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ENGLAND JARRED BY NORTHCLIFFE'S LETTER

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"AMERICA WILL ASSUME FIRE CONTROL OF THE WAR UNLESS THE BRITISH METHODS SHOW A SWIFT IMPROVEMENT."

MEN IN AUTHORITY SHOULD BE PUNISHED

(By Ed L. Keen.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
London, Nov. 16.—England is jarred by the severe criticism of Lord Northcliffe's letter to Lloyd George which declares that unless swift improvement in the British methods America will assume entire management of the greater part of the war. Northcliffe lauded the United States and Canada, saying, "he had had personal experience of the obstruction and delay in London."

RUSSIAN NEWS CONTRADICTORY

(By UNITED PRESS)
London, Nov. 16.—Up to Saturday no serious losses of life have occurred at Petrograd and Moscow, British Ambassador Buchanan reports.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Russia is to have a baptism of blood. Harder fighting and greater bloodshed as soon as the situation is clarified, is the opinion expressed officially at the Russian embassy.

"Compromise and indecisive adjustment now would be a prolongation of the revolutionary stage through which the young republic is passing," a high official declared.

London, Nov. 16.—Indirect news furnishes the wildest contradictions as to who controls Petrograd.

London expects a compromise and armistice.

Latest dispatches indicate the Bolshevik maintains the outlet of news favorable to them.

Dispatches hint at a compromise between the government and Bolshevik representation. This leads to the deduction that control is precarious to the Bolsheviks, else it would not be willing to compromise if it were dominating absolutely.

TOWNLEY ASKS CO-OPERATION

(By United Press)
Buffalo, Nov. 16.—President Townley, of the farmers non-partisan league, plans for labor co-operation by putting into the field and in the factory labor to produce products to be marketed at lower prices and in greater quantities.

"Let the two great classes of producers join hands behind the government during this war," he pleaded.

BRITISH BOMB PLANE SHED

(By UNITED PRESS)
London, Nov. 16.—Two German planes were destroyed and two forced down, and out of control, by bombs dropped over the German airplane shed at Hanzzaeme. All the British machine returned.

BROTHERHOODS ACCEPT TERMS

(By United Press.)
Washington, Nov. 16.—It is reported that all the four railroad brotherhoods have agreed to accept any settlement, in regard to the wage demands, proposed by President Wilson, with the exception of arbitration.

GERMANS STIR CHINA MALICE

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Nov. 16.—Evidence in diplomatic quarters show that the German propaganda is working in Peking to stir China against the United States on account of the American-Japanese agreement.

It is stated that both England and France were consulted before the pact was concluded.

FILE FOOD REPORT DEC. 1.

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Nov. 16.—All dealers in foodstuffs subject to license by Food Administration will do well to take an inventory at once, because they will be required to give details of the condition of their business Nov. 1st in their reports, which must be submitted at Washington Dec. 1st.

Forms for these reports are in the hands of the printer and will not be immediately available. When they are issued they will be sent at once as a reminder that the first report must be made. The Food Administration gives this general notice now, because later many dealers might have difficulty in stating just what stock they had on hands Nov. 1st.

The inventory, when compared with reports of later date, will enable the authorities to determine whether hoarding has been practiced. Reports are to be made monthly and will be a transcript of monthly business of all licensees.

Speed Ship Construction

(By United Press.)
Washington, Nov. 16.—Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board declares that ship construction must be pressed to the utmost to outstrip the submarines. Navy officials are expecting that a wily trick has been played by the enemy to effect a sudden diminution of shipbuilding and submarine construction activity in this country.

TOWNS TAKEN BRENTA RIVER

(By UNITED PRESS)
Berlin, via London, Nov. 16.—The capture of Cison and Positons along the Brenta river is announced.

CHIEF SCRUGGS GETS 10 YEARS

(By UNITED PRESS)
Danville, Va., Nov. 16.—Ex-police chief T. F. Schruggs, of Altavista, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for wife murder at Rustburg.

NORWEGIANS RETURN HOME

(By United Press.)
Washington, Nov. 16.—Failing to effect a modification of the blockade regulations the Norwegian commissioners, Maling, Borgen, Voght and Utne leave for home tomorrow.

CALIFORNIA BOXERS MECCA

(By UNITED PRESS)
New York, Nov. 16.—Sunny California, scene of so many historic battles of the padded fist, again is the beckoning finger from the box office. California, with its legalized four-round exhibition bouts, is drawing the best of the nation's boxers.

