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ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED TODAY

Bolsheviki and Central Powers Begin Peace Negotiations—More Lenient Attitude on Part of Entente—Austro-Germans Continue Fighting for Italian Positions.

By the Associated Press.
A peace agreement between the central powers and the bolshevik government goes into effect today, the emissaries of several countries will be looking towards Russia and her former enemies. Meanwhile it is in preparation that the allied powers are preparing to deal with the bolsheviks. The agreement between Russia and the central powers is to continue for an indefinite period. A seven day notice will be given to the bolsheviks. The sides agree not to make any transfers on the front lines except those begun before the armistice is signed.

The allied powers forecast that the bolsheviks will be unable to prevent Russia from coming under the political and economic heel of Germany. Great Britain is said to have deposed Titcherine, a Russian peace prisoner, and the bolsheviks are permitting British agents to leave Russia. To the Russian delegates at the Paris conference it is to be the allied nations to temper of the allied nations toward the bolsheviks.

Later reports appear to be the bolsheviks before the bolsheviks, especially in the Petrograd district. The railway and the gas stations are serious. The allied nations are still more or less of a menace to bolshevik authority and the constituent assembly is another long problem. The confiscation of all property, land and money of the Russian church has been abolished by the bolsheviks, who have abolished all privileges of the clergy.

Reports on the short stretch between the Dnieper and Piave rivers show no marked infantry activity on the front from the North to the Adriatic.

Although their losses have been heavy the Austro-Germans continue their attacks in an effort to break the Italian's northern defense. In hard fighting just east of the Brenna, the enemy has gained Capelle at the head of the St. Lawrence valley, after two attacks had been repulsed. The infantry has not yet reached the river further efforts here and elsewhere have been checked by the Italians.

British troops on the Cambrai front repulsed raids by infantry and machine gun parties on the new salient. South of Lens the British moved their positions. The artillery has been more marked south of the Arras area. In Champagne, north of the Meuse, German efforts have been checked by the French, while continuing artillery activity has continued over a great part of the front from St. Quentin to Switzerland.

NOTICE

Exchange Bonds of the First Liberty Loan Ready for Delivery. All persons holding receipts for the First Liberty Loan Bonds turned in for exchange are requested to present them at the First National Bank as we have the new ones ready for delivery.
FIRST NATIONAL BANK
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RED CROSS DRIVE IS UNDER WAY TODAY

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 17.—When the Christmas campaign of the American Red Cross got under way today officials predicted that the present enrollment of 5,000,000 would be increased to 10,000,000 or possibly 15,000,000 new recruits. District workers in every part of the country coordinated their efforts in an intense drive to swell the membership total to an unprecedented extent before the Christmas holidays.

BERLIN CLAIMS HELP PROMISED REPULSE OF BRITISH BY WEATHER WORKS

By the Associated Press.
Berlin, via London, Dec. 17.—British troops on the Italian front yesterday launched an attack against the Austro-German lines south of Monte Secca, but it broke down before the Teuton position, the German war office announced today.

NEW YORK EXPECTS RELIEF VERY SOON

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 17.—To keep coal production at a maximum, Fuel Administrator Garfield is preparing to appeal to operators and miners to forego the usual Christmas and New Year's holidays. Every idle day costs the country nearly 2,000,000 tons in fuel. Authority to shut down if necessary to supply householders with coal was granted by the federal fuel administrator for Michigan. Many Michigan cities are said to be almost out of coal.

DISTRIBUTE GOODS TO HICKORY'S POOR

In pursuance of their annual custom, the young men of the Baraca class of the Methodist Sunday school this Christmas will make many hearts happy in Hickory, thanks to the fine cooperation that they again expect on the part of the good people in the community. For 10 years they have been doing this and doing it well.

Thursday night the young men will leave letters on the porches of the people of Hickory and Friday night they will return for the gifts of worn clothing, groceries and cash that may be donated. These can be left on the porch so that families need not be disturbed, if it is so desired. Orders may be left on your grocer for the boys. The money, clothes and groceries will be placed at a convenient place and distributed Christmas morning. The gifts will be distributed regardless of church denomination; sweet charity recognizes all sects.

