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HUNS SURRENDER UNCONDITIONALLY?

HOSTILITIES CEASED AT 2:00 O'CLOCK THURSDAY

Washington Has Not Been Officially Notified of Latest Action of Germany

"Good" is Only Comment Made by President Wilson When Given News of Armistice Having Been Signed.

The afternoon papers served by the United Press carry the news dispatches below. While they are unofficial, they are given for what they are worth. If the war is not already over, the end is at least in sight.

WASHINGTON GOES WILD WITH JOY BIG GUNS AT FORT MYER BOOM

Americans Had Taken Historic City of Sedan Before Signing of Armistice. Greatest War of All Times Has Come to An End. Revolt at Kiel Hastened the German's Decision.

Paris, Nov. 7.—The greatest war in history officially came to an end at two p. m. today.

The Allies and Germans signed an armistice three hours earlier on the field of battle. The German delegation had come into the allied line under a white flag.

At the time the document was signed the Allied armies were smashing forward on a 150-mile front, from the Scheldt to the Meuse, tearing the German defense to pieces and driving the enemy into utter route. The Americans took Sedan this morning, and great gains were made at all points on the battle front. Before the terms were submitted to Germany the Kaiser was forced to apply to Marshal Foch and Admiral Wemyss as military and naval representatives of the Allies, under a flag of truce.

While virtual peace was thus being concluded, Germany was in the throes of an incipient revolution at Home. A revolt of sailors at Kiel had spread throughout Schleswig-Holstein and several large cities were reported to be in the hands of the revolutionists.

Poland Proclaimed A Republic Today.

Berne, via Zurich, Nov. 7.—Poland was proclaimed a republic Monday by Premier Swierzinski, it was announced here today.

State Department Not Yet Advised.

Washington, Nov. 7.—The State Department received an official message from Paris shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon saying that the armistice had not yet been signed at the time that message was filed. The United Press message announcing the signing of the armistice and the cessation of hostilities was filed in Paris late this afternoon, undoubtedly, considerably later than the message received by the State Department.

Official advices here stated that the commissioners at the front were to meet later this afternoon. This fact checked up with the transmission of the United Press cablegram which was passed by the censor in Paris, showing that there was sufficient time for the cablegram to have reached New York at 12 noon, New York time, when it was received and passed by the naval censor in New York.

Washington Wild.

The capital went wild with the news. Extras based on the United Press flashes announcing the war's end sold by thousands. People gathered in great cheering throngs and read the news excitedly.

Army aeroplanes swept up in the sky within 15 minutes after the news came, looped the loop and flashed over the city from line to line celebrating the event.

The big guns at Fort Myer boomed froth with joy.

Work stopped in all the departments over the city as the news was phoned to one after another from the United Press offices. Everywhere there were shouts of joy that the struggle had ended.

When Secretary of State Lansing left for his lunch at 12:45 he had no official confirmation of the closing of hostilities. He considered the news as having arrived surprisingly soon but was of the opinion that the Kiel disorders and other internal disturbances had hastened the very quick compliance of the Germans to the armistice terms.

REPUBLICAN HOUSE SENATE DOUBTFUL

Returns From Three Pending States to Decide Control.

CLOSE IN NEW MEXICO, MICHIGAN AND IDAHO

With Trio of Seas Still to Be Determined, Democrats Stand One Behind in Upper Body. Final Result May Show Tie.

Washington, Nov. 6.—With control of the house of representatives in the hands of the Republicans by a majority of 16 and probably more the attention of the country tonight was centered on contests in the three States, Michigan, Idaho and New Mexico, which will decide whether the Democrats shall lose control of the senate as well.

At midnight returns from five congressional districts were missing in Montana, New Mexico and South Dakota.

Without them, however, the Republicans have 234 seats in the house—16 more than the 118 votes necessary for a majority.

The Democrats on the face of those returns had 195 seats and if the five missing districts were to be conceded to them they still would lack 18 votes of the number necessary to control the house.

Tonight's returns show plainly that Speaker Clark, instead of being defeated, as was reported, has been re-elected by a substantial majority.

The contests which will decide the political complexion of the senate were very close. As the senate stands without a decision in these contests there are 46 Democrats and 47 Republicans.

In New Mexico where Republicans are claiming the election of Senator Fall by a majority of 1,000, at least not a single county had reported complete returns.

MR. B. K. BEACHAM DIES MONDAY NIGHT

Well Known Builder and Contractor Succumbs to Paralysis.

Mr. B. K. Beacham died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Johnson on Upper Main Street, Monday night, November 4th, at nine o'clock, following a stroke of paralysis on last Saturday.

Belton Knox Beacham was born in Pickens County, South Carolina, on March 5th, 1855. He was therefore, in his 64th year. His parents were Hartwell Lowrie Beacham and Lois Sheppard Beacham.

He moved to Abbeville in 1881, and since then has followed his business of builder and contractor. He was a member of the Baptist church.

In 1883 he was married to Miss Hattie Miller, daughter of Jacob Miller, of Abbeville, S. C. She and three children survive him, the children being Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Lowrie M. Beacham, a farmer of Laurens, S. C., and Ensign Worth Beacham, of the Pay Corps, United States Navy. All of them were with him during his last illness. He is also survived by four brothers and one sister.

