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GERMANS SEEM TO WANT FIGHT STOPPED NOW

Deserted by all her former allies, her great military machine in the process of destruction of the on slaughters of the entente allied armies; her dream of world domination rudely dissipated, Germany begs for a cessation of hostilities, notwithstanding the hard terms she knows she must pay.

Apparently had the decision of the supreme war council at Versailles with regard to a cessation of hostilities with Germany been made public that Germany was speeding emissaries to Poch to learn what the commander-in-chief's terms are to be.

Meanwhile in France and Flanders the enemy forces are being given rest. The British, French and American troops have made further material gains and reclaimed numerous towns and villages. Thousands of Germans have been taken prisoners on all the sectors under attack.

Generally, the enemy forces are in slow retreat, but nevertheless, at some points they are offering sharp resistance, particularly against the Americans in the Meuse river region and the French in the old Argonne sector.

The latest gains of the British on the western side of the battle front have been productive of the capture of several towns of great importance, the gaining of more territory east of the Scheldt canal, and the Canadians are on the attack, and in the taking of several railway junctions of high strategic value.

Along the Rhine, the Americans continue steadily to push forward and at last accounts were almost at the gates of Sedan, a dominating point on the German line of communication to the east. Both east and west of the river the Germans have materially stiffened their resistance against the men from overseas, using large numbers of machine guns and gas in great quantities in an endeavor to impede their progress.

PRESIDENT TELLS GERMANY FOCH HAS AUTHORITY TO DO TALKING
The terms on which Germany may have peace have been delivered. The element of softness is absent from them. Like the Peace of Versailles, Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria, the price Germany will have to pay is virtually the price of absolute surrender.

BY 50,000 MAJORITY STATE GIVES ANSWER TO PRESIDENT WILSON

North Carolina's answer to President Wilson's appeal for a pro-administration Congress was given at the polls in a hundred counties Tuesday and by reason of it, ten Democratic members of the House and one Democratic Senator are assured of seats in the next Congress.

The response of the people of the State, in terms of a majority of fully 52,000 vote, was a stinging rebuke of the National and State leaders of the Republican party and no less a tribute to the common sense and patriotism of the masses of the people.

By virtue of the sweeping Democratic victory, the entire State ticket of two Corporation Commissioners, a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, and ten judges of the Superior Court were elected, together with 16 Democratic Legislators out of 20 to be chosen, with results in three districts uncertain but tending toward the Democrats.

In addition, the party maintains if it does not better its present position in the General Assembly of North Carolina. In the view of incomplete returns, the Democrats will possibly have 101 members out of 120 in the House and 43 members out of 50 in the Senate.

Taking into consideration the absent soldier vote, the recent migration of his power to other States, and the influenza situation still critical in many portions of North Carolina, the Democratic majority was the handsomest since 1900. Fully 30,000 Democratic votes, it is estimated, are in the military service. In spite of full notice of the privilege of absentee voting only a small percentage of these availed themselves of the opportunity of casting a vote.

As usual for the State ticket and the greatest part of the Congressional delegation, it was merely a matter of the extent of the majority. Since Charles L. Abernethy withdrew from the race in the Third District in which he was running as an independent candidate, in favor of S. M. Brinson, the Democratic nominee succeeding the late Col. W. T. Dortch, there was never a flicker of doubt as to the result.

Raleigh, Nov. 5.—At 11 o'clock tonight Democratic State Chairman Warren, placed his estimated majority in North Carolina from 35,000 to 45,000 and is confident that all 10 Democratic congressmen are elected. Senator Brinson has led the State giving full support of 49,000 majority, says Chairman Warren. In the tenth district Weaver defeats Britt for Congress by 500 to 800 majority.

CONTROL HOUSE APPARENTLY GOES TO REPUBLICANS

Both Sides Claim Senate—Returns at Hand Give: Republicans 234; Democrats 195; of Seats in House.

Washington, Nov. 6.—With control of the house of representatives placed in the hands of the republicans by a majority of 16 and probably more, the attention of the country tonight was centered on contests in 3 states—Michigan, Idaho, and New Mexico—which will decide whether the democrats shall lose control of the senate as well.

At midnight returns from five congressional districts were missing—in Montana, New Mexico and South Dakota. Without them, however, the republicans have won 234 seats in the house of representatives—16 more than the 218 votes necessary for a majority.

The democrats on the fact of those returns, had 195 seats and in the five missing districts were to be conceded to them they still would lack 18 votes of the number necessary to control the house.

Tonight's returns show plainly that Speaker Clark, instead of being defeated, as was reported as being likely last night, has been re-elected by a substantial majority. The contests which will decide the political complexion of the senate were very close. As the senate stands without a decision in these counties there are 46 democrats and 47 republicans.

In Michigan the race between Henry Ford and Truman L. Newberry was so close that it was said an official count might be required to decide the winner. Both parties were claiming the seat.

