

## PEACE OR WAR UP TO GERMANY

### Wilson Drives Enemy Into Diplomatic Pocket.

## MASTER STROKE DELIVERED

### Armistice Declined for Reason Armies of Foe Remain on Invaded Soil.

## PERTINENT QUESTIONS ASKED

### Chancellor Max Requested to Tell Just What Interests He Represents.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—President Wilson has met Germany's peace note with a move that will, at one stroke, develop whether her proposal is sincere or merely a pretension, and, if a pretension it be, fully justify for all time before the world the prolonging of the war with force to the utmost, force without stint or limit.

At the same time the President has left wide open the door to peace.

No Armistice Possible.

Declining to propose an armistice while the armies of the central powers remain on invaded soil, the President today called on the German Chancellor to state, as an absolutely necessary preliminary to a reply from the entente allies and the United States, whether Germany accepts the principles of peace as repeatedly laid down, or merely proposes to accept them "as the basis of negotiations," and whether the Chancellor merely speaks for the German military masters conducting the war or the whole German people.

Militarists Must Answer.

As the full significance of the President's diplomacy is disclosed, it becomes evident that he has left open the way to peace and at the same time left the militarist leaders of the central powers with a question they must necessarily answer in a way that will lead to peace or confront them with an embarrassing situation in their own countries.

Diplomats Voice Praise.

Among diplomats here the President's communication is regarded as one of his master strokes. It is pointed out that upon cursory examination it may not show such strong terms as some may have desired. All the President's advisers, however, are confident that as close consideration reveals its full import, it will be apparent that it is a long step forward if Germany really means peace, and that if she does not, it will strip bare another hypocrisy of German diplomacy so completely that the responsibility for prolonging the war never can be charged to the allies, even by the German people themselves.

The text of the President's communication was made public today by Secretary Lansing, together with the official text of Prince Maximilian's note.

Reply to Austria Delayed.

At the same time officials let it be known that there would be no reply at present to the Austrian note similar to that of the German Chancellor. It is not considered necessary to deal with Austria until the time comes for a reply to her dominating ally.

In announcing his action, Secretary Lansing issued the following:

"Department of State, October 8, 1918.

"The Secretary of State makes public the following communications:

Oederlin Transmits Note.

"From the Charge d'Affaires ad interim of Switzerland, in charge of German interests in the United States:

"Legation of Switzerland, Washington, October 6, 1918.—Department of German interests:

"Mr. President: I have the honor to present herewith upon instructions from my government, the original text of a communication from the German government, received by this legation late this afternoon from the Swiss Foreign Office.

"An English translation of this communication is also enclosed, the German original text, however, is alone to be considered as authoritative.

"Please accept, Mr. President, the

## KAISER CLAIMS HE'S GOTT'S STEWARD YET

### ALSACE-LORRAINE DECLARED TRUST FROM ALMIGHTY.

### Supreme War Lord Says He Is Under Divine Protection and Allies Cannot Win.

BERNE, Oct. 8.—The German Emperor addressing the German soldiers at Ruffach, Alsace, late in September, said: "Neither the French nor the Americans will break through our front in Alsace-Lorraine. We shall defend with the last drop of our blood these provinces which belong to us and which the Almighty has entrusted to us to administer as his stewards, and we shall keep them for the benefit of their inhabitants and the glory of God.

"Our faithful allies are with us in this. The last drop of blood of every Austrian and Hungarian soldier, the last drop of every Bulgarian and Turkish soldier, will be shed before our enemies wrest from us land which belongs to Germany.

"Our enemies cannot and will not succeed. We are under divine protection."

## CONTEST TO TAKE PLACE

### Pendleton to Elect Councilman at City Election Next Month.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—There will be only one hotly contested fight for the voters of Pendleton to decide at the city election next month. This will be for the place on the City Council left vacant by the resignation of R. F. Kirkpatrick.

Four members of the council, in addition to Mr. Kirkpatrick's successor, are to be elected. Acting Mayor John Vaughn, Joseph E. D. Phelps and E. J. Murphy are those who retire. The two contestants are Douglas Belts and James H. Estes. Candidates for the other places are Manuel Friedly, Joseph E. King.

A successor is to be chosen to Mayor James A. Best, now a Captain in the medical service, and Acting Mayor John Vaughn is the only present candidate. The members of the War Commission are to be selected to succeed C. P. Strain, resigned, and George O'Donnell, G. M. Rice and Marion Jack are the only nominees.

