



FOCH THUNDERS ON THROUGH BELGIUM

Belgians Hold Coast and Drive Hard for Ghent.

ALLIES ARE IN ZEEBRUGGE

Germans Flee for Refuge Behind Defense Lines in Vicinity of Antwerp.

STOUT RESISTANCE IS MADE

Enemy Tries to Stem Thrust of Haig Directed at Tournai-Valenciennes Line.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The French have captured the town of Thiel, in Belgium Flanders, west of Ghent, and have passed 2000 yards east of the town. They are 16 miles from Ghent. The enemy is still resisting strongly between Bruges and Courtrai, but is retiring slowly northeast of La Fere.

The Belgian coast again is Belgian. Germany's dream of an invasion of England across the North Sea from Calais is ended.

Safer Line Is Sought.

Belgian Flanders is fast being evacuated by the enemy, and his line from the Belgian frontier to the Meuse River gradually is giving way under the attacks of the British, French and American armies.

A haven of safety in a shorter and more compact line is sought by the Germans in order to escape annihilation. Everywhere they are being whipped, but seemingly are still far from defeat.

In Belgium the enemy is giving ground hastily to bring his armies out of the trap which menaces them, but from the French front to the Meuse River he is still fighting desperately to hold back the lower jaw of the great Foch pincer from closing in a great converging movement and entrapping the German fighting force in its entirety. And thus far he has successfully, through the use of picked troops and machine gunners, warded off the blow.

Zeebrugge Is Captured.

Zeebrugge, Germany's second great submarine base on the North Sea, has fallen. The flag of Belgium once more flies over it. To the south Bruges has been evacuated, and Turcoing, Roubaix and other towns have been delivered. Out of the great sack between the North Sea and the Lys River the enemy is fleeing to prevent capture or internment in Holland. He hopes to reach Antwerp and there reconstitute his line from the Dutch frontier through Antwerp and Namur, probably to Sedan or Metz.

In France, east of Lille to Cambrai, the British are pressing forward, despite supreme efforts of the enemy, blotting out the big salient which has Tournai as its northern and Valenciennes its southern enemy-held bases. To reduce this salient Field Marshal Haig, with whose forces Americans are brigaded, is driving hard along the Bohain-Le Cateau front in a maneuver which is throwing Valenciennes into a dangerous pocket.

Huns Flee From Sack.

To the south in the sack between the Oise and the Serre rivers, north of Laon, the Germans slowly are withdrawing toward Hirson.

In Champagne the Germans are strongly resisting the French and Americans in their attempts to drive northward toward Mezières and Sedan. The French, nevertheless, have been able to cross the Aisne River near Vouziers, making more secure the positions of the Franco-American forces in the valley of the Aire at Grand Pre.

To the east the Americans on both sides of the Meuse River are slowly advancing. All the ground that is being won is being defended to the last.

Greeks Hold Macedonia.

The Greeks now are in full possession of Greek Macedonia. Albania is fast being cleared of the enemy, and in Serbia the Teutonic allied forces have been driven 30 miles north of Nish. In Syria the victorious forces

ALBINA PLANT SETS NEW VESSEL RECORD

CADDOPECK HULL LAUNCHED 98 PER CENT COMPLETE.

Mrs. George Rogers, whose husband is superintendent of plant, christens Big Ship.

When the 3800-ton steel steamer Caddopeck took the water at 4:38 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Albina Engine & Machine Works had set a new mark for competitors to strive to reach, for her hull was 98 per cent completed, a record that the 2000 men employed there are justly proud of.

Mrs. George Rogers, whose husband is superintendent of the plant, was extended the privilege of christening the ship and no event of the kind was more satisfactory. It is the eighth ship the plant has launched, and under present contracts there are 11 other hulls to follow. Just what the programme will call for beyond that depends on news expected with the return of William Cornfoot, president of the corporation, who left Philadelphia last night.

Thomas M. Geoghegan, assistant to Mr. Cornfoot, received the congratulations of Emergency Fleet Corporation representatives on the showing with the Caddopeck, for the ship was fitted with pumps, windlasses, winches and all auxiliary gear and only her boilers and main engine remain to go into place, and the joiner work completed. Only boilers for those ships are built outside the plant, being manufactured by the Willamette Iron & Steel Works.

The Albina force even turn out auxiliary machinery as well as the main engine and, though the schedule calls for the completion of 15 steamers a year, it is estimated there will be at least three more engines turned out than will be required for them, which means there should be no delay in fitting out the vessels.

The delivery of steel is keeping the shops well supplied and 60 cars of the material are due from the East Monday. The steamer Cadoretta, launched September 2, goes on trial trip Friday.

