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## **AUTOCRACY'S** END IN SIGHT, **CAPITAL VIEW**

Confidence in Official Circles That Germany Will Democratize Government

SOME STEPS ALREADY TAKEN; OTHERS FOLLOW

Flat Acceptance of Wilson' 14 Points Indicates Teuton Desperation

ISSUE NOW SIMPLIFIED

Now Question Is Narrowed to Rejection or Retention of -Military Autocracy

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

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The greatest confidence is evident today in Administration circles that Germany's surrender on the point of fully democratizing her Government is at hand.

Men who were cautiosu in their opinions before, who thought Germany would try to evade the issue, today no longer hesitate. They believe that Germany must and will satisfy President Wilson and that peace is draw ing near.

The real gist of the President's posttion as now defined is that satisfactory guarantees must be furnished that the days of autocracy are over. This does not mean, it is explained on high authority, that Kaiser Wilhelm and his sons must go. A limited monarchy will satisfy the demands of the Administration.

"It makes no difference who the figurehead is, it was officially declar-

Have the People the Power?

The real issue is whether or not the people have the power. Some steps have been taken toward giving them that power already. And the belief exists here that the remaining steps ill follow.

what the belief is based is not fully revealed. But it is the most pal-pable thing in Administration circles in Washington. Emphasis is laid upon recent comment in the German press, which has become increasingly critical of the autocracy. The view is held of arown so in volume that the censor

Other things that point toward the possibility of reform are the Kaiser's own promise in accepting the resignation of von Hertling to admit the people to a large share in the German Government and his own rather hystreical words in his recent speech at Essen.

But on Germany's own last note itself undoubtedly a large part of the prevailing confidence is based. The ac-ceptance of the fourteen points without reservation was not really ex-pected. It indicated to informed finds Germany's realization of her own Conperation. Only a power that must have peace would have yielded so quickly everything that was asked of

Probable Cause of Strong Note Undoubtedly the tone and manner of that note had much to do with stiffening up the President's reply. when your opponent shows weakness in his manner you inevitably gain con-fidence and firmness.

Another factor that influenced the

Another factor that influenced the President was the revelation of the American sentiment for a complete surrender. The President likes to do the popular thing. And with Germany yielding, perhaps with information about the real status of the autocrac, which none of us here possesses, with the possibility in his hands of senarating Austria from her ally, with military victory following military victory following military victory. The weather man assures us that

apon the west front, the President lelt that he was in a position to deal sternly with the fob. The result was yesterday's sharp reminder that this country meant to put an end to autocracy before it made peace.

By the policy that the Administration has adopted it feels that it has presented the issue, "Shall the autocracy stand in the way of peace?" to the German people with exceeding lorge. Germany's military leaders can no longer go before the people and plead that they are conducting a war

They cannot pretend that the Allies mean to destroy the nation. They have hemselves agreed to all the Allied erms as a basis of peace except one, hat one point of difference is sharply rate only thing the Germans are stilling for 4f they insist upon going a facting is the military autocraey. The only thing the Germans are stilling for 4f they insist upon going a facting is the military autocraey. This type is the issue that has been presented to Germany by the President's fact criticised questions and the German of the place with signs. The signs ridiculed the authorities for the straight out issue of Kaiserism popular rule. It is not even personal, for the Kaiser may continue to the upon his throne as the King of maind alts upon his picturesque surreal from the remote past, though

from the remote past, though here believe that Wilhelm will o hand his role over to one of as and eliminate himself from any, thinking this over, fight on, which no well-nan here expects, she will

The Day's Honor Roll for the City and Its Vicinity

KILLED IN ACTION
LIPCTENANT GILBERT DOOLITTLE,
PRIVATE JOSEPH Mediny, 307 Oak
PRIVATE RAYSOND MORRIS, 2713 PRIVATE JOHN CORR. 2406 North PRIVATE CLARENCE HATTAL, 547
Dupont street, (Previously reported

LIEUTENANT EARL R. DAVIS, 632 North Thirty-third street (previously LIEFTEN ANT FREDERICK B.
PRITCHETT, 4409 Monument avenue.
Wynnesied (previously reported unoffi-PRIVATE J. F. MURPHY, 1529 South PRIVATE JOHN YAIAK, 2327 Ridge Syrnus.

PRIVATE LEMUEL ROLB, 1510 South

WOUNDED LIEUTENANT WILLIAM LODGE, 3881 North Philip street (previously re-borted unofficially).

