# RENFORGEMENTS

Evidently Preparing to Strike a FREEZE HAMPERS Allied Positions

### INFANTRY FIGHTING HALTS IN ITALY

Austra Cerman Attempts to Brook Through Again Faiis -Polsheviki Having Trou-

nan reinforcements have but where the expected Western front, but the a copecially that of the - very active in various

initial front the Germans are - heavily the positions The British and annon are replying in kind

awacks on the right bank of the Meuse, ing serious impediment.

shattered forces and at tered panes. break through between

to orably ends all Turco- sion. of cutting the Sucz

undoff and Dutoff while - reported large forces from the Baltic-Biack Ukraine and the inces. Whether clashes weer the Bolsheviki was revolutionists is not

viki government controls direct means of comthe interior of Russia.

Conflict in Camp Mon Orders

- ociated Press.) C. Dec. 11.—An absoed of Health. In a ver- 200 tons. not justifiable.

atic Basis

### France, it is believed in LAST NIGHT WAS SPENT PEACEFULLY

Fears of Another Possible Explosion Allayed by the Sinking of the Only Other Ammunition Ship

(By Associated Press) storm which hampered the relief discharged from the army, forfeit all workers yesterday was of short dura- pay and allowances and be confined at workers yesterday was of short dura- pay and allowances and be confined at white white the thort short dura- pay and allowances and be confined at white white the thort short dura- pay and allowances and be confined at white white the thort short dura- pay and allowances and be confined at white white the thort short dura- pay and allowances and be confined at white white white the thort short dura- pay and allowances and be confined at white As the snow which fell was near acquitted. enough to rain to be well saturated, a! The negro soldiers who paid the hard crust had formed today, further; death penalty were: ruins of wrecked buildings.

The way German arfillery fire may a systematic basis and Halifax men ridge, Thomas C. Hawkins, Carlos erence in letters to her by her husthe discussion of the mans are attempt joined today with men from other Snodgrass, Ira B. Dav's, James Dav. band while she was at Asheville with point and it may be parts of Canada and from cities in the ins, Frank Johnson, Risley W. Young Mrs. King and he in New York last one for the purpose of Grawing Al- United States in seeking to restore and Pat MacWhorter. I attention to one spot while the more normal conditions. The refusal Following the hanging of the 13, the Introduction of from the Russian front are to admit curiosity seekers already chief of staff of the Southern Depart, of Gaston B. Means appeared massed to, a strong effort on a hith has resulted in a noticeable lessening ment gave out a written statement, at nearing its end today, although the Strong local of the congestion which was threaten, the same time refusing to answer any defense remained silent as to how

pulative French who took prisabout the less badly damaged buildings of the court, the names of the so was expected to offer several withas stopped mor broken windows and doors and to remmen sentenced to death had been Means' story of his financial transleast, on the Italian pair roofs. The supplies of window executed. Asiago to the Plave river, glass sent from other cities proved "Good bye, boys of Company C," whose alleged murder he is on tria! of sman effort to break particularly useful and a party of were the last words uttered by the was finished yesterday after he had, ween the Piave and the skilled glaziers from Boston assisted condemned men of the 24th United reiterated his story of her death near with losses. The enemy in re-placing the thousands of shat- States infantry, as the traps were here last August, which he attributed

Last night was the most restful death on the scaffold. of the Piave has away fears of further possible disas Houston on August 23, last. the Italians who re- ter and permitted residents and relief The execution took place about two him with his head bowed in his hands points of the line until the forces were s tion trenches taken by workers to sleep in peace.

One American Killed. Beverly, Mass., Dec. 11.-One Am- ing the night. erican, a resident of this city, lost his

in the damage ago to visit his father, who was criti- formation around the scafford and the Henry Deitch, of New York, a cler-The deliver cally ill. He had written to friends, prisoners were given the order to ical employe of the defendant the last from the hands of here that he planned to return home march to execution. arks not only the suc-last Wednesday, but delayed his de-Alemby's drive into parture and was caught in the explo- with soldierly tread and singing a by Means in keeping the accounts be-

# ordered troops from put down Generals

Unofficially Placed at \$21,000,000,000

(By Associated Press.) this year exceed the production of otner years, while the value of the coutry's farm products, with a total esti- and the preparations for the execumated unofficially at \$21,000,000,000 for tions were known to a few high offiexceeds any other year in history, cials, but so far as can be learned, the Final estimates of production of in State Health by the Department of Agriculture.

