

GERMANS SEEK TO PROLONG PARLEY

Latest Reply to Wilson Reported on Way.

SOME CONCESSIONS MADE

Evacuation of Belgium Will Take Months, Is Said to Be One Clause.

CHARGES OF CRUELTY DENIED

All Submarines Have Been Ordered to Return to Bases, Says Madrid Dispatch.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—According to unofficial reports reaching Amsterdam the German reply to President Wilson was delivered to the Swiss Minister in Berlin Saturday evening, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam.

In the note Germany consents to the evacuation of Belgium, but considers that such a withdrawal will take several months' time.

U-Boat Use Defended.

Germany protests against the charges of cruelty in the President's note and says she was forced into submarine warfare by the allied blockade. The German government, it is added, denies responsibility for the loss of women and children on torpedoed passenger ships, but to advance peace Germany is prepared provisionally to stop unrestricted submarine warfare.

Right to "Meddle" Disputed.

Finally, the note disputes the right of foreign powers to meddle with German internal affairs and declares Germany should enjoy the same right of self determination as other nations.

Break in Negotiations Reported.

Berlin financial circles are said to be disturbed over a report that negotiations have been broken off.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—(11:17 P. M.)—

Official quarters in London were still without news of the German reply to President Wilson late tonight.

The view here is that in the event that the reply is unacceptable to the entente powers Austria and Turkey will arrange a joint conference for the purpose of taking independent peace action.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—

So many conflicting reports about a German reply to President Wilson have come out of Holland and Switzerland during the past few days that officials here are disposed now to believe nothing on the subject until the text of the note is received.

Every version of the probable nature of the reply under consideration, if not adopted, indicates that the Germans are preparing to come forward with what they, at least, will expect the world to believe is a long step toward meeting conditions which President Wilson has said must be met before there can be thought of an armistice or discussion of peace.

Attempt at Controversy Feared.

Whatever may be the substance of the note, it is believed here its form will be designed to make it difficult for President Wilson to avoid further exchanges.

According to one of the reports today the Germans will agree to evacuate Belgium and to abandon provisionally unrestricted submarine warfare, but will dispute the right of foreign powers to meddle with German internal affairs. Another says the offer will include immediate suspension of submarine warfare, political guarantees and an armistice which "the American and German high commands will arrange on the battlefield."

Talk to Be Avoided.

A dispatch from Madrid saying the Spanish government had been in-

RETREATING TEUTONS TRAPPED IN HOLLAND

FIFTEEN THOUSAND GERMANS CUT OFF, INTERNED.

Belgians Moving North From Eecloo Halt Homeward Movement of Big Hun Contingent.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Fifteen thousand retreating German soldiers have been interned in Holland after being cut off by Belgian troops moving northward from Eecloo, according to reports from the frontier reaching Amsterdam and transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Belgian soldiers took charge of the Dutch-Belgian border last night and were received enthusiastically by the populace.

MUSIC LURES SEALS TO DIE

Puget Sound Hunter Makes Novel Use of Phonograph.

SEATTLE, Oct. 20.—Phonograph music lured scores of destructive hair seals of the lower Puget Sound to their deaths last Summer, according to Ed Corfee, who spent several months at Useless, Mutiny and Cultus Bays, south of here, killing seals that prey upon salmon. Corfee is a hunter employed by the Washington Fish and Game Commission.

A phonograph and a rifle were the principal items in Corfee's outfit. According to his statement the seals came out of the water to listen to the music. Whenever a seal put his head above the surface Corfee's rifle spoke and the seal dropped. Each seal is said to be able to destroy \$1000 worth of salmon a year.

APPLICATIONS TO BE HERE

Commission Seekers Must Not Write or Go to Washington.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 20.—Hereafter all residents of Oregon, Washington and Idaho desiring commissions in the quartermaster, ordnance, sanitary, engineer, military intelligence, motor transport, construction, aircraft production, aeronautics, chemical warfare or Adjutant-General's departments of the military, must make their applications to the Military Training Camps Association in the Corbett building, Portland, the chief of which will make announcement from time to time of the services in which men are needed.

Applications may be filed in advance. In no case, says the announcement made public today, should the applicant come or write to Washington.

DANES COVET SCHLESWIG

Note Suggests to Huns That People of Dukedom Make Choice.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 20.—Denmark, according to news telegrams to the Dutch press, has sent a note to Germany suggesting that certain terms of the treaties executed between the two countries in the period from 1860 to 1870 should be carried out.

The Vaderland points out that article 6 of the treaty of 1864, which cedes the German duchies of Schleswig-Holstein and Lauenburg to Prussia, provided for a plebiscite in Schleswig to decide whether the inhabitants would prefer allegiance to Germany or to Denmark. This provision, it is declared, never has been carried out.

YANK VETERANS TO TEACH

Foreign Officers at Training Camps Will Be Sent Home.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Because many American officers incapacitated for service overseas are available as instructors at American cantonments, preparations are under way to return to Europe all the French, British, Belgian and Italian officers now in the United States who have been detailed for this service, according to announcement here tonight by members of the British and French missions.

Fifty American officers have arrived here within the last two days.

HUNS GIVE SHIP TO SPAIN

German Consul Hands Over Steamer to Authorities at Bilbao.

BILBAO, Spain, Oct. 19.—The German Consul here has handed over to the Spanish authorities the German steamer Euripha. The Spanish colors have been hoisted on the vessel.

The transfer of a German steamer to Spain probably is in keeping with the recent agreement by which Spain is to get German ships interned in Spain in exchange for Spanish ships sunk by submarines.

SPAIN HONORS PRESIDENT

Wilson Is Unanimously Proclaimed Citizen of Barcelona.

BARCELONA, Oct. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Wilson was unanimously proclaimed a citizen of Barcelona today. The honor was accorded in recognition of his "great efforts made in favor of world justice."

Several other cities in Spain intend similarly to honor him.

SEIZED STEAMER IS SUNK

Vessel Requisitioned by Spanish Government Is Torpedoed.

MADRID, Oct. 20.—The steamer Maria, which had been requisitioned by the Spanish government, has been torpedoed by a German submarine, the Epecha says. The steamer was used in transporting phosphates to Spain.

LOOT-LADEN HUNS LEAVE RUIN BEHIND

Foe Seems Bound for Own Frontier Defenses.

COAST GUNS AT ANTWERP

Forty Bridges Thrown Hastily Over Meuse River.

RETREAT ROAD PREPARED

Enemy Tells Civilians to Remain in Homes When Retreat Begins, and Then Shells Victims.

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Oct. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Reliable information received from the other side of the line indicates that the German retreat will carry the enemy back many miles, if not all the way to Germany itself. Many prisoners captured on different parts of the line declare Belgium and France are in process of evacuation.

Guns from the Belgian coast are known to have reached Antwerp, but at the moment it is not certain whether they have gone beyond that city. Aircraft has been transferred from Ghent to Brussels. Detailed reports are coming in respecting several lines of German defenses, but none of these lines seem to be more than temporary. The principal line is reported to be along the Selsacte-Ghent canal and the Scheidt River.

Meuse Bridges Built.

Forty bridges have been thrown across the Meuse in the neighborhood of Huy, southwest of Liege, and the source from which this information is derived says that these are in preparation