Ted Lewis, Willie Ritchie, and many others are there. The list is growing, and they like it in California. Shades of a past day and again glove-wielding. Will California again have a law that will permit boxing? Is the present convention of high-class boxers the forerunner of an attempt to juggle California's legislature into line, or bring the thing down to a popular vote?

California's days of boxing saw the hey-day of the sport in this country. Even the days of the old Coney Island Club, where Fitzsimmons and Jeffries had their difficulties, were not more prolific in history-making phases of contest. The old glove game would indeed be seeking a higher shelf if California should again open the gate.

FEVER EPIDEMIC FRENCH FRONT

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Nov. 16.—Possibly a scarlet fever epidemic has broken out at one of the American hospitals in France, a second death from that cause being reported by General Pershing. The victims were Private Linton, of Washington, Pennsylvania and nurse. Two other Americans have died, one from pneumonia and the other was killed by a train.

PAPERS PREPARE FOR "STRATEGIC RETREAT"

A GERMAN OFFICER TAKEN YESTERDAY SAYS HIGH COMMAND FEARS FORCED RETIREMENT OF SEVERAL MILES.

CROWN PRINCE WASTED 91 DIVISIONS

SAMMIES HOLD TRENCHES FIRM

(By W. J. Pegler.)
American Headquarters in France, Nov. 16.—Aroaring barrage of shells in front of American head trenches early Thursday balked a German raid. Fighting along the American front is growing in intensity, and there are frequent encounters with patrol parties. Flares revealed the enemy was attacking and an immediate telephone started the artillerymen with a furious turbo drive. Huns back to their trenches.

JAPAN UNABLE FURNISH TROOPS

(By United Press.)
Tokio, Nov. 16.—In an address at Osaka Minister of Finance, Shoda, declared the sending of Japanese troops to Europe was impossible. He said that the allies understood the peculiar position and will continue their financial aid.

AM STEAMER LOST AT SEA

(By United Press.)
Washington, Nov. 16.—The American steamer Kansas City has been lost at sea. The navy department reports that this vessel has been missing since September 5.

AMB. FRANCIS A "RECOGNIZER"

(By UNITED PRESS)
Petrograd, Nov. 16.—Ambassador David R. Francis, who was first among all diplomats here to suggest that his government recognize the provisional government in Russia after the revolution finds himself considerably embarrassed, occasionally, when a delegation from some revolting district of Russia calls upon him. President Wilson and Mr. Francis are evidently considered the champion "recognizers" of Christendom.

The Ukrainians who recently declared themselves an independent state—and thereby raised a crisis that caused a slight upset in the Kerensky cabinet—sent a delegation to Governor Francis requesting that the United States recognize Ukraina as an independent nation. The situation was somewhat embarrassing for the American representative.

(By Wm. Philip Simms.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
British Headquarters in Flanders, Nov. 16.—German newspapers, found on captives taken yesterday, show that the government is preparing the people for another "strategic retreat" on the west front.

Officers admit that the high command fears a retirement of several miles will be necessary owing to the British advances.

The British staff have data showing that Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, has exhausted ninety one divisions, in all more than a million and a quarter men, in a vain defense of Passchedaele.

The newspaper articles indicate that there is a realization of the German man power is waning.

WAR WRECKAGE IS ENORMOUS

(By United Press.)
Paris, Nov. 16.—The department of Fine Arts has established an estimate of the damage done to buildings in France by military operations. From this it appears that up to the end of May, 1915, 1,223 parishes have suffered from the ravages of war. The total number of damaged buildings is 102,697, while 50,756 have been completely demolished and 63 public monuments destroyed.

Arras has probably suffered more than any other town from bombardments, for of its 4,522 buildings 962 have been entirely and 1,595 partially demolished. 1,735 of the latter can be repaired. In the entire town there are only 229 intact buildings.

JACKIES EAT 4,000 PIES

(By United Press.)
Great Lakes, Ill., Nov. 16.—Pity the poor sailor with a job like this.

Jackies at the Great Lakes Naval Training station have to get away with 4,000 pies at a single meal.

And student bakers here and at the Minneapolis school don't confine themselves to this brand of pastry, either, for cakes and puddings are turned out literally by the ton.

It is rumored that the recent mutiny in the German navy was the result of some Fritz sailor getting a slant at a U. S. navy menu.

COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	28.38	28.43	27.78	27.78
Jan.	27.57	27.58	27.14	27.14
Mar.	27.35	27.38	26.95	26.95
May	27.24	27.27	26.88	26.88
July	27.00	27.01	26.67	26.67

Local Market 27 cents.