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## Germany Accepts Allies Terms

### WORLD WAR ENDS AT 6 A. M., PARIS TIME

**ABDICATION OF KAISER FOLLOWED BY REVOLUTION, WHICH HAS OVERTURNED AUTOCRACY IN GERMANY, PROBABLY HAS BEARING ON SPEEDY ACTION BY GERMAN GRAND HEADQUARTERS—GERMANY HAS AGREED TO THE ARMISTICE TERMS OF THE ALLIES.**

Abdication of the kaiser, the spread of the revolution, and the formation of the soldiers' and workmen's party, with the avowed intention of forming a republic in Germany, probably influenced the acceptance of terms so soon after the courier reached German grand headquarters with the armistice terms.

The terms of the armistice have never been made public, but their acceptance by Germany, from all statements made regarding terms, mean the end of the war. By agreeing to the allied terms, it is intimated, Germany must place herself in a position where she cannot renew hostilities without laying herself open to immediate invasion by the allied armies.

The German people, for a generation the obedient and submissive servants of their war lord, for more than four years his pliant instruments in ravaging the world, have spoken a new times conflicting and often delayed advices from Germany in the last two days, it has now become apparent that William, emperor and king, has been stripped of his power. He is now plain William Hohenzollern, a fugitive in Holland. With his fall topples into ruin William's mad design to rule the world.

Little is known of the situation in Germany, for that country is in the first days of its new adventure. It is not clear whether the old regime has been permanently dislodged or whether the new authorities, with the unscrupulous adroitness which has long marked German politics, are merely sacrificing the chief figureheads of kaiserism in the hope of obtaining an easier peace. It appears probable that no one in Germany knows, and that it is still to be determined which of the contending elements will gain the upperhand.

Revolution is spreading rapidly, and from the fact that a socialist is now chancellor, it may be gathered that the object of the revolution is not merely the quick ending of the war, but the complete severance of the political ties which still bind the nation with its past.

For the allies the problem has changed. The countries which fought Germany and her vassals for more than four years have emerged from it completely triumphant, but within the borders of the countries which menaced the peace of the whole world, stalks revolt, famine and anarchy. The world's next task may be to restore order in the desolated central empires. It may be the lot of the former who have successfully contested Germany's greed for power to save her from the fate she imposed on Russia. Likewise, help will have to be given to Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, whose ruin Germany wrought.

#### MARKED DISORDER SHOWN BY RETIRING GERMAN ARMY

With the French Army in France.—Disorder is beginning to show in the ranks of the retreating German army. French troops, with their cavalry in the lead, are pressing the enemy closely all along the line.

The booty increases in importance as the pursuit goes on. Several railroad trains, batteries of artillery in tact, immense munition dumps and stores and wagon trains fell into the hands of the allied troops.

#### FRENCH AND AMERICANS TAKE STENAY, GERMAN STRONGHOLD

With the American Forces on the Meuse Front.—The first and second American armies, in their attacks extending along the Moselle and the Meuse, advanced on a front of approximately 115 kilometers (71½ miles).

French troops operating under the American command also advanced at various points. The captured territory includes the German stronghold of Stenay, Grimacourt.

#### REVOLUTION IN FULL SWING IN GERMANY

London.—Severe fighting took place in Berlin between 6 and 8 o'clock last night and a violent cannonade was heard from the heart of the city. The revolution is in full swing in Berlin and the red forces occupy the greater part of the German capital, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company quoting Berlin advices sent from there this morning.

The crown prince's palace has been seized by the revolutionists. The people are shouting, "Long live the republic!" and are singing the "Marseillaise." Many persons were killed and wounded before the officers surrendered. The red forces are in control and have restored order. Strong guards are marching through the streets.

#### KAISER AND SON FLEE TO HOLLAND

London.—Both the former German emperor and his son, Frederick Wilhelm, crossed the Dutch frontier Sunday morning, according to advices from The Hague.