LIEUTENANT EDWARD P. LUKERT.

1204 North Broad street (unofficially SERGEANT THOMAS F. LYNCH. ported unofficially).

CORPORAL THOMAS J. BREDERICK.

3414 Market street.

BUGLER WILLIAM L. SCHWIEGER,

3150 North Seventeenth street.

MECHANIC ABRAHAM FISHMAN, 1352

North Afder street (previously re-

PRIVATE HARRY J. HARRISON, 2037 perted unofficially).
PRIVATE WALTER RANDRICK, 4721 PRIVATE EDWARD WILLIAMS, 2640 PRIVATE ALBERT WEISS, 1722 East PRIVATE JOSEPH MELLWIG, 3446 PRIVATE TONY SWATKO, 3420 Mercy

street, Greviously reported to have been needlednistly killed.)
PRIVATE WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, 5429 North Elisbeenth street,
PRIVATE WILLIAM MCCLINTOCK, 4603 Haverford ayenue,
PRIVATE JOHN MASON, 6616 Heger-PRIVATE JOSEPH J. NAV. 2810 North Ninth street.
PRIVATE JAMES P. O'SHEA, 1217
North St. Bornard street.
PRIVATE MORRIS HICKS, 510 Vogdes
street furofficially reportedly.
PRIVATE JOHN J. DIGNAN, 7700

HAROLD HAMILL, 37 East Seymour PRIVATE ARTHUR PADADINO, 1112 PRIVATE FRANK ROGOWICZ, 247 Jumestown street, Merayunk PRIVATE JAMES BILIS THOMPSON, 2007 Rittenhouse street (previously re-PRIVATE JOHN BOGDAN, 819 North PRIVATE FRANCIS J. CAHILL. 410

PRIVATE JOHN F. STOCK, 1719 MIRTIN PRIVATE GEORGE H. STURNE, 2240
PRIVATE WHILIAM WALLACE, care PPIVATE ENOS HAZARD, 437 West PFIVATE DAMON P. SHAW. 2313 POLVATE WILLIAM B. TAVLOR, 5808

PPIVATE SAMUEL, SHOENER, 532
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PPIVATE BANER, HUSSEY, 1527
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Brid-spurg (Unofficially reported.).
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TENANT HILARY & MEX. 8836 PRINARD B. CLARK, 1222 PRIVATE TROMAS J. SHAW. 2340

PRISONER South Sixte-sirth atreet. Oreviously remorted missing, now located at Camp (Tresson).

Cresson). NEARBY POINTS

PPIVATE WILLIAM F. O'HARA, Burlimition, Willied in action
LIBITENANT CHARLES, F. STOUT
Themsen, N. J. (Wounded).
SPIGENT CHARLES, J. BATTING,
West Physics, D., (Wounded).
COPPORAL JOHN M. MEISLE, M. Penn
ateact, Canaden, N. J. (Wounded.). COPPORAL JOHN W. MEISLE, Al Penn STREAM OF THE CONTROL OF THE CONT PPIVATE RAYMOND TRAINER, Paoli, PRIVATE GENTLE BESH, Lancaster, Private GENTLE BESH, Lancaster, Private Astronio NASUTI, Bridge-Vorious, L. (Wonded, H. YOUNG, Dr. Wonded, H. YOUNG, PRIVATE GENTLESCHI, Norristen, Pa (Wounded, H. YOUNG, PRIVATE GENTLESCHI, Norristen, Pa (Wounded, H. Younded, H. Younded,

woolen underwear and the heavy over-soal. B-r-r-r.

The weather man assures us that there will be a heavy froat tonight in Pennsylvania. The more comforting note in his diagnosis of the weather conditions is that the weather will be clear.

conditions is that the weather will be clear.

The forecast for Pennsylvania is fair tonight with heavy frosts. For this locality there will be frosts in the lowiands, but it will become slightly warmer on Wednesday.

Furthermore, the officia, weather prophet informs the public that there was a slight frost this morning and the prediction for tonight is not the least startling.

"This is the time of the year for frosts," he said. "Clear weather, not much wind, other than that from a northerly direction. What else do you expect?

xpect? Maybe the weather man has a good

### THIEVES RIDICULE BAR CLOSING

Liquors Stolen From Arch Street Thirsty thieves, not in sympathy with the order of the health authorities placing a han on liquors, entered the wholesale liquor establishment of Huey & Christ, 1308 Arch street, last night, stoke a quantity of liquor and then decorated the place with signs.