## HEMP NOOSES ARE MAILED

### South Pacific Citizens Express Disapproval of David Starr Jordan.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Indignant citizens of South Pacific, Wash., do not approve of Dr. David Starr Jordan's alleged pacifist utterances and do not like Rev. Frank Dyer, pastor of the First Congregational Church, who brought Dr. Jordan here, sent them stout hemp ropes with nooses today. The box containing the rope was mailed in care of a Tacoma newspaper and was insured.

Dr. Jordan was vigorously attacked by Tacoma four-minute war committee alleged statements made in a speech that no indemnities for battered Belgium and Northern France should be exacted from Germany. He denied the charge.

## LANDMARK FOUND IN TREE

### Stake Placed 50 Years Ago Discovered Inside Fir at Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 8.—In a survey of land belonging to Mrs. J. E. Stewart trouble was encountered in finding the original landmarks. Three were found, but the fourth seemed to have completely disappeared.

In estimating where it should stand, the surveyor located a fir in which was a protuberance. The tree was cut down and split open, and in its center was found the missing stake, with enough of the original markings on it to show that it was the original corner stake placed 50 years ago by the Government.

The land has been in the possession of the Stewart family since homesteading 50 years ago.

## GENERAL JANIN TOUCHED

### Americans' Reception to French Army Officer "Imperishable Remembrance."

A PACIFIC PORT, Oct. 8.—General Maurice Janin, of the French army, before his departure after a visit here, announced that he was "deeply touched by the reception accorded him in the United States."

"I carry with me an imperishable remembrance of America," General Janin said in a statement given out by the French Consul-General here today.

According to General Janin, he is to be commander-in-chief of the Czecho-Slovak and French units in Siberia.

## CIVILIANS ARE BARRED

### Those of Deferred Classification Cannot Enter Training Camp.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 8.—Civilians in deferred classifications, on account of industry, occupation or employment, including agriculture, are to be barred from attendance at officers' training camps, the Western Department of the Army announced here today.

All other qualified draft registrants may apply for training as officers at the regular schools for infantry, field artillery, machine gun, coast artillery, Engineer Corps and Quartermaster Corps.

## FIRM INVESTS \$25,000,000

### J. P. Morgan & Co. Makes Big Liberty Loan Subscription.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The largest liberty loan subscription received today was one of \$25,000,000 from J. P. Morgan & Co.

## TOWNS ARE TAKEN IN ALLIED SMASH

### Day's Results Will Prove of Widest Importance.

## YANKES PLUNGE DEEPLY

### Hindenburg System South of Cambrai Broken Up.

## ANSWER GIVEN PEACE BID

### Once More Terrific Punishment Is Inflicted on Shattered and Organized German Army.

## WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Oct. 8.—3:30 P. M.—(By the Associated Press.)—A great victory, the results of which undoubtedly will prove of the widest importance, especially at this time, has been won today by two British armies in the field on a front extending 20 miles from Cambrai south- ward.

Americans participated in the center and they plunged even more deeply into enemy positions than at first had been intended.

## Hindenburg System Broken Up.

The Hindenburg system south of Cambrai now has thoroughly been broken up on a front of considerable width.

Elsewhere the main lines of the Hindenburg system have been penetrated, while to the north of Cambrai it appears to have been turned by the operations to the south.

Fast whipper tanks and armored cars are reported now to be in action, and if this is true, as it is believed to be, the offensive certainly has been exploited.

## Many Towns Taken.

At the moment it appears that the new line runs generally from the north, south of Forneville well to the east of Serainvillers. The allied troops are reported in Wambaix and to have been seen east of Chateau Anle, in Villers Outreaux and Serain; east of Fremont, east of Brancourt, east of Fresnoy-Le-Grand and east of Sequehart. All the ground to the west of these two places is reported now to be in British hands.

It was the Americans who stormed and captured Brancourt and Fremont after hard fighting. They reached their objectives well ahead of time. In fact this was the case almost everywhere along the line.

East of the line the British and the Americans are now in the open country and there seems to be reliable indications that there are no lines of importance there, at least for many miles.

Once more terrific punishment has

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## CITY ORDER CLOSES CHURCH CONFERENCE

### CONGREGATIONALISTS AT COR- VALLIS ADJOURN SINE DIE.

### Officers Are Elected for Year; All Annual Reports Will Be Printed.

CORVALLIS, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—The Oregon conference of Congregational churches, which was holding its annual meeting in this city this week, beginning today, had its proceedings interrupted and the session adjourned sine die because of an order from the city health officer closing all public gatherings to prevent the spread of influenza.

