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TWO FACTIONS FIGHTING FOR FULL CONTROL

GERMAN SOCIALISTS SEIZE ALL WIRELESS STATIONS TO SEND THEIR PROPAGANDA

GOVERNMENT NOT RESPONSIBLE

Food Conditions Not Critical, As Stated by Self—Have Enough to Last Until Next April

Berlin, Nov. 30.—A group of independent socialist democrats, closely identified with the Spartacus element of Dr. Liebknecht, has seized control of all wireless stations in Germany and are now transmitting propaganda and other news, according to the Berlin Tageblatt.

Zurich, Nov. 30.—Food conditions in Germany are by no means critical and urgent, as Foreign Minister Solf would lead the world to believe, according to information received here.

PREDICT INFLUENZA FOR NEXT TWO YEARS

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Plans for combating another influenza epidemic which is expected to sweep the country in 1919 will be considered by health authorities from all parts of the United States, Canada and South America at the 46th annual convention of the American Public Health association which opens here December 9.

Members of the association say that all the influenza epidemics since 1729 have been recurrent, for from two to three years after the initial outbreak. For this reason leading authorities feel convinced that the visitation of 1918 will be repeated in 1919 and probably in 1920.

New Rocelle, Nov. 30.—Mrs. Beth Fairbanks won an interlocutory decree of divorce from Douglas Fairbanks. She was awarded the custody of the son. Testimony referred to an "unknown woman" correspondent.

GIRLS, IN NIGHTIES, DRIVEN OUT BY FIRE

Escaping with only their night clothes by cutting the screen on the sleeping porch, 13 girls and the matron of the girls' dormitory of the Eugene Bible university, were forced out in the frosty air early Friday morning, when the building was destroyed by fire, says the Eugene Guard. Nothing was saved except the light wearing apparel that the young ladies grabbed as they made a hasty exit from the building.

BRITISH READ THE RIOT ACT TO HUNS

Will Resume Hostilities if British Prisoners Are Not Better Treated. Germany Makes Promises

Amsterdam, Nov. 30.—In response to a threat by the British armistice commissioners that hostilities will be resumed unless conditions under which prisoners arriving in the allied lines are remedied, the Berlin Telegraph declares that everything is being done by Germany to assure an orderly return of prisoners, and says the regular transport of returning prisoners is now assured.

U. S. CASUALTY LIST

Killed in action	351
Died of wounds	165
Died of accident	9
Died of disease	140
Wounded severely	28
Wounded, degree undetermined	74
Wounded slightly	135
Missing in action	311
Total	1,213

OREGON

Killed in action—Robert Bracken, Weston; Albert W. Tindale, Portland; Lester C. Reese (mechanic), Newburg; Martin Hartles, Grande Ronde.

Died of wounds—Fred Ehlen, Aurora; Guy C. Weese, Antone. Missing in action—James B. Elfort, Portland.

Killed in action	717
Died of wounds	289
Died of accident	12
Died of disease	727
Wounded severely	54
Wounded, degree undetermined	102
Wounded slightly	251
Missing in action	875
Total	3,027

OREGON

Killed in action—Sergeant George F. McCarthy, Portland; Jasper B. Knox, Salina; Harry C. Beeson (mechanic), Enterprise; August W. Lindquist, Enterprise; Robert R. Whitte, Allegheny; George H. Otte, Falls City.

Died of wounds—Harry Thompson, Richland; John A. Maurer, Eugene. Died of disease—Lee Parish, Merrill; Gale Moore, Portland. Wounded severely—Elmer L. Phelps, Gresham. Wounded slightly—Elton Hewitt, Salem; Gustaf B. Nelson, Astoria; Lawrence C. Smith, Baker.

Missing in action—Lieutenant T. F. Bloomfield, Gladstone; Marcello Gaszola, Hillsdale; Rocco Gallucci, Portland; Jacob A. Hollock, Merlin; Laurel F. Boyd, Wallawa; John J. Gurnee, Newport; Albert Matson, Oregon City.

SAYS 80,000 SOLDIERS WILL SOON RETURN HOME

Gen. Pershing to Return 39th, 78th and 87th Divisions in Their Entirety—Casualties Almost 30,000 More Than Previously Given, a Total of 262,723

Washington, Nov. 30.—General Pershing has designated 80,000 soldiers for early convoy to the United States. General March announced that the units will be made public later.

The 39th, 78th and 87th divisions are included in their entirety. General March amended the casualty reports from General Pershing, giving the official total to November 26, as 262,723, exclusive of prisoners.

Killed in action	28,363
Died of wounds	12,101
Died of disease	16,034
Died from other causes	1,980
Missing	14,290
Wounded	189,955

FRISCO WOMAN WANTS SEAT AT PEACE TABLE

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—Demand that women be given a place at the peace table is made in a call for a woman's reconstruction conference in Chicago December 1, recently received here from Miss Florence M. King, president of the Women's Association of Commerce.

"Suffrage, a seat at the peace table, and food production are the three big things to be discussed at the coming conference," said Miss King's message. "History shows that all former wars have ended with the gate left open for more war. This, surely will be overcome if women who provide the men who made the war have a say in the peace negotiations."

200 SUBS OUT OF TOTAL OF 360 ARE SUNK BY ALLIES

London, Nov. 30.—It is announced that approximately 200 German submarines were destroyed during the war. The total number of all types built by the Germans is estimated to have been 360.