The signs ridiculed the authorities for their bone-dry order. The placed hlame for the robbery on the officials, stating that "men would not stead if the saloons and wholesale houses were open."

Strong Positions Attacked and 750 Prisoners Taken By the Associated Press

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# LIQUOR SALE BAN STAYS IN EFFECT

Acting State Health Commissioner Refuses Liquor Men's Request

835 NEW GRIP CASES

464 More Sufferers With Pneumonia in 48 Hours Reported in City

The ban on the sale of liquor during the epidemic of influenza will not be lifted.

lifted.

Announcement to that effect was made this afternoon by Acting State Health Commissioner Royer, who ordered originally the ban, in replying to an appeal by the Liguor Dealers' Protective Association of western Pennsylvania for modification of the order.

Assistant Health Director Mace, unaware of the acting commissioner's order, has arranged to confer with Director Krusen regarding a modification of

tor Krusen regarding a modification of the regulation.

Deaths due to influenza and pneu-onia in the last forty-eight hours numbered 1293, of which \$25 were due to influenza and 464 to pneumonia. Health authorities say these figures establish a

Despite the high death rate, Director Krusen is confident the Health Department has the situation well in hand. In the last twenty-four hours 2990 new cases were reported, a decided decrease. Many prominent physicians disapprove the order preventing the sale of liquo for medicinal purposes in groceries and other stores.

Royer's Views

Commissioner Royer's decision to stand by the ban on liquor was given in a communication to P. H. Keefe, director of the Liquor Dealers' Association in the western part of the State, who urged a limited reopening of drinking places. Among other things Mr. Royer said:

"Royer argument is not convicting to the state of the state o

Rour argument is not convincing, and the plan you suggest, which is in effect a request that the closing order be abro-gated so far as the liquor interests are gated so far as the liquor interests are concerned, is, in our opinion, contrary to the interests of public health. The order closing sil places of public enter-tainment, including theatres, moving-pleture establishments, saloons and dance halls was put into effect solely as a hgaith measure and has met with the approval of Pennsylvania clitzens. Under such circumstraces my duty to the Commonwealth compels me to de-

line your request."

A few days ago Coroner Knight recommended that grocers and wholesale places be permitted to sell liquor, on account of its medicinal value. More than two score of physicians in.

those who expressed approval was Dr. John B. Denver. In a letter to the Coroner he said, among other things; "Alcohol in moderation is an arterial and a cerebral stimulant and also a food. Sudden withdrawal of such stimulants and food from those who are ac-

lants and food from those who are accustomed to their moderate use is apt to lower the resistance and increase ten-

dency to infection."

Dr. C. S. Ports, 2018 Chestnut street characterized the ban on liquor as "criminal stunddity and hypocrisy."

Several dectors said the sale of liquor was stepned estensibly to prevent crowds in groceries and wholesale

### **ESSENTIAL INDUSTRY DEFINED**

Public Service Reserve Director Asks Employers to Co-operate

Close co-operation between employers and war labor boards in the transfer of workers from nonessential industries to war work was advocated by John C. Frazee, director of the Public Service Reserve of Pennsylvania, in 'ssuing instructions to representatives of community labor boards at United States Labor Headquarters in the Finance Building today.

structions to representatives of com-munity labor boards at United States Labor Headquarters in the Finance Building today.

Siriet definitions of essential and non-essential work were made by Mr. Frazce, who declared that only manufacturers of products, or those erecting struc-tures directly or indirectly involved in the Government's conduct of the war, can be considered exempt from a labor draft. can be considered extended that.

He also instructed those present to use care in selecting labor from their lists of nonessential plants in order to avoid crippling any pagicular industry

### **BULLARD REPELS RAID**

Units of Second American Army in Action

By the Associated Press With the American Ferces Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 15.—Units of the Second American army, which began operations October 12 under command of Major General Robert L. Bullard, today repulsed a German raid on their posi-tions.

SHIPMEN URGED TO SPEED UP Daniels Asks for Increased Out-

put to Balk U-Boats Washington, Oct. 15.—American ship-ilders were called upon by Secretary inlels today to speed up their output destroyers to meet the menace of the wand greater submarine effort which rmany is known to be planning.