They were permitted to elect officers for the year, as follows: Moderator, Dean Clark, of Pacific University; assistant moderator, Rev. Edwin Constant, Highland Congregational Church, Portland; permanent scribe, Dr. J. J. Staab, of Sunnyside Congregational Church, Portland; registrar and treasurer, Rev. Daniel Staver.

While no time was given for reports of any kind, conference committees were appointed and the annual reports of the various branches of church activities will be sent to the publication committee with power to print.

An effort was made immediately to head off a number of prominent speakers scheduled to appear. These include Dr. H. H. Kelley, of San Francisco; Dr. H. H. Wilkoff, of San Francisco, and Dr. C. H. Baker, of New York. Delegates took the order of the health officer good-naturedly, and this evening most of them departed for their homes.

## DAWSON MAN IS DROWNED

### F. H. Day Leaves Widow and Four Children at Newport, Or.

DAWSON, Y. T., Oct. 8.—Parties today were searching for the body of F. H. Day, grand president of the Yukon Order of Pioneers, who was drowned near here in the Yukon River Saturday when his launch was swamped in the swell of a steamboat.

Harry Thomson, a miner, who was with Day, also was lost. Day's widow and four children left here several weeks ago for Newport, Or.

DAWSON Y. T., Oct. 8.—Navigation on the Yukon River close for the winter this week. Every steamer leaving here is crowded with Klondike residents bound outside.

## TEACHERS AT LA GRANDE

### Epidemic at Enterprise Prevents Meet- ing Planned There.

LA GRANDE, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Teachers from Baker, Wallowa and Union counties began arriving in La Grande tonight for the annual institute to be held here. The sessions start tomorrow morning. Dr. E. A. Winship, well-known Boston pedagogue, is the first speaker. Robert Krohn, Portland, will also speak tomorrow.

The institute was transferred to La Grande at the eleventh hour as an epidemic forbade its meeting in Enterprise, the original meeting place.

## FRENCH DRIVE FOE FAR FROM RHEIMS

### Advancing Poilus Now at Conde-sur-Suippe.

## STOUT RESISTANCE OFFERED

### Victorious Troops at Junction of Aisne and Suippe.

## RIVER CROSSING EFFECTED

### Cavalry on North Bank of Aisne River—Isles-sur-Suippe and Bazancourt Wreathed From Enemy.

PARIS, Oct. 8.—Franco-American troops in Champagne have driven back the Germans over a front of nearly two miles north of St. Pierre, captured the plateau northeast of Autry and taken numerous prisoners, according to the French official communication issued tonight.

The French northeast of St. Quentin have captured Fontaine Uterre, the Bellecourt farm, the village of Rouvroy Meuse river, the French and Americans are carrying out successfully their converging movement northward and on all sectors have gained additional ground.

Northeast of Berry-au-Bac the French have driven their line to the junction of the Aisne and Suippe rivers, placing the German front around Laon and eastward in greater jeopardy.

In Champagne General Gouraud's forces have increased their gains all the way eastward to the region of the Argonne forest, while on the eastern side of the forest the Americans have improved their battlefield along the Aire valley.

PARIS, Oct. 8.—Northeast and north of Rheims, the French continued their successful advance. The War Office announcement today says that French troops have reached the outskirts of Conde-sur-Suippe at the junction of the Suippe and the Aisne northeast of Berry-au-Bac.

Along the Suippe river, the French have penetrated into Isles-sur-Suippe and to the west have captured Bazancourt.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Oct. 7.—(Reuter's.)—German forces on the north bank of the Suippe River have been counter-attacking with

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## BRITISH ARMY OFFICER ACCUSED OF THEFT

### LIEUTENANT-COLONEL COLLINS BECOMES FUGITIVE.

### Authorities Seek Man Who Married Natalie Schenck and Eloped With Annie Wheeler.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Federal agents today began a search for Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Glenn Collins, of the British army, sportsman, soldier of fortune and globe trotter. The man disappeared from a hospital just before Deputy Marshals reached the institution armed with a summons for his appearance. The court to explain the alleged theft of a pearl valued at \$5000 from a business concern for which he worked in India.

Collins is widely known as the former husband of Natalie Schenck, of Newport and New York, who left him while on a honeymoon trip around the world. She obtained a divorce in 1907, three years after their marriage.

Collins again came before the public eye in the United States when, in 1914, he eloped with Miss Annie Rumey Wheeler, daughter of Samuel P. Wheeler, of Chicago and Fairfield, Conn., wealthy sewing machine manufacturer.