INFLUENZA VICTIM WEDS

Frank Jewell on Deathbed Marries Mrs. Lillian Mechem at Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special)—Frank G. Jewell, aged 42, who died here late this afternoon of pneumonia resulting from influenza, was married on his deathbed last evening to Mrs. Lillian M. Mechem, of this city. Besides his bride, Mr. Jewell is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jewell, two sisters and a brother, all of Albany.

There have been three deaths here attributed to influenza in the last 24 hours, two of them men enrolled in the officers' training camp at the University of Oregon.

Dr. S. M. Kerron, County Health Officer, said this evening that the situation here was improving.

TROUSERS ARE VINDICATED

War Work Fully Justifies Use of Men's Garb by Women.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 18.—Neither the law of God nor the law of man—at least in Nebraska—prevents women from wearing men's clothes when they are engaged in war work. Attorney-General W. E. Reed ruled so today.

Attorney Reed's opinion was given to Rev. W. B. Longpre, of Maxwell, Neb., who wrote Governor Keith Neville a letter saying the wearing of men's garments by women was against Bible doctrine and asking if it was contrary to state law.

Governor Neville put the question up to the state's legal adviser and the opinion followed.

Late War Bulletins.

LONDON, via Montreal, Oct. 18.—Zeebrugge, the port of Bruges and the second important German submarine base on the Belgian coast, has been occupied by allied forces.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FLANDERS, Oct. 18.—(Reuter's).—Belgian infantry forces entered the city of Bruges today.

PARIS, Oct. 18.—King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium entered Bruges at 10 o'clock this morning.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—Turcoing, a city six miles north of Lille, has been entered by the British troops, according to the Evening News.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The Germans are preparing to inundate the low-lying lands south of the River Scheldt in Eastern Belgium, a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam reports. The inhabitants have been ordered to abandon their homes immediately.

FRANCE, Oct. 18.—A new German line of defense from Antwerp through Namur to Sedan, which probably will be given the name of the Wotan III line, is indicated to be in the course of construction. On this side of the line the Germans do not appear to have any defenses of real importance.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18.—Huge fires have been seen in the direction of Bruges, reports from Flushing say. The flames are spreading.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—Notwithstanding stubborn resistance, the British forces in Flanders again today overcame the enemy and advanced their line, according to Field Marshal Haig's communication issued tonight.

CZECHO-SLOVAKS RENOUNCE AUSTRIA

Nation Issues Declaration of Independence.

POLITICAL AIMS SET FORTH

Complete Break With Hapsburg Dynasty Announced.

REPUBLIC WILL BE FORMED

Great Principles of Modern Democracy Adopted—Patents of Nobility to Be Eliminated.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 18.—The Czechs are masters in Prague, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Berlingske Tidende. Czech flag is in circulation and the Czech flag waves over Hradchin castle.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The Emperor of Austria-Hungary, in a manifesto issued today to the "Austrian peoples," announced that organization of Austria on a federalized basis would be carried out.

Simultaneously there has been made public a resolution, adopted by the Czech-Slovak National Council and the Union of Czech deputies at Prague September 23, completely repudiating the Austrian government and any promises it may make.

Vienna advices, by way of Basel, say that Emperor Charles' plan does not include the union of Austria-Poland with the "independent Polish state." The city of Trieste and the Trieste region will be treated separately "in conformity with the wishes of the population."

Fighting Forces Addressed.

Emperor Charles addressed the Austrian land and sea forces at the same time he issued his message to the people.

The Czech-Slovak resolution, which was suppressed by the Austrian censor and which reached London today, follows:

"At this grave moment, when the Hohenzollerns are offering peace in order to stem the victorious advance of the allied armies and to prevent the dismemberment of Austria-Hungary and Turkey and when the Hapsburgs are promising the federalization of the empire and autonomy to the dissatisfied nationalities committed to their rule, we, the Czech-Slovak National Council, recognized by the allied and

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TRANSPORT FIGHTS U-BOAT TWO HOURS

EIGHT AMERICANS WOUNDED BY ENEMY'S FIRE.

Amphion, Former German Liner, Finally Outspeeds Assailant; Superstructure Riddled.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Oct. 18.—The homeward-bound Army transport Amphion had a two-hour running fight with a German submarine 800 miles off the Atlantic Coast last Saturday morning, in which eight men on the American ship were wounded, two fatally.

The transport arrived here today and reported that so far as those aboard could determine, the submarine was not badly damaged, if at all.

The first shots carried away the Amphion's wireless and she was unable to call for help. The naval gun crews replied to the enemy shots and the transport crowded on all steam, finally drawing away from the submarine. The transport's superstructure was riddled with shells and shrapnel.

After running away from the submarine the Amphion put into an island port where the more seriously wounded were landed. On her arrival here the transport went to a shipyard for repairs.

