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STATES IS NOW AT WAR WITH AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Passes the Senate Unanimously, While Representative London Opposed It in House

SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

Dates From 5:03 O'clock Yesterday Afternoon

reen the United States and Ausna-Hungary was formally declar-

inte in the House, adopted and President Wilson approved a restate of war between "the imperal and roval Austro-Hungarian overnment and the government athorizing the President to emloy the armed forces and pledg-

ng its resources to victory. The resolution, the response of con-

saddress Tuesday, is similar to that ermany. It became effective at 5:03 m today when it was signed by the ecutive without formality. An exutive proclamation will follow short-

After but one hour's debate the restion was unanimously adopted by It was approved by the house, 363 Representative London, the New President Marshall and Speaker ark had signed the document and it to the White House where sident Wilson attached his signare with Secretary Tumulty and Asent Secretary Forster as the only

The resolution follows: Text of Resolution.

government and people of the ted States and making provision to Whereas, the imperial and royal

stro-Hungarian government repeated acts of war ainst the government and the peoof the United States of America:

Resolved. By the senate and house epresentatives of the United led that a state of war is hereby of the United States.

"CHAMP CLARK, Speaker of the House of Repre-THOMAS R. MARSHALL, ident of the United States resident of the Senate.

Approved 7 December, 1917. WOODROW WILSON." Turkey and Bulgaria Left Out. The President Wilson's in in respect to Tura, Germany's other althe future. Widen congress for their the roll calls came the ce was followed in a ork, who cast the one explained his opposition

Debate Was Brief.

declaration against Ger- expeditionary forces abroad. it was almost devoid eatures in spite of the thers apparently acted spoke refraining from ex-

was pledged to that

socialist party. Caus-

e acted first on the resolu- sion of congress. ed by Senator Stone with endorsement of the for-Continued on Page Eight),

United States Is Now In Position To Give Aid To Sorely Stricken Itslians

(Associated Press War Summary.) | stricken Italy, The United States is now at war with mans are strice Austria-Hungary.

With unanimity except for a nega- operations. tive vote cast in the house of representatives by a socialist member, both pressed by the enemy in greatly suhouses of congress Friday acted favor- dicated by the latest official communiably on the request made by President cation. Additional gains have been Wilson in his recent address to con- made by the invaders in the Asiago gress that the United States declare plateau region, but again a heavy price war on the dual monarchy, which the the attacking forces, at last accounts president asserted was "not her own the Italian line still was intact and the State of War With Dual Monarchy German government."

affixed his signature to the measure which definitely aligned Austria-Hungary as an enemy country.

This ended the anomalous situation Washington. Dec. 7 .- War be- that had prevailed by reason of the fact that the United States had been definitely at war with Germany but not with Germany's chief ally, although the latter on land and sea was waging battle or carrying out excesses against the peoples and commerce of countries al-Congress with one dissenting lied with the United States in the task of making the world safe for democ-

tria-Hungary comes at a most oppor- be numbered serially and the battery United States lending aid to sorely ed.

their utmost to deal a blow in an indeavor to render the Italians a negligible factor in future

That the Italians are being hardperior number and in gun power is inway barred against the enemy debouching on the Venetian plain.

The Berlin war office in an announce-Shortly after the action of the two ment of fresh victories achieved against houses of congress, President Wilson the Italians asserts that 4,000 additional men have been made prisoner. bringing the total since the new offensive began up to 15,000 Only minor operations are in progress on the other battle fronts.

> ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTALIONS FOR THE COAST DEFENSES

Washington, Dec. 7 .- Army orders today provide the designation of anti-aircraft battalions for the coast artillery corps troops who will handle batteries specially designed to beat off airplanes and airships. They will

d people of the United States" | | Ullinitinit CEASE HOSTILITIES

to the President's request in They Will Associate Themselves Gaston Means With Deliberation With the Russians in the Proposed Armistice

With the Russians Inactive On the possible For the Rumanians to Continue Activities.