Mr. P. A. Stzer is teacher of the class, Mr. J. H. Sharpe is president, Mr. Ernest Starnes vice-president, Mr. Fred Murphy secretary and Mr. Ivey Starnes treasurer.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

Extracts from Macauley's essay on Frederick the Great.—Contributed by Rev. E. de F. Heald.

The king of Prussia (Frederick the Great) had already fully determined to commit the great crime of violating his plighted faith, of robbing the ally (Austria) whom he was bound to defend, and of plunging all Europe into a long, bloody and desolating war, and all this for no end whatever, except that he might extend his dominions and see his name in the Gazette.

x x x The court of Berlin had recently been allied with that of Vienna, and had guaranteed the integrity of the Austrian states.

The selfish rapacity of the king of Prussia gave the signal to his neighbors. His example quieted their sense of shame. His success led them to underrate the difficulty of dismembering the Austrian monarch. The whole world sprang to arms. On the head of Frederick is all the blood which was shed in a war which raged during many years in every quarter of the globe.

The evils produced by his wickedness were felt in lands where the name of Prussia was unknown x x x in order that he might rob a neighbor whom he had promised to defend. x x x

By the public the King of Prussia was considered as a politician destitute alike of morality and decency, insatiably rapacious, and shamelessly false; nor was the public much in the wrong.

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NEW YORK COTTON

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HELP FIGHT ENEMY OF AMERICAN PEOPLE

"Tuberculosis is the greatest ally that Germany has, and hence the most formidable enemy of the United States," says a statement sent out for publication by the American Red Cross, which knows, "Every Red Cross seal is a bomb thrown into the trenches of this horrid enemy. We may not all be able to go to the front 'over there,' we may not all be able to buy Liberty Bonds, but every one of us—men, women and children, white and black—can buy Red Cross seals."

Hundreds of business houses include Red Cross seals as a part of their regular expense. It is in the budget, like advertising and office rent; it is a good thing.

The Hickory sale has not been as large as it should be so far, but there is a chance of putting it over the top. Telephone Mrs. J. Worth Elliott and help.

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 17.—Higher temperatures were forecast today by the weather bureau for the Ohio valley, the lake region and the south Atlantic states, beginning tomorrow.

SOME UNUSUAL WEATHER

With the thermometer registering eight degrees above zero and an impetuous wind cutting at one's ears and nose, the weather this morning appeared to come from the frigid zone, incidentally the eighth day of the lowest temperatures in many years was ushered in with little prospect of moderation for two days. Happily the sun was bright enough and there was no reason to doubt that it would not continue to shine for several days, all the waves from all the points on the compass having been exhausted for the time being.

Saturday's temperature was five degrees above and Sunday's 11, and no time during Sunday did the mercury go above 26 degrees, which ordinarily is cold enough for all refrigerating purposes. Speaking of refrigeration, it is not unlikely to remark just here that Lord Bacon, whose essays on Truth and other abstract subjects, discovered the law of cold storage, as Newton stated the law of gravitation. Our old scientist friend and literary light observed the cold one morning as he was journeying in the snow and it occurred to him that the chicken would be preserved indefinitely if the proper cold could be maintained—and Messrs. Armour and Swift a few centuries later became millionaires as the result of the idea.

If the conditions have been fierce here they have been worse in other sections of the state. Boone is frigid. Going eastward, one hears that Raleigh not only had a heavy snow, but that glazes—to use the weather bureau's recent definition of sleet—occurred immediately afterwards and walking was miserable. The same reports came from other sections of the state.

Sunday was the most disagreeable day of the week. The sun was hidden most of the time, and only once did his handsome face show, and then for a few minutes only, the snow melted almost imperceptibly. Today promises to see some snow moved, though it was nearly noon before streamlets appeared in the streets, and the working day for the sun is short in winter.

JUST 6
DAYS LEFT
TO SHOP
READ THE ADS



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VICTOR BLUE IS NO EARLY RECOGNITION OF RUSSIAN BOLSHEVIKI

United States Apparently Has No Intention of Acknowledging New Government of Russia. Armistice is Signed at All Central Capitals—Most Troops Removed

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 17.—Captain Victor Blue, who commanded an American superdreadnought which recently ran aground in home waters, was sentenced by court martial to loss of 20 numbers, but Admiral Mayo commander of the Atlantic fleet, recommended that it be cut down to 10.

