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NO ARMISTICE FOR GERMAN ARMY, PRESIDENT DECIDES

BRITISH TAKE BRUAY AND REACH BANKS OF SCHELT IN FLANDERS

ALLIES TO CLEAR OCCUPIED GROUND OF ALL INVADERS

Only Problem Left Is "Terms" For Evacuation

LATEST NOTE NOTHING NEW

Yanks to Keep Up Good Work on Battlefield

Washington, Oct. 23.—Germany's new note to President Wilson, in official text, was delivered to Secretary Lansing at 10 o'clock this morning by Frederick Oederlin, charge of the Swiss legation.

The statement was authorized that there is nothing in the communication to alter the decision of the President that he will not propose an armistice to the Allies before the Germans evacuate all occupied territory.

Only One Problem Official intimation already has been given that the only question for immediate consideration is whether there shall be a discussion of "terms" of evacuation while the Allied and American armies continue their work of clearing Belgium and Northern France.

Exchanges between Washington and the Allied capitals have been in progress on the basis of the wireless version of the note received Monday and it is regarded as certain that any reply the President may make will be governed by the supreme war council in France.

It was said the expected verbal differences in the wireless version had the official text did not appear to alter substantially the meaning of the note.

Secretaries Lansing and Daniels and General March, chief of staff of the Army, were called to the White House shortly after noon, just as a State Department messenger arrived to deliver the German note to the President.

Secretary Daniels and General March remained only a short time, leaving the President and Mr. Lansing in conference.

The new German note, an official dispatch from Rome today says, strengthens the belief there in accounts of the wretched internal situation in Germany and that complete dismemberment of the German alliance is at hand at the moment when the Entente Allies are bound more solidly together.

It is said to be the unanimous thought of the Italian people that the enemy must accept the terms demanded by the military leaders.

Hun Chancellor Looks For Definite Answer; Fears Violent Peace

Copenhagen, Oct. 23.—"President Wilson's reply to the latest German note may, perhaps, bring definite certainty as to the result of the negotiations," Prince Maximilian, the imperial German chancellor, said today, according to a dispatch received here from Berlin. "Till then, we must prepare to resist a peace of violence."

Prince Maximilian continued: "A government which acted otherwise would be left to the mercy of the fighting and working people. It would be swept away by public opinion."

ALLIES GAIN 59 MILES IN A GREAT ADVANCE

This "war of defense" is not far distant, if military events continue to develop during the next few days as they have during the recent past. During the last ninety-seven days of fighting the Allies have advanced along the line from Pont-au-Mousson to Nieuport an average of about twenty-eight miles. This advance has aggregated thirty-eight miles from Chateau-Thierry to Grand-loup; fifty-nine miles from Amiens to the Somme river and thirty-eight from Dixmude to the Escloo-Zeebrugge canal.

The grand average is held to a low figure by the fact that attacks east of Rheims have not carried the German line back, over permanent fortifications and against desperate resistance, as far as the enemy was forced to flee further west and north. In this sector, the progress made, however, is as important as much greater advances in some other parts of the front.

MAX PLANS FOR DEFENSIVE WAR WITHIN BORDER

Collapse of Empire Is Feared by Germany's Imperial Chancellor

KAISER FACES A CRISIS

Many 'Reforms' Promised, All of Which Are to Come After the War

Copenhagen, Oct. 23.—Peace conversations between Berlin and Washington have reached a critical point, according to Prince Maximilian, the German imperial chancellor, speaking before the Reichstag yesterday.

In the course of his address he urged that debate on the situation arising on the exchange of notes between himself and President Wilson be restricted as much as possible.

"The whole German people is anxious to hear the views of the government regarding the prospects of peace," he said, "but I am able to speak only with the greatest reserve and urge that the members of the Reichstag limit debate, as is consistent with the seriousness of the hour. The whole German people have been spoken to by President Wilson and this fact gives the utterances of the representatives of all parties added force."

Points People to Crisis "To-day, therefore, I am going to say to you that the international situation is at its most critical. The first answer to the peace move of the German government has in all countries brought the questions of a peace of justice and of a peace of violence to the highest point," he continued. "President Wilson's last note did not make clear to the German people how this public agitation will end. His next answer will, perhaps, bring definite certainty. Until then we must in all our thoughts and in our actions prepare for both eventualities—first that the enemy governments are anxious for war, in which case there is no choice for us but to put ourselves in a posture of defense with all the strength of our people driven to the last extremity."