Jassy, Rumania, Thursday, Dec. 6 .ian troops shall associate themselves descriptive detail to the jury in Cabarwith the Russians in the proposed rus superior court late today his verarmistice, though the Rumanians sion of how Mrs. Maude A. King met have rejected every attempt at fra- her death at Blackwelder spring near HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS ternization, says an official announce- Concord on the evening of August 29 stro-Hungarian government and ment made here today. Hostilities last. It was past 4 o'clock and he had were suspended today on the whole been under direct examination nearly Tells of Wonderful Work That Could

> from Berlin and Vienna that the Rumanians had joined the Russians in pictured the tragedy to the jury. negotiations with Germany for an armistice but official confirmation rived at Blackwelder spring. All had heretotore has been lacking and on alighted from the automobile; the and disciplinary methods in reclama-

was issued in London. pendent military policy.

POSTOFFICE COMMITTEE

Reports Annual Postoffice Bill, Aggregating \$333,000,000-Appropriation For Censorship.

Washington, Dec. 7 .- Breaking all regular speed records for the prepara- feet from the tree. I rushed right up duce food for our army, our women and tion of supply bills, the house post- to her. When I first saw her she was our children?" office committee today reported the annual postoffice bill, aggregating \$333,- to her quickly and took hold of her, 000,000, including a new item of \$1,- feeling to ascertain where she was sentative London, so- 200,000 to censor foreign mails. The bill carries no appropriation for pneu-

> The censorship of foreign mails is ready given by congress.

The committee added to the usual branches was unex- appropriation for transportation esting but an hour in foreign mails \$2,000,000, making a to-The house. Also in sharp discussion which pre- discussion which pre- devoted in connection with American discussion which pre- devoted their efforts to organizing

furnished by crowded postoffices has long been urged by from the witness that the body should Postmaster General Burleson and Rep- be taken to Chicago. He accompanied to expedite action resentative Moon, chairman of the the remains to Chicago and followed committee, and the question was the the mother's instructions to the letter. subject of much debate at the last ses-

noon, it was stated.

alution declaring existence of a tune time, for it will permit of the units in each battalion will be letter-

and Calmness Tells Story of the Tragedy

SAYS OFFICIAL STATEMENT CLOSES DIRECT TESTIMONY

Cross-Examination Expected to Take Up Virtually All of Today-Still

Other Witnesses May Go on

the Yeand.

It has been decided that the Ruman- and calmness, Gaston Means related in dines, hetman of the Don Cossacks. five hours today, following about six hours yesterday. His direct examina-There have been several reports tion closed and cross-examination began within a few minutes after he had

The target shooting party had an-The Rumanian troops are holding Bingham, with shotgun in hand, and positions along the western Molda- Afton Means, brother of the defendant, vian frontier and the line across with rifle in hand, had gone some dis- here, by Dr. John H. Quayle, of Cleve- sumption. southern Moldavia to the, Black Sea tance into the calm dusk down the old land, O. at which the Germans and Austrians road looking for rabbits. Only Gaston War against the Imperial and the withdrawal of the Russians from pistol in his hand. She had handed it to south as well as by the German and about getting a drink of water. She

> spring to get a drink," said the defendant. "I looked back and saw her with that pistol is loaded. Put it up. I ing than our figures on rejection. wouldn't fool with it.' She put it up. I dipped up a cup of water and struck a getting nearer the ground in a wobbling motion, just crumpling up. I got

He called Captain Bingham and began bathing her face in water from the

"Captain Bingham came up and I told "I did not," he said positively.

