

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU
Dec. 3, 1917—Fast, twenty
four hours—Fairly, 60
Temperature, Min. 70; Max.
79. Weather, clear.

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LATEST CABLED SUGAR QUOTATIONS	
Cents	Dollars
98 Centrifugals N. Y. per lb. per ton	
Price, Hawaiian basis...	6.90 \$138.00
Last previous quote	7.08 \$140.40

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HUNS DIE BY THOUSANDS IN VAIN ATTACK ON BRITISH

Rupprecht Hurls His Regiments Into Desperate Drive To Stem Byng's Approach On Cambrai

Reinforced by Divisions From Eastern Front, Germans Make Second Big Attempt To Pierce British Positions—Bloodily Repulsed at All Points On Six-mile Front

NEW YORK, December 4—(Associated Press)—Heavily reinforced with divisions from the Russian theaters, the army of Crown Prince Rupprecht was thrown against the British lines yesterday, the Germans making a desperate effort for the second time, within four days to pierce the new British front. Along a section of six miles the battle raged throughout yesterday, last night finding the British positions intact, with the Teutons thrown back at every point, with tremendous losses.

This battle is described in the official despatches from Field Marshal Haig as one of the greatest and bloodiest single engagements of the war.

Preceding his infantry attack by a tremendous hail of shells from thousands of guns, concentrated along the front from Gonnelieu, ten miles southwest of Cambrai, to north of Marcoing, Prince Rupprecht attacked in fury. Under cover of the intense barrage the German footmen drove forward against the British.

HAIG ANTICIPATED ATTACK

Anticipating the attack, General Haig had likewise strongly reinforced his men on this front and had concentrated artillery and machine guns for the expected blow. The charging German infantry was thus met with a blast of steel, regiment after regiment being swept away as they debouched from the underground defenses.

The British held firmly, despite the thousands of shrapnel and high explosive shells being rained upon them, and throughout the day dealt out death to the attackers. When night fell and the German assault died down, the Tommies were standing secure at every point, while thousands of dead Germans lay thick before the British positions.

HUNS GAINED FOR A SPACE

At one point, the exposed section at Lavaquerie, the British were temporarily driven back, the Germans securing possession of the ruins of the village. An immediate counter attack was launched and the Tommies surged back into their places, imprisoning or killing every German in the attacking party.

The battle developed shortly after daybreak, when the German guns began to roar. The infantry attack was delivered after two hours fierce bombardment of the British positions and the struggle became intense before noon, great forces being engaged on each side.

RAGED THROUGHOUT DAY

A report from the battle front at two o'clock announced that the German attempt had apparently been already frustrated, the British holding strongly and throwing back drive after drive. At that time, the battle which had commenced most fiercely opposite Gonnelieu had extended along a considerable front, the heaviest fighting then being for the possession of Lavaquerie, which the Germans had once taken and against which they were still throwing their regiments fruitlessly but bravely. The fighting was then shifting to the northward, the troops around Masnières being engaged in a fierce conflict, with the village itself in flames.

HAIG REPORTS VICTORY

At midnight, London received an official despatch from General Haig, tersely announcing the defeat of the enemy. His despatch said:

"Yesterday the enemy in heavy force delivered a series of attacks of great strength along the front from Gonnelieu to Marcoing. He was everywhere repulsed with great losses."

In the fighting on Sunday along this front the British made headway, a summary of the situation as it existed up until midnight saying:

"General Byng, commanding the British troops on the Cambrai sector, is slowly regaining the ground which the Germans took last Friday. His efforts are now centered on the rectification of the lines southwest of Cambrai. Last night the British repulsed the villages of Villiers and Guisain. They have held Lavaquerie, repulsing several attacks. The high ground southwest of Bourlon village has been recaptured."

EVIDENCE OF HUN DESPERATION

WASHINGTON, December 3—Secretary of War Baker sees evidence of the desperation of the German military command in the offensive attempted on the western front, which commenced on Friday. In his review of the war situation, covering the week ending on Saturday, Secretary Baker suggests that the Germans are now attempting to secure a decision on the French front and are staking great things on the battle being fought in the Cambrai sector.

The secretary's summary says that it seems that such a decision is being sought by the Germans because they realize that they cannot endure much longer the strain of trench warfare, in which they have been systematically beaten by both the French and the British.

ITALIAN ASSAULTS ENDED

An official despatch received yesterday from Rome says that Austro-German attacks on the Italian front have ceased entirely, none having been made in the last twenty-four hours. The Germans allege that adverse weather conditions are preventing activity, but the fact is that the Italians are holding the line.

CROWN PRINCE RUPPRECHT of Bavaria, making last desperate effort to stem British advance on the west



GERMAN FLAG NO MORE IN AFRICA

Last Colony Gone When Teutons In East Africa Abandon Effort To Escape The British

LONDON, December 4—(Associated Press)—The last German armed force in the East African colony has been wiped out and the German flag waved in no place outside of the ring of steel in Central Europe. This was announced officially yesterday in a statement of the final surrender of the commander of the last German force in East Africa, which took place on Sunday.