As this edition of the Evening

Public Ledger goes to press a thrilling dispatch is coming in by cable from RAYMOND G. CARROLL the correspondent of the morning Public Ledger with the American

armies in France, describing heroic exploits in the latest fighting performed by Soldiers From Philadelphia and Vicinity

It will be published in full

PUBLIC LEDGER morrow morning.

### **BERLIN OFFERS** TO SPARE LARGE FRENCH TOWNS ON IN ARGONNE AS

DESPITE CRITICS Makes Proposal to France to Cease Bombarding Operations

Operations

Amsterdam, Oct. 15.—The German Government has proposed to France that in common with her Allies, France undertake to refrain from hombarding the large towns of northern France and enter into an agreement with Germany to permit, at any rate, a portion of the population of Valenciennes to pass into the French lines, says an official statement from Berlin.

The Berlin Government, in making this proposal, represented tiself as unable to prevent the eastward flight of the population of Valenciennes, owing to their fears that the Allies would bombard the town. The proposal was made through the Swiss Government.

TRANSPORT SUNK

America Goes Down From Unknown Cause-Re-

AT HOBOKEN PIER

FORMER GERMAN SHIP resistance.

port No Lives Lost

By the Associated Press

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Robeken, N. J., Oct. 15.
Shortly before the American troop
transport America, formerly the German
transatlantic passenger steamship American
transatlantic passenger steamship American protective of the Americans penetrated
the control of the transation of the transa ika, was about to sail today for Europe

decks, together with parts of her funnels above water.

So far as was known up to noon there was no loss of life. Earlier reports were that between thirty and forty of the crew had perished after being trapped in the holler room.

While the Germans resisted with grim determination, their decision to hold till the last the portion of the line before the Americans may open the way to swift d'saster.

Although the action extended to the eartward back of the last was the contract of the line was the last of the last of the line was the last of the last trapped in the boller room.

The submerged America, next to the largest of the Government's transports. was within sight of persons crossing the lower Hudson River on ferry Decks AA and A and B were

a capacity for carrying \$000 troops and a crew of 1200 men. Of the troops it was said that only 200 or 300 were on board at the time. All the coal had been placed in the bunkers except a small portion to have been loaded today.

Inasmuch as all the troops and crew are reported to have escaped, it was believed the vessel sank slowly, although not so leisurely as to give the men time to take their belongings with them. One estimate was that the ship men from giving material assistance.

Major H. B. Craig, chief of the mili-tary police at the port of embarkation, referred inquirers to the office of Rear Admiral Albert G'eaves. First Lieu-

the hands of the authorities of the port.

Any loss of life must be determined by a checking up of the muster roll."

This official and other investigators stated that no circumstances of a suspicious character had been learned of,

### PROMINENT CAMDEN MAN DIES Charles H. Mills Grip Victim.

Councilman and Wife in Hospital A member of Camden Board of Edu-cation died today of epidemic influence. A Councilman was stricken with the dis-ease and was taken to Cooper Hospital, where he occupies a cot in the same ward as his wife, who was admitted

ward as his wife, who was admitted Saturday.
Charles H. Mills, forty-eight years old, the member of Camden's Board of Education, who held that position for sixteen years, died of the disease at his home at Broadway and Jackson streets. He had conducted a wholesale and retail meat business at 1896 Broadway for twenty-five years. At the recent primaries he was nominated as a caudidate for Council from the Eighth Ward to succeed his brother, William Mills, who will retire.

Lawrence B. Reader, 117 Princess avenus, a prominent attorney, is the Camden Councilman. He represents the Thirteenth Ward. He was admitted to the hospital today.

### PACKING FIRM CLEARED

Charges of Supplying Unfit Meat

Charges of Supplying Unfit Meat to Army Dismissed

Washington, Oct. 15.—Wilson & Co., Chicago packers, were cleared today of charges alleging sale of unfit meat to the army which have been pending before the Federal trade commission since last March.

There were seven charges on which the commission filed formal complaints and held hearings, and the decision announced today shows that each was dismissed for lack of evidence to support it. The complaints were based upon miss made at New York and at Commission made at New York at New

# **AMERICANS PUSH** TANKS AID THEM

Press Ahead Above Romagne Despite Stubborn Resistance of Enemy

STRIKE ON WIDE FRONT

U. S. Gunners Help to Smash Teuton Defense-Fight Fresh Troops

By the Associated Press With the American Army Northwest of

Verdun, Oct. 15.