758,000; all wheat 650,828 000; oats decentralized and placed with respon-1.587.286.000; Barley 208,975,000; rye

placed on Camp Jack- 60.145.000; buckwheat 17,460,000. Flaxseed 8,473,000 bushels; rice 36,- WAR DEFARTMENT HI noon because of \$73,000; potatoes 442 526,000; sweet There of spial menin- potatoes 87,141,000; hay, tame, 79,528,-20 minutes later by 196,451,000 pounds, sugar beets 6 237.

Brans 15,701,000 bushels; kaffirs 75,- Department in arming and equipping 866,000: onions 13,544,000 bushels; cab- the American forces was decided up-General of the State bage 502,700 tons; hops 27,778,000 on today in the Senate Miltary Af-State board had the pounds; cranberries 245,000 barrels; fairs committee Secretary Baker and the local board if apples 58,203,000 barrels; peaches 45 - other department heads will be called of the State board a 086,000 bushels; pears 13,281,000 to ex plain various features of war bushels; oranges \$2,832,000 boxes.

Were Convicted of Complicity in Houston Riot and Mutiny

### LIFE SENTENCE FOR FORTY-ONE OTHERS

Execution Carried Out This Morning by Soldiers and Was Kept Secret Until it Was All Over

(By Associated Press.) San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 11.-Thir-

lowed, the time and place of execution lect the money. having been kept a secret.

court martial, 41 were sentenced to and perfectly at ease. Her answers tenced to dishonorable discharge from the army, forfeiture of all pay and dence of seriousness, such as never the said there were three Bersage distributions and dence of seriousness, such as never the said there were three Bersage distributions and dence of seriousness, such as never the said there were three Bersage distributions and dence of seriousness, such as never the said there were three Bersage distributions and dence of seriousness, such as never the said allowances, and to be confined at hard was shown by the defendant while he lieri regiments, some Alpini battalions ment in harmony with their ceclared about to undertake in the West the Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.—The snow were sentenced to be dishonorably when she caught the eye of he hus- vision, in addition to the usual quota armistice. tion and last night was clear and cold. hard labor for two years. Five were white shirt waist and street hat.

interfering with traffic proptems and Sergeant William C. Nesbitt, Cor. liberty or dominate ber. with the work of clearing away the porals Larnon J . Brown, James Wheat- She corroborated the defendant's tes All activities, however, are now on timore, Privates William Bracken explanation of the "mysterious" ref-

questions.

ings. The chief task was to replace men sentenced and stated that the nesses in rebuttal.

Playe, lie faile again, since the explosion. The sinking of . Men of Company C, 19th infantry, stand the better part of four days. Fermans caping d some the munitions steamer Picton yester have been guarding the negro prison. The defense then put on a number of without approving their day with the subsequent official as- ers since they were brought to San witnesses to testify to minor points in and at a heavy cost, surance that there were no explosive Antonio to stand trial before a court its case. Among them were Means' most attempt to cross laden vessels in the harbor, drove martial for complicity in the riot at two sisters, who declared that on the

miles east of Camp Travis on a great and tears streaming down his face. scaffold which had been erected dur- The defense recalled Chief of Po

The Christians is planned life in the Halifax disaster. Word infantry soldiers assembled at the cav- to him on the night of the death of troops entered the was received here today that the body alry guard house where the negroes Mrs. King by Afton Means, brother of of John W. Morash, an employe of the were confined, at 5:30 o'clock this the defendant. Afton Means told him. Turks were forced to Beverly plant of the United Shoe mroning. Trucks conveyed the pris- he said, that the defendant said immeof the city was Machinery Company, has been found, oners to the scene of the execution, diately after the shooting: "Mrs. King he fear that fightens Morash went to Halifax two weeks. The guard assembled in hollow square shot herself with that little pistol."

Without a tremor, they stepped out! Deitch described the system used while the straps were adjusted.

the word of command they pulled on ing them.

