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AUSTRIA SURRENDERS.

Armistice Signed Sunday by Italian Commander Puts Austria Out of Conflict—Germans Retreating.

The terms of the armistice with the Austro-Hungarian government made known Monday, include complete demobilization of all Austrian forces, surrender one-half of all military and artillery equipment, the occupation by American and allied forces of such strategic places as may later be selected, the use of Austrian railways for operation against Germany, the evacuation of all invaded territory, leaving behind of all equipment and supplies, including coal, the surrender of a portion of the Austrian surface and submarine fleet and the disarmament of the others under American and allied control, the surrender of all German submarines in Austrian waters, and repatriation of allied American prisoners without reciprocity.

Before the Austrians could quit on scheduled time, Monday morning at 9 o'clock, more than 300,000 were captured.

Terms of armistice to offer Germany was unanimously agreed on Monday by the allied governments and they correspond with what has been accepted with Turkey and Austria, meaning complete surrender.

The first American army has captured dominating heights from the Germans northwest of Verdun and brought under fire of its heavy guns the important railway at Montmedy, Longuyon and Conflans. General Pershing reports in his Sunday evening communique, announcing an advance for the first army of 12 miles on an eight-mile front in three days. Prisoners captured number more than 5,000 and guns more than 100.

WAR NOTES.

In the past three months the British forces in France have taken 172,659 prisoners and 2,378 guns from the Germans, according to an official communication from Field Marshal Haig. During the month of October the British forces fighting in France captured 49,000 prisoners and 925 guns.

According to a Havas dispatch from Paris, since the great offensive began on the western front on July 15, last, the allied armies have captured 362,355 prisoners, including 7,990 officers, as well as 6,217 cannon; 38,622 machine guns and 3,907 mine-throwers. The allies during the month of October captured 108,343 prisoners, including 2,472 officers, as well as 2,064 cannon; 13,639 machine guns and 1,193 mine-throwers.

The British casualties reported during the month of October total 158,825 officers and men.

The board of trustees of the University of North Carolina has elected Dean M. H. Stacy chairman of the faculty to perform the duties of President, vacant by the death of President Graham.

There will be only one service at the several churches in Marion next Sunday, at 11 a. m.

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THE VOTE OF McDOWELL COUNTY

	MARION No. 1, N	MARION No. 2, S	Back Creek	North Cove	Cedar Cove	Turkey Cove	Nebo	Dyersville	Higgins	Brackette	Crooked Creek	Broad River	Old Fort	Montford	Glenwood	TOTAL
For Congress, 10th District: ZEBULON WEAVER, D JAMES J. BRITT, R	285 127	225 207	50 29	7 20	28 30	34 91	70 58	108 61	4	22	45	35	202	51	56	1172
For Solicitor: MICHAEL SCHENCK, D FRED D. HAMRICK, R	229 132	224 208	53 56	7 29	28 20	35 90	69 54	108 62	4	22	44	35	205	53	57	1173
For Senators, 3rd Senatorial District: J. WILLIAM PLESS, D JOSEPH F. SPAINHOUR, D EDWARD F. WAKEFIELD, R T. ORVID TEAGUE, R	281 228 128 131	228 227 203 208	53 53 55 55	7 7 29 29	28 28 20 20	34 34 90 90	69 69 54 54	108 107 62 62	3 4	22 22	43 43	35 35	202 202	51 51	55 55	1170 1167 1158 1154
For Member House of Representatives: W. W. NEAL, D WILLIAM J. SOUTHER, R	228 127	233 198	52 55	7 29	28 20	33 91	68 55	108 62	5	22	48	35	208	49	56	1175
For Clerk of Superior Court: THOMAS MORRIS, D WILLIAM H. HAWKINS, R	228 136	219 214	52 55	7 29	28 20	33 90	66 56	104 62	8	24	45	32	198	52	55	1134
For Sheriff: D. THURSTON HARRIS, D JOS. M. MASHBURN, R	229 131	228 202	57 51	7 29	28 20	30 92	67 55	104 62	4	22	43	34	180	53	55	1092
For Register of Deeds: ALBERT W. GRAYSON, D THOMAS L. EPLEY, R	228 138	229 199	50 58	7 29	28 20	33 90	67 62	108 62	4	22	43	35	205	49	54	1163
For County Treasurer: MILLARD G. POTEAT, D WM. ARTHUR MCCALL, R	243 116	249 183	54 55	7 29	28 20	34 90	70 53	107 62	5	22	47	35	213	53	57	1224
For Surveyor: LOUIS A. HANEY, D JOHN M. HOUCK, R	229 132	225 204	51 51	7 29	28 20	34 88	68 55	108 62	8	22	44	35	207	53	57	1177
For Coroner: DR. JOHN B. JOHNSON, D DR. JAMES REYNOLDS, R	229 132	228 205	52 55	7 29	28 20	34 90	68 54	108 62	4	22	43	35	202	54	56	1198
For Commissioners: WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, D WILLIAM C. MORRIS, D JAMES M. GIBSON, D LEANDER W. GETTYS, R ISAAC W. DAVIS, R ROBERT J. LONON, R	226 224 227 132 132 132 134	234 233 221 209 207 207	52 52 51 55 55 56	6 6 6 29 29 27	28 28 28 20 20 18	33 33 38 90 90 90	70 70 69 58 58 60	106 105 98 75 62 60	4	22	43	35	206	53	55	1153 1155 1157 1177 1160 1188