Despite German resistance the prog ress of the Americans, early reports said, was satisfactory today.

The Germans apparently were ready to contest the ground as stubbornly as they did yesterday. The enemy artillery was being used freely to hold the Americans, but the Yankee gunners were doing much to break down the German

Tanks were brought into action by the Americans today to break a way

St. Georges and Landres-et-St. Georges. Over 750 prisoners were captured in the with soldiers and supplies the vessel dvance against strong enemy positions.

From east of the Meuse to the vicinity of Grand Pre. Advance in the carly morning darkness, while the troops aboard were sleeping, the chopped a series of fresh notches in the German line yesterday. They kept up their swinging blows at the enemy from mud, leaving only three of her eight early morning until late in the after-Germany's intensive peace drive. It had

Troops were placed on guard outside the pier and details regarding the sink- magne and to the westward, where the the pier and details regarding the sinking were denied to inquirers. The cause
of the accident remained a mystery even
to Navy Department officials. A theory
expressed in some quarters that water
poured into the holds as a result of uncompleted repairs apparently did not
completed repairs apparently did not
conform with the fact that the ship was
ready to weigh anchor today for a foreign port.

conform with the fact that the ship was ready to weigh anchor today for a foreign port.

It was learned that a gang of machinists was at work at the time the vessel settled, and it was suggested that one of these men, being a civilian not familiar with marine mechanisms, inadvertently opened a seacock under the impression that he was ciosing it.

Water Close to Decks

The submerged America, next to the largest of the Government's transports. of the German positions

German Barrages Intense

Decks AA and A and B were wholly above water, which was within three feet of deck B. The vessel appeared to be resting on an even keel. Tugboats and Government vessels with cranes were at work and it was evident that operations had begun to raise her.

The America of 22,622 tons gross, has a capacity for carrying \$000 troops and a capacity for carrying \$000 troops though not so leisurely as to give the men time to take their belongings with them. One estimate was that the ship went down in twenty-five minutes.

Red Cross workers were summoned to administer to the shivering soldiers and relief supplies arrived in army trucks throughout the forenoon.

Military Police Relicent

Major H. B. Craig, chief of the military police at the port of embarkation, referred howevers to the office of Heart words and fields over which the men

woods and fields over which the men fought were softened by the long rains and progress was difficult. Nowhere, however was there any apparent reducing possible loss of life, a naval official here in authority said:

"Only incomplete information is in the hands of the authorities of the port.

Any loss of life must be determined by a checking the said of the must be determined by a checking the said of the spirits of the ment reduction in the spirits of the ment reduction in the spirits of the ment reduction to in the spirits of the ment reduction in the spirits of the spirits of the ment reduction in the spirits of the ment reducti

straightened their line between Sivrey and the Magenta farm. To the west of Romagne the fler-mans had fortified a bit of sunken road Continued on Page Four, Column Seven

### U.S. CLOSES BIG BAKERY Philip Sacta Plant Locked 90 Days for Alleged Violations

The hand of the food administration has descended heavily upon Philip Sacta, the largest Jewish baker in South Phila-de phila, for alleged violation of the food regulations.

Sasta, who has his bakery at 1117
South Randolph street, was ordered to close for ninety days, beginning yester-

the rule requiring bakers to use wheat substitutes in their bread and rolls and he had failed to file the reports demanded by the Federal food administration. The charges were that he had violated

### SPITTERS WILL BE FINED Influenza Epidemic Results in

Enforcement of Ordinance

Enforcement of Ordinance

After today persons caught splitting on the sidewalks or street will be fined. That was the warning issued today by Magistrate Mecleary, in Central Station, when he discharged forty men facing charges of violating the city ordinance by expectorating in the public ways. The gravity of the influence coldenic was pointed out by Magistrate Mecleary to the offenders. He asked the group of men to act as missionaries for him in spreading warning against splitting because of the menace to the public. Plain-ciothes men and patrolinen were sent out today with instructions to apprehend all violators of the ordinance.

"After today I will fine all persons brought before me on this charge," the Magistrate said.

The fine is \$1 and costs.

Noted English Journalist Visits City Dr E. J. Dillon, the distinguished Carlish journalist, who is on his way to tassia, is at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. He a visiting Philadelphia for a day or two lafers going to Washington.