For many months the British have been steadily forcing the Germans in what was German East Africa back into the hinterlands, cutting off their supplies and wearing them out.

With a force of blacks and a few German officers and artillerymen, the German commander has been trying to cut his way out of the ring the British have been drawing closer and closer about him. Finding escape impossible, the Teutons, after destroying their last remaining stores, capitulated on Sunday.

The German colony in South Africa was taken by the Boers early in the war and the capture of German West Africa was concluded a year ago. The first few weeks of the war found the Germans wiped out in the Pacific Islands and the fall of Tsingtao to the Japanese lost the only possession in Eastern Asia. With the capture of the forces remaining in German East Africa the last hold of the Kaiser upon any portion of the globe outside of Europe is gone.

DAUGHTER OF CZAR COMING THIS WAY

Princess Tatiana Believed To Have Left Japan On Last T. K. K. Liner To Depart

TOKIO, December 3—(Special to Hawaii Ship)—Princess Tatiana, second daughter of the former Czar of Russia, is believed to have sailed from here recently in a T. K. K. liner. Aboard this liner there are large numbers of refugees from Russia who are going to the United States to make their living or, where they are of the wealthier classes, to reside until such time as political affairs of Russia may become stabilized.

Princess Tatiana Romanoff is known to have been in Japan since her escape from Siberia but she has sought to carefully conceal her identity. If she is, as is believed, aboard the T. K. K. liner, she is traveling incognito.

NEWSPAPER WRAPPINGS BARRED FROM BELGIUM

SAN FRANCISCO, December 4—(Associated Press)—The California Committee for Relief in Belgium is urging all who send packages to that country not to wrap their bundles in newspapers. Word has been received that the Germans will not permit such packages through their lines, because the papers used may contain state secrets against them.

The paper must be of the wrapping variety or of any other sort that does not contain printing or writing of any kind.

CONGRESS WILL ATTACK MASSES OF LEGISLATION AFTER ADDRESS

Legislators Will Have Mass of Business Before Them At Regular Session Not Permitted Consideration During Summer

CONGRESSMEN MAY HAVE TO PAY TAX ON SALARY

Lithium Will Introduce Joint Resolution To Permit Men In Service Wearing Honors—Suffrage and Prohibition Urged

WASHINGTON, December 4—(Associated Press)—After receiving the President and listening to the message which he will deliver to a joint session of the senate and house of representatives early this afternoon, the members of both house and senate will be ready to vigorously attack the tremendous mass of legislation which awaits them. This was evidenced yesterday despite the fact that only a small amount of routine business could be transacted before both houses took an adjournment until today in respect to the memory of the two members who died during the short recess.

Accumulated Business
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One of the first bills to be introduced yesterday was a measure to prohibit the manufacture of alcoholic beverages.

Suffrage and Prohibition
The judiciary committee will meet today and many of its members are anxious to take immediate action on the prohibition and suffrage bills which are in its hands. Large numbers of the representatives are urging upon the members of the committee the earliest possible reporting out of such measures.

Secretary Daniels has suggested to members of both houses the advisability of largely increasing the next entering class at Annapolis, and believes that each member should appoint five young men to bring up a class that will meet requirements. It is expected that a bill to permit such increases will be one of those introduced early in the session.

Make Congressmen Pay
In answer to the demands that have been voiced from all sections of the country, that senators and representatives should bear the income tax, as must the people whom they represent, and the loud criticism that has been offered because of the action taken in exempting the salaries of the people's representatives in Washington from bearing their share of the war's cost financially, a bill is to be introduced amending the Income Tax Law provisions by the repeal of that exemption.

Permit Wearing Honors
Legislation to permit brave Americans who have served with the Allies prior to the entry of the United States to wear the medals and decorations which have been won by and conferred upon them if they enter the services of their own country and to permit men of all branches of the United States Service to receive and wear similar honors will be introduced by Representative Lithium, he announced yesterday. This will be in the form of a joint resolution.

Affects Enlistments
Members of the French aviation corps especially protested against the regulations which prohibited their wearing the decorations which they have been awarded if they enlisted in the service of the United States, now in the war, as they desired.

Recent expressions of the wish of Great Britain to recognize special services of officers and men in the destroyer fleet and on the part of France to award medals of honor, have added to the demand for such legislation.

Following the President's address, when the two houses reassemble in their separate chambers the clerks of both houses are likely to be buried under the mass of bills which may be presented.

Power For Ship Board
One of the important departmental requests for legislation came from the shipping board which has filed a request asking that greater powers may be conferred upon it in order to prevent the charging of extortionate freight rates and also to facilitate the transfer to American registration vessels of foreign registration which have recently been licensed to carry coastwise freight and passengers only trip by trip.