#### Shipman Elected Solicitor—Weaver's Majority 1,001.

Raleigh, Nov. 9.—A telegram received yesterday morning from J. E. Shipman, Hendersonville, gave the final and official majority of Solicitor Schenck in the 19th judicial district as 309, which means that Shipman will be next solicitor. This comes about through the unique turn the race took in that district. Solicitor Schenck had resigned and Governor Bickett had appointed Shipman to succeed him, when it was found that it was too late to get the name of Shipman on the official Democratic ticket. To adjust the situation Governor Bickett sent a letter into the district to the effect that the name of Schenck would be retained on the ticket and that a vote for Schenck would really mean a vote for Shipman in that Schenck would fail to qualify for the office and that he would thereupon appoint Shipman. This is the program now that will be carried out. The official majority of Congressman Weaver in the tenth over former Congressman Britt, Republican, is 1,001.

#### The Vote of the County.

The McDowell County canvassing board met at the court house in Marion last Thursday and tabulated the returns from the fifteen precincts in the county. The tabulation showed that Jos. M. Mashburn, Republican candidate for sheriff, led the entire ticket with 1254 votes, while Millard Poteet, for treasurer on the Democratic ticket, came second with 1250. Mr. Mashburn's majority over his opponent was 135, and Mr. Poteet defeated his opponent by 117. The vote for register of deeds was very close, Epley having a majority of two. The official vote of the county is published elsewhere in this issue.

For United States Senator Simmons received 1198 votes; Morehead, 1183.

For Chief Justice of Supreme Court, Walter Clark received 1193 votes; W. P. Bynum, 1188.

(The vote for the State Democratic and Republican offices was about the same as above, varying only one or two votes.)

For Constitutional Amendments—For six months school, 587; against, 69. For exemption of homestead, 255; against, 11.

#### MAGISTRATES ELECTED.

Magistrates were elected in the several townships as follows:

Marion—W. M. Sweeney, W. C. Roland, W. C. Stroud and J. C. Monteith. B. L. Robbins, constable.

Old Fort—J. C. Sandlin, T. L. Tate and J. R. Harris.

Broad River—J. I. Nanney, J. N. Dodson and A. J. Bass.

Crooked Creek—I. L. Pyatt, A. B. Halford and J. A. Burgin.

North Cove—C. H. Hollifield, M. V. Hollifield and John McCall.

Nebo—Charles Hensley.

It is announced from Washington that General Pershing's expeditionary forces in France must be retained there. It is possible also that for reasons international police from American garrisons may be kept in disputed territory, even after peace negotiations have been brought to a close.

#### Letter from Lieut. K. A. Kirby to His Mother, Mrs. J. W. Kirby.

Somewhere in France, October 15, 1918.

My dearest mother:

I have received several letters from home recently and you bet I was glad to get them. I am well and enjoying life. Have not had an opportunity to write you for over a week. I am writing this letter from my dug-out in the front line trenches and the dug-out I am in was used by the Germans as a first aid station before we captured it. I wish you could see how it is fixed up. It had electric lights in it, and is also fitted up with tables, big silver candle holders, fine chairs and other modern conveniences. Most of the dug-outs are made of concrete and one is furnished with five plush chairs, piano, has hot and cold baths, etc. Their kitchens were fitted up with good stoves and all kinds of cooking utensils. The officers' mess had sets of nice china ware. Then they had planted gardens round about, and you can bet we are making good use of the cabbage, beans, potatoes and grapes that Fritz worked so hard to cultivate.

Tell papa I am sending him a German helmet. It will take it some time to reach him but hope he will get it. We get our mail regularly. The New York Herald and Chicago Tribune both have branch offices in Paris and we get the daily editions the day after they are published.

Wasn't that some drive we made at St. Mihiel? Wish I could tell you all about it but of course cannot at present. The war news looks good, but don't think there is anything to the peace talk. But we have here what it takes to whip old Fritz is here.

While sitting here writing you old Fritz is busy with his artillery and is dropping shells all around my dug-out. One hit close to the door the other morning and jarred the window lights out of our "P. C." However, no one was hurt.

I must close now as I have some work to do. With lots of love to all, I am devotedly,

KENNETH.

#### What Our Boys and Girls Are Doing at Berea College.

Berea, Ky., Nov. 11.—At the request of some one "back home", I am sending you some notes of the happenings at Berea College, what the boys and girls are doing, etc. North Carolina is well represented in all departments at Berea, and the North Carolinians have shown their loyalty to the institution by the patriotic and unselfish way they helped during the influenza epidemic, as well as in many other ways. Practically all of the read The Marion Progress and those who do not take it borrow it from some neighbor who does. Nothing equals the home paper with the boys and girls who are away from home, except the home letters.