LOCAL DRIVE FOR MEMBERS IN PROGRESS

The Red Cross drive for 200 members in Hickory began this morning. It is hoped that every man, woman and child not now a member will realize the importance of this campaign and join. It is no way obligates the member to do active service in the army or navy. Your dollar helps to provide for the suffering of the wounded, and sick soldiers; it helps the homeless people who have been driven out by raging battles which have turned their farms and homes into battle fields.

The Red Cross was the first to relieve the suffering in Halifax; it is on duty wherever there is suffering and it is our duty to support it.

It is hoped that every bank, manufacturing plant, wholesale and retail store will join and have a service flag in their windows, every church, Sunday school room, doctors and lawyers windows should have a service flag, every person being a member should wear their buttons.

Please be considerate enough to know that the people working for this cause are working for Uncle Sam, standing back of the government and the soldiers. In asking you to join they are serving a good cause and making an appeal for you to join our army of workers.

The young ladies were very successful in securing new members last Saturday. They will have charge of a booth in the Hickory Drug Company and the Lutz Drug Store all this week and you may file your application with them.

MR. ROWE PREACHES AT REFORMED CHURCH

Rev. W. W. Rowe who is to become pastor of Corinth church at the beginning of the year preached for this congregation Sunday morning from Romans 16:23, "Gaius mine host, and of the whole church, salute thee." Erasmus the chamberlain of the city saluteth you, and Quartus a brother." In this strong sermon, the keynote was Service. In speaking of heroes, the minister said that after the present war is over, there will be no abey large enough to hold the bodies of all the heroes of the war, but in his opinion there will be four names that will go down in history as heroes who gave their service for others. Dr. Carrel of France, Mayor Max of Brussels, the general who commanded the forces in Belgium at Liege and Herbert Hoover of the United States.

A service ag presented by Mrs. C. C. Bostfi was placed in the church the past week—the thirteen stars representing the thirteen men from this their country.

Announcement was made that a box will be sent to the Orphan's Home at Crescent, N. C., and all who will contribute are asked to bring the articles to Bost and Newton's stores Wednesday morning, Dec. 19 when a committee of ladies will pack the Christmas box.

CAPT. ASHE TO SUCCEED THE LATE LEO HEART

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—Capt. S. A. Ashe is en route from the national capital to accept appointment by Judge Henry G. Connor as clerk of the federal court for the eastern North Carolina district, succeeding the late Leo D. Heart, whose funeral was held here Saturday afternoon.

Judge Connor made the appointment thus early because of the pressing necessity for immediate clerkship service to the court. Captain Ashe has held a government position in Washington for several years.

DEATH OF MRS. HUFFMAN

Mrs. Sallie Huffman, who was nearly 74 years old, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. S. Reinhardt, about a mile south of Hickory, Friday evening. Mrs. Huffman is survived by only one child, Mrs. Reinhardt, with whom she had been living. She was a member of the Mountain Grove Baptist church.

The congregations of the First Presbyterian and First Baptist churches Sunday night worshipped at the Methodist church in honor of Rev. R. M. Courtney, the new pastor. The weather did not prevent a good congregation.

MEN ARE NEEDED FOR U. S. GUARD

Fifteen thousand men beyond the draft age are needed at once for the United States guard. The United States guard is an organization to be formed for the protection of the public utilities within the United States.

Men who have seen service in the army, navy, or marine corps during the Spanish-American war, the Philippine insurrection or the Boxer uprising are especially desirable. Men who are or have been members of organized police or fire departments, in fact any man who is above the draft age, can volunteer for this organization.

These men will be enlisted for the period of the existing emergency and will serve in the vicinity of their homes.

Married men will be accepted on the same status as single men. For any information call at or write to the army recruiting station, Hickory, N. C.

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TWO NEUTRALS SUNK

By the Associated Press.
London, Dec. 17.—Two neutral merchant vessels and a trawler were sunk off the Tyne on December 12 by German destroyers, Thos. J. McNamara, financial secretary to the admiralty, announced in the house of commons today.

