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WILSON DEMANDS VICTORIOUS PEACE; GERMANS EVACUATING BELGIAN COAST

ABDICATION OF KAISER AND SURRENDER OF ARMY ONLY BASIS FOR PEACE

President's Answer Shows Allies Are to Dictate the Final Terms

GERMANY FACES ARMY EVASION

Foch to Rule With a Military Hand What Foe Does

Washington, Oct. 15.—It was Field Marshal Von Hindenburg himself and not the supposedly 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 to-day through official sources by way of a neutral country.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Unconditional surrender by Germany was the interpretation put on President Wilson's answer to the German plea for peace by both American and Allied military officials here. Only by absolute surrender, they said, can the enemy now prevent the terminating evidence of his defeat — invasion of Germany.

There is no doubt among officers that sooner or later the enemy will be compelled to accept these uncompromising terms. The German army is being pounded to death in the field, they declare, and the only thing Germany can hope to save from the wreckage is to prevent the war being carried across her border. And that can be accomplished only at the price of putting herself as utterly at the mercy of the victors as did Bulgaria.

Foe Gets Nothing Military opinion appeared to be in full agreement that in enunciating the policy that absolute safeguards and guarantees of the "present military supremacy" of American and allied forces must control any compromise agreement. President Wilson had placed it beyond the power of Germany to reap any benefits from an insincere move toward peace.

The question of the agencies to be employed in framing armistice conditions naturally will come up only when Germany has complied with the President's other requirements. It seemed probable to officers, however, that the military board of the president's council at Versailles would be the natural agency. The council itself is composed only of the premiers of the allied nations and President Wilson. The military and all other boards of the council are advisory only and their recommendations must be ratified by the council to become effective.

Up to Foch Without question Marshal Foch, the supreme commander, and the field commanders, Generals Petain, Haig, Pershing and Diaz would be fully consulted and the resulting definite terms of surrender in all probability would be at once ratified and laid before Germany as the only price for respite from attack. The general elements of the terms appear to all officers. It was pointed out that it was the situation of to-day at the front that constituted the supremacy of which the President speaks, the situation which must be adequately safeguarded. As competent military judges see that situation, the German army is in

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THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cool to-night, with heavy frost; lowest temperature about 40 degrees; Wednesday: Fair to light rain; north wind; for Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night, with heavy frost; slightly warmer in north portion; Wednesday: fair and warmer; light, variable winds. River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will continue to fall slowly. Temperature: 8 a. m., 46. River Stage: 4.4 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 60. Lowest temperature, 31. Mean temperature, 56. Normal temperature, 55.

The President's Answer

Washington, Oct. 15.—The text of the President's answer follows: "The unqualified acceptance by the present German government and by a large majority of the Reichstag of the terms laid down by the President of the United States of America in his address to the Congress of the United States on the eighth of January, 1918, and in his subsequent addresses, justifies the President in making a frank and direct statement of his decision with regard to the communications of the German government of the eighth and twelfth of October, 1918.

ARMISTICE UP TO FOCH AND ALLIES "It must be clearly understood that the process of evacuation and the conditions of an armistice are matters which must be left to the judgment and advice of the military advisers of the governments of the United States and the Allied Governments and the President feels it his duty to say that no arrangement can be accepted by the government of the United States which does not provide absolutely satisfactory safeguards and guarantees of maintenance of the present military supremacy of the armies of the United States and the Allies in the field.

RECITES ATROCITIES "The President feels that it is also his duty to add that neither the Government of the United States, nor, he is quite sure, the governments with which the Government of the United States is associated as a belligerent, will consent to consider an armistice so long as the armed forces of Germany continue the illegal and inhuman practices which they still persist in.

"At the very time that the German government approaches the Government of the United States with proposals of peace its submarines are engaged in sinking passenger ships at sea; and, not the ships alone, but the very hearts in which their passengers and crews seek to make their way to safety; and in their present enforced withdrawal from Flanders and France the German armies are pursuing a course of wanton destruction which has always been regarded as in direct violation of the rules and precepts of civilized warfare. Cities and villages, if not destroyed, are being stripped of all they contain not only, but often of their very inhabitants. The nations associated against Germany cannot be expected to agree to a cessation of arms while acts of inhumanity, spoliation and desecration are being continued, which they justly look upon with horror and with burning hearts.

KAISER MUST GO "It is necessary, also, in order that there may be no possibility of misunderstanding that the President should very solemnly call the attention of the government of Germany to the language and plain intent of one of the terms of peace which the German government has now accepted. It is contained in the address of the President delivered at Mount Vernon on the fourth of July last.