Names of the wounded men were not given out here. Most of them were said to have been members of the gun crew. The Amphion was formerly the North German Lloyd liner Cornet, is of 7409 gross tons and has a speed of 12 1/2 knots an hour. She was seized at Boston when this country entered the war and after being repaired by the Shipping Board was turned over to the Army as a transport.

PHONE INQUIRY IS ORDERED

Traffic Examiner Cousin to Investigate Local Service.

Portland's telephone service is to be inspected. By an ordinance passed yesterday by the City Commissioners City Traffic Examiner Cousin was instructed to make a complete investigation of the service and report to the Council. The report, it is expected, will be transmitted to Government authorities.

The resolution providing for the inspection follows:

"It appearing that the telephone service now rendered in the city of Portland is unsatisfactory, many complaints constantly arising in consequence thereof; therefore,

"Be it resolved that the traffic examiner be directed to investigate the aforementioned unsatisfactory service in the city and report his findings to the Council."

WILSON BUYS MORE BONDS

President Doubles Subscription to Fourth Liberty Loan.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—President Wilson tonight doubled his liberty loan subscription through the New York police department.

His telegram announcing the addition was used by the police to obtain \$300,000 additional subscriptions.

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GERMANY TRIES TO QUALIFY FOR PEACE

Political House Being Put in Order.

REFORM MEASURES HASTENED

Washington Expects Another Trial at Bargaining.

BREAK CERTAIN TO COME

Another Winter and Spring Campaign May Be Found Necessary to Crush Kaiserism.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 19.—The German war cabinet met at 6 o'clock last evening to decide the definite form of the German answer to President Wilson.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18.—The German reply to President Wilson probably will be despatched on Saturday afternoon, according to advices received here.

BASEL, Switzerland, Oct. 18.—(Special)—There were government conferences in Berlin yesterday that lasted all day, according to advices received here. The war ministry held a five-hour session in which the military chiefs participated.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Little new information reached Washington today about the developments in Germany on which will depend the nature and time of the next move toward peace.

The situation is apparently what it has been for several days. The Germans are hastening their constitutional and electoral reforms in the hope of presenting a government with which the United States and the allies will deal in restoring permanent peace, and conferences proceed on the question of how far the military machine shall go toward meeting conditions precedent to consideration of the plea for an armistice.

Early Reply Not Expected.

There is no evidence here of great disappointment over the failure of a new note to come from Berlin as quickly as reports through neutral countries have indicated it might be expected. In fact, when President Wilson's reply to Prince Maximilian was despatched it was assumed that considerable time must elapse before the Germans would reply, in view of the virtual demand for unconditional surrender.

Of course, it also was assumed that at least one more trial at bargaining

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BOCHE SNIPER KILLS LESLIE ORLAND TOOZE

OREGON YOUTH DIES WHILE FIGHTING IN FRANCE.

Brother Sends Word to Father of How Young Officer Fell "With Conspicuous Gallantry."

SALEM, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special)—Lieutenant Leslie Orland Tooze, son of Walter L. Tooze, Sr., of this city, was killed while engaged, "with conspicuous gallantry," in action in France September 28, according to a cablegram received tonight by his father. The cablegram was from Lieutenant Lamar Tooze, twin brother of Leslie. They entered the service together. Young Tooze was killed by a German sniper, according to the word received, and he was accorded a military burial.

Leslie Tooze was the winner of the Best prize for the best law brief in the first year at Harvard University. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1916. The "Tooze twins" were well known in various parts of Oregon and both of them held exceptional records for school work.

OREGON BOYS ARE CHEERED

Senators Chamberlain and McNary Visit at Camp Meade.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 18.—(Special)—Twelve hundred Oregon men in training at Camp Meade, near Annapolis, experienced a visit today from Senators Chamberlain and McNary. Although the camp is still under quarantine the officers gave the two Senators every opportunity to visit and talk with the men and review the 63d Infantry, composed chiefly of soldiers from Oregon.

The men had an opportunity to talk with the Senators personally and to shake hands and renew old acquaintance. Both Senators made informal talks to the assemblage of Oregonians. Only 16 of the Oregonians have been ill with influenza. There has not been one fatality, and the men are in splendid condition.

The Senators report everything in fine shape for the comfort of the men at the camp.

BLAZE RESULTS IN ARREST

Prineville Man Is in Custody on Charge of Arson.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special)—R. M. Powell, of Prineville, was arrested and placed in the County Jail yesterday on a warrant charging him with arson.

The dwelling formerly owned by Powell and recently transferred to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Prose was destroyed by fire some time Wednesday night. The fire occurred after midnight and evidence collected by the Sheriff aroused suspicion against the former owner.

The dwelling was situated on McKay Creek, about four miles north of Prineville, and cost about \$2000. It was insured for \$500.

MINERS MAY GET FOOD

Ship to Make Effort to Reach Men Before Ice Closes In.