AMBASSADOR GERARD'S STATEMENT

"It seems that the Germans had endeavored to get volunteers from the great industrial towns of Lille, Roubaix, and Tourcoing to work these fields; that after the posting of the notices calling for volunteers only fourteen had appeared. The Germans then gave orders to seize a certain number of inhabitants and then send them out to farms in the outlying districts to engage in agricultural work. The Americans told me that this order was carried out with the greatest barbarity, that a man would come home at night and find that his wife or children had disappeared and no one could tell him where they had gone except that the neighbors would relate that German non-commissioned officers and a file of soldiers had carried them off. For instance, in a house of a well-to-do merchant who had perhaps two daughters of fifteen and seventeen, and a man servant, and two daughters and the servant would be seized and sent off together to work for the Germans in some little farm house whose location was not disclosed to the parents. The Americans told me that this sort of thing was causing such indignation among the population of these towns that they feared a great uprising and a consequent slaughter and burning by the Germans.

"That night at dinner I spoke to the chancellor about this and told him that it seemed to me absolutely outrageous; and that, without consulting with my government, I was prepared to protest in the name of humanity against a continuance of this treatment of the civil population of occupied France. The chancellor told me that he had not known about it, that it was the result of orders given by the military that he would speak to the emperor about it, and that he hoped to be able to stop further deportations. I believe that they were stopped, but twenty thousand or more had been taken from their homes were not returned until months afterwards. I said in a speech that I made in May on my return to America that it required the joint efforts of the pope, the king of Spain and our president to cause the return of these people to their homes; and I then saw that some German press agency had come out with an article that I had made false statements about this matter because these people were not returned to their homes as a result of the representations of the pope, the king of Spain and our president, but were sent back because the Germans had no further use for them. It seems to me that this denial makes the case rather worse than before."

James W. Gerard, "My Four Years in Germany," pp. 333-335.

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 17.—Recognition of the bolshevik government by the United States is still remote. It is indicated today at the state department. Reports in Europe suggesting a developing statement in favor of dealing with the new regime as a de facto government have found no response here and it was made plain that the United States would continue its policy of awaiting developments.

Reports from Ambassador Francis are now coming through with more regularity, but consuls in many parts of the country have been unable to report to Petrograd.

It was suggested here that one of the direct effects of the armistice between the Russian and German armies might be the financing of Russia with paper money. When the war began Russian money was being printed in Germany, and the plates are still in Germany.

ARMISTICE SIGNED

By the Associated Press.
London, Dec. 17.—The predominant fact as regards the Russian situation at the moment is the signing of an armistice which is announced officially at the capitals of all countries concerned. According to special dispatches from Petrograd, every one there believes a permanent peace between Russia and Germany will result.

Correspondents in general treat as negligible the undertaking of Germany and her allies not to withdraw from the eastern front. A Petrograd dispatch to the Times says large masses of Germans already have been removed and probable German command has transferred all its purposes to transfer elsewhere, so that the German plans will not be interfered with.

The reported suicide during the armistice negotiations of the Russian general Skalons apparently has made a considerable impression at Petrograd, although the Russian national commissioners are silent in regard to it. The correspondent seeks to show there is enough to prove that he committed suicide, which is most probable, and insinuates that he was murdered.

There is no confirmation of last week's announcement regarding the arrest of General Kalendines.

CONGRESS TO RECESS UNTIL JANUARY 3

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 17.—Arrangements for congress to recess over the holidays from tomorrow until January 3 were completed today when the senate adopted the house resolution.

MEANS TO BE TRIED IN NEW YORK STATE

New York authorities will indict Gaston B. Means, acquitted Sunday of the murder of Mrs. Maud A. King, on charges of embezzlement and forgery, and Governor Bickett will be asked to turn the fellow over to the officers in that state. District Attorney Swann says all the details in the Means-King case will be brought to light.

GERMANS AGAIN RAID BUNCH OF SHIPS

By the Associated Press.
London, Dec. 17.—One British and five neutral merchantmen, four mine sweepers and a destroyer were sunk in the North sea by a German raiding fleet.

The losses were the result of an attack on a convoy bound from Scotland to Norway, Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, announced today. The total tonnage of the lost merchantmen was 8,000.

The German raid duplicates the successful enterprise of last October, carried out by two German raiders which attacked a convoy in the North sea. They sank nine neutral merchantmen and two of the ships escaped. Five Norwegian, three Swedish and one Danish vessel were sunk without warning. Three other merchantmen escaping. The raiders were armed heavily and succeeded in evading the British watchers on the return as well as the outbound voyage.