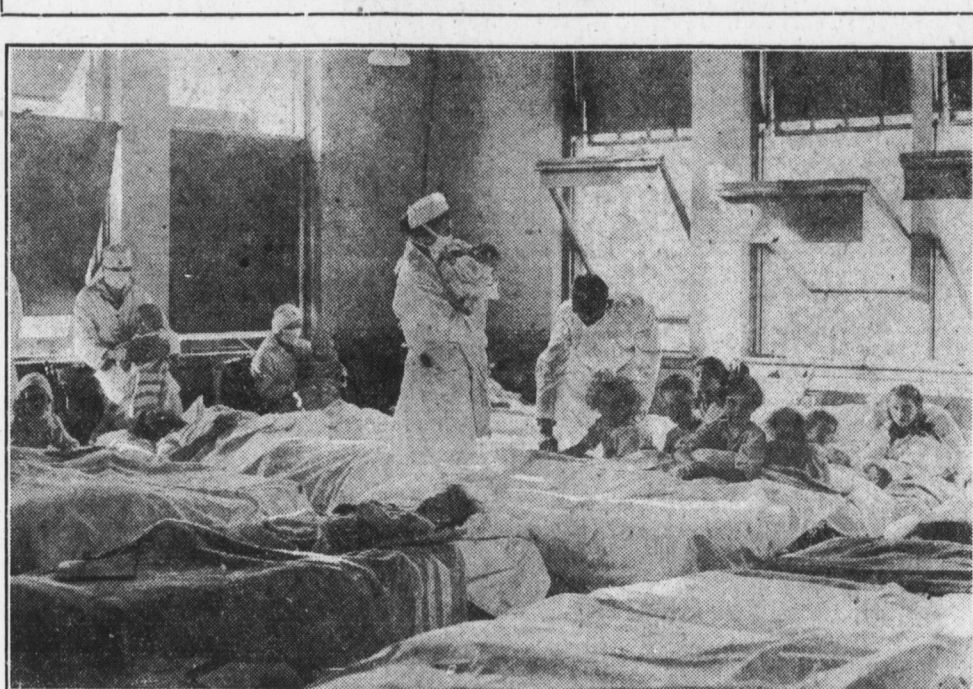
Fears Downfall of Empire "Should this necessity arise, I have no doubt that the German government, in the name of the German people, will issue a call for national defense in the same way that it spoke for the German people when it took action for peace. He who honestly took a stand on the basis of a peace of justice will not shrink from undertaking the duty of not submitting to a peace of violence."

Two Stolen Automobiles Returned by the Police; One of Nine Missing

Two automobiles reported stolen Monday night, were recovered by the police last night. Nine automobiles have been stolen in the city since October 1. Police have been so active in recovering them that but one remains unaccounted for.

The Ford touring car of Clarence Brickley, 1836 Chestnut street, which was stolen from in front of the residence Monday night, was recovered at Twenty-third and Herr streets.

The City's Splendid Emergency Hospital



BAN TO REMAIN ON AMUSEMENTS; FEW NEW CASES

Physicians Who Fail to Treat Sick Flayed by Health Officer

"Although the epidemic situation in Harrisburg is steadily improving, the ban closing all amusements, schools, saloons, wholesale liquor stores and other places will be enforced indefinitely," Dr. J. M. J. Raunick, city health officer, said today, in answer to numerous queries about when the restrictions would be lifted.

"If we are not careful now we can do more harm in twenty-four hours than we could remedy in a month. I want every one to continue observing the closing orders and on Saturday night all business places and stores are to close again at 6.30 o'clock. We are determined to use every possible means to stop the disease and will not take any chances with a second outbreak because of what the quarantine ban too soon Harrisburgers must be patient. It is far better to keep things closed, prevent large gatherings and stop the sickness and death, than to let the places open too soon, and have a repetition of conditions, with thousands more victims and hundreds of deaths."

Need of Quarantine "The danger point will soon be past, but if the closing orders are not continued residents of the city would only be subjected to contagion and there is certainly no one who would want another outbreak of the disease," Dr. Raunick concluded.

The number of new cases is decreasing daily, physicians report, and at the emergency hospital, Fifth and Seneca streets, there are now but seventy patients now. Four new cases were admitted, and about a dozen patients discharged. Two deaths occurred there today. Both of the patients were brought to the hospital in a critical condition. They were James Jones, 1208 Derry

Yankee Flyers Respond to Signals For Aid in Raid; Down Three Enemy Planes

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 23.—The clear weather early yesterday morning permitted of some aerial work and the Americans downed a Hannover biplane at Bayonville, a Rumpler at Buzancy and a balloon in the vicinity of Tally.

Fifteen American night fliers responded to alert signals when the Germans raided the front and back areas and searched for the enemy airmen up and down the river. One American saw the tracer bullets of a German firing his machine gun at a supposed troop movement but he was unable to engage the enemy raider.