In Idaho, where 74,000 votes out of an estimated total of 95,000 had been counted, Senator Nugent, the democratic candidate for re-election, leading Frank R. Gooding, the republican candidate, by a little more than 300 votes. The result is in doubt.

ENTIRE SOUTH SENDS BUT 3 REPUBLICANS TO CONGRESS
Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 5.—Southern states east of the Mississippi river returned their usual almost solid democratic delegation to the house of representatives in today's elections while all democratic candidates for the senate were elected. There was no turnout anywhere in this territory.

WAR FUND DRIVE NEXT WEEK IN LINCOLN CO.

\$6,568 FOR Y. M. C. A. WAR WORK DURING WEEK OF NOV. 11 TO 18—SCHOOL, TEACHERS AND CHILDREN TO LEAD IN THE DRIVE.

Lincoln county is going to be called upon to contribute \$6,568 to the United War Work campaign which is to be waged from November 11 to the 18th. The apportionment for this county is made known officially by J. Loyd Thompson, the county chairman.

Lincoln county is asked to donate more than double the amount for Y. M. C. A. work that was formerly asked. The fund is to be raised as a whole and then divided between the seven different organizations that administer to the soldiers.

United War Work Campaign Program

The campaign begins on Monday morning, November 11, and ends at midnight on Monday, November 18. As approved by representatives of the Government at Washington the \$170,500,000 will be divided as follows:

- Y. M. C. A. \$100,000,000
- Y. W. C. A. 15,000,000
- National Catholic League (including Knights of Columbus) 30,000,000
- War Camp Community Service 15,000,000
- Jewish Welfare Board 5,000,000
- American Liberty Association 3,500,000
- Salvation Army 3,500,000

Any surplus will be divided pro rata.
The weeks drive to raise Lincoln's portion of the millions is fast approaching, and the organization of committees by Chairman Thompson is about completed.

The school superintendents, teachers, and children of this county are expected to take the lead in their respective sections of the county for raising the county's quota, they do to the canvassing. The children of each school in the county will be given an opportunity to canvass for the fund and secure donations.

Why You Should Give Twice What You Did Before
The government has fixed the sum needed for the care of the men in the service at \$170,500,000. Unless Americans give twice as much as ever before our soldiers, sailors and marines in 1919 may not enjoy their

LANDSLIDE MAJORITY FOR WEBB

Shelby, Nov. 5.—Cleveland county reached its highest democratic majority in six years, all state candidates receiving majorities of about 1,300, and county candidates about 1,400. The total vote cast was 3,650. Congressman Webb has a majority over his republican opponent, Jonas Cleveland of about 1,300. Mr. Webb says that from that returns he has so far from the district that his majority is between 5,000 and 6,000.

Webb thinks the majority against him in Madison will not exceed 600, Mitchell not over 500, Avery 500 over 400. These counties two years ago gave 2,800 majority against him. It is estimated that two constitutional amendments received favorable majority of 1,500 in Cleveland.

Gastonia, Nov. 5.—With every precinct in the county except one small one heard from, the Gaston county vote stands 3,000 for Webb and 2,100 for Jonas. The vote of the other candidates run just about the same all the way through.

SUGAR ALLOWANCE INCREASED FROM 2 TO 3 POUNDS PER MONTH
The rapid manufacture of the new crop belt sugar in the east and south together with the freer railway transportation conditions, the reductions that we have made in the consumption of sugar in the manufacture of products and the patriotic conversation in the past four months are about to increase the household allowance of sugar from two pounds per person per month to three pounds per person per month, with the same ration to public eating places as from November 1st.

SOLDIER G. H. STAMEY.
Mrs. Jno. G. Stamey of this place has received a letter from her son, Soldier Gerard Stamey, as follows: With the American Exp. Forces in France, Oct. 14, 1918.

Dear Mother:—I will write you a short letter this morning. I am getting along fine. I had a letter from Horace Blanton a few weeks ago. We enjoy getting news from each other over here.

Give to maintain the morale that is winning the war now
8,000 recreation buildings
1,000 miles of movie film
100 stage stars
2,000 athletic directors
2,500 libraries supplying
8,000,000 books
85 hostess houses
15,000 "Big Brother" secretaries
Millions of dollars of home comforts

LINCOLN COUNTY REGISTRANTS

Names of Lincoln County Registrants Who Have Placed Their Names on the Roll in Service of Their Country.

Table listing names and order numbers of registrants from Lincoln County. Includes names like Lee Robert Cherry, John Ephiam Cooper, James Moore, etc.

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Following are the names of a portion of those who registered in Lincoln county, September 12, 1918 class, under the selective service act:

Table listing names and order numbers of registrants from Lincoln County. Includes names like Lee Robert Cherry, John Ephiam Cooper, James Moore, etc.

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