

Belgian Coast Will be Free Today

AUSTRIA EVACUATING--BERLIN FRAMING REPLY

NO NEW CASES OF "FLU" HERE

SEVERITY OF DISEASE NOT
FELT IN LA GRANDE

Government Fights Influenza Epi-
demic Now In Thirty States
Of Union.

According to Dr. Ray Logan, who is in charge of the influenza epidemic by order of the Red Cross, there is not a new case reported in La Grande today. The numerous cases already reported seem to be of a mild nature and this section up to the present time is being spared the severity which marks the epidemic's visit to many other parts of the country.

The La Grande chapter of the Red Cross has 100 pneumonia jackets made up for use here if needed. None have been shipped out and none will be. They are made to combat the disease locally. Each branch of this Red Cross chapter has been requested to make fifty of the jackets and hold them in their respective branches to take care of the civilian population.

Raging In Thirty States.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The public health service now is actively directing the fight against Spanish influenza in 30 states, in addition to the whole of New England and the District of Columbia. Particular attention is being given to providing nurses and supplying physicians for those communities where the doctors are unable to meet all calls made upon them. The epidemic continues to spread in many sections. In a few states the number of new cases is showing decreases.

New cases of influenza in all camps during the 24-hour period up to that time totalled 4454, as against 5668 the day before. Pneumonia cases decreased from 1895 to 1800, and deaths were 684, a decrease from Wednesday's total.

Spreading At Many Points.
Reports on the influenza situation were received by the public health service Thursday from 33 states. Most of these dealt with conditions as they existed several days ago, and added little to new dispatches previously sent out from the states affected. They showed that the disease had reached epidemic proportions in Nebraska and was spreading in California, New York, Missouri, Kentucky, Iowa, Illinois, North Dakota, Ohio, Washington and Wisconsin. Conditions were described as satisfactory in Oregon, Minnesota, West Virginia and Tennessee.

To provide additional funds for fighting the epidemic, Senator Lewis of Illinois Thursday introduced a bill in the senate to appropriate \$10,000,000 in addition to the \$1,000,000 already provided by congress. The money would be expended through the health departments of states and municipalities.

NEW CASES IN CHICAGO.
CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—There were 1918 new cases of influenza in Chicago Thursday, with 217 deaths. Deaths from pneumonia numbered 145.

SPREADS IN NEBRASKA.
LINCOLN, Oct. 18.—The Spanish influenza epidemic continues to spread in Nebraska, according to a statement made by the state board of health here Thursday. About 2500 new cases were reported to the board Thursday from various parts of the state.

SAN FRANCISCO IS LATE IN CLOS- ING FOR THE FLU

* SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—(By United Press.)—All schools, theatres and public meetings of all kinds were ordered closed here today because of influenza.

Fraudulent Precious Stones.
About ten years ago Antwerp was flooded with spurious white diamonds. Before the fraud was detected the persons who made the transformation had reaped a profit of eight million dollars.

Austria Evacuating to Comply With our Terms

BIG MEETING OF GERMAN LEADERS AT BERLIN
PREPARING ANSWER TO PRESIDENT
WILSON'S NOTE TODAY.

Spring Campaign to Be Determined In Next Two Weeks
—America Proceeds On Theory That War Will Continue Into Next Year—Germany to Decide What Price She Will Pay to Save German Soil.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18.—(By United Press.)—The German reply to President Wilson's note is not yet completed. Members of the reichstag, federal council, cabinet and military and naval officers conferred yesterday in Berlin regarding the reply.

AUSTRIA EVACUATES TERRITORY.
AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18.—(By United Press.)—Complying with Wilson's note, Austria is evacuating all occupied territory, says a Vienna dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 18.—"The next two weeks will determine whether we will have a spring campaign. Meanwhile we are proceeding on the theory that the war is going on and that the spring campaign on big lines must be fought."

This summary of the war and peace situation was given to the United Press today by a general officer holding one of the most important places in the army establishment. "I believe," he continued, "by November 1 we should know whether Germany will yield to President Wilson's terms. I am certain Germany wants peace very badly. It is just a question with her of the price she will pay to keep American and Allied armies off of her soil."

GERMANY EXPECTS ALLIED ROW.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(By United Press.)—America and the Allies will make a determined effort to immediately organize a strong diplomatic front to prevent any split at the peace table.

Germany believes the Allies will quarrel over peace terms. German organs print attacks on the British and French war aims, pointing out alleged differences in the spirit between Wilson's formula and the Allied terms already made public.

U-BOATS ARE NOT WORKING.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18.—(By United Press.)—No German submarines have gone to sea since Maximilian's armistice offer was made to the United States, says an unofficial report received here from Berlin.

SCOTT FUNERAL TOMORROW.
The funeral of Mrs. John Scott will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, 2612 Fourth street. Near friends of the family are invited to attend. Interment will be made in the I. O. O. F.

FROST HITS AMERICA.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(United Press.)—A light frost is reported throughout the west and, in the east it was much heavier.