Police Take Man on Way From Store With 12 Quarts of Liquor

Sylvester Wilson, 650 Briggs street, was arrested by City Detective Carson and Patrolman Whiting and Jackson, about 4 o'clock this morning on the charge of breaking into the liquor store of Samuel Katzman, 1207 North Seventh street, and stealing twelve quarts of liquor valued at \$20.

Entrance to the store was gained through the rear. A window was pried open with a screw driver. Police arrested Wilson as he was coming away from the store with the liquor in a basket.



City health officials have found that the open-air school at Ninth and Seneca streets could not be equalled as an emergency hospital. Ideal conditions prevail there since it has been converted into such an institution and scores of patients have been under treatment or are still being cared for. Above are shown interior views of the hospital. The upper one was taken in the children's ward. In the center of the picture is a nurse holding an eight-month-old baby boy from Steelton who was found in the arms of another little tot on the steps at the entrance to the building. Below is a view of the light, well-equipped kitchen with some of the nurses preparing meals for patients.

CITY'S TREES TO GET ATTENTION IN "DUE TIME"

Political Fences Get More Attention Than Shade Problems

Does the commissioner of the city park department have authority to order the removal of two old silver maple trees in Race street, near Hanna, which have grown out over the highway and are now a danger, and at the emergency hospital, Fifth and Seneca streets, there are now but seventy patients now. Four new cases were admitted, and about a dozen patients discharged. Two deaths occurred there today. Both of the patients were brought to the hospital in a critical condition. They were James Jones, 1208 Derry

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200,000 Recruits For Navy to Bring Personnel of the American Force to 700,000

Washington, Oct. 23.—Two hundred thousand recruits for the Navy will be needed in the coming year, mainly to man merchant ships in government service, Secretary Daniels has informed the House Naval Committee, in favoring passage of a bill for the purchase of \$20 acres of land for enlargement of the Hampton Roads training station.

MUNICIPAL WORKERS STRIKE

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 23.—Nearly 2,000 machinists and toolmakers of this city walked out today, affecting six plants working on war orders. Demands asking on an average ten cents per hour more were refused. A number of women workers are included and a general strike in the city is threatened. A representative of the War Labor Board is expected to be sent here immediately to preside at a conference of employers and workers.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY BOOSTS WAGES AT C. I. & STEEL CO.

Big Munitions Plant Adds \$30,000 a Month to Heavy Payroll

The Central Iron and Steel Company today announced that the big plant now working almost entirely on government contracts has been placed on the eight-hour day. Between 1,500 and 1,600 men are affected.

High Prices Blamed on War and Not Epidemic; Costs Steadily Mounting

"Blame the prevalent high prices for drugs on the war and not on the epidemic was the implied advice today of an official of Bowman, Mell and Company, manufacturing chemists of this city, who stated that the world frasca has more to do with the current skyward tendency of these materials than the rapidly waning Spanish malady.

"Weary Willies" Dig For War; Bring Up \$700

New York, Oct. 23.—Members of the "hoboes" union who assembled on the Bowery yesterday for a flag raising in honor of 30,000 of their fellows now in the service dug deep in their tattered pockets and, at the exhortation of Jeff Davis, their "king," bought \$700 worth of war-saving stamps to back America's fighting forces. One "itinerant worker" alone purchased \$20 worth.

Douai Left Uninhabitable by Its Hun Occupants

London, Oct. 23.—Not one of several hundred houses in Douai is left uninhabitable by the correspondent of the Daily Mail at British headquarters in a habitable condition. Apparently the inhabitants were removed so that the Germans billeted in the town could have a free hand over areas and their contents.

Haig's Men Fighting Stiff Battle in Valenciennes

GROUND IS WON IN NEW ATTACK

Paris, Oct. 23.—On the Serre front last night the Germans met with heavy machine gun fire, French efforts to cross the Souche and Serre rivers, the war office announces. Further east the French made progress between Nizy-le-Comte and Le Thour, taking prisoners.

BRITISH BEGAN NEW ATTACK EARLY TO-DAY OF THE FRONT BETWEEN LE CATEAU AND SOLESMES, SOUTH OF VALENCIENNES, FIELD MARSHAL HAIG ANNOUNCES

The British have captured Bruay, two and a half miles north of Valenciennes, and have reached the west bank of the Scheldt.

The statement follows: "Early to-day our troops attacked on the Le Cateau-Solemes front and are reported to be making good progress."

"Further north, between Valenciennes and Tournai, we have taken Bruay and reached the west bank of the Scheldt at Bicharies and Espain. Considerable resistance was encountered on this front yesterday and sharp fighting took place in which our troops, pressing the enemy vigorously, inflicted many casualties upon him and drove him from his positions, capturing a number of prisoners."