Then he told of the hurried trip to dle Atlantic states.

ant had traced his movements from the time he and Mrs. Means, Mrs. King, Mrs. | morning, when their home at Denora, Robinson and Mrs. Mary C. Melvin, sis- S. C., near here, was destroyed by Houston, Tex., Dec. 7.—Settlement of ter of the deceased; W. R. Patterson fire. The origin of the fire is not ded routine business. Af- the oil workers strike affecting 8,000 and others of their party left Chicago known, the charred emains of the vic- for either government operation dursees by Senators Stone, men in Texas and Louisiana producing last July for Asheville, down to the time of the fire being found in the ing the war, or suspension of antichesek. Owen and Vardaman, fields was agreed upon this morning. week of the tragedy, when Mrs. King debris by neighbors when they arose trust laws and financial support, still called. H. B. Porter, E. C. Durham, W. hurt. call followed. When the docu- A written agreement will be signed by had come to Concord on a visit to the Friday morning to find the North rested tonight with President Wilson. A. Cade, W. F. Traywick, Daniel Lane, Was iransmitted to the house, it the producers and workers this after- home of his father, Colonel W. G. home in ruins. North is said to have home families (Continued On Page Two) (Continued On Page Two)

Fifteen Hundred Troops Reported to Have Arrived at Russia's Pacific Port

ALLIES MAY TAKE ACTION

Great Quantities of Supplies From inspecting shells in a shed on the water America and Japan Are Stored There

ported to have arrived in Vladivostok. gaze was the worst that I hope ever to and children. Death was everywhere. The above report, if true, possibly see. would indicate that the Bolsheviki trans-Siberian railroad which runs from Petrograd, a distance of 6,521 dead men lying upon the battlefield, miles, to Vladivostok, Russia's principal seaport on the Pacific.

AMERICA AND ALLIES MAY

BE FORCED TO TAKE ACTION Washington, Dec. 7.—If Bolsheviki troops are moving into Vladivostok the United States and the allies may be forced at any time to adopt a definite policy toward the radical government at Petrograd. Great quantities of munitions and supplies shipped by the United States and Japan before the overthrow of the Kerensky government are store at the Pacific port awaiting shipment over the congested trans-Siberian railroad and it is well understood that the allied governments do not intend to permit them to fall into hands that might prove

KERENSKY HAS PLACE IN NEW SIBERIAN GOVERNMENT Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 6 .- The temporary independent government IS EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY TO TAKE OVER ADVOCATE which has been organized in Siberia has elected Alexander F. Kerensky minister of justice and is determined to complete a coalition cabinet.

KORNILOFF REPORTED TO

HAVE JOINED KALEDINES Petrograd, Dec. 7 .- It is reported that General Korniloff, who recently escaped from Buikoff, where he had been imprisoned by the Bolsheviki au-Concord, Dec. 7 .- With deliberation thorities, has joined General Kalemander-in-chief of the Russian arm-

COULD BE 'RECLAIMED'

Be Done Among Rejected Men by "Massed Psychology."

New York, Dec. 7 .- How hundreds of thousands of men rejected for the draft as physically unfit could be returned to health through "massed psychology" Wednesday an official denial of them chauffeur had taken the car "up the tion camps was told today at the anroad out of the way. Captain W. S. nual convention of the association of in the order numbered: life insurance presidents, in session

gether with what I call "massed psy- ing vessels for that board.

COLD WAVE COMING.

Snow to Occur In Middle Atlantic and Other States.

warnings were issued tonight by the weather bureau. A cyclonic depression of considerable intensity is cen-plying domestic consumers only; and al of the college authorities, shall hours in the north end were brought his position enlivened to be conducted under authority al- him Mrs. King had shot herself with tral over the lower Mississippi Valley, to coal, coke and raw materials for have full power to organize and con- under control early today and the city her little pistol," the witness declared. the bureau said, and that as it moves current use but not for storage, con- duct this school at Trinity College, is no longer menaced by a conflagra-"Did you know she was dead?" asked northeastward there will be general signed direct (and not subject to recon- That it may be possible for every un- tion. T. Cansler, the defendant's counsel. rains in the south and snow in Ten- signment) to blast furnaces, foundries, dergraduate to attend, the two boards | While soldiers, sailors and volunnessee, the Ohio Valley and the Mid- iron and steel mills, smelters, manu- named in paragraph 1 shall provide a teers were searching the ruins of the

Atlantic coast districts.

