that the Bulgarian and Turkish officials contracted when the recent epidemic and a half, Mrs. Anna L. Robinson, are increasingly friendly toward the mother of Mrs. Maude A. King, testi-, United States, as they become dissatisfled for the state late today in the trial This is a tendency to be encouraged of Goston B. Means, charged with the rather than discouraged. murder of Mrs. King near here on Authey stated, but several days must gust 29, last. The appearance of Mrs. stantinople was with the idea of turnelapse before a substantial improve- Robinson had much of the dramatic. ing Turkey against the United States. In mony as Gaston Means' "body guard" States by a declaration of war plays and "agent." He met the party at the into his hands and into the hands of Alphonso Workman, 120th infantry; court room door and raised his hands the Berlin officials."

"Don't take that woman in there." Mrs. Melvin Comes Out.

ister of Mrs. King, who has been in sumed command of Camp Greene, havattendance at the trial all the week, ing arrived Wednesday from Camp but had not seen her mother since her Custer, Battle Greek, Mich., where he arrival here yesterday, walked out of commanded the Eighty-fifth division, the courtroom, met the party at the national army. His staff has not yet head of the stairway and made an ef- been formed. George Winn, 105th ammunition fort to get to her mother before she was carried through the door, but was John A. Mitchel 118th infantry, not allowed to reach the whitehaired and aged woman, nor to speak to her. All the deaths were from bronchial Mrs. Melvin followed close behind her pneumonia following measles except mother to the stand and sat beside or that of Suggs, who died of lobar pneu- behind her during the hour and a half she was being examined. Saw Mother at Hotel.

Following adjournment of court a hospital at the camp. Boy Scounts court room, Mrs. Melvin called at the have been urged to aid in securing a hotel and saw her mother in the latter's room for about five minutes. No person was present at the interview except the mother and daughter and one at-WHEELER DIE IN 24 HOURS torney representing each, H. S. Wil-Macon, Ga., Nov. 30-Divisional head-liams of counsel for Means, accompanyquarters at Camp Wheeler late today ing Mrs. Melvin, and P. C. McDuffie of Delegation Confers With Food Adminannounced the deaths from pneumonia counsel for the state being present with of eight more soldiers during the last Mrs. Robinson. No others were admitted and what was said at the inter-Exclusive of the deaths announced at view could not be learned. The attorheadquarters tonight, 72 soldiers have neys refused positively to state and Salisbury, accompanied by Mr. McDuffie. It was learned, however, that there was disagreement on whatever propo- day trying to have the federal food AT CAMP BEAUREGARD sition was under discussion at the close control division suspend an order Alexandria, La., Nov. 30 .- Three sol- of the interview.

Little Testimony of Value. While the appearance of Mrs. Rob. North Carolina. The order has been measles in the 24 hours ending at noon scope of the training territory especial- today, according to announcement at inson was dramatic and contained elely prepared for them, and are entering the base hospital. This makes a total ments of the sensational, it is the con- Carolina raises sufficient wheat for the measles, pneumonia and meningitis in heard the testimony she gave that it needs of the people of the state. was of no great value and that neither | There are 180 grain mills in the state. side lost or gained much by her appear- 32 of which import more or less wheat ance. She did not deny the genuine- from other states. These millers insist ARMY CAMPS IN THE SOUTH ness of the signature purporting to be that they cannot operate their mills hers, signed jointly with Mrs. King on if they are cut out of the wheat they Washington, Nov. 30 .- Secretary Ba- a paper which had been presented in have heretofore brought in to supply positions at different points west front, hundreds of thousands of by the prosecution will be asked to whether regular, national guard or na- ker left today on a tour of inspection evidence by the state through A. Leon- their trade. The millers , with the cotional army, cannot be distinguished in of army training camps that will take and Johnson, secretary of the Mer- operation of the state department of Weeks insisted the question submit- efficiency from the others. The former him to Jacksonville, Fla., where the chants Loan and Trust Co., of Chicago, agriculture, will make up a detailed ofted by the defense was based entirely State troops are billeted over a wide quartermaster camp is established, on the authority of which he testified ficial statement of the real situation in on testimony favorable to Mrs. De area and are pronounced excellent sol- and then to Camp Jackson, at Colum- the trust company revoked a trust of this state and present it to the federal bia, S. C. The trip is one of a num- \$125,000 which had been created by Mrs. food control authorities with demand ments made by witnesses, on which The guardsmen have been arriving in ber which Mr. Baker hopes to take in King a year or so earlier by which Mrs. for readjustment of the order as to he is depending in large part to con- the American zone for many weeks. order to see the progress being made Robinson had received \$600 a month, importation of wheat into this state. which paper with the two women's sig- The millers held a conference this natures was presented to the bank by afternoon with Henry A. Page, state Deposits made in Savings Department Gaston Means to whom was delivered food administrator, and the situation (Continued On Page Two)

GERMANY'S THUMB

For Us to Declare War Upon Her Would be Playing Into Hands of Berlin Officials

be IS DR. STRONG'S OPINION

Declares Turks Would Break Alliance With Germany if They Had Power to Do So

Boston, Nov. 30 .- The Turks are heartily tired of German rule and a The corn crop is softer than declaration of war by the United States into the hands of the Berlin officials. board of commissioners for foreign

"Why the United States should declare war upon either Turkey or Bulgaria is incomprehensible to those who know anything of the internal situa-Both of the countries are as much under the control of Germany as are Belgium and Poland."

"Who would suggest," he continued, Belgium because Belgian subjects are working for Germany and Belgium is supplying Germany with foodstuffs and other war equipment? Those who have come out of Turkey during the last few nonths give only one testimony and that is to the effect that Turkey is heartily tired of the domination of Germany. Even the leaders recognize that they went into this war not for any possible gain to Turkey but with every opportunity of losing everything. "If war should be declared on Turkey and Bulgaria, what could the United States do? It would be cruel in the extreme to make an attack upon a people who hate the alliance with Germany CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVING TELLS LITTLE OF VALUE with a perfect hatred and who would gladly break that alliance if they had the power to do so. A declaration of war today on the part of the United Authorities Announce Virtually No Deitch Wanted to Prevent Her Entering States would lead to a new attack under German direction upon the non-Moslem populations of Turkey, whose elimination from Asia Minor is one of the manifest policies of Germany.

"One can hardly ak of the people of the United States favoring any step Concord, Nov. 30 .- Carried up the which could, so far as we can see, lead to nothing that would abbreviate this countries. We have reason to know

Her entrance into the courtroom was the face of the rising tide of German under protest of Henry Deitch, who opposition in Turkey, he will probably had been described in previous testi- be unable to do so unless the United

Charlotte, Nov. 30 .- Major General A moment later Mrs. Mary C. Melvin, Joseph T. Dickman has already as-

MILLERS URGE THAT ORDER BE RESCINDED

Unable to Supply Their Trade Unless Wheat is Imported -

istration at Raleigh-State About 6,000,000 Bushels Short.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, Nov. 30 .- A delegation of against the importation of wheat into

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