SEATTLE, Oct. 18.—Miners of the Kuskokwim District, Alaska, said to be running short of food, may yet be supplied by the schooner Ruby, which is to sail in a few days in an effort to reach Goodnews Bay, near Kuskokwim Bay, before the ice closes in.

The Ruby is now at Seward, Alaska. A crew left here last night to take her west to Goodnews Bay. If she does not reach the bay the supplies will be stored at Unalaska and taken to the Kuskokwim next Spring.

Austrian Premier Resigns.

BASEL, Oct. 18.—Baron Burián, the Austrian premier, has resigned, according to Vienna newspapers.

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SUCCESS OF LOAN AT STAKE TODAY

Billion Dollars or More Are Still Required.

MANAGERS EXPRESS HOPE

Supreme Selling Effort of the Campaign to Be Made.

SOME DISTRICTS MAY FAIL

St. Louis Only One to Report That It Has Subscribed Its Full Quota of Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The Nation will decide tomorrow the degree of success of the fourth liberty loan.

Tonight, with only 24 hours remaining, the Treasury Department put the sum already raised at between \$4,500,000,000 and \$5,000,000,000, making a billion or more still necessary.

The amount officially reported tonight was only \$3,955,585,600, an increase of \$351,000,000 since last night.

On the eve of the greatest selling effort of the campaign, National loan headquarters limited its comment to this:

"There must not be the slightest diminution of effort to gain the desired end. There must be the most vigorous selling from sunrise until as late at night as there is anyone left to buy."

Big Total Hoped For.

The managers still felt sure that the big total would be subscribed, but emphasized that it would take a multitude of \$50 and \$100 subscriptions as well as some big pledges. The loan would fail, they said, only if either the vast group of small subscribers or the smaller group of heavy buyers refused to invest at the last moment, believing that the loan would go over without their help.

Indications tonight were that several Federal Reserve districts might fail to achieve their quotas. The St. Louis district passed its quota of \$250,000,000 by a bare \$281,000, and recorded itself as not only the first district to make this record, but as having duplicated its record of the third loan campaign.

New York Has Far to Go.

The New York district today passed the billion-dollar mark, and hopes to get the entire \$1,800,000,000 quota. The Minnesota and Boston districts are nearest the top with \$8 and \$2 per cent, respectively. Dallas was fourth, with 70 per cent, and San Francisco sixth, with 69.

Commenting on the uphill fight in the New England district, against the influenza epidemic, the Treasury statement tonight said:

"The work done in this district stands out as an object lesson for every liberty loan committee in the country. In the face of most tremendous odds occasioned by a prevalence of Spanish influenza, the district kept plugging ahead until tonight it has officially 55 per cent of its quota."

Capital City Over-subscribed.

Washington, the Nation's capital, today suddenly spurred over its \$25,000,000 allotment and went ahead enthusiastically to roll up a big over-subscription.

The San Francisco district tonight thought it had nearly three-fourths of its \$402,000,000 quota. Utah is leading all states. Washington state has 13 counties over the top.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—Official figures compiled tonight credited the 12th Federal Reserve district with subscriptions amounting to \$252,672,410 in the fourth liberty loan. This was 70 per cent of the district's allotment of \$402,000,000.

Utah Makes Close Contest.

Although Oregon reported unofficially several days ago that the state had over-subscribed its quota, Utah tonight was making a close contest on the basis of subscriptions actually in bank. Both states had an official percentage of 75.

Idaho was in third place with 85 per cent of its allotment subscribed. Arizona and Washington were even with 76.6 per cent each. Southern California had 73 per cent, Northern California 64, and Nevada 63.

This city reported tonight officially listed subscriptions of \$22,395,100. Today's subscriptions amounted to \$14,317,150. The city's quota is \$108,000,000.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—With \$11,300,000 to obtain before the loan campaign closes tomorrow night, Chicago loan workers were going at top speed.

Fire Department Helps.

Bands blared through the loop district today, sailors marched and sang, and even the Chicago fire department contributed to the enthusiasm.

Firemen with young women slung over their shoulders descended ladders from high windows and when released the girls sold bonds like the proverbial hot cakes to the hundreds of spectators.

ST. HELENS SUBSCRIBES MORE

Twenty Business Men Increase Liberty Loan Amount \$12,000.

ST. HELENS, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special).—Twenty St. Helens business men tonight subscribed \$12,000 additional to

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Millions of American Troops Abroad and More Arriving Daily—That's the Reply to the Kaiser's Peace Parley. And Note This, Mr. Hohenzollern: The Appropriations Committee Has Stated That by July Next the United States Armies Abroad Will Number 4,500,000 Men. In This Picture Are Shown a Few of the Many New Arrivals That Will Join the Ranks of Pershing's Army.