Mother and Babe Cremated. Augusta, Ga., Dec. 7 .- Mr. and Mrs. Earlier in the afternoon the defend- Ralph North and baby were cremated either Thursday night or early Friday been employed at a saw mill,

ADDED TO THE HORROR OF THE AWFUL HOLOCAUST AT HALIFAX No Scenes On Battlefields

RAGING BLIZZARD LAST NIGHT

Equal the Halifax Disaster St. John, N. B., Dec. 7 .- The battle- | battered beyond recognition and others fields of Europe do not provide a par- groaning in their last agonies. Rushallel to the scenes witnessed at Halifax, them and as near as I can remember in the opinion of Duncan Grey, who pulled 22 men and children from under

building collapsed. This is his story: I groped around assisting some of the "A few seconds after the roar of the poor mothers and little ones who were explosion, a guest of wind swept vainly for lost ones, in many instances through the shed and then down came never to be seen by them again. Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 6 .- Fif- pillars, boards and beams. I rushed teen hundred Bolsheviki troops are re- to the open and the sight that met my and more bodies of dead men, women List of Dead and Wounded Offi-

> France. I have gone 'over the top;' comrades and friends have been shot dows. The district was a living hell. in my presence. I have seen scores of

timbers, stones and other debris; some

arrived here today. He was engaged in the wreckage. As I was right in the affected district, I witnessed the full horror of the situation. Partly blinded front and barely escaped before the by the smoke from burning dwellings running about screaming and searching "I struggled on, coming across more

"Flames were sweeping a wide pathway for themselves. Doomed struc-"I have been in the trenches in tures were belching forth great volumes of smoke from doors and win-"Half strangled by the smoke, I kept pulling out bodies from under beams but the sight that greeted me yesterday and fallen chimneys and under wreckwas a thousand times worse and far age. Some of the bodies were without

Preferential Shipment is Given to Two Conferences of the State to have perished of cold and hunger. Food, Fuel and Government Supplies

sumption Comes First in the Five Different Groups Named in Lovett's Order.

Washington, Dec. 7 .- A general priority order, giving preferential shipment to food, fuel and government sup- the North Carolina Conference of the small percentage of the buildings ples, was issued today by Robert S. Methodist church, in session here, was have even this slight protection from Lovett, government director of priority

transportation. tee of railroads giving to these commodities preference in movement. Officials believe it will go far toward re- prayer. lieving the eastern freight congestion which has threatened to close down war industries and public utilities. The or-

December, 1917, and until further orders apt to infringe upon the rights of all common carriers by railroad in the others." United States shall give preference and ment to the following commodities and monished the preachers to have high-it was feared momentarily that this

2.-Livestock, perishable freight, food and fuel.