Winning Candidates.

The figures shown in the table of tabulation on the first page were sent to this office by our special reporters. They are not official, but we think will be found accurate. An examination of the figures shows the winning candidates' majorities as follows: Weaver 14, Schenck 12, Pless 16, Spainhour 13, Neal 28, Hawkins 51, Mashburn 135, Epley 1, Poteat 117, Haney 25, and Johnson 64.

According to the figures in the table the following are elected commissioners: Jas. M. Gibson, Democrat; L. W. Gettys, Republican, and I. W. Davis, Republican.

It is not expected that the official count will show any variation from the figures as published.

From the latest reports to this office, J. W. Pless and J. F. Spainhour, Democratic candidates for the State Senate, have been defeated by slight margins.

Weaver has carried the district by approximately 935 majority.

Schools and Churches to Re-open.

At a meeting of the county board of health on last Monday it was decided to permit schools to re-open on Monday next in those rural districts in which there is not on this date a case of influenza and in which there has not been a case one week prior to the same date.

Churches may hold morning preaching service only for a period of two weeks when they may open for all services, provided the health conditions improve to the extent that it is considered safe.

If the epidemic should grow worse it will be necessary for all schools and churches to close again.

The public is warned that the danger is not over. It will be necessary that the people observe the same precautions as to health as have been offered by the physicians and authorities if the malady is to be kept under control.

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Conserve The Nut Crop for The Boys in France.

It seems that some do not understand what kind of nut shells and pits the government is asking for to make gas masks and the following is the kind they want: Peach stones, apricots pits, prune pits, plum pits, olive pits, date seeds, cherry pits, butternut shells, Brazil nut shells and hickory nutshells.

All fruit pits and seeds should be thoroughly dried in the oven or the sun before delivering. Drying is very important before shipping and all individuals who can dry them are urged to do so.

I am receiving from two to three requests each week from the headquarters, urging that we do all in our power to secure as many of these nut shells as possible, as the gas defense division is badly in need of these shells to make gas masks. I appeal to every individual in the county, young as well as the old, to commence saving these shells at once.

J. Q. GILKEY, Chairman
American Red Cross.

Jesse C. Goforth.

Jesse C. Goforth, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Goforth, of Nealsville, died at Camp Humphreys, Va., on October 9th, of pneumonia following influenza. He was called by the local board of McDowell on June 24 last, and sent to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. There he was discharged from military service on account of weak eyes, and on September 5, 1918, was sent to Camp Humphreys for limited service, where he was placed in Co. 4, 1st Recruit Battalion, 7th E. T. R. He was taken ill October 1 and carried to the base hospital on October 4. He passed away on the morning of the 9th without a struggle.