A veteran of the Sudan and Boer wars, Collins held a Captain's commission at the outbreak of the present conflict and was soon at the front, where he won promotion to his present rank. He was gassed and invalided to Canada and served for a time as camp instructor. He then went to India and returned to this country last Spring.

He was arrested at the request of Bombay officials, but was released on bail and recently, owing to illness, went to the hospital from which he disappeared.

## NEW POSTOFFICE DELAYED

### Structure Will Be in Readiness for Occu- pancy by November 1.

Portland's Postoffice will be in its new home by November 1.

Such was the announcement made yesterday by Supervising Contractor C. C. Holloway, who is putting forth every effort to have that portion of the building ready for occupancy during the present month. The other departments of the Government may not be in the new building until late in November, according to Mr. Holloway.

"We are having trouble in every department," said Mr. Holloway yesterday. "Materials are delayed; men are scarce, and it is difficult to announce anything definitely. However, we feel certain the postoffice can occupy its portion of the building during the present month."

## TWO SYRIAN TOWNS FALL

### General Allenby's Cavalry 33 Miles Northwest of Damascus.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—General Allenby's cavalry on Sunday occupied the towns of Zahleh and Rayak, respectively 33 and 30 miles northwest of the Syrian capital of Damascus, according to an official statement issued today by the British War Office.

## SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS

### Premier Antonio Maura Holds Office Only Half Year.

MADRID, Oct. 8.—The Cabinet headed by Antonio Maura has resigned. The Cabinet was formed last March.

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## ANGLO-AMERICANS WIN BIG VICTORY

### Cambrai-St. Quentin Line Torn to Pieces.

## BOCHES ARE PUT TO FLIGHT

### Terrific Blow on 20 Miles of Front Carries Allies Ahead Five Miles.

## YANKS TAKE MANY VILLAGES

### Prisoners Pour in and Advance Eastward Into Open Country Is Unchecked.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The Anglo-American offensive on the St. Quentin sector has resulted in an advance at some places of four or five miles, according to the Standard's correspondent. Many villages and prisoners have been captured.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The British and Americans have advanced to a depth of about three miles along a 20-mile front in their great attack between St. Quentin and Cambrai today. Field Marshal Haig makes this announcement in his report from headquarters tonight.

The statement reports:

"The Third and Fourth armies attacked on a front of about 20 miles this morning between St. Quentin and Cambrai and have advanced the whole of this front to an average depth of about three miles.

Storm Causes Hardships.

"The night had been stormy, making the assembly of troops difficult; the assault was launched in a down-pour of rain. As the attack progressed the weather cleared, favoring the development of the operations, which, from the first, were completely successful.

"On the extreme right of the British attack English divisions have driven the enemy from the ridge of high ground southeast of Montrehain and have captured the hamlet of Beaugard.

"In the right center the 30th American Division, comprising troops from North and South Carolina and Tennessee, under command of General Lewis, captured Brancourt after heavy fighting. Further to the northeast they took Fremont, completing a successive advance of over three miles, in the course of which they cleared the enemy from a number of farms and woods.

Serain Captured Early.

"On their left English, Scottish and Irish battalions captured the village of Serain early in the day. In the center English and Welsh battalions broke through the German defense system known as the Beaufort-Mansnieres line and captured Malincourt.

"Obstinate resistance was met from strong bodies of the enemy with machine guns at Villers-Outreaux. After hard fighting the Welsh gained possession of the village.

"In the left center the New Zealanders broke through the Beaufort-Mansnieres line and made deep progress to the east of it. The New Zealand troops stormed Lesdain early in the morning and, pressing on, carried Esnes.

"On the left of the attack we had hard fighting about Serainvillers and Niergnies and along the line of the Ennes-Cambrai road. In this sector the enemy counter-attacked strongly, using tanks to support his infantry.

Counter Attack Is Blocked.