Only Routine Affair. the Houston riot was unknown to ity laws were being violated. Washington, Dec. 11 .- Many crops practically all officials of the War Department until it was announced at STREET FIGHTING Fort Sam Houston, Doubtless tac death sentence of the court martial

### sible commanders. INQUIRY ORDERED

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 11.-A general inquiry into the operations of the War activities.

# FOR THE DEFENSE

Mrs. Julia P. Means Principal Encircled by Teutons, Witness in Concord Trial Today

### CORROBORATED HER HUSBAND'S STORY

Mrs. Means a Good Witness- No Braver Resistance Chroni-Other Witnesses Today Were Chief of Police Robinson and Means' Clerk

(By Associated Press.)
Concord, N. C., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Julio Italian Headquarters in Northern teen of the negroes of the 24th infan. P. Means took the stand today in de Italy, Monday, Dec. 10.-A visit today ALLIES ALSO WANT ity in the riot and mutiny at Housian fense of her husband, Gaston B. Means, to the headquarters of a Major Gen ity in the riot and futiny at Houston on trial here for the murder of Mrs. eral commanding a division of heroic on August 23 were hanged on the mili- Maude A. King. She said that since Alpini and Bersaglieri disclosed the A Warning Against German tary reservation at Fort Sam Houston, she was a little child, some five years story of the manner in which this diat 7:17 o'clock this morning. An old, she had known Mrs. King, and vision held the heights back of the nouncement of the carrying out of the during the last several years had been Asiago plateau until it was cut to sentnece was made at headquarters in contact with her almost constantly. pieces, and the remnant was compeliof the Southern Department at 9 a. m. She told of having signed a note The General is now engaged in reble Coping With the Revolu- However, All Activities Are Only army officers and Sheriff John jointly with her husband for a loan forming his shattered forces which Now Conducted on a System. Tobin, of Baxter county, were present of \$25,000 made the defendant by Mrs. were seen in long lines along the when the sentence was executed by King. Her husband desired her to roads, preparing to go back into the soldiers from the post. No newspaper sign the note so that in the event of men or civilian spectators were al. his incompetency, Mrs. King could col-

Mrs. Means, during the direct ex-Of the 63 men tried by the same amination, appeared remarkably calm

ley, Jesse Moore and Charles W. Bal- timony at various points, including his

many more witnesses it would offer north of Verdun, have been re | Hundreds of men were busy today The statement merely give the find- before resting its case. The State al-

actions for Mrs. Maude A. King, for sprung and they dropped to their to accidental discharge of a pistol in

night of Mrs. King's death they found lice Robinson as the first witness of

A column of 125 cavalrymen and 100 the day. He told of a statement made two years, was next introduced.

hymn, walked to their places. Prayers tween himself and Mrs. King. Monthly of holding. were said by a negro minister and itemized statements accounting for al! by two army chaplains and then the transactions were submitted to Mrs. men were ordered to stand on the King, he said, approved by her and traps. Resuming their song, they then filed away. Complete files of the stood erect and displayed fortitude accounts was kept by Means in his New York apartment and taken there a few days, is made. At 7:17 a mapor gave the order to from by John T. Dooling in September spring the traps. The triggers had for the New York District Attorney's McCORMACK GIVES been arranged, one for each drop, and office. He said Dooling spent the night six men were assigned to each. At there examining the papers before tak

Value of the Nation's Crops the triggers and the 13 dropped to On cross examination, the witness said he was employed by the Burna \$100,000 to the Red Cross from John detective agency at and prior to the McCormack, the tenor, was announced Washington, Dec. 11.—The hanging time he joined Means, doing investitoday. Paying his own expenses Mr. of 13 negro troopers for complicity in gation work to ascertain if the neutral- McCormack will make a patriotic con-

(By Associated Press.) London, Dec. 11.—Street fighting has departmental commander carried out occurred in Moscow and the Swedish the executions as a routine affair as he consul there has advised all Swedes principal crops were announced today is warranted to do in time of war and to leave the city, according to advic-The production estimates are:

Corn 3.159,494,000 bushels; winter

theat 418.070,000; spring wheat 232 - were however all such and a such a such and a such a such and a such a such and a such a such and a such as such as such as a such as suc wheat 418,070,000; spring wheat 232, war, however, all such authority is en Moscow. Most of the Swedes there ator Lodge.