Miss Sallie Houck is in the Normal department and is planning to teach next year. Miss Rosa Houck is taking a business course in the vocational department and is identified with one of the most important societies in that department.

Robert Carpenter of Linville Falls has joined the vocational unit, Berea College S. A. T. C., and expects to sail for France in about three months.

Adam Helms, of Marion, who has had three serious operations performed since coming here, is as well as ever and back at work. He is identified with the best literary and religious organizations and takes an active part in each. He holds a responsible position with the college and has proved himself worthy of the trust imposed upon him.

Burton Johnson, also of Marion, is one of the foremost boys in the Academy department. He is an excellent speaker, and one proof of his ability is the fact that he is vice-president of one of the foremost literary societies, and that he is an active worker of the Y. M. C. A., as well as being on the cabinet of the same organization. He is also teaching a class of boys in printing, which shows his ability in other lines. X

The graded school will open again next Monday.

#### NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

rief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

#### NEBO

Nebo, Nov. 12.—The school re opened Monday morning after suspending a few weeks on account of the influenza epidemic. There is a very good attendance, almost all the boarding students have not yet returned.

Miss Georgie Sigmon spent the weekend with relatives in Hickory.

Mrs. E. E. Gound of Virginia, Mrs. T. G. Cobb of Morganton and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kincaid of Erwin, Tenn., spent a few days last week here with Mrs. J. F. Wilson.

Mrs. M. V. Snipes has returned home after an extended visit to her parents near Black Mountain.

Mrs. L. E. Sigmon and little son of Black Mountain, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. J. K. Stacy.

#### NEBO HIGH SCHOOL ITEMS.

The High School opened Monday with all the boarding pupils back except four. We expect these as soon as the danger of "flu" is passed. On their return teachers and pupils were greeted with a large new flag for the school building, black-boards re-slatted, the floors oiled, and a winter's supply of wood on the grounds.

On Sunday afternoon the teachers and some of the high school pupils met with several citizens of Nebo and laid out the work of the campaign for raising Nebo's quota of the war fund. Twenty workers went out Monday morning and Tuesday night we had raised over \$200 of our assessment of \$300. The school gave \$35. The district fully intends to go over the top with our part before Saturday night.

We have no sickness at all. It is very important that all pupils who expect to make their grades enter school at once.

Our school and town gave a celebration Tuesday night in honor of the abdication and defeat of the Kaiser. There is no more ammunition in Nebo. Church and school bells rang till the ropes wore out, then all the old cow bells, dinner bells, tin buckets, tubs, anything that would make a noise was utilized. Men, women, girls and boys yelled themselves hoarse. The town went wild with joy.

#### DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, Nov. 11.—We had several big frosts this month.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ray Denton and baby of Atlanta, Ga., are visiting relatives here this week.

R. E. Roper made several trips to Morganton lately, to see Mr. Summers, who is critically ill.

The election went off quietly at this place. Sorry that a number of our men were beaten.

Several of our young folks returned to Nebo school yesterday.

The Dysartville public school will open next Monday.

We were glad to see the two Sunday schools open yesterday after having been closed five weeks.

The "flu" has about died out.

J. R. Denton's house, occupied by Mr. Denton and his son-in-law, Frank Daves, was destroyed by fire this morning. Some of the furniture was saved. Mr. Denton is in very feeble health and his loss will be greatly deplored.

#### HARMONY GROVE

Harmony Grove, Nov. 11.—Avery Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Morgan, died Tuesday morning, Nov. 5, of influenza. The deceased was seventeen years old and is survived by his parents, four brothers and five sisters. He was a kind, honest boy who had many friends and will be greatly missed. The funeral services were conducted at Harmony Grove Wednesday by Rev. F. L. Simmons.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Vaughn, November 4, a daughter.

We are glad to report that C. B. Morgan's family are improving after an illness of influenza.

Ceph Pyatt and son, Theodore, of Mayo, S. C., were visitors here Saturday and Sunday.