MC ADOD PLEADS TODAY FOR HEAVIER BOND BUYING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Subscriptions reported estimated up to noon yesterday amounted to four billion dollars, leaving at least two billion dollars necessary to complete the Fourth Liberty Loan. Only two days are left within which to raise this vast sum. No country on earth but America could raise so vast a sum in so short a time. America can do it, and must do it. The destinies of the world and the hopes of civilization are centered upon America. We shall fail in every thing we have fought for and hope to gain in this war if the Fourth Liberty loan is defeated. Let every true American citizen today examine himself under the white light of patriotism and say whether or not he has done his utmost in this emergency. The highest obligation of duty and patriotism command every true American to go the limit of his ability in the Fourth Liberty Loan. Don't delay. Don't wait to be urged. Be as quick to do your part in this Liberty Loan as our soldiers in

France are quick to obey the order to charge the enemy. Buy Liberty Bonds on the installment plan if you cannot buy them for cash. Every patriotic bank will help you. If every patriotic citizen will do his duty today victory for the Fourth Liberty Loan is certain. The continued victories of our armies in Europe, the certain defeat of the enemies, and the glorious triumph of the cause of Liberty depend upon what the American people do in the remaining two days of the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign. (Signed) W. G. McADOD.

The above telegram to the Observer today from Secretary McAdod indicates beyond question the need of further effort on the part of every citizen to buy more bonds. While Oregon has done her part in the campaign, let it be known that further subscriptions are welcomed by the government. A. T. Hill, chairman of the Fourth Liberty Loan committee of Union county, is still at his desk and can be found without any trouble. Or, it is very easy to subscribe with either of the La Grande banks.

TEUTONS ARE PREPARING FOR PEACE

GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND TUR-
KEY ARE SPEEDING-UP
PRELIMINARIES.

HUNS CEASE DESTRUCTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

Democratization Of Central Powers
Is Going On—Preparing Their
People For The Peace Which Is
About In Sight—Emperor Charles
Grants Autonomy To Oppressed
Nationalities.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Altho the stories of a quick peace of a couple of days ago have in a measure died down, the fact remains that Germany and Austria are hastening to rearrange their internal political affairs and their methods of warfare in the hope of meeting the peace requirements of President Wilson. There was no indication when the German note would be dispatched, but that one would come was made more certain by the statements of Baron Burián, the Austrian foreign minister, before the foreign affairs committee of the Austrian parliament.

Following closely radical changes in the German governmental structure, information came to the state department that the Austrian emperor has announced to the foreign affairs committee of parliament his purpose to grant autonomy to the oppressed nationalities in the dual empire, one of the peace requirements laid down by the president.

Bitter opposition from the intensely conservative German and Magyar components of the empire is certain to be aroused by this radical change. It is believed that Emperor Charles thinks this can be over-balanced by the measure of support he will receive from the liberal elements and the separatist parties, especially if he can make it appear that the change is a long step towards the final peace so insistently demanded by the populace. The announcement from Copenhagen of the reading of a decree in the Hungarian parliament recognizing Hungary as a separate state is regarded as an earnest of what is to come to the other nationalities of the empire. It has been suggested that the delay in dispatching the president's reply to the Austrian appeal for an armistice may be accounted for by the conviction of officials that events are moving so rapidly in Austria-Hungary that it would be wise to await the outcome of the

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SOLDIER'S WIFE IN HOSPITAL IS NOW IMPROVING

The wife of Private John Nelson stationed at Camp Grant, Ill., is improving in the Grande Ronde hospital from an attack of influenza which developed while she was on the train. When her condition was known she was taken from the train and rushed to the Grande Ronde hospital. Dr. Richardson, in his report today, said Mrs. Nelson is out of danger. A wire to that effect was sent to her husband by the Red Cross chapter.

ROYALTY ENTERS OSTEND.
PARIS, Oct. 18.—King Albert of Belgium and Queen Elizabeth entered Ostend Thursday afternoon.

WAR STRIKES CLOSE AGAIN.

Late this afternoon William Casey received a telegram stating his nephew, William Allen Casey, aged 22 years, had died at Fort Monroe, Virginia. The young man had visited in La Grande and had many friends here.

Allies Taking Every Point Reached in the Grand Cleaning Up

AMERICANS, UNDER BARRAGE, MAKE BIG ADVANCES—BRITISH TAKE VILLAGES—BELGIANS ENTER BRUGGE—ZEEBRUGGE WILL FALL SOON—MUCH OF SERBIA RECOVERED.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—(By United Press.)—The whole Belgian coast will be freed of the enemy today, it is confidently expected. Reports that Bruges has fallen and that Zeebrugge has been evacuated are generally credited, but not confirmed officially. It is understood that Blankerberge, five miles west of Zeebrugge, has been captured.

