FOR PEACE FAILS

Proposal for Conference Rejected by U. S.

PRESIDENT'S REPLY POINTED

Only Answer Is to Emphasize Position in Reference to Terms Repeatedly Made.

BALFOUR SCENTS PURPOSE

British Foreign Secretary Declares Move Is Attempt to Divide Allies.

Government has spoken for all the more than 23 tons of explosives were

Almost immediately after receiving the Austrian government's note from the Minister from Sweden, Mr. Ekengren, Secretary Lansing tonight issued this formal statement:

"I am authorized by the President to state that the following will be the reply of this government to the Austro-Hungarian note proposing an unofficial conference of belligerents.

U. S. Position Is Firm. States feels that there is only one shot when he sought to protect Simon reply which it can make to the sugupon a matter concerning which it dollars in currency was kept has made its position and purpose so The robbers escaped in an automoplain."

Mr. Lansing's statement was given received the Austrian proposal.

Reply Made With Little Delay. It would have been forthcoming almost immediately upon the delivery of the Austrian note, had it not been found necessary, in order to avoid the cial text and that which was received house John" Coughlin as political czar in the joint achievement of an estiin news dispatches last night from of the First Ward, will open an ice mated quota of \$40,000,000—approxi-

Amsterdam. Thus, emphasis was added to the quickness of the reply indicating the shop. Coughlin years ago got out of existence of no shadow of doubt in the saloon game. the mind of the Administration as to what it should be. As soon as Mr. SINGLE SHOT BAGS PLANE Lansing's reply can be put in form it will be handed to the Swedish Minister | Enemy Machine Downed by Paris for transmission to Austria.

The Swedish legation notified the

State Department early in the afternoon that it had received the note and eral hours and it was not until 6:20 northern suburbs. o'clock that Mr. Ekengren appeared. He remained with the Secretary only two minutes.

Misleading Comment Blocked. There is some reason to believe that

cedented promptness in a matter of such great import with the design not only to indicate clearly the position of the United States Government, but perhaps to anticipate and revent, as ing impression that there was any considerable element in the United States willing to consider a negotiated peace, such as the "nonbinding" discussions proposed by Austria-Hungary might develop. Also, it is understood, there was a

purpose to sound the note which the entente powers must repeat in their own answers. All these powers had gone on record formally as accepting 147,520, were delivered to the Shipping the conditions of peace laid down by President Wilson as their own. Small Nations Not to Suffer. - ,

While no reference to it was made 270 deadweight tons were launched. in the reply which the United States Government is making to Austria, it is \$200,000,000 IS SOUGHT known that one of the most objectionable features of Baron Burian's Australia's Seventh War Loan Camproposition was the secrecy suggested for the "non-binding" conferences. It was realized by officials here that the purpose was to barter away the rights The seventh Australian war loan camf various nationalities in star-cham- paign was inaugurated enthusiastically (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

HUN RAILWAYS AND **DOCKS ARE BOMBED**

BRITISH AND FRENCH FELL 51 GERMAN PLANES IN DAY.

Seventeen Direct Hits Obtained or Karlsruhe Objectives-Foe Flyers Raid Paris.

LONDON, Sept. 16 .- British aviators again have bombed the railways at Metz-Sablons and Mainz and docks and sidings at Karlsruhe, Seventeen direct hits were obtained on the Karlsruhe objectives, according to the Air Ministry communication tonight.

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 16.—As a reprisal for the continued bombing of German towns, says the official statenent issued today by the German War Office, 34 tons of bombs were dropped last night on Paris.

squadrons flew over the region of Paris CITY CRUSADERS PREPARED this morning, dropping some bombs. There were a few victims and some material damage, says an official re-port. The alarm was sounded at 1:25 and the "all clear" signal at 3 o'clock.

LONDON, Sept. 16 .- Sunday along the British front in France was characterized by victous air fighting. The weather had improved and the airmen were up in large numbers. The British aviaors brought down 37 hostile machines At least 29 of them were totally destroyed. Sixteen of the British machines failed to return.

