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TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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Pres. Wilson Asks For Immediate Declaration Of War Against Austria

SECOND VERDUN STAGED ON ITALY'S HILLS

THREE WEEKS OF GERMAN ATTACK HAS FAILED, RESULTING IN COMPLETE EXHAUSTION OF ENEMY FORCES

REORGANIZATION NECESSARY TO STRIKE

(By United Press.)
With the French Armies in Italy, Dec. 4.—Italy began the fourth week of her heroic defense of Monte Crappe heights, which has proved a second Verdun for Germany.

During the three weeks of almost continuous German attack they have failed to gain the least advantage, whereas the losses to the enemy has been disastrous.

The German and Austrian immediate forces have been exhausted and a reorganization is necessary before they strike the crucial blow that all military authorities believe is certain.

French Armies in Italy, Dec. 4.—The enemy is beaten at Monte Grappe. He may attack after a lull, but the temporary suspension of his plan to crash through will prove fatal to campaign.

From now on wherever he strikes he will find every strategic point along the Piave river front held down, not only by Italy's heroic fighters, but by British and French veterans.

The Austro-German assault at Monte Grappe is the third effort to turn the Italian flanks on the Piave front.

The Germans launched the cream of their mountain fighting troops against Grappas outer ring, then the German Alpen Korps, the Austrian Imperial sharpshooters, and the Austrian Edelweiss hurried to the assault.

The Italian troops fought like fiends.

Prisoners declare the resistance often wiped out half the attackers effectives.

GERMANY LOSES ALL COLONIES

(By UNITED PRESS)
London, Dec. 4.—"East Africa is completely cleared of the enemy." This was the official announcement made last night and is of more moment than the few words at first indicate.

With the fall of Africa as a German colony the last of the German colonies has been wiped out. The total territory exceeds one million square miles, affects more than 14,000,000 people, of which 25,000 are white.

PERSHING AND NORTHCLIFFE CONFER.

Paris Dec. 4.—General Pershing, commander of the American expeditionary forces, and Viscount Northcliffe had a conference here last night.

WARNING TO REGISTRANTS

The following telegram from the Provost Marshal General received by this office November 30, 1917, is published for the instruction and guidance of all Local and District Boards:

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Washington, D. C., November 29, 1917
Governor of North Carolina:
Raleigh, N. C.

"Number 10948. Please cause the broadest and most extensive and continuous possible publicity to be given through the Adjutant General, Local and District Boards, the newspapers and by all other possible means of warning to all registrants who may have changed their places of abode and post office address to communicate immediately with their Local Boards where they are registered and furnish their present addresses so that Questionnaires which will begin to be mailed December 15th will reach such registrants without delay. Registrants are bound by law to keep themselves advised of all proceeding in respect of them and failure to do so may result in their losing right to claim exemption or discharge. Please request newspapers to give this warning broad and continuous publication from this time until the process of mailing Questionnaires has been accomplished.

CROWDER."
Compliance with this telegram will greatly facilitate the work of classifying the registrants under the new regulations.

By direction of
LAWRENCE W. YOUNG,
The Adjutant General.
By
W. F. MARSHALL,
Director of Military Enrollment.

ARMISTICE IS NOW EFFECTIVE

(By United Press)
Berlin, via Amsterdam, Dec. 4.—An actual armistice already is in operation in sections of the Russo-German front, a cable from the German great headquarters announces.

Vienna, via London, Dec. 4.—During the last few days an armistice has been announced on many sectors of the Russian front, from division to division, and from corps to corps. In the Pripet region the Russian army concluded an official armistice with the opposing command of the allied (Teutonic) troops.

GEN. PERSHING'S GREAT PROPHECY

(By United Press)
New York, Dec. 4.—Bishop Luther B. Wilson, who has just returned from Europe, where he went on a mission for the Y. M. C. A., brought back with him a message to the American people from General Pershing.

The message, which was read for the first time last night, said: "Tell them there is no ground for the heresy that Germany cannot be beaten. Germany can be beaten. Germany must be beaten, and Germany will be beaten."

VIENNA PAPER SUGGESTS PEACE

(By United Press.)
Amsterdam, Dec. 4.—The Vienna Neue Freie press invites England to consider whether it is not possible to open peace pourparlers.

It considers that such an invitation should properly come from Austria, because the dissensions between England and Germany dating back from the death of Queen Victoria do not directly affect Austria.

RICHMOND MAN WAS WOUNDED

(By UNITED PRESS)
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 4.—C. Soanes, of Richmond, Va., is listed as wounded among the Americans on the Canadian casualty list.
No other details are forthcoming.

BRITISH FORCES FIGHT LIKE WILD CATS

GERMAN DEAD ARE PILED FIFTEEN WAVES DEEP AS THE RESULT OF MASSED FORMATION ATTACKING BRITISH MACHINE GUNS.

AMERICAN ENTHUSIASTICALLY AID BRITISH

(By UNITED PRESS)
With the British Armies Afeld, machine guns the artillery inflicted fearful slaughter. Dec. 4.—Americans have been in action around Cambrai with the British.

