

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
North Carolina—Light local rains and somewhat cooler tonight; Wednesday, partly cloudy.  
South Carolina—Generally fair and somewhat cooler tonight and Wednesday.

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# PRESIDENT ASKS WAR ON AUSTRIA

## NOTHING SHALL TURN UNITED STATES ASIDE UNTIL WAR IS WON

President Wilson Today Delivered a Ringing Address Before Joint Session of the Senate and House RECOMMENDS IMMEDIATE WAR AGAINST AUSTRIA

No Declaration Against Bulgaria and Turkey. Advocates Stringent Laws Against Alien Enemies. President Was Given a Wild Demonstration.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 4.—Immediate declaration of war against Austria-Hungary was recommended to Congress today by President Wilson.  
The President did not, however, recommend a declaration of war against Turkey and Bulgaria at this time.  
Immediate war against Austria, the President told Congress, was necessary to meet the anomalous situation the United States faces in its war with Germany even though, he declared, Austria was not her own mistress and merely a vassal of Germany.  
The same logic, he added, would lead to war against Turkey and Bulgaria, but they do not yet, he said, stand in the path of the United States in its war against Prussian autocracy.  
In ringing and definite terms, the President declared that nothing shall turn the United States aside until the war is won and Germany is beaten. All talk of peace he pronounced out of the question. Peace, the President declared, could come only when the German people make it through rulers the world can trust; when they make reparation for the destruction their present rulers have wrought and when Germany recedes from all the territory acquired by armed conquest.  
A wild demonstration greeted the President's recommendation that war be declared against Austria-Hungary. Senators and Representatives arose in their seats and cheered and applauded while visiting members of the diplomatic corps smiled and applauded.  
Senators LaFollette and Gore, however, did not applaud.  
Another outburst of applause greeted the President's declaration that reparation must be made for the damage done by the German army. Again the assembled law-makers jumped to their feet and applauded.  
The closing declaration that the whole energy of the nation should be devoted to winning the war evoked more long outbursts. In this passage, the President approached an unusually dramatic delivery and as he turned down the last page of his manuscript and bowed slightly, the entire assembly rose and the tumult lasted a half minute.  
The President smiled, tucking his glasses in his vest pocket, as he stepped down from the rostrum and went out of the chamber with cheers still resounding.  
The President spoke as follows:  
The House of Representatives:  
I have the honor of addressing you this morning in the presence of your representatives and grave significance attaches to this occasion. I shall not undertake to discuss the details of our present position. I shall refer to the reports of the various departments. I shall not present a present outlook upon the future. I shall not present duties, but I shall discuss the means of accomplishing them. I shall hold no public opinion. I shall not go back to the causes of the war. I shall not discuss the wrongs done and planned by the sinister masters of Germany, who have since become too gross and odious to every American to need to be rehearsed.  
I shall ask you to consider

### CONGRESS AWAITS WILSON'S PROGRAM FOR LEGISLATION

Considerable Sentiment in Favor of War on Germany's Allies

LITTLE TIME FOR ANYTHING BUT WAR

General Legislation May Be Permitted Before Christmas, But War Questions Will Dominate the New Year.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 4.—The international character of President Wilson's address which will be delivered to Congress at 12:30 o'clock today is indicated by the fact that the government already has placed it for simultaneous publication in practically every capital in the world.  
Although the address was not entrusted in advance to American newspapers or news distributing associations, it already has been placed by the London office of Reuters, the principal European news distributing agency which, in turn, is to supply others in Europe. Indirectly, the address will get to Berlin and the other Central Power capitals.  
Its world-wide distribution is also evidenced by the fact that it will be available for publication today in China and Japan.  
The fact that the government has also taken steps to have the document placed in the hands of Ambassador Francis in Petrograd is taken as an indication that the President's address will deal also with the situation in Russia.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Congress today awaited the coming of President Wilson and the delivery of his annual address, which leaders admit virtually will outline the session's legislative program.  
At a joint session assembled in the House at 12:30 p. m., the President planned to appear before Congress for the first time since the memorable days in April, at the opening of the special session, called to permit him to ask for a declaration of a state of war against Germany.