PARIS, Sept. 16 .- French airplanes WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 .- The Sunday brought down 14 enemy machines, and seven captive balloons were United States, as was fully expected, set on fire, according to the statement has unconditionally rejected Ger- of the French War Office. A total of many's peace feeler. In doing so the 6500 kilograms of explosives were dropped on enemy concentrations while dropped on railroad stations at Laon, Mortier, Juniville, Conflans, Mars La. Tour, and other places.

GIRL'S SCREAM SAVES BANK Robbers Flee When Frightened

Stenographer Yells.

CHICAGO, Sept. 16.-Eight automobile bandits today made an unsuccessful attempt to hold up the United States Bank at Halstead and Sixtleth "The Government of the United streets. John Jackson, a janitor, was

Heck, the president. gestion of the imperial Austro-Hun-asked to have a bill changed. A megarian government. It has repeatedly ment later they drew revolvers and and with entire candor stated the covered the eight officers and emterms upon which the United States ployes. A girl stenographer screamed would consider peace and can and will and the robbers were frightened away entertain no proposal for a conference into the vaults, where thousands of

out within half an hour after he had SALOONMAN TO SERVE SODA

"Hinkey Dink" Kenna Long Political Czar in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Sept. 16 .- "Hinkey Dink" Kenna, for 40 years noted as the dis- that the local campaign, which opens penser of the "largest and coolest" possibility of grave error, to make a beers in Chicago to the motley First with vigor and prosecuted with ardor careful comparison between the offi- Ward and widely known with "Bath- if the city is to vie with the country cream parlor next year, when the coun-

try goes dry. Thus, emphasis was added to the Pat O'Malley, his principal rival in declination, if any were needed, the the saloon business, will open a flower

Artillery Defense Gun.

PARIS, Sept. 16 .- (Havas.) -- A German bombarding plane was brought down by a direct shot from the artilthat it would be presented as soon as lery defense of Paris during the aerial it could be decoded and translated attack upon the city last night. The from the French. This consumed sev- wrecked machine fell in one of the were found the bodies of an officer and two men.

Antoine Troubat, under-chief of the questorship in the Senate, was killed during the aerial bombardment.

the Secretary acted with this unpre- BOY SCOUTS MAKING GOOD

Sales of War Savings Stamps Total Seventeen Millions.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 .- Boy Scouts of America have sold more than \$17,far as possible, newspaper discussions 000,000 worth of war stamps, headquarof the Austrian proposition which ters of the organization here announced might convey to the enemy a mislead- today. Sales of individual Scouts averaged \$11, while 2471 "ace" medals have \$250 of these "baby bonds."

SHIP DELIVERIES INCREASE

26 New Vessels Turned Over to U. S. in 13 Days.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 .- Twenty-six ships, with a deadweight tonnage of Board by American yards during the first 13 days of this month, the board announced today. During the same period 28 steel and wood ships of 150,-

paign Enthusiastically Opened

MELEOURNE, Australia, Sept. 16,today. The first bond sold went to the uld have no knowledge of their fate Lord Mayor. It is hoped to raise £40,-- 000,000 in a month's campaign,

OREGON'S ENERGIES ARE FULLY ROUSED

First Blow in Fourth Drive Delivered.

Freedom is On.

Thousands in All Parts of State Shelve Personal Affairs to Get Into Fray for Liberty; Success Is Assured.

FIRST 100 PER CENT LIBERTY LOAN PLEDGE REPORTED

BY INDUSTRIAL UNIT. Lage last night, when the workmen were assembled for the "graveyard" shift, the night crew of the installation department of the Coast Shipbuilding Company reported 100 per cent organization pledged to the fourth liberty

Theirs is the first industrial unit to report completed organization and pledges for the city campaign, which does not for-

mally open until tomorrow. The crew numbers 45 men, with an aggregate pledge of \$2900. The largest individual pledges were \$100. Every man of the crew now has the right to wear the official badge of duty done-"I am pledged."