"Shortly after conscription," he said, 3 .- (a) Shipments of military supwere halted at the conclusion of their Means and Mrs. King were left on the "it was estimated that there were 2,- plies when consigned direct to the of a place of meeting next year. At | While many generous offers of mathe United States and drive in 1916. Russian troops are in- hillside that slopes down to the spring. O00,000 men between the ages of 21 and United States government or the au- that time Rev. A. D. Wilcox gave the terial relief has been received and terspersed with the Rumanians and He had her 25-calibre automatic Colt 31 who had no visible means of sup- thorized officers of the United States conference a very cordial invitation trainloads of supplies are on the way. port and were supported by their fath- army, navy or shipping board or to the to meet in St. Paul's church, Golds- the spectre of famine was abroad to Austro-Hungarian government; active operations would make it al- him but a few minutes before and he er, mother or some other woman. Prac- allies or the proper representatives boro. Rev. J. T. Stanford put Ben- night, for if the storm continues it most impossible for the Rumanians, had loaded it for her. They walked to- tically all of these men will be phy- thereof, destined to any cantonment, son in nomination. Goldsboro was se- may seriously interfere with railroad on all the resources of the menaced by the Bulgarians from the ward the spring. Something was said sically unfit, as they are physical and post or encampment, to any point of lected. moral cowards. But if they were put export for movement thence to Europe, Austrian armies of the east, of vast- declined to drink because she was in reclamation camps under army dis- to any arsenal or navy yard, or material ly superior size, to carry out an inde- afraid there were bugs in the spring, cipline, outdoor life, simple food, regu- to any ship building plant under con- ed: "In keeping with the action of supplies are received. "I laid the pistol in the fork of the lar hours and given such medical and tract to the United States shipping the Western North Carolina confersycamore tree as I walked down to the surgical attention as they need, to- board for the sole purpose of construct- ence in providing for a summer school

chology' or the association with real (b) Other shipments for the United Carolina conference, would hereby en- diminished. Hundreds of bodies were BREAKS SPEED RECORD the pistol in her hand. I said: 'Maude, men the results would be more astound- States government as the same may be dorse the general plan of such a taken to the morgues and rescue authorized from time to time by the school, also appoint a board of man- squads were constantly finding new "Why conserve our food supply and undersigned as necessary in particular agers to act in this joint enterprise victims buried under tons of debris feed these slackers who eat their own cases, but only upon request of the with a like board from the Western until the blizzard forced them to cease match to see that there were no bugs in weight in perfectly good food every United States army, United States navy North Carolina Conference." it, and was lifting it to my mouth when thirty to forty days when it rightful- or United States shipping board heard a shot. I looked and saw her ly belongs to the men who will nght through a designated officer or reprefalling. She was about two and a half and the men who stay at home to pro- sentative of the respective depart-

ments located in Washington. plants and not subject to reconsignment, and

5.-Preference and priority in movement only to coal for current use but ing elders two of their number, to of those who lost their lives will be not for storage, consigned direct (and constitute the board of managers. The buried as "nameless dead." There is Washington, Dec. 7 .- Cold wave not subject to reconsignment) to hos- board of managers jointly with the no reason, however, to change the espitals, schools and other public insti- board from the Western North Caro- timate of 2,000 dead and 3,000 injured. tutions, retailers of coal for use in sup- lina Conference, subject to the approv- The fires which had raged for 24 facturers engaged in work for the fund not to exceed \$400 to pay the north end today business was entirebody to Asheville, where he conferred Valley. Tennessee and southward to railways), electric power and lighting ed to attend. Revs. M. Bradshaw, J. work of relief and substantial pro-Abandonment of the pneumatic tube with her mother, Mrs. Anna L. Robin- the gulf were forecast with cold plants, gas plants, water and sewer M. Daniel and S. B. Underwood were gress was made in this respect. Abandonment of the phedical distribution of the phedical without suggestion weather Sunday in Florida and the works), flour mills, sugar factories, fer- appointed the devotional committee. tilizer factories and shipbuilders; also shipments of paper, petroleum and pe- Revs. F. M. Shamburger, C. J. Harrell, hour which emphasize the fact that troleum products."

GOVERNMENT'S COURSE IS NOT the railroads, involving suggestions Reavis were elected. (Continued On Page Two)

clothing. Many were so mutilated that "I saw people lying around under it was difficult to realize that they (Continued On Page Two)

Maintain Summer School for Young Preachers

Steamship Coal for Immediate Con- Plans Laid For Raising Funds to Purchase Stock in Printing Plant. New Minister Received From

By REV. T. A. SIKES.

Baptist Church.