HON. JOHN JOSEPH FITZGERALD has announced that he will resign and retire from congress December 31. He has performed splendid services on the appropriations committee.



WASHINGTON, December 4—(Associated Press)—Representative John J. Fitzgerald of New York City, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, announced yesterday that he would resign his seat in congress on December 31 and would resume the practice of law. Swagart Shirley of Kentucky, will probably succeed him as chairman of the appropriation committee.

Representative Fitzgerald is well known and exceedingly well liked in Hawaii. He was a member of the first congressional party.

In his long service in congress Judge Fitzgerald has performed some splendid services for his country. He was one of the first in the house to advocate the adoption of the budget system and it was largely through his efforts that this system was finally put into operation. On the appropriations committee and, as a matter of fact, throughout his entire congressional career he has stood firmly for an economic government and railed upon the "pork barrel" which has found it hard to get improper measures past his careful watchfulness of the public treasury.

It was his strong stand against "pork barrel" legislation which brought upon him the wrath and opposition of Tammany Hall. Despite such opposition he was reelected triumphantly for the ninth time. At the last municipal election in New York Representative Fitzgerald came out openly in his support of Mayor Mitchell thus further arousing the enmity of Tammany Hall. The victory of the tiger at the November election is understood to be his reason for retiring from Washington public life. He represented the second congressional district of New York from 1890 to 1903 and has since continuously represented the seventh congressional district which is in the Borough of Brooklyn of the greater city of New York.

Representative Swagart Shirley, who is expected to succeed Representative Fitzgerald on the appropriations committee, is also well known in Hawaii for he was here with the congressional party which visited the Islands in 1915 and on that visit established many warm friendships among those who were fortunate enough to make his acquaintance.

ARMISTICE IS IN OPERATION IN SECTORS OF RUSSIAN FRONT

Truces Are Arranged Division By Division and Corps By Corps Instead of By Single Negotiation At Capitals

SLAV OFFICERS PASS THROUGH TEUTON LINE

Official Announcements of Progress Being Made Are Issued From Headquarters in Both Berlin and Vienna

WASHINGTON, December 4—(Associated Press)—Armistices are already in operation in several sections of the Austrian, German and Russian fighting fronts. Announcements to this effect were yesterday officially made from both Berlin and Vienna. Instead of negotiating between capital and capital proceeding the direct course of arranging truces along the fronts section by section is being pursued. Military representatives of the Russian government, officers and men, are being passed through the German and Austrian lines and conferences similar to the one at Czernowitz last week are being held.

Through a bulletin posted before the great headquarters in Berlin yesterday, the German public was informed of the progress being made in the arrangement of a truce and cessation of hostilities along the Russian fronts generally. This bulletin said that numbers of such truces were already in operation and that fighting had accordingly ceased in several sections.

BULLETIN POSTED

PROPAGANDA SPREADS
In an official statement issued by the war bureau in Vienna more definite details were given. This statement said: "During the past few days an armistice has been announced on many sectors of the Russian front, negotiations proceeding and arrangements being completed section by section. In the Pripiet region the Russians have concluded an official armistice with the opposite Teutonic command."

TROUBLE AT HOME
While peace or truce negotiations are proceeding rapidly and steadily at the fronts, accepting the Teutonic official reports, matters are not going so smoothly for the Bolshe-Viks and Maximilists and other pro-peace factions at Petrograd, according to the despatches which were received in London yesterday.

These despatches said that the Kerensky faction was once more in evidence in Petrograd and in Moscow. Leaders of the former regime are said to be seeking to organize the people against the Socialist cabinet and the Radical government and urging that the authority of the Bolshe-Viks and Maximilists be not recognized.

RETAIN DEPARTMENTS

It is said that the provisional government forces are attempting to maintain certain departments, including the war and finance departments. In retaliation, the Bolshe-Viks have suppressed the papers which have printed the Kerensky manifestos and have taken charge of plants where such papers were printed.

BILL PROHIBITS ALL MANUFACTURE OF ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

WASHINGTON, December 4—(Associated Press)—Absolute prohibition of the manufacture of alcoholic beverages except for certain restricted purposes is contained in one of the first bills introduced in the house of representatives yesterday. It was sent up to the clerk by Representative Charles H. Randall of the ninth California district, Los Angeles.

While the Food Control Law prohibits the manufacture of distilled liquor during the war, Representative Randall's bill makes no distinction between whiskey, wine and beer, prohibiting the manufacture of all of them and of all other beverages containing alcohol, not only for the period of the war but absolutely.

Some surprise was expressed that this measure should have been introduced by a representative of the grape growing State of California.

BREAD PRICE LOWERED

CHICAGO, December 3—(Associated Press)—The retail price of bread all over the city was reduced one cent today.