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.

The first wallop of the fourth liberty loan was delivered in Oregon yesterday, when some thousands of volunteer men and women laid aside their own personal affairs to enter the preiminary pledge campaign as cham

pions of world freedom. First reports from the various dis triets are that autocracy is groggy in

the opening round. "At 11 o'clock," ran a message from Chairman Barnum, of Sherman County, to State Manager Robert E. Smith. "over 25 per cent of our quota had been pledged. The morning of September 2: will find us ready to report a success-

ful finish." Vigorous Action Necessary. Similar reports from many sections of the state serve to remind Portland tomorrow morning, must be faunched

With letters of marque to cruise Ore-(Concluded on Page 8, Column 3.)

SIBERIANS DECLARE WAR ON GERMANY

OMSK ORDERS MOBILIZATION OF 1918 AND 1919 CLASSES.

zechs Round Up Roaming Austro German Prisoners and Put Them to Doing Useful Work.

OLOVANNAYA, Trans-Baikalia, Sept 5. - (By the Associated Press.) -The Siberian government at Omsk, AUTOCRACY ALREADY GROGGY fortified town of Asiatle Russia, has defortified town of Asiatic Russia, has de-

ed the mobilization of the 1918 and 1919 classes. Within the territory freed from the Bolsheviki by the Czechs are between Pledge Campaign for World 300,000 and 400,000 Austro-German prisoners. Formerly they roamed about the country at will but they now

have been placed at useful work. To guard the prisoners and to pro tect the railways, lines of communica tion and important towns, considerable portion of the Czechs forces east of the Urals are required. Included in this number is the contingent com-

manded by General Dietrichs. food and supplies in Siberia for the naintenance of a large army. Winter period is quite suitable for military operations in south Russia from the Volga to the Ukraine

"We are all impatiently awaiting the arrival of allied troops," declared General Gaida, "and the moment when we shall fight side by side on a far larger scale than previously on a new Russo German front."

BRIDGEPORT STRIKE ENDS

President's Warning Brings Recalcitrant Workers to Terms.

BRIDEPORT, Conn., Sept. 16 .- The strike of machinists and tool makers in Bridgeport munition factories was ended today, many men returning to work independently, while the large body of strikers in mass meeting, after hearing read the letter of President Wilson, voted to return as a body. The strikers, in reply, told the President they would take up their grievances with the Taft-Walsh War Labor

PORTLANDER HUN PRISONER

turers took back all their former em-

Board and asked his influence to get

Edward A. Smith in Hands of Ger-

mans at Raastadt. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16,-The War Department announced today, held prisoner at Camp Cassel, Burt Eaton, Ellensburg, Wash.

The following were reported at Raa-Charles A. Heise, 4601 Lucille street,

Edward A. Smith, Portland, Or. SOLDIERS AID IN HARVEST

Men in Uniform Help to Gather California Prune Crop.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Sept. 16 .- Two hundred soldiers from Camp Fremont were put to work through the Santa Clara Valley today gathering the prune crop, which was said to have been damaged badly by recent rain storms. They will be paid the wages given this class of labor.

THE ANSWER IS-DIG, YE TERRIERS, DIG.

HOUSES FOR SHIP **WORKERS ASSURED**

Machinery Set in Motion at Mass Meeting.

REPRESENTATIVE MEN ACT

Immediate Building of 2000 Dwellings to Be Undertaken.

MUNICIPALITY AIDS PROJECT

It is declared that there is sufficient United Effort of Citizens Is Urged by Mayor Baker-Housing Question Is Considered From Every Possible Angle.