Some losses have been sustained, but the detachment is proud of its opportunity to do its bit.

The battle continues with unabated ferocity. The British fight like wild cats and stem the enemy's onslaught. When forced to give way they take time after repulsing the attacks. This plan held at Masniers and will be followed elsewhere.

The fields near Queant, around General Byng's new salient, down to Vendhuile, are piled with German dead, fifteen waves deep, as the enemy attacked the British

RUMANIA FIGHTS UNTIL THE END

(By United Press.)
Jassy, Nov. 26.—(Delayed.)—The situation in Rumania has not affected the spirit of Rumanian troops which has decided more than ever to do its duty.

The Rumanian government, despite difficulties of all kinds, has decided to continue the war until final victory is won.

Whatever the attitude of the Russian government Rumania will sign peace only together with England, France, the United States, and other members of the Entente.

UNIONS SUPPORT RUSSIAN PEACE

(By UNITED PRESS)
Petrograd, Dec. 4.—The Petrograd soviet of workmen and soldiers is informed that the railway unions of the allies are negotiating to afford Russia the right to conclude a separate peace.

Announcement is also made from the Tartar Republica that the ported cossacks have elected ministers of war and justice for the new caucasian state.

The Bolsheviki armistice now being negotiated with Germany will be published and subject to debate in the various soviet bodies throughout Russia.

The Petrograd official agency announced that Krylenko, the Bolsheviki commander in chief, has reported the surrender of the army general staff to him. The message is said to have come from Vitebsk.

ENTIRE WORLD TO RECEIVE THE MESSAGE

WILSON DEMANDS THAT NO PEACE BE CONSIDERED UNTIL PEOPLES AND LANDS BE FREE FROM PRUSSIAN MILITARY AND COMMERCIAL AUTOCRACY

PEACE WHEN GERMAN PEOPLE SPEAK

DR. GREEN ASKS MOTHERS AID

Nobody knows what it means to have a sick child like the mother, therefore, I am asking the mothers of this county, especially, to co-operate with me, their county quarantine officer, and by all working together, to keep down those preventable diseases like whooping cough, measles, scarlet fever and diphtheria, as far as is possible.

Some old fashioned mothers used to believe that whooping cough and measles were like taxes, just had to come, and the sooner they "come and went", the better. But now mothers know different. They know that even if children should have these diseases when they grow up it goes less hard with them then, as they are more likely to recover without defects and impairments. Why, when a mother's baby, has measles if it is less than five years old, she never knows whether it is going to be left blind, deaf, lame, or with weakened heart or kidneys, for life. The safest plan is to take no chances with any of these so-called children's diseases. Children don't have to have them, and why not protect them?

Some of the things mothers can do to keep down whooping cough, measles, scarlet fever, infantile paralysis and diphtheria in their homes and communities are, first, to suspect the disease and keep home the children having the first symptoms, such as sore throats or head colds, particularly if any contagious diseases is in the community. Second, in case no physician is called to attend the child, the mother should see that the disease is reported at once to the county quarantine officer who will then tell her what to do and how to treat the case. The law requires her to do this. Third, every mother should respect the Quarantine Law. It may inconvenience her slightly but what will a few days of inconvenience mean if it saves a child's life or even if it saves him from a life long defect, like blindness which is often one of the after-effects of measles. The mother who disregards the Quarantine Law is not only an undesirable citizen to have in the community, but is an enemy of little children.

The number of cases of contagious diseases in this county last month reported to me were:
Diphtheria:—
Nellie Wright Vincent, Weldon, N. C.

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, DEC. 4.—PRESIDENT WILSON ASKS FOR AN IMMEDIATE DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST AUSTRIA.

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Wilson in his message before congress today touching upon the question of peace, said:

"And peace that America Makes must deliver not only the people and lands of Belgium and northern France from Prussian conquest, but also must deliver the people of Austria-Hungary, the Balkans and Turkey from imprudent alien domination of Prussian military and commercial autocracy."

In asking Congress to declare a state of war against Austria-Hungary he declared that nothing shall turn us from the idea of winning the war.

He asks that Austria-Hungary be listed among Americas enemies to remove this embarrassing obstacle that stands in our way. He said, "that when the German people have spokesmen which we can believe, and when those spokesmen are ready, in the name of their people, to accept the common judgment of the nations, as to what shall henceforth be the basis of the law of the covenant for the life of the world, we shall be willing and glad to pay the full price of peace and pay it ungrudgingly."

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Wilson's message before Congress today will be cabled to Europe, South America, Japan and China simultaneously with its delivery before congress, and will be made public in all parts of the world except the central powers. The printed text will probably be dropped later by American aviators over the German trenches.

COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	28.81	28.83	28.13	28.57
Mar.	28.35	28.35	27.85	28.04
May	28.18	28.25	27.59	27.76
July	27.91	28.04	27.30	27.45

Local Market 27 3/4 cents.

COTTONSEED MARKET

1.11 per bushel in wagon lots.

Clamon Kitchin, Scotland Neck, N. C.
Rhodes Whitaker, (colored),
Enfield, N. C.
Scarlet Fever:—
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