With the Allied Armies in France and Belgium, Oct. 23.—British troops were fighting their way into the center of Valenciennes early today. They were facing a strong enemy machine gun fire from the east bank of the Scheldt canal which flows through the city.

Make Good Progress British troops again are storming the German defenses west of Maubeuge. The new attack, launched early to-day between Solesmes and Le Cateau, is reported to be making good progress.

Field Marshal Haig, in driving forward on the seven mile front north of Le Cateau also is increasing the pressure to-day's attack through the western suburbs of Valenciennes the city has been outflanked by the capture of Bruay. It is not probable that the Germans will be able to hold out in Valenciennes much longer and once the Scheldt is crossed here the British will be in position to threaten seriously both Mons and Maubeuge.

Win High Ground Between Le Cateau and Solesmes the British are on the high ground east of the Selle river and it is from this favorable position to-day's attack was begun. The German resistance here has been bitter as the line is vital to the security of the German defenses over a wide front to the south and southeast.

In southwestern Belgium the British continue to close in on Tournai. North of the town they have forced a crossing of the Scheldt while on the south they have reached the western bank of the river on a four-mile front from Bruyelles to Bicharies.

South of Le Cateau the enemy is resisting stubbornly. French attempts to cross the Serre river and take in the rear the German positions east of the Oise. South of the railroad junction of Montcornet, the French have made progress between Nizy-le-Comte and Le Thour.

Campfire, selling wholesale before the epidemic at \$1 a pound, has risen steadily to \$5 at which price it sells to-day. The above informant as to drug prices told a Telegraph representative that its impact on the front has been practically nil since the government transferred our Pacific Ocean ships to Atlantic service a few months ago on account of the war. The country has been in dire straits for the commodity ever since, he said.

Quinine, always in demand, sold for 30 cents to \$1 at the start, now it is \$1.15. The reason for this, our authority says, is that Holland, whence most of the world's quinine comes, put a ban on this product in 1915. The reason for this, our authority says, is that Holland, whence most of the world's quinine comes, put a ban on this product in 1915.

HUNS ASK FREE PASSAGE HOME

By Associated Press PARIS, Oct. 23.—Germany's high command is ready to evacuate the invaded territories of France and Belgium on the express condition that the Allied troops will not follow them in retreat, but will remain where they now are located, according to the latest information from Berlin, says the Zurich correspondent of the Journal.

EYES OF WORLD TURNED TO AMERICAN FRONT, WHERE BIG ATTACK IS EXPECTED

Standing behind the Scheldt river, the Germans apparently have stabilized their line and the swift advance of the Belgians, British and French has been slowed down. Further south the British, American and French are attempting to break the Hundung line. This defensive position is sufficiently strong to delay the Allied advance materially. At last reports the British and Americans were advancing slowly east of the Selle river and around what remains of the Laon salient.

The eyes of the Allied world now are directed at the Lorraine and Woivre sectors in expectation of an American onslaught on Metz which is the hinge upon which the whole German line is rotating. A blow at that fortress might, if successful, throw into confusion the whole retrograde movement which is going on from the Meuse to the North sea.

AMERICAN CARGO STEAMER SINKS

Washington—Sinking of the American cargo steamer Lake Borgne off the coast of France without loss of life was announced to-day by the Navy Department. The ship foundered after striking a rock.

GERMANS FIRE TOWN, THEN LEAVE

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun—The Germans have set fire to Briuelles. American patrols today reported that the Germans had withdrawn from the town.

ROMERIES REPORTED CAPTURED

British Headquarters in France—The British troops in their new attack to-day north of Le Cateau are reported to have captured the town of Romeries, one and one-half miles northeast of Solesmes. A good many prisoners, mainly in small batches, are being brought in. The Germans are fighting doggedly.

FOOD BOARD WARNS RESTAURANTS

Washington—The food administration to-day warned chain restaurant owners to stop charging five-cents for bread and butter served with meals until the matter has been fully investigated by the food administration. Restaurants in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and other cities are affected.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Arthur L. Washington, and Della M. Carter, Harrisburg; Henry Wittington and Pearl Moore, Harrisburg; William R. Hutches and Mary E. Conrad, Harrisburg.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and warmer to-night; Thursday partly cloudy, probably rain. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and somewhat warmer to-night; Thursday partly cloudy, probably rain in extreme west portion; light southeast to south winds.

The main river will remain nearly stationary. All tributaries will fall to-night and probably Thursday, except the Lower West Branch will remain nearly stationary to-night.