Whether this time he will ask for a declaration against Germany's allies remains a matter of conjecture and the center of speculation. The general belief is he will not and Congress will follow his desires. Sentiment for such action is widespread, however, and war resolutions may be introduced by various members.  
Congress awaits the President's guidance in matters of legislation looking to the prosecution of the war is tacitly agreed and members everywhere, exchanging views today, declared that legislation would be confined largely to war measures.  
Senator Martin, Democratic leader in the Senate, and Representative Hitchin, House floor leader, both announced, after an informal conference yesterday, that there would be little time for other than war problems, but it was understood the first week of the session before the holiday recess will be open to general legislation.  
Railroads' Petition Denied. (Special to The Dispatch.)  
Washington, Dec. 4.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today denied the application of Western railroads to raise the commodity rates on iron and steel in the territory and from points east of the Mississippi to the West, but allowed the filing of rates slightly higher than those maintained at present.

**A WAR RESOLUTION.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 4.—A joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Pittman for Senator King, of Utah. It was referred to the Foreign Relations committee without action.

**THRILLING EVENTS HERE THIS WEEK**  
Harry Rich to Give Exhibitions Here in the Interest of Tobacco Fund

Inaugurating Our Boys in France Tobacco Fund, which The Dispatch will undertake to raise, Harry Rich, the well-known trapeze performer, will first with death from the top of the Trust Building, front and Market streets, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of this week. Rich is said to do the most thrilling and sensational aerial act of any man alive.  
Rich will donate a liberal percentage of everything he takes in to the Tobacco Fund. He will do the same identical act that he has been doing at the State fairs which are known as the most sensational, startling and thrilling acts that are being done by any one today. It is announced that, in addition to his trapeze act on the Trust building he will, on the second night, pull three loaded automobiles by his teeth in front of the Trust building. This act shows the great strength of the man himself. The fact that he is able to pull three loaded automobiles by his teeth, something it is said has never been done by anyone except Rich, proves that he is one of the strongest men in the world.  
Great crowds will doubtless witness his performance here, and inasmuch as the money collected is to be used for the Tobacco Fund it is expected that everyone will bring along their nickles and dimes and help the good cause along.

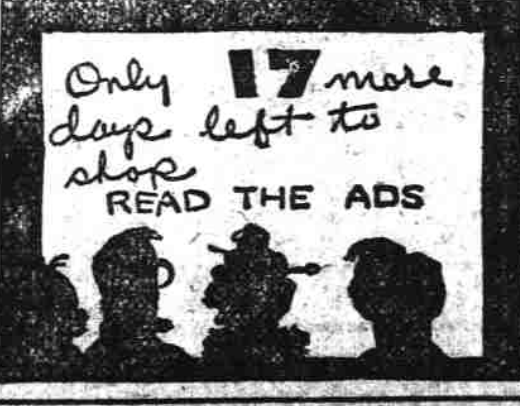
**BELIEVES A RAIDER IS IN THE PACIFIC**  
(By Associated Press.)  
San Francisco, Dec. 4.—What a ship's captain believed to be a German raider, operating in the Pacific and trying through flares in imitation of a vessel afire to attract its intended victims has been reported by him in a letter to friends here. The letter, made public here today, said: "We were warned by wireless to look out for a raider that might employ strange methods. About 100 miles south of Capulco, at night, we

**AN ARMISTICE SIGNED.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 4.—An armistice between Russia and Germany has been signed at the headquarters of Prince Leopold of Bavaria, says an Exchange telegram dispatch from Amsterdam today.  
The armistice is valid for a period of 48 hours.  
General Staff Surrenders.  
Petrograd, Dec. 4.—Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander-in-chief, telegraphed today that the general staff, which has refused to recognize the authority of the Bolsheviks, has surrendered.

**A Battle Expected.**  
Petrograd, Dec. 4.—A battle between detachments from the Petrograd garrison commanded by Ensign Krylenko and Cossacks, is reported impending at Vitebsk.  
According to a telegram from Krylenko's adjutant the Cossacks have gathered on the flanks in the rear of Krylenko's forces.  
A circumstantial report is being circulated that General Korniloff, former Russian commander-in-chief, who led an unsuccessful revolt against the Kerensky government, escaped from custody last night.

