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a) announces he is ceasing to rule Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, leading to the establishment of the Free State of Coburg. German East African troops are informed of the November 11 armistice. November 16 - The Hungarian Democratic Republic is declared, marking Hungary's independence. Austria, November 18 - Latvia declares its independence from Russia. November 20 - U-boats start to rendezvous off Harwich, to begin the surrender of the High Seas Fleet to the British Royal Navy; in the following week the German warships are escorted to internment in Scapa Flow.[22] November 21 – Lwów pogrom: Polish troops, volunteers and freed criminals massacre at least 320 Ukrainian Christians and Jews in Lwów, Galicia. November 22 The Belgian royal family returns to Brussels after the war. King Albert I having commanded the Allied army group in the September–October Courtrai offensive, which liberated his home country. Frederick II, Grand Duke of Baden, abdicates; the Grand Duchy of Baden gives way to the Republic of Baden. November 23 – British military government of Palestine begins.[23] November 25 – General Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck, German commander in German East Africa, signs ceasefire at Abercorn in Northern Rhodesia. November 26 – The Podgorica Assembly (Great National Assembly of the Serb People in Montenegro) votes for a "union of the people" between the kingdoms of Montenegro and Serbia and for deposition of the exiled King Nicholas I of Montenegro.[24] November 28 - Estonian War of Independence: The Red Army invades Estonia, starting the war. The Commune of the Working People of Estonia is established as a Soviet puppet state in Narva on the next day. November 29 – Serbia annexes Montenegro, suspending the latter's existence as a sovereign state for nearly the entirety of the following 88 years.[25] November 30 – Ernest Ansermet conducts the first concert by the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande. Main article: December 1918 December 1 By the Danish–Icelandic Act of Union, Iceland regains independence, becoming a part of the Kingdom of Denmark. December 2 – The 1918–1919 influenza pandemic begins in the United States, with the first deaths in the United States. December 3 – The 1918–1919 influenza pandemic begins in Romania. The Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (which later becomes the Kingdom of Yugoslavia) is proclaimed, in particular ending Serbia's existence as a sovereign state for the next 87 years (it would not regain its sovereignty until 2006).[26] Flag of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes December 4 – President Woodrow Wilson departs by ship to the Paris Peace Conference, becoming the first United States President to travel to Europe while holding office. December 5 - Estonian War of Independence: The British light cruiser HMS Cassandra strikes a mine and sinks near Saaremaa in the Baltic Sea, killing 11 sailors.[26] December 6 – A magnitude (Mw) 7.2 earthquake shakes British Columbia. December 14 Prince Frederick Charles of Hesse renounces the Finnish throne.[27] Portuguese President Sidónio Pais is assassinated. Giacomo Puccini's comic opera Gianni Schicchi premiered at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City.[28] December 16 – Vincas Mickevicius-Kapskus declares the formation of the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic, a puppet state created by the Russian SFSR to justify the Lithuanian–Soviet War. December 17 – Darwin Rebellion in Australia: Disaffected workers march on Government House, Darwin, demanding the resignation of the Administrator of the Northern Territory. John A. Gilruth. December 20 – Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk returns to the Czechoslovak Republic. December 21 - Estonian War of Independence: The Red Army captures Tartu, Estonia. December 25 – Der Stahlhelm, Bund der Frontsoldaten, is formed in Germany as a nationalist veterans' organization. December 27 – Greater Poland Uprising (1918–19): Poles in Greater Poland (the former Grand Duchy of Posen) rise up against the Germans, ignited by a patriotic speech made in Poznań by pianist and politician Ignacy Jan Paderewski. December 28 – Sinn Féin enjoys a landslide victory in Irish seats in the Irish general election (part of the 1918 United Kingdom general election), following the counting of votes, winning 73 of the 105 seats in the House of Commons. December 29 – The 1918–1919 influenza pandemic begins in the United States, with the first deaths in the United States. December 30 – The 1918–1919 influenza pandemic begins in the United States, with the first deaths in the United States. December 31 A British-brokered ceasefire ends the two weeks of fighting in the Georgian–Armenian War. Nakajima Aircraft Company, a predecessor of the Subaru car manufacturing company in Japan, is founded in Utsunomiya, Gunma Prefecture.[citation needed] João Figueiredo, General Abdoel Nasser Gertrude B. Elion, Nicolaë Ceausescu January 1 – Patrick Anthony Porteous, Scottish recipient of the Victoria Cross (d. 2000) January 2 – Gudrun Zapf von Hesse, German typographer, calligrapher and book-binder (d. 2019) January 10 – Arthur Chung, 1st President of Guyana (d. 2008) January 11 – Kassim Ali-Rimawi, Prime Minister of Jordan (d. 1982) January 15 João Figueiredo, 30th President of Brazil (d. 1999) Gamal Abdel Nasser, 2nd President of Egypt (d. 1970) January 22 – Stirling Silliphant, American writer, producer (d. 1996) 30] January 17 Kamal Amrohi, Indian director, screenwriter (d. 1993) George M. Leader, American politician (d. 2013) January 20 – Juan García Esquivel, Mexican bandleader (d. 2002) January 21 Chicháy, Filipino actress (d. 1993) Richard Winters, U.S. Army officer (d. 2011) 31] January 22 – Elmer Lach, Canadian ice hockey player (d. 2015) January 23 – Gertrude B. Elion, American scientist, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (d. 1999) 32] January 24 – Oral Roberts, American neo-Pentecostal televangelist (d. 2009) January 26 Nicolaë Ceausescu, Romanian communist politician and leader (d. 1989) Philip José Farmer, American writer (d. 2009) January 27 Skitch Henderson, English-born musician, bandleader (d. 2005) Elmore James, American musician (d. 1963) January 29 Luis Aguilar, Mexican actor, and singer (d. 1997) John Forsythe, American actor (d. 2010) January 31 – Millie Dunn, American–American civil rights activist (d. 1918) 30] 30] Bishop Julian Schwinger February 1 Carlos Fayt, Argentine lawyer, politician and academic (d. 2016) Dame Muriel Spaul, Scottish actress (d. 2006) February 2 – Hella Haasse, Dutch writer (d. 2010) February 3 Joey Bishop, American entertainer, member of the Rat Pack (d. 2007) Helen Hayes, American actress (d. 1993) February 4 – John Edgar Hoover, American politician, director of the Federal Bureau of 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