PORTLAND'S HOUSING

COMMITTEE. members-George L. Baker, Mayor of Portland; H. L. Corbett, president Portland Chamber of Commerce; Lloyd J. Wentworth, district supervisor Emergency Fleet Corporation; W. F. Woodward, chairman State

Council of Defense. Ira F. Powers, H. C. Wortman, J. C. Ainsworth, James B. Kerr, F. E. Taylor, Ellis F. Lawrence, Eric V. Hauser, John H. Burgard, G. F. Smith, C. F. Waters, John F. Daly, B. W. Sleeman and Otto Hartwig

Portland's housing programme wa them an early hearing. The manufacstarted on its way to successful realization at an enthusiastic mass meeting they themselves report 16 missing. held in the auditorium of Lincoln High School last night. With the selection of the committee to take charge of the vast undertaking, the movement has been given a head made up of representative business and professional men, all of whom have their hearts in the accomplishment of the task of making comfortable the army of men who have responded to the Nation's call for

workers in the shipyards. There was no opportunity last night for any doubting Thomases to toss wrenches into the machinery before it Baker saw to that; and in the general discussion that followed the addresses Premier Lloyd George Appeals to of the occasion, the city's chief executive held the throttle in a grasp that

Meeting Accomplishes Object.

could not be shaken.

"I think the object of this gathering has been accomplished," said the Mayor in reply to one who sought to seek consideration for investors not affiliated with the housing body. "If any of you are able to think of anything that has not been presented to the committee already, you are dandles." The appointment of the committee

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Progress of the War.

THE United States has turned its back on the Austro-Hungarian peace proposal. Secretary Lansing, by authorization of President Wilson, aniounced that the United States "can and will entertain no proposal for a conference upon a matter concerning which it has made its position and Town of Vailly East of purpose so plain."

terly unable to see that such a conference as proposed by Austria could have the desired end, adding: "It is incredible that anything car

come of this proposal." While the German newspaper com ment on the proposal as if Germany

Austria's intention, though the action itself was Austro-Hungary's own. Meanwhile, in the various theaters of the war the fighting is going on steadily and with added impetus in Macedonia, where the reconstituted Serbian army, co-operating with forces. has stormed the French

the Macedonian front. Farther east on the Doiran-Vardat front the first and second-line Bulgarian positions have been captured by the allies over a 10-mile section. This suc cessful operation, according to Mr. Balfour, is "the presude to an important and east of Sancy (northeast of Sols-

toward the Chemin des Dames, have announcement tonight. Six hundred gained two-thirds of a mile on a two and one-half mile front northeast and east of Sancy, where they captured an

American and German patrols are foing the major part of the work on the Lorraine front, but there are reports of a possible great attack by one

side or the other in the Vosges.

courageously and successfully carrying on the war against the Bolsheviki, steps have been taken looking to the organization of a Polish division, under Polish officers, to wage the fight in Sibsria westward to their latherland as integral units in the American Army. It is estimated that one hundred thousand trained men can be made available at once in the regions of Harbin, Nikolak

had been put into operation. Mayor RETURN TO POST, IS PLEA

Strikers From Sick Bed.

The spinners in the Yorkshire and Lancashire cotton mills quit work Sat urday on the question of abolition of Association of Cotton Spinners has a membership of 20,000, but indirectly the strike will affect 300,000 opera-

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The British Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Balfour, also has stated, though unofficially, that he was ut-

had no part in it, the Vienna newspapers declare emphatically that all of Austria's allies had been informed of

strongly fortified positions and occupied Vetrenik, Dobropolje and Sokalconsidered the most important part of

offensive."

additional 600 prisoners.

All reports indicate a marked inrease in the work of the airplanes along all the fronts. The Germans, who quite recently appeared to lack ade- largely devoted to patrolling by both quate nir forces, have now sent augmented forces into the air and there have been numerous engagements. As an illustration of the severity of the fighting the British airmen on Sunday are sending out patrols, while the accounted for 37 German planes, while

While the Czecho-Slovaks have been and Vladivostok.

LONDON, Sept. 16 .- Greatly conerned over the cotton strike, Premier Lloyd George tonight from his sick bed issued an appeal to the strikers to return to work and leave the decision in the matters under dispute to the government after an inquiry by a special tribunal, to be immediately appointed.