AMERICANS SINK DEEP INTO HUNS.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY, Oct. 18.—(By United Press.)—Under cover of a heavy barrage, American patrols this morning penetrated deeply into the wooded region northeast of Grand Pre. Simultaneously, after breaking up feeble counter attacks along the Meuse, the Americans have pushed on, capturing a number of Boche strongholds. Both operations netted important gains without heavy cost. Artillery fire has greatly increased between Grand Pre and the Meuse.

BRITISH CONTINUE SUCCESSFUL.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—(By United Press.)—Field Marshal Haig announced the British continue in their advance on a whole thirty-mile front between the Sensee canal and Lys river.

Additional progress has been made east of Douai. Several villages southeast of Douai have been captured in the Anglo-American attack between Bohain and Le Cateau and prisoners taken exceeded four thousand.

BELGIAN CYCLISTS ENTER BRUGES.

PARIS, Oct. 18.—(By United Press.)—Belgian cycle units have entered Bruges.

ZEEBRUGGE WILL FALL SOON.

PARIS, Oct. 18.—(By United Press.)—The Allied infantry, supported by British monitors, is advancing upon Zeebrugge.

Franco-Belgian forces Southeast of Thiel are marching towards Deynze, eight miles southwest of Ghent.

British troops have over-run Courtrai and Germans are fighting hard as they retire towards Audenards, thirty miles west of Brussels.

Turcoing is completely encircled and Roubaix is virtually taken.

TWO-MILE ADVANCE.

PARIS, Oct. 18.—(By United Press.)—The war office today announced a two-mile advance on a three-mile front northeast of La Fere. Violent fighting is continuing west of Grand Pre, where the French have crossed the Aisne.

TWO-THIRDS OF SERBIA RECOVERED.

PARIS, Oct. 18.—(By United Press.)—French and Serbian troops have been invading Montenegro and have captured the important town of Ipek, fifteen miles inside the frontier, according to announcement from the war office.

It is also announced that additional progress has been made north and west of Nish. The large towns of Novibazar and Mitrovitza have been occupied. Fully two-thirds of Serbia has been recovered and the armies that are invading Montenegro captured three thousand wagons, immense supplies of material, many prisoners and machine guns.

BELGIANS ENTER BRUGES.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—(By United Press.)—The Belgian infantry has entered Bruges receiving an enthusiastic welcome, says a front dispatch this afternoon.

TURCOING-ROUBIAIX TAKEN.

PARIS, Oct. 18.—(By United Press.)—Turcoing-Roubaix has been captured, according to a reliable report.

REMAINS SENT TO PORTLAND.
The remains of E. Polack, who died October 11 at Rochester, Minnesota, and whose funeral was held here yesterday, were forwarded to Portland yesterday evening by the W. H. Bohnenkamp Company. They will be placed in the Portland Crematorium Association's mausoleum.

TO EXTERMINATE RODENTS.
Pendleton.—A survey of Umatilla county is being made by Theodore Shafer, director of rodent work for the United States Biological survey, with a view to the extermination of jack rabbits, squirrels and gophers, which are doing much damage.

FREEDOM OF HUNGARY IS PROCLAIMED

AUSTRIAN MINISTER IS CONFI-
DENT OF PEACE IN
NEAR FUTURE.

BERLIN ADMITS HUNGARY IS BREAKING THE BONDS

Quoting Wilson, Baron Burián Says
"Future Peace Must Not Be A
Peace By Force"—Armistice
Freely Talked Of In Hungary—
Awaiting Wilson's Note.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—At a meeting of the Hungarian parliament a proclamation was read declaring Hungary to be an independent state, says a dispatch from Berlin, forwarded from Copenhagen to the Central News agency here.

**AUSTRIAN MINISTER SAYS
PEACE WILL COME SOON.**

AMSTERDAM.—Baron Burián, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, addressing the foreign affairs committee of the Austrian delegates on Wednesday, said that he had not yet received President Wilson's reply to Austria. He added:

"In the discussion of such documents we always establish an agreement with Germany."

Baron Burián said that after a careful examination of President Wilson's reply to Germany nothing could induce him to change his statement of the previous day that "at no far distant date we will reach a cessation of hostilities on all fronts and enter into negotiations for the conclusion of a general lasting and just peace."

The technical questions and conditions of an armistice, with which President Wilson dealt thoroughly, are questions mostly of military interest, the baron declared, and "it is a matter of course that the negotiations and decisions on an armistice will depend on military factors."

Repeating that Austria was striving for peace by understanding, Baron Burián concluded by saying that the central powers would refer with emphasis to President Wilson's statement that "future peace must not be a peace by force."

TOTALS RISE BY THOUSANDS

RAILROAD CAMPAIGN DRAWS
TO SUCCESSFUL CLOSE.

Division Registers Nearly Two Hun-
dred Thousand Subscribed
Through Company.

With the close of the campaign one day off, railroad liberty bond totals for the division jumped last night from \$182,300 to \$199,100. Subscriptions are still pouring in by the thousand and the indications are that the latest official total will be much increased by tomorrow morning. There are over 16,000 employees in shops and of-

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