Private Goforth was a patriotic soldier, always ready to do his bit. He was a quiet, honest boy, and a boy that loved home. The deceased was 26 years old and is survived by his parents and six brothers and six sisters.

The body arrived at his home at Glenwood on October 14 and the funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church by Rev. Alonso Sorrels and Rev. James Brown. Interment was made at Glenwood cemetery.

290,773 Men Called to Camp This Month.

Washington, Nov. 2—Draft calls for the mobilization of 290,773 additional men at army training camps before November 11 and 15, it was announced, 253,335 white men physically qualified for general military service will entrain, making the largest single call issued under the selective service act.

The remainder of the November total, so far as announced, will be made up by negroes for entrainment November 19 to 21.

With the assembling of the men provided in these calls at camp, the total number of men inducted into military service under the draft will have passed the 2,000,000 mark and the number of men in the United States army, in the field or in training, will total more than 4,000,000.

Men who registered September 12, under the act extending draft age limits will make up the largest proportion of the November mobilization as the eligible list remaining from previous registrations largely was exhausted by the October calls, the October calls were suspended because of the influenza epidemic, nearly all have been reissued during the last three weeks. In states where the calls have not been re-issued, men called for camp in October will leave with the men called for this month. Calls for additional men to entrain later this month are in preparation, it was said today at the office of the provost marshal general.

For this call North Carolina sends 107 white to Camp Greene, Charlotte, and 1,000 to Fort Caswell; 2,500 negro registrants to Camp Greene, Charlotte, 1,600 to Camp Humphreys, Va.

Owners of the first Liberty bonds converted, and second Liberty bonds, bearing 4 per cent, who wish to exchange them for bonds bearing 4 1/4 per cent, must do so before next Saturday, Nov. 9, when the conversion privilege by law expires.

W. S. S. CONFERENCE 14th

War Savings Workers from State Headquarters and District Will Attend Meeting in Marion.

The Marion District War Savings conference will be held at Marion, Thursday, November 14. The counties of Avery, Burke, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford and Yancey comprise the Marion district and will be represented at this conference by their county and township War Savings chairmen, newspaper men, representatives-elect to legislature, merchant representatives and other enthusiastic war workers.

The conference will be held by representative from State headquarters at the court house at 11 o'clock. The purpose of the conference is to get before the workers of this district the plans and instructions for putting on a wind-up drive in December that will get all War Savings pledges redeemed and enough additional sales to complete the State's War Savings quota. This amount is \$11,500,000.

This final drive is made at the request of Secretary McAdoo who says that the War Savings campaign must be made a success as has been done for each of the Liberty Loan campaigns. Every county and State is therefore expected to redeem all of its War Savings pledges, complete its sales and make a 100 per cent record before December 31.

The Marion district is one of the best in the State. Its chances for securing all of its pledges and completing its sales by December 31 are most favorable. The six counties have subscribed 60.80 per cent of their quotas, leaving 39.19 per cent yet to be subscribed. McDowell has subscribed \$189,235, leaving \$108,605 to be subscribed.

Allowance of Sugar Increased.

The sugar allowance of two pounds monthly a person for householders was increased to three pounds monthly Thursday by Food Administrator Hoover, effective November 1. The sugar regulations also are revised to permit the purchase of the entire month's supply for a family at one time.

The relaxation of the restrictions placed on the use of sugar four months ago was made possible, Mr. Hoover's statement said, through the rapid manufacture of the best sugar crop in the west, the new cane crop in the south, reductions of consumption in manufacturing, freer transportation conditions and patriotic conservation by the public.

The executive committee of the State teachers' assembly at a meeting in Raleigh Saturday unanimously agreed to postponement of the annual Thanksgiving convention and named Raleigh and Thanksgiving, 1919, for the meeting. This step was taken on account of lost time caused by the influenza epidemic.

Captain Bost, of the Southern Railway company, reports that on last Friday morning the mountain peaks visible from Swannanoa and Black Mountain were covered with snow.