# FOE REMOVING TROOPS FROM U-BOAT BASES AS FOCH GAINS IN FLANDERS

## Socialists Insist Kaiser and Crown Prince Quit

Munich Congress Unanimously Favors Abdication-New German Chancellor Reported to Have Resigned

Munich Congress Declares Unanimously for Abdication of Hohenzollerns

Prince Maximilian Reported to Have Quit Chancellorship been reported that the Socialists in Germany wanted him out, believing that his position should be filled by a com-

Zurich, Oct. 15. The Socialist Congress at Munich

By the United Press

has unanimously adopted a resolution favoring the abdication of the Kaiser chancellorship marked the beginning of

sources by way of a neutral country.

Revolt Opens at Prague Zurich, Oct. 15 .- A general politi

cal strike in Bohemia and Moravia began on Monday, according to dispatches received here. There was a great manifestation in Prague in favor of independence. The deputies declared that the final act of the revolution had begun,

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co.

The Hagne, Oct. 15.—Once more there is a chancellorship crisis in Germany, the fourth during four years of war. Little has been allowed to leak out of and the Crown Prince, according to the Munich Nachrichten.

Little has been allowed to lead what is really happening in Germany these days, but Germans are auddenly confronted with the new crisis and Holland hears of political chaos there.

Continued on Page Five, Column Three and are reported to be evacuating On-

GREAT" HINDENBURG WANTED ARMISTICE WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 .- It was Field Marshal von Einden burg himself and not thesupposedly pacifist premier. Prince Maximilian, who caused the German Government to accept President Wilson's peace terms and seek an armistice, according to advices which reached Washington today through official

"THE OHIO" SUNK: MAY BE STEAMSHIP NEW YORK, Oct. 15 .- The Ohio has been sunk in collision in the British (English) channel, according to a cablegram received here today. The cablegram did not state weether the vessel was the battleship of that name or a steamer. There are two steamers called the Ohio listed in Lloyd's Register. One is of French nationality, the other Swedish.

SPAIN SEIZES SEVEN GERMAN SHIPS MADRID, Oct. 15 .- The Spanish Government today rerequisitioned seven German ships totalling 21,600 tons to re-

place those lost through submarine operations since wept. 14.

## WAR-TORN TANK U. S. BRINGS LIFE HELPS LOAN HERE TO VLADIVOSTOK

Whippet," Fresh From Carl W. Ackerman Vividly the Front, Rumbles Through Streets

The slow, lumbering advance of a nud-spattered, shell-torn tank through the streets of the central section of Philadelphia this afternoon heralded a ne-drive for the fourth Liberty Loan in th

Third Federal District that will end

next Saturday night after the quota of \$516,800,000 has been oversubscribed. This is the opinion of directors of the loan campaign here, who took heart i the lagging drive today when permis-sion was obtained from the health au-thorities to hold open-air, "moving" meetings to aid the sale of bonds. New life has been injected into the campaign with the abatement of the epidemic influenza; a new spirit of confide grips every Liberty Loan worker.

Even before the demonstration started this afternoon the district began to pick up in the campaign. Figures of the total subscriptions to date, made public at noon, showed that a gain of \$13,-706,900 had been made since yesterday. While this is far below the daily average the district must maintain to pass its quota, it is a marked advance over the total subscribed during the previous twenty-four hours. The district must still subscribe \$325,- America.

289,900. This means that a daily average of \$65,057,980 must be maintained. Leaders of the drive are confident it will Day's Big Subscriptions. Several more large subscriptions were

Cyrus H. K. Curtis, \$1,000,000.

Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company, farcugh George H. Earle, Jr., \$1,000,000.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, through Colonel James Elverson, Jr., \$1,00,000.

Mrs. James Elverson, through Colonel Elverson, \$100,000.

C. J. Heppe & Son, \$62,000.

Enterprise Manufacturing Company, \$80,000.

New Campaign Launched
Immediately after permission had been tained from the civil authorities to teave for his inspection of the Ameri-

Portrays American Hustle in Siberian Port "MOVING" MEETINGS ON MEN EAGER FOR FIGHT ing gives reason for high hopes.

By CARL W. ACKERMAN

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

American Headquarters, Vladivostok, Oct. 8.-(Delayed.) After thirty-seven days of continuous travel I am in the port once fa- the weather turned fine and the troops

the Allied base in Siberia. Vladivostok seems to be a million miles from New York until one passes our troops in the streets, sees the American flag flying from our warships or headquarters, meets officers and men who, a few weeks ago, were scatered throughout the United States, glans. or until he must run across streets to avoid the speeding of American city of Roulers and the plateau covor until he must run across streets automobiles. Americans who have ering it.