BOCHE ATTACK BOMBS TO THEIR DEAD TO KILL ENEMY STRETCHER-BEARERS

With the British-American Armies Nov. 1.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—German deviltry seemed to know no bounds in the last days of the fighting on the British front after the Hindenburg line had been shattered. They attached grenades to the bodies of dead Huns left behind in the German retreat, so that when the bodies were lifted the grenades exploded, killing or wounding the bearers.

Near the town of Le Cateau, a number of Australian stretcher-bearers were killed by these grenades in attempting to remove some German dead from the field in front of an American machine gun position. Thereafter no Australian would put hand on a dead German. In some cases the bodies were dragged to their burial places by means of a long rope which allowed the stretcher-bearers to keep out of range of any exploding hand grenades.

TEN BILLION TO BE RAISED IN TAXES

Huge War Revenue Bill for 1919-1920 Will Furnish Material for Long Debate in Congress

Washington, Nov. 30.—The senate finance committee today completed revision of the war revenue bill, designed to raise \$6,000,000,000 in taxes in 1919 and about \$4,000,000,000 in 1920. The measure is virtually written to meet changed conditions attending the end of the war, and now goes to the printer and will be reported to the senate next week, probably on Thursday.

Senate debate, Senator Simmons said today, may begin the following Saturday or Monday.

With republicans lined up solidly in opposition to inclusion of 1920 tax rates in the bill, it was conceded that discussion in the senate will delay the measure and many senators expressed doubt that it can be enacted before March 3, the date of the ending of the 65th congress.

FOCH HAD BOCHE IN HIS GRIP WHEN WAR ENDED

London, Nov. 30.—The war correspondent of the British wireless service at headquarters in France says that when the German delegate came to see Marshal Foch with regard to the armistice, the marshal, as well as the British high command, knew perfectly well that a few days more—"the marshal put it at 10 days at the most"—would have seen the surrender of the entire German army into his hands and the culmination of the greatest victory of all ages.

"The marshal," says the correspondent, "renounced that great victory deliberately and with his eyes open because continuation of the struggle must have cost a certain number of French and British lives and he could not have it on his conscience to sacrifice one life after it was in his power to make peace on terms of victory."

A Copenhagen correspondent says that at 6 o'clock yesterday morning two squadrons of British warships passed the Skaw, Denmark, steaming slowly southward. There were 22 ships, including destroyers, cruisers mine sweepers and transports.

When the fleet passed through Aalek bay, it met steamers with British war prisoners aboard on their way from Copenhagen to England. Marines and soldiers cheered each other as the warships passed the repatriating vessels at a distance of a few meters.

CALIFORNIA GIVES 137,033 TO THE U. S. SERVICE

Sacramento, Nov. 30.—California furnished the nation a total of 137,033 men for service in the army, navy and marine corps, between the time the national guard of the state was ordered mobilized, March 26, 1917, and the signing of the armistice, according to figures made public today by Adjutant General J. J. Borree.

JAPS CHOOSE DELEGATE FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

Washington, Nov. 30.—An official dispatch from Japan announces that Marquis Kimmochi Salomji, former premier, has been re-designated to head the Japanese delegation to the peace conference. Viscount Kato, first reported as replacing Salomji, will not be a member of the party.

ALL BREWING IN U. S. WILL STOP TONIGHT

Washington, Nov. 30.—The brewing of beer and other malt beverages stops at midnight tonight throughout the entire country.

SAYS EMPEROR SIGNED PAPER LAST FRIDAY

DESPITE FORMER ASSURANCES, LONDON HEARS THAT KAISER SIGNED ON FRIDAY

NO CREDENCE GIVEN STATEMENT

Wilhelm Expresses Hope that Now "Regent" Will Be Able to Protect Germany Against the Enemy

London, Nov. 30.—Former Emperor William signed his abdication yesterday at Amerongen, Holland, according to a dispatch to the Wolff Bureau of Berlin from Copenhagen.

The abdication decree expressed the hope that "the new regent" would be able to protect the German people against anarchy, starvation and foreign supremacy.

The use of the word "regent" is commented upon here as possibly significant.

(The English have always asserted that there has never been any proof that the kaiser abdicated his throne, and the late news from the Wolff Bureau at Berlin is not official. Berlin "officially" announced on November 9, two days before the armistice was signed, that the kaiser had abdicated, and on the same date Prince Maximilian announced that the kaiser and the crown prince had renounced their thrones. It is believed that the English do not put any more faith in this later statement than in the assertions made on November 9.)

PRES. WILSON NAMES THE PEACE DELEGATES

Washington, Nov. 30.—President Wilson, Secretary Lansing, former Ambassador Henry White, Colonel House and General Bliss will be the American representatives at the peace conference.

UNDERGROUND BASIN OF 200,000 ACRE FEET

Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 30.—The drilling of the first of wells that tap an underground reservoir of 200,000 acre feet of water, which hydrologists say, lies under the Salt River valley, has been started by the Salt River Valley Waters Users association. Three well rigs have been set up in the vicinity of Mesa and the other two are to be started soon.

The Salt River valley farmers voted last August to spend \$500,000 for the construction of from 40 to 60 pumping plants to develop water to be used as an auxiliary to the supply from the Roosevelt reservoir. The wells are expected to serve a double purpose, supplying water for irrigation and serving as a drainage system to carry off the underground flow that has threatened to submerge parts of the rich valley land.

SUGAR DIVISIONS WILL SOON FINISH DUTIES

New York, Nov. 29.—The sugar divisions of the food administration throughout the country will begin demobilizing about December 15, in anticipation of the arrival of Cuba's sugar crop in January. Restrictions will be modified next week.