"It is as follows: 'The destruction of every arbitrary power anywhere that can separately, secretly and of its single choice disturb the peace of the world; or if it cannot be presently destroyed, at least its reduction to virtual impotency.' "The power which has hitherto controlled the German nation is of the sort here described. It is within the choice of the German nation to alter it. The President's word is just quoted naturally as a condition precedent to peace, if peace is to come by the action of the German people themselves. The President feels bound to say that the whole process of peace will, in his judgment, depend upon the definiteness and the satisfactory character of the guarantees which can be given in this fundamental work. It is indispensable that the governments associated against Germany should know beyond a peradventure with whom they are dealing.

"The President will make a separate reply to the Royal and Imperial government of Austria-Hungary. "Accept, sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration. (Signed) ROBERT LANSING. "Mr. Frederick Oederlin, "Charge D'Affaires, ad interim, in charge of German interests in the United States."

LARGE AMERICAN TRANSPORT SINKS AT HOBOKEN PIER

Second Largest Troop Ship Founders Without Warning

Hoboken, N. J., Oct. 15.—Shortly before 10 o'clock to-day the American transport ship, formerly the German transatlantic passenger steamship Amerika, was about to sail to-day for Europe with soldiers and supplies, when the vessel foundered at her pier here.

In the early morning darkness, while the troops aboard were sleeping, the Amerika settled with her keel in the mud, leaving only three of her eight 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 boiler room.

Sinking a Mystery The cause of the accident remained a mystery to Navy Department officials. The submerged Amerika, next to the largest of the Government's transports, was within sight of persons crossing the lower Hudson river on ferry boats. The vessel appeared to be resting on an even keel. The Amerika, of 22,622 tons gross, has a capacity for carrying 8,000 troops and a crew of 1,200 men. Of the troops it was said that only 200 or 300 were on board at the time.

MAKES PNEUMONIA JACKETS A large number of pneumonia jackets were made last night by forty members of the National War Aid Society. The efficient work being done by the Red Cross auxiliaries aid greatly in the present epidemic.

SHARON PAPERS RAISE PRICE Sharon, Oct. 15.—Sharon's two daily papers, the Herald and the Telegraph, will advance their price on November 4 from 2 cents to 3 cents.

LIBERTY LOAN IS NOT TO FIND THE CITY SHIRKING

Harrisburg Expected to Meet Its Quota by End of This Week

LONG, HARD PULL AHEAD Smaller Communities Showing the Way "Over the Top"

While no figures were obtainable to-day, Liberty Loan headquarters declared that the renewed drive from the Harrisburg front is being productive of results; and before the campaign ends on Saturday the city district will have purchased the \$1,600,000 needed to "make up the quota."

"But it will be a long and a hard pull," said Chairman Andrew S. Patterson. Mr. Patterson believes that the city will get over if its entire population awakes to the fact that disgrace stares the Capitol of Pennsylvania in the face.

Here is the statement made by Mr. Patterson this morning: "Steelton has made its quota and is piling up a big over-subscription to the Fourth Liberty Loan. Hershey has made its quota and is piling up an over-subscription. So are Linglestown, Paxtonia, Marysville, the Fort Hunter-Beckton district, Landisburg and Picketown. The quota for these places were scaled in the same manner as that of Harrisburg."

"Almost every other community in the district is nearing its allotment. ONLY HARRISBURG LAGS BEHIND. "A total of \$1,600,000 is needed at once. We must buy bonds to that amount and we must buy them this week.

"If you have bought bonds buy again. Don't think that because the amount you buy is small that it does not count. Every \$50 counts."

"If you have not yet bought bonds buy to-day. The Huns are still on French and Belgian soil, and are still murdering women and children. THE WAR IS NOT OVER."

"The money would be needed to bring the boys home. Uncle Sam is not asking you to GIVE him your money. He wants you to lend it to him. He pays you better interest than the banks. Buy bonds if you have to stop buying anything else except food and fuel."

Announcement that the city banks will loan folks money with which to buy bonds—and loan them this money at 4-1/2 per cent. interest, which is the interest the banks bring, has sent a host of people to the institutions to-day. Here is the idea: Harrisburg men and women can go to the banks, sign a note for \$5 for the amount of money they need for their bond purchase, and (Continued on Page 4.)

Berlin Proposes That Bombardment of Towns Be Stopped by Allies

Amsterdam, Oct. 15.—The German government has proposed to France that, in common with her allies, France undertake to refrain from bombarding large towns of Northern France and enter into an agreement with Germany to permit, at any rate, porting of the population of Valenciennes to pass into the French lines, says an official statement from Berlin. The Berlin government, in making this proposal, represents itself as unable to prevent the eastward flight of the population of Valenciennes, which is to effect a request that the closing order be abrogated so far as the liquor interests are concerned, is in our opinion contrary to the interests of public health. The order closing all places of public entertainment, including theaters, moving picture establishments, saloons and dance halls, was put into effect solely as a health measure and has met with the approval of Pennsylvania citizens. Under such circumstances my duty to the commonwealth compels me to decline your request. The letter adds that no other industry or institution affected is complaining. The promise is made that the closing order will be lifted as soon as health conditions warrant.