Nearly ten thousand prisoners have feel at home here, where there are thousands of Chinese and Russian refugees and Japanese educated in FRENCH CLOSE IN

While Siberia to most Americans has been a cold, bleak empire for the Czar's political exiles, one needs to be here only a few hours until he feels that the city is near New York, for Capture Town Six Miles From distance after all is not measured so Among them 'were:

The Public Ledger Company, through
Cyrus H. K. Curtis, \$1,000,000. of American homes whose sons, fathers and sisters are here with the army the railroaders, or the Red Cross. May Save Russia

Today Siberia is a locality from which Russia may be regenerated, and in a small room aboard a warship sits Am-\$80,000.
Franklin Sugar Refining Company, 5350,000.
Wheeler, Elliot & Mann, \$50,000 additional.
The Philadelphia Quartermasters Terminal Division, Greenwich Point, reported a total subscription to date of \$100,850.
The textile trades, according to a report of the industrial committee, have bassador Morris, the President's listen-

port of the industrial committee, have subscribed to date \$20,000,000, and a subscription of \$100,000 has been entered for the firm and employes of Thomas Potter Sons, Inc.

flamers' front and the first day's fight-

power. Following the gales which have been blowing for several days, mous as the "Czar of the East," now progressed methodically and in a me satisfactory way. Machine-gun nests were forced to surrender one after another, and at 6 o'clock last night the advance amounted to four miles in the direction of Courtral, for the British ish: four miles toward Thielt, for the French, and two and a half miles in the direction of Thourout, for the Bei-

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## ON RETHEL; GAIN NORTH OF LAON

Captured Base-Advance in Argonne By the Associated Press

have made a marked advance, towns of Remies, Barenton Cel, 3 ceau-Les-Leupa and Monceau-Les-have been taken (Barenton Cel la miles north of Laon.)

Teutons Reported Quitting Zeebrugge and Ostend

### ALLIES REACH MENIN'S EDGE

Railroad Connecting Lille and Coast Within

BRITISH WARSHIPS AID ADVANCING ARMIES

Range of Guns

Entente Forces Close in on Courtrai-10,000 Germans Are Captured

The Allies driving on in Belgium

have reached Menin's outskirts and are

two miles from Courtral, British

warships are assisting the troops. Nearly 10,000 Germans have been captured. The Germans have begun to remove The Prince of Democracy has had his troops from Zeebrugge on warsh

> From the Oise to the Meuse the French and American troops are press ing on and are delivering smashing

By the Associated Press London, Oct. 15.

Allied troops are on the outskirts of Menin and are within two, miles of Courtral, a German base in Beigium. The Ailies also are in effective ar tillery range of the railway from Lille to Thourout by way of Courtral. This means that the Allies dominate the connecting link between the German troops around Lille and those in the

Several of Germany's largest tor pedo boats recently left Zeebrusse one of the German naval bases on the Beigium coast during a stormy h according to a Dutch frontier m forwarded for Amsterdam to the Cen-

Ostend sector.

tral News agency. The German warships were filled to their capacity with soldiers and proceeded for Germany. The Germans also are reported to be evacuating

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Roulers has been taken by the Allies. This city, which before the war numbered 25,000 inhabitants, is the first important Belgian town from which the Germans have been driven. On the anniversary of the battle of Iena, which was fought October 14. 1806, the battle flamed up along the

Under the command of King Albert of Belgium the British, Belgian and French armies attacked at 5:35 o'clock. There was no artillery preparation, but the troops advanced under cover of a creeping curtain of fire of extreme

French troops have made an important advance toward the important tow of Bethel and have captured the tow of Nanteuil-sur-Aisne, two and one-hamiles west of Rethel, says the War Office statement today. fice statement today.

miles north of Laon.)

Further east, in conjunction with Italian forces, the French have pubeyond Sissonne.

In the Argonne the French have ped beyond the A'sne west of Grand and have captured the villages of and Termen. Nearly 800 primoners taken in this region.

Last night's official statement nounced that in spite of lively reance the pollus made progress northe A'sne and carried the line he the villages of La Majunalcon. Thour and R. Grand Land region.