**IMMEDIATE ACTION.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 4.—Chairman Flood of the House Foreign Affairs committee, announced that he would introduce a war resolution tomorrow morning, call the Foreign Affairs committee together tomorrow afternoon and predicted the resolution ought to pass both Houses of Congress by Friday night.  
The Senate will be ready to pass a resolution next Friday declaring war against Austria, announced the resolution probably will be drafted at the State Department. Some debate, but no considerable opposition is expected.

**DUKHONIN KILLED.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
Petrograd, Dec. 4.—General Dukhonin, who took over the post of commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, after the overthrow of Premier Kerensky, was thrown from a train and killed as the result of lynch-law, after Ensign Krylenko had captured Mohiloff, which was officially announced by the Russian war office today.



**AMERICANS GO INTO MEXICO AND KILL 47 BANDITS**  
Cavalry Along the Big Bend River Front Under Arms Today

**TWO FIGHTS WITH MEXICAN BANDITS**  
Americans Killed 35 Bandits Saturday and 12 Monday—One Trooper Was Wounded in Yesterday's Fight.

(By Associated Press.)  
Indio, Texas, Dec. 4.—After two fights between Mexican bandits and American border cavalry troops during the past three days, the entire Big Bend river front was under arms today and every precaution was taken to prevent further firing into American territory or bandit raids by the organized force of outlaws under Chicho Cano, said to be wanted both in Mexico and the United States on serious charges.  
Private Keist was wounded yesterday when United States troops crossed the border and killed 12 bandits. Col. George T. Langhorne, in command of the troops along the Rio Grande believes he has the situation well in hand with reinforcements at his command sufficiently large to run down and annihilate any bandit band which might attempt reprisals for the killing of 25 of their number Saturday and 12 yesterday.

**DECISION MUST BE MADE ELSEWHERE**  
Secretary Baker Says Germans Realize Futility of Trench Warfare

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 4.—A realization by Germany that the trench warfare imposed by the Allies in the West cannot be endured and a decision must be forced at some point in the War Department's view of the military situation as summarized in Secretary Baker's review of operations for the week ending December 1, issued last night. The irksome pressure on the western front, the review says, explains the invasion of Italy and the desperate efforts of the Germans to regain lost ground about Cambrai.  
The review points out as a marked feature of the recent developments, the tenacity toward greater activity of movement. Trench warfare, it says, is giving way to open fighting.

**Armistice in Operation.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
Berlin, Dec. 3. (via Amsterdam to London).—An actual armistice already is in operation in sections of the Russo-German front, a bulletin from German great headquarters reports today.

Chief of Police Robinson and G. W. Means described experimental tests by firing pistol bullets into paper blotters and hair switches at various distances. Chief of Police C. A. Robinson, of Concord, told of experimental tests in which a .25-calibre automatic pistol fired at a distance of six inches or less into paper blotters faced with a switch of hair, the result being no power marks on the blotter or singer marks on the hair.  
Counsel for Gaston B. Means, on trial here charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, were relying today on testimony of many of half a dozen North Carolina physicians to convince the jury of the fallibility of the State's claim that the woman could not have held her head here last August. The six physicians, who appeared for the defense, testified yesterday in contravention to New York and Chicago experts who previously had told the jury that it would have been a physical impossibility for Mrs. King to have shot herself.

At opening of court the defense prepared to go on with its side of the case, which was begun yesterday after the State unexpectedly rested. At least one more "expert" was to go on the stand for Means, but what other testimony would be brought in his favor was not announced in advance.  
The defendant's counsel also remained silent as to whether or not he would take the stand.  
When court convened today the defense introduced Dr. J. W. Wallace, a local physician, who described ex-

## EAST AFRICA HAS BEEN CLEARED OF TEUTONIC FORCES

**DOCTORS TESTIFY FOR DEFENDANT IN TRIAL OF MEANS**  
Other Medical Men Put on to Offset Testimony of State's Witnesses

**SAY MRS. KING COULD HAVE SHOT HERSELF**  
Dr. M. C. Fadden Says Wound Could Have Been Self-Inflicted, But Hardly Probable—Other Doctors as Witnesses