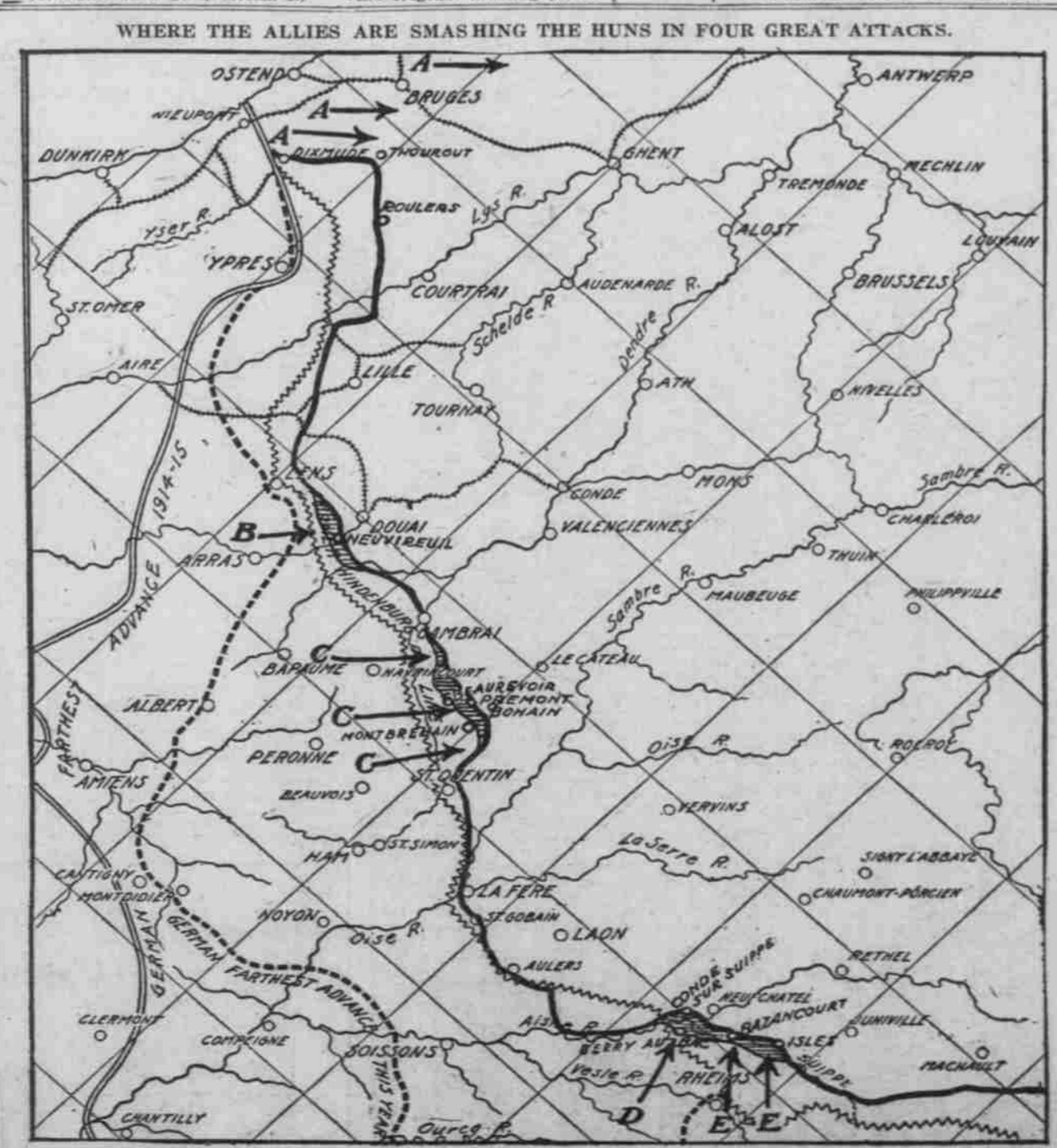
"After pressing us back a short distance the counter attack was stopped, the enemy tanks' being out of action. We regained possession of Serainvillers and Niergnies and resumed our advance.

"North of the Scarpe we have captured a German trench system known as the Fresnes-Bouvroy line, from the Scarpe beyond Oppy, and have taken Fresnes-Les-Montauban and Neuvireuil.

"A thousand prisoners and many guns have been captured in these successful operations. Progress continues to be made along the whole front."

LONDON, Oct. 8.—On the right of the new Anglo-American advance in the St. Quentin sector, Esaigny and

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Heavy Line Is Present Battlefield. Zigzag Line Is Old Hindenburg Line. Dotted Line Is Furthest German Advance This Year. Shaded Portion Is Yesterday's Gain by Allies. Arrows Marked A Show Where Germans Are Retiring From Coast. B Shows Where Canadians Attacked. Arrows Marked C Show Where Americans and British Have Launched Their New Great Drive Between Cambrai and St. Quentin. Arrows Marked D Show Where French Have Crossed the Suippe and Arrows Marked E Show Where Franco-American Forces Have Moved Up to the Suippe.