Funeral services were at the house on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 after which the interment took place at Long Cane, the religious services being conducted by Rev. H. W. Pratt.

Mr. Worth B. Beacham, of Atlanta, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Beacham, of Honea Path, attended the funeral, as did Mrs. A. W. Jones, a sister of Mrs. Beacham, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McDavid of Columbia.

CORP. HEMPHILL.

Corp. James C. Hemphill, who is now serving in the Light Artillery at Camp Jackson, has been notified he has been recommended for the next officers training camp and is now waiting assignment.

Miss Mamie Devlin returned to Greenwood Thursday after a vacation of a month, the schools being closed there on account of the epidemic.

CALL FOR LIMITED SERVICE MEN SOON

General Crowder Wants 18,000— Five Hundred From This State.

Washington, Nov. 6.—Provost Marshal General Crowder today issued a call for 18,000 white men for limited service.

Crowder's call furnished indications that there is to be no let down in prosecution of the fighting.

At Crowder's office, it was stated that draft calls would go on as usual at least until Germany had signed armistice terms and that the majority of officers favored their continuation until the actual conclusion of peace, holding that any other course would be unsafe in dealing with Germany.

The call issued by Crowder today provides for voluntary induction of men until November 20. They will entrain between November 25 and 27.

Men from the following states are included in the call: Alabama, 650; Arkansas, 350; Florida, 175; Georgia, 1,085; Kentucky, 100; Mississippi, 550; Louisiana, 750; South Carolina, 500; Tennessee, 375 and Virginia, 630.

DEATH OF LOUIS BLOUNT.

Louis Blount died at his home at Johnston, S. C., on Tuesday night, Nov. 5th, from pneumonia. The news came to Abbeville Wednesday morning, and was a great shock to the friends he made in Abbeville when he lived here several years ago.

He had been sick only a few days before pneumonia developed. His mother, Mrs. Louis Blount, Sr. and his brother, Henry Blount, left Abbeville Tuesday morning for his bedside, and reached there in the afternoon before his death.

Mr. Blount was married and leaves a wife and two small children. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Blount, of Warrenton, his brother, Henry, and his sisters, Mrs. J. D. Miller and Mrs. James H. Sherard, of Abbeville, survive him. They have the deep sympathy of the people of this city.

The interment will be in Abbeville at Melrose cemetery, this morning, services being conducted at the grave.

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church will open its doors for worship of the Supreme Being next Sabbath morning, November 10th. Services of public worship in the morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to worship with us. A prayer house is a power house.

CANTEEN.

The ladies of the Canteen Service will have an exchange on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Will sell cakes, chickens, eggs, butter, canned goods and other good things to eat. Come and help the good cause.

HERE FOR THE FUNERAL

Hon. and Mrs. A. W. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McDavid came up from Columbia last Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mr. B. K. Beacham.

AMERICANS SHOW UTMOST DARING

Capture of Dun Accomplished in Brilliant Action.

AMERICAN FORCES IN SIGHT OF SEDAN

Men Had to Swim, Wade Through Mud and Used Grappling Irons to Scale Bare Walls of Canal —Strategy Big Feature.

With the American Forces on the Sedan Front, Nov. 6.—4:30 p. m.—American forces this afternoon were fighting within sight of Sedan, famous for the great battle fought in the France-German war in 1870.

From the hills in the region of Chemery and Maissonelle, where the Americans, according to last accounts, were advancing despite stubborn resistance, the buildings are in plain view, being about six miles away.

Brilliant Work.

The crossing of the river Meuse and the capture of the town of Dun by the Americans, when its full details are known, will rank as one of the most gallant features of the entire operations northwest of Verdun. The troops who accomplished it will be entitled to rank as heroes, for their work in militarily crossing the stream was a strategic move of unusual daring.

The crossing involved the forcing of a way over the 160-foot river, a half-mile-wide stretch of mud and a 60-foot canal in the face of a frightful enemy fire. It also involved swimming by those who knew how and the pulling of others over with ropes. Grappling irons were used to scale the sheer walls of the canal, along which machine gunners had been posted, under the fire of scores of batteries from the hills adjoining.

The Order to Cross.

The order to cross the canal came at mid-afternoon Monday. The troops received their grim instructions under sun which was shining for the first time in days. The men knew almost as well as their commanders the difficulty of the task and realized how well nigh impossible its accomplishment would be. Yet they never doubted or hesitated.

The orders were to send over one brigade first and if it failed to send another and others, one after the other, if it became necessary. It was with dash that the Americans tackled the problem. Theoretically they had the choice of crossings anywhere for five miles. Actually they were limited to one point, where the two-thirds of a mile of mud lay between the river itself and the canal that roughly parallels the river.

The Germans were too firmly entrenched at all other points. They had not protected themselves with trenches here only because they never dreamed that the Americans would be so daring as to try to negotiate the passage. This was a short distance north of Briulles.

Miss Sadie Magill went over to Chester Wednesday for treatment at Dr. Pryor's hospital.