(By Associated Press.)  
Concord, N. C., Dec. 4.—On motion of the defense, Judge Cline this afternoon instructed Sheriff Caldwell to take the jury in the case of Gaston B. Means to the scene of the killing of Mrs. Maude A. King at Blackwelder Spring, for an inspection of the premises. The trip is to be made today.  
Interest in the trial lagged today. Testimony was largely of a minor nature and the attendance in the courtroom was unusually small.  
The defense in the trial of G. B. Means, charged with the murder of Mrs. M. A. King, continued today the presentation of testimony of physicians and others designed to prove that it would have been entirely possible for Mrs. King to have inflicted the wound that caused her death. One of these witnesses was George W. Means, uncle of the defendant, who qualified as an expert in the use of firearms. He declared it his positive opinion that a person could self-inflict a pistol bullet wound such as killed Mrs. King, either intentionally or accidentally.  
Under cross examination of witness, Means became apparently angry and expressed resentment of Solicitor Hayden Clements questioning. Judge Cline quickly took hold and prevented what threatened to develop into a dramatic situation.  
Dr. P. R. McFadden, of Concord, who examined the body of Mrs. King the night she was killed, testified that he believed it possible for a person to inflict such a wound as killed Mrs. King. Dr. J. W. Wallace testified to the same belief.

**HOOD WOULD PENSION LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS**  
(By George Manning.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Congressman George Hood today reintroduced his bill to grant an increase of 20 per cent. in the salaries of lighthouse keepers and to give them a pension after service of 30 years. "These men live isolated lives away from the pleasures of ordinary people and after working 30 years are justly entitled to a pension that will enable them to spend the rest of their lives in comparative comfort," said Mr. Hood today.

Dr. P. R. McFadden, another Concord physician, testified that he believed possible, though not probable, that Mrs. King could have fired the shot that caused her death. Dr. McFadden had appeared as a State's witness last week.  
Dr. McFadden was the physician first to examine Mrs. King's body when it was brought to the Concord hospital immediately after the shooting. On direct examination he reviewed his testimony at the coroner's inquest. This followed considerable argument by opposing counsel while the jury was retired. The witness had testified before the coroner that he believed the fatal wound might have been self-inflicted.

Territory More than 384,000 Square Miles Falls Into Allied Hands  
ARMISTICE ALONG EASTERN FRONT  
Russian Emisseries at Prince Leopold's Headquarters—Inter-Allied Conference Ends—Infantry Inactive in Italy.  
German East Africa has been cleared of enemy forces and Germany's last colony has fallen completely into Allied hands. The campaign in this territory with an area of more than 384,000 square miles began nearly three years ago. British, Belgian and Portuguese troops were engaged against the German troops, mostly natives who prolonged the fighting by carrying on guerrilla warfare in small bands.  
An armistice between Austro-German and Russian troops on the eastern front is in force in Galicia, Volhynia and northward. Russian emissaries have reached the headquarters of Prince Leopold, of Bavaria, the German commander, in an effort to arrange a general armistice. Bulgaria announces it is prepared to negotiate for cessation of hostilities with the Russians. German newspapers print rumors that Rumania is endeavoring to arrange an armistice with Germany and Austria-Hungary.  
The Inter-Allied Conference at Paris has come to an end. No announcement was issued but resolutions adopted yesterday will be made public shortly. Colonel House expressed the conviction that the unity and co-ordination of purpose arrived at would enable the Allies to reach their desired goal.  
Southwest of Ypres in Flanders, the British have advanced their line slightly near Polygon wood. Very heavy artillery actions are taking place north of the Aisne on the French front. On the right bank of the Meuse the Germans essayed an attack north of Fivrey in the Woivre only to be checked with heavy loss by the British.  
Infantry activity on the Italian front has not been renewed, although the Austro-Germans are busy with troop movements behind the lines, probably in preparation for a supreme blow against the Italian northern front. Large Teuton forces have been in motion north of the Asiago plateau and between the Brenta and the Piave, but they have kept beyond reach of Italian guns. Artillery activity continues heavy.

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