SMOKE OF WISCONSIN FOREST FIRES MAY BE CARRIED OVER THE CITY

Heavy Pall Hangs Over Entire State, but Wardens Are Unable to Detect Any Blaze of Considerable Extent

A dispatch to-day from the district warden of Cambria county to the State Forest Department said: "Our county is so smothered with smoke blowing in from the conflagration in Minnesota and Wisconsin that a number of false alarms have been sent out and we enclose bill for finances used in investigating the false alarms. There are no forest fires in this county."

The Forestry Department is at a complete loss to account for the general presence of huge volumes of woody smoke which camouflages almost the entire state. Fire wardens always report instantly any suggestion of a blaze, but a report has come in to show that any spot in Pennsylvania is burning. The only conclusion reached therefore is the same one as proclaimed in the Cambria county dispatch, namely that high and persistent winds are

Everybody His Own Quarantine Officer Says Dr. Raunick

Dr. RAUNICK, city health officer, said to-day: "It has been suggested that we quarantine all houses in which influenza exists. We have considered this. It would be a good measure if we could enforce the quarantine, but there are more than seven thousand cases in the city and it would be impossible to enforce the regulations without quarantining the whole city. Besides, there are many houses in which the sick are being attended by neighbors, who, in the emergency, are the only nurses available."

"But I strongly urge that every person suffering with a cold remain within his home or on the premises. Every employer should send his employees to work suffering with a cold or symptoms of influenza."

"The department is overcrowded and greatly in need of help. Volunteer workers or those who have automobiles to lend are urged to report to the Red Cross, which is looking after this part of the work."

"We can't enforce a quarantine at this time, but by the co-operation of all people we can just as effectively prevent a spread of the disease. Everybody must be his own quarantine officer."

HER MITE GOES TO HELP NATION IN TIME OF NEED

Saves Enough to Buy Bond From Meager Government Allowance

Out of the allotment she received from the United States Government in the latter part of 1917, Mrs. Charles J. Simpson, 1409 Liberty street, wife of a Harrisburg soldier in France, has bought a \$50 Fourth Liberty Bond and paid cash for it.

Simpson, a member of Company M, One Hundred Ninth Infantry, (Continued on Page 4.)

YANKEE TANKS USED TO SMASH GERMAN LINES

American Troops Push Forward Despite Desperate Resistance

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 15.—Tanks were brought into action by the Americans to-day to smash through the enemy wire entanglements west of Romagne. Despite German resistance the progress of the Americans, early reports said, was satisfactory to-day.

The Germans apparently were ready to contest the ground as stubbornly as they did yesterday. The enemy artillery being used mainly to hold the Americans, but the Yankee gunners were doing much to break down the German resistance. From east of the Meuse to the vicinity of Grand Pre, American forces chopped a series of fresh notches in the German line yesterday. They kept up the enemy's blows at the enemy from early morning until late afternoon.

While the Germans resisted with grim determination, their decision to hold till the last portion of the line before the Americans may open the way to swifter disaster.

Judge Bonniwell to Meet Friends at Bolton House

Friends and well wishers of Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell, Democratic nominee for Governor of Pennsylvania, will have a chance for a hand-shake and brief chat with their favorite for gubernatorial honors this evening at a public reception to be accorded the Judge at the Bolton House from 7 to 10 o'clock.

It will be an informal affair and there will be no speechmaking.

THREE FINED

Three men who were arrested by J. B. Lightner, state game warden on the charge of chasing rabbits with dogs in Wildwood Park Sunday afternoon, were fined \$25 each by Alderman Murray last evening. The men are William Washington, W. Stewart, and H. Hawkins, colored.

THIRTY MORE NURSES NEEDED FOR EPIDEMIC

No Noticeable Decrease in the Number of Victims or Death Rate

DOCTORS ARE SENT HERE Physicians Overworked by Constant Demands For Their Services

No noticeable decrease in the number of influenza cases developing in the city is expected before next week City Health Officer J. M. J. Raunick said to-day. The situation has become decidedly worse in the last 24 hours, health officials announced.

Thirty more volunteer nurses' aids are needed before the end of the week in order to give necessary medical assistance to sufferers from the disease. Additional nurses are needed also and all who are willing to assist should report at once to Red Cross headquarters, Dr. Raunick called attention again to the urgent need for automobiles for transportation of nurses.

More than thirty patients are now being treated at the Emergency Hospital, Fifth and Seneca streets, and accommodations have been provided so that at least 100 more can be treated. Two more wards were opened there yesterday. Among the physicians who have volunteered their services at the hospital during various hours of the day are the following: Drs. Charles S. Reubek, John F. Culp, Samuel Z. Shope and Ralph Moffat.