The Premier bases his appeal on the far down into the Vosges region. fact that the strike will seriously interfere with the production of war material.

the rota system. The Amalgamated lish the allied lines in stronger posi-

ciated Press.) - Allied night bombing

airplanes Sunday night dropped more than 17 tons of bombs on Courcelles,

rage, carried out numerous raids and scored victories in several engagements. Attempts of German aviators to cross the American line, were unsuccessful generally.

the line show that the number of guns and general material captured by the Americans is increasing. An entire artillery park was captured at Jaulny. AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN LORRAINE, Sept. 16 .- (Reuter's.)-It

probably is not an underestimate to as-

sume that the Americans in obliterat-

ing the St. Mihiel salient reduced the

enemy's strength by the equivalent of

feriority in morale. The enemy was so busily occupied in

getting out of the sallent that he did Effect of Drive Noted.

The statement coming from the German high command that it is glad to be rid of the salient may be believed. Women join ranks of Standifer workers, also is glad to have lost 15,000 men. more than 100 guns, an innumerable quantity of machine guns, trench mortars, tons of ammunition and telegraph material, as well as railroad equipment, rolling stock, clothing and supplies which either were burned or captured by the Americans.

False conclusions must not be drawn from the results of the operation. To put it briefly, the Germans did not Democratic lever brought into play, Page 12. fight and the trifling damage they did to the French and Americans proves it.

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FRENCH DRIVE ON IN SANCY DISTRICT

Soissons Captured.

600 MORE PRISONERS TAKEN

Enemy Makes Plans to Counter Attack Americans.

ALLIED PLANES ARE BUSY

More Than 17 Tons of Bombs Are Dropped at Dozen Points. Yanks Seize Additional Guns and Stores.

PARIS, Sept. 16 .- To the northeast sons) French troops today advanced about a kilometer on a front of four French troops, in their advance kilometers, according to the War Office

additional prisoners were taken. The town of Vailly on the north bank of the Alsne east of Solssons was captured by the French.

The French also continued their progress through the Oise and Aisne, and captured Mont Des Singes. AMERICAN FORCES ON THE LOR-RAINE FRONT, Sept. 16 .- (By the Associated Press, 1 P. M.)-Aside from slightly increased artillery activity this morning, the day thus far has been

Patrolling Is Active. The Germans seemingly are holding the Hindenburg line, from which they Americans and French encamped a few miles on this side, continue to feel out the line by the same method.

Germa ninfantry has been observed

as if in preparation for a counter attack, but none so far has developed. Near this point the enemy is occupying shellholes. The German artillery fire is limited chiefly to guns of the 77 and 105-milli

nsolidating positions at La Chaussee

meter caliber, but many of the shells are "dubs." The Germans also are active in constructing machine-gun nests at vari-

ous parts of the line. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN THE VOSGES, Sept 16 .- (9 P. M.) -Artillery activity of an intensity to suggest a possible attack or an expected attack occurred in the Vosges today. It was accompanied by an extraordinary amount of signaling. Enemy airplanes were unusually active.

PARIS, Sept. 16 .- While the Americans are operating in Lorraine toward the northeast, the battle has extended

Allied Lines Are Stronger.

flew over St. Lie and 20 over Gerard-

The German staff is seeking to rectify its lines there. The forced retreat at St. Mihiel caused a backward movement along the heights of the Meuse. This double recoil will estabtions over a very wide front, WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN LORRAINE, Sept. 16 .- (By the Asso-

Ehrange, Saarbrucken, Boulay Buhl, Conflans and other points. The bombs dropped on Conflans were directed against the railway yards, the center of the German communications in this region. The roads crossing the Moselle also were attacked by the airmen. Many direct hits were observed. An enemy train was hit at Longuyon. Pursuit groups, protected by a bar-

More Booty Is Taken. Reports from different points along

The Germans may have done the (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)