Greenville, Dec. 7 .- The third day of opened by singing the old hymn, "Come ye that love the Lord," which The order legalizes action already ta- Bishop Candler himself raised. He ken by the eastern operating commit- then read the 17th chapter of Matthews, Rev. L. E. Thompson led the

the danger of being over anxious for in the best of care. Serious fears are our own rights. "If we always get will result in an outbreak of pneu-"On and aftter the twelfth day of what we think our rights are, we are monia.

The master surrendered all his ifax only a precarious means of compriority in car supply and in move- rights, even the right to live and ad- munication with the outside world and er ideals than their rights . The sal- line would snap. At best it gave only 1.—Steamship coal for immediate con- vation of men is of more importance a halting connection with other points. than the rights of any man. Goldsboro Wins Over Benson.

o'clock was the hour for the selection work is beset with great difficulty.

Summer School For Preachers.

board of missions shall share equally ed. Leave of absence was granted to and F. S. Love.

Deacons and Elders Named. Question 12 was called-"What lo- ultaneously with miraculous escapes. YET DETERMINED BY PRESIDENT | cal preachers are elected deacons?" J. A 6-year-old child was blown through Washington, Dec. 7 .- A decision as R. Edwards, Martin Chambers, J. B. the roof of a house in Young street, to the government's attitude toward Hurley, W. C. Alexander and B. C. rolled from the roof to the ground and The question, "What traveling

preachers are elected elders?" was (Continued on Page Eight)

Plight of the Survivors of Thursday's Disaster Little Short of Desperate

WINDOWS AND DOORS GONE

Homes, With But Few Exceptions, Without Protection From Snow and Wind

CITY STILL IN THE DARK

cially Estimated at 5,000

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 7.-Five thousand casualties-two thousand dead, three thousand others injured. This is tonight's official estimate of the toll exacted in human life and suffering by the ex-

plosion and fire of yesterday. Blizzard Sweeps City.

Stricken Halifax was swept tonight by a raging blizzard. So fierce was the storm that rescue workers were forced to suspend their operations in the devastated section. It is believed certain that all the injured buried under the ruins of shattered buildings

Battered by a biting wind and blinding snow, the plight of the survivors of yesterday's holocaust is little short of desperate. The windows and doors of virtually every house in the city were shattered by the explosion which wrecked the Richmond section and devastated a large part of the water front. Improved barricades of boards give little protection against the elements and attempts to heat buildings into which the snow is

steadily drifting are hopeless. The city is again in darkness tonight except for the illumination afforded by a scanty supply of oil lamps and unless these are carefully screened they are extinguished as soon as lighted by the gale which whistles through the crude shutters. Only a

the storm.

Sufferings Increased. The sufferings of those who escaped injury have been increased by the fact that every available blanket, quilt and comfort has been requisitioned for the hundreds of injured in the temporary hospitals. Many of these are so In the bishop's remarks he spoke of gravely wounded their only hope lies felt that cold, shock and exposure

A single telegraph wire, bending dangerously in the storm, offered Hal-Telegraph and telephone companies are making desperate efforts to pro-By order of yesterday's session, ten vide a makeshift service, but: the traffic. There is enough food on hand for immediate needs, but it will last The following resolution was pass- only a short time unless additional

Immensity of Disaster Increases. for young preachers, we, of the North of the disaster increased rather than work. There is every reason to be-The board of education and the lieve that many more will be recover-

one half of the expenses of the school, No concerted effort has been made the other half to be born by the as yet to compile a list of the dead as 4 .- Coal to and for by-product coking Western North Carolina Conference, every effort is being made to identify the amount not to exceed \$400. The those who perished. The condition of board of education will name two, the many of the bodies makes this exceedboard of missions two, and the presid- ingly difficult and a large proportion

Miraculous Escapes. Incidents are coming to light every life and death go hand in hand. Deaths too horrible to describe occurred simsuffered only a few scratches. Another child was rescued from the ruins in Richmond apparently un-

Some of those reported missing (Continued On Page Two)