Dr. L. M. Shumaker and Dr. W. A. Streeter two local physicians died last night from pneumonia. Dr. Streeter was a staff assistant at the Keystone Hospital.

Dr. Raunick has urged all residents of the city in making calls for physicians to-day to bring Mrs. Charles J. Simpson, 1409 Liberty street, wife of a Harrisburg soldier in France, has bought a \$50 Fourth Liberty Bond and paid cash for it.

Eight army surgeons have been sent into Dauphin county to help (Continued on Page 12.)

WORK SLACKERS TO BE CAUGHT IN NEW CITY NET

Mayor to Introduce Drastic Ordinance at Request of State Bureau

An ordinance to define the exact meaning of "slackerism" and loafing, and to bring to justice, the men who make it a practice of working a few days a week at the present high wages and loaf the remaining time, likely will be presented by Mayor Keister to City Council within the near future, it was said by the Mayor to-day.

The ordinance would be the result of correspondence with Jacob Lightner, of the State Employment Bureau, of the Department of Labor and Industry, who suggested that the city in common with every city and borough of the state pass ordinances to put a stop to the practice of loafing during times when the manpower of the nation is needed to prosecute the war.

Mayor Keister suggested to Mr. Lightner the advisability of having a uniform law throughout the state, so that the city officials would not be hampered in their effort to enforce it. Accordingly, Mr. Lightner stated that through the Pennsylvania Council of Governors of Pennsylvania a law would be drafted to be submitted to the executive heads of the cities and boroughs of the state. Mayor Keister said he would lay the ordinance before City Council as soon as he received it.

Mayor Keister has been active in prosecuting cases which come under the vagrancy act, but this does not include those men who are reported to work a few days and remain idle during the rest of the week. Large industrial establishments, especially the railroads, appealed to Mr. Lightner to take the step.

FIVE OTRANTO SURVIVORS DIE

Belfast, Monday—Five more American soldiers, T. G. McMahon, J. Cavehacine, J. Clifton, E. Knowlton and J. Marshall, all artillerymen, have died from pneumonia contracted at the time the transport Otranto was wrecked. They were buried to-day.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Emory I. Oberdorf, York county, and Kate Stauffer, London-derry township; Louis W. Burgess, Canton, and Lillian B. Perdue, Harrisburg.

WHOLE ENEMY LINE CRUMBLING UNDER NEW ALLIED BLOWS

Unconfirmed Rumor Says British Have Landed Big Force on Belgian Coast; American Armies Pushing Ahead

By Associated Press

In Flanders and from the Oise to the Meuse the Allied troops continue their vigorous blows for important gains. As the French press on in the Laon-Aisne region, the Allied offensive in Belgium and the American operations west of the Meuse are being renewed to-day with success.

Smashing through the network of railways in Western Flanders, the Belgian, French and British forces under King Albert now are within two miles of the important rail center of Courtrai. The Allies also dominate with their guns the railroad running from Lille to the Belgian coast by way of Courtrai and thus hamper, if they have not cut off, all communication between Ostend and Lille.

Germans Getting Out of Belgium The German resistance in Flanders appears to be only for the purpose of delaying the Allies until the evacuation of Belgium can be completed. The enemy is reported to be evacuating Ostend and to be sending large boat loads of troops away from the coastal region.

Between the Oise and the Argonne the French are pressing the enemy hard. East of the Oise the French are within a half mile of the Serre along most of its length and have advanced between five and six miles from Laon. Even the Aisne is fast being lost to the enemy as a means of defense. The French now (Continued on Page 4.)

INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE GOING WELL

Harrisburg—George S. Reinisch, chairman of the Loan Industrial Committee, reported that his committee had sold \$37,360 worth of the \$250,000 additional bond quota assigned to it, and that sales are being made rapidly. The quarter million mark must be reached by the end of the week.

SCOUTS SELL \$37,050 IN BONDS

Harrisburg—Boy Scouts are bound to push Harrisburg over the quota in the sale of Liberty Bonds. Totals announced to noon to-day by Scout Executive J. Frederick Virginia totalled \$61 applications amounting to \$37,050.

AMERICANS REPULSE RAID

With the American Forces Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 15.—Units of the second American army, which began operations on October 12 under command of Major General Robert J. Bullard, to-day repulsed a German raid on their positions.

U-BOAT GERMANY'S LAST HOPE

Washington—American shipbuilders were called upon by Secretary Daniels to-day to speed up their output of destroyers to meet the menace of the new and greater submarine effort which Germany is known to be planning.

CHRISTMAS PACKAGES FOR SIBERIA

Washington—Christmas packages for American soldiers in Siberia should be in the mails before October 25, the War Department to-day announced. Each package should bear besides the soldier's name and regiment the words "American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia," and should not weigh more than seven pounds. More than one package may be sent each soldier if desired.

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