Charged Until None Was Left to Charge

### **HEROIC SACRIFICES** BY THE ITALIANS

cled in World's History than that Put Up in Defense of Italy

ed to fall back to its present new line.

A Major of the General's staff, who toward the close of the fight collected the remainder of the men of the diuntil the order for retirement came, life imprisonment. One man was sen- to questions were clear cut and gave a first-hand description of the for an armistice to be followed by an many points. Recent reports that the

labor for two and a half years. Three was on the stand. Now and then and one infantry regiment in the di- war aims and then to arrange an great offensive campaign of the war band, a slight smile flitted across her of batteres of field and middle calibre Mrs. Means testified that she never ed its maximum intensity last Wed racy were shared by Emperor Wilenemy to break the Allied line. observed any evidence that her hus nesday. For 24 hours one Bersaglieri liam and his government, the Ambasband sought to restrain Mrs. King's regiment had held Monte Tondarecar sador said. It was with the German from 30 men to 6. It was then that the battalions of Alpini were sent to their relief.

emy forces which gradually encircled them. Some of the battalions manforth in the fury of the fighting along the slopes. Others remained on the summit with the enemy surrounding

At 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning, the Colonel of these battalions sent his llast report to the General.

It said laconically: "The enemy on all sides and I am about to charge." This was the last which was ever

heard of him or of any of his men. The enveloping masses grew denser and the gallant Alpini band which CONVENTION FIGHT had gone to rescue the Bersaglieri was

Fighting continued along other decimated and it became clear that the District Democratic convention as- REGISTER MEN AS enemy greatly outnumbered the Ital- sembled here today in another effort directing operations from a point just tative W. C. Adamson, who was reback of the line, narrowly escaped a cently appointed to the board of apshrappel shell which burst near his praisers of the port of New York by automobile. It was then that the Ma President Wilson. jor who recounted these events gathered the remnant of the division and were taken at former sessions with bill introduced today by Senator dena passes leading to the Brenta val- named within a few days. ley and the plain. It is here the lines are now resting, with good prospects

ed with officers and men. All were confident of being able to hold when the new attack, which they expect in

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 11 .- A gift of cert tour from the Atlantic to the crop from the last estimate made of Pacific. opening in Washington, De the country, was shown in the final cember 18, with a concert which the estimate of production issued today by OCCURS IN MOSCOW President and Mrs. Wilson have and the Department of Agriculture. nounced they will attend.

> A Shortage Inquiry. Washington, Dec. 11.—Inquiry by a ning bales is estimated at 501.5 pounds Senate committee into the cause of gross. the shortage of coal and sugar with a

Austro-Germans Repulsed. (By Associated Press.) Rome, Dec. 11.—Powerful attempts California, 67,000. made by the Austro-Germans to retake the Agenzia and Zuliani positions in the Capo Sila region of the lower Piave river, were sanguinarily repuls-

A Bolsheviki Defeat. (By Associated Press.) Shlobin in Mohilev.

announced today by the war office.

## GREATEST BATTLE OF WAR EXPECTED TO BEGIN EARLY

British Ambassador at Petrograd Tells Slavs Beware of Kaiser

# DEMOCRATIC PEACE

Imperialism-England is Russia's Friend, He Says, Should be so Treated

(By Associated Press.) London, Dec 11.-Further details of the statement made to Russian journalists by Sir George Buchanan, British ambassador at Petrograd, as forwarded in a Reuter dispatch, shows that the Ambassador declared the Russian commissaries were mistaket in thinking that a durable peace could be obtained by asking the Germans

Asiago when the enemy's drive reach that the ideals of the Russian democ- front and the expected attempt of the until its platoons had been reduced autocracy, not with the German peo- MAY TAKE OVER AND ple that the armistice negotiations were being conducted. me asked whether it was likely that the Em-The Alpini fought their way up the peror, when once he knew the Rus- Washington, Dec. 11.—At the open-German imperialistic peace.

> stable government, recognized by the in peace and war. Russian people had been constituted, to examine with that government the ZERO WEATHER AND conditions of a just and durable peace. In the meantime the Allies were giving Russia the most effective assistance by holding the bulk of the Ger-

(By Associated Press.) Columbus, Ga., Dec. 11-The Fourth ians. The General himself, who was to nominate a successor to Represen-

fought the remainder of the day until out a nomination, it was believed in Wadsworth. Those who became of the new Italian lines of defense were convention circles that Representa- age since the draft law was passed formed across the Franzella and Gal tive Adamson's successor would be would register at once and the others

# of holding. The correspondent visited a number of points on the present line and talk-

\$100,000 TO RED CROSS Final Estimate Gives 10,949, 000 Bales for This Year's Crop

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 11.-Reduction of more than a million bales in the cotton

mated 10.949,000 equivalent 500 pound bales. The average weight per run-

Production by States follow: Arkansas, 895,000; Tennessee, 206,000; the Senate. Missouri, 51 000: Oklahoma, 890,000;

All other States 29,000.

A Bridgehead Captured. (By Associated Press.)

ed yesterday by the Italians it was Honved storming troops have wrest. Judiciary Committee extended the ed from the Italians the Bressanin time to seven years and would make bridgehead in the mountainous region the amendment effective one yearmear the Piave river, according to the from the time. Petrograd, Sunday, December 9.-A official statement issued today by the Representative Randall of Califor-"battalion of death" which left Straff- Austro-Hungarian war office. Two nia, prohibitionist member of the ka is reported to have defeated the hundred and thirty-four Italians were House, predicted today the resolution Bolsheviki troops near the town of taken prisoner and 10 machine guns would pass the House with 40 cr 50 were captured.

Unusually Active Artillery and Aerial Operations Are Reported

### **BOTH SIDES SEEM** TO BE PREPARING

Germans Massing Troops, and British Are Getting Ready for Another Rush-Important Developments Awaited

(By Associated Press)
London, Dec. 11.—Unusually active artillery fighting and aerial operations on the Western front yesterday are reported in today's official communication. This activity was particularly noteworthy on the Ypres and Ar-

Operations of the nature and extent indicated by the official British communication almost invariably precede a great attack. The preliminary bombardment, designed to break down the opposing defenses and clear the way for the infantry advance, may continue for a week or more while efforts are made to clear the air of opposing aviators to conceal the bringing up of troops and other preparations for the attack. Yesterday's French and British statements also spoke of heavy artillery fighting at derived added significance from Secretary Baker's references yesterday Hitherto not one word has been said in his weekly war review, to the mass-

# HOLD RAILROADS

hill, gaining the summit against heavy sian army had ceased to exist as a ing of the hearing today by the joint odds, only to find their comrades cut fighting force, would be disposed to Congressional committee investigatto pieces. Most of them were lying subscribe to a democratic and durable ing transportation problems, Chairmen dead from sinh wounds. Now the Al peace. On the contrary the peace. Adamson of the contrary to peace adamson of the contrary to peace adamson of the contrary to peace. On the contrary the peace adamson of the contrary to peace adamson of the contrary to peace.

Commission declared that President Wilson probably would have to take Although the Allies could not send over the railroads during the war and representatives to take part in the hold them after the war until Conarmistice negotiations, they were gress can provide some plan for propready, said Sir George, as soon as a er management and efficient operation

### A COAL SHORTAGE

(By Associated Press.) Columbus, O., Dec. 11.-With below man armies on their respective fronts. Zero weather prevailing the coal shortage was so acute in Ohio today that Governor Cox telegraphed Fuel Administrator Garfield that unless Ohio STILL GOING ON people get immediately renef they "will loose confidence in the govern-

# THEY BECOME OF AGE

(By Associated Press). Washington, Dec. 11.—Registration for army of duty of all young men as Although upwards of 300 ballots they become of age is proposed in a would come in at six months inter-

> Artillery Activity Reported. (By Associated Press).

the Flanders front in France there was a lively artillery duel, the German official statement issued today says. On the Italian front there was active gunfire on both sides of they Brenta river and along the lower

# PROHIBITION TO COME UP NEXT

Cotton production this year is esti- House Agrees to Begin Considering Amendment Next Monday

(By Associated Press)

The Judiciary Committee today favorably reported the amendment.

As passed by the Senate, the resolution provides that the necessary threefourths of the States must act on the amendment within six years from the Vienna, Dec. 11.-(via London).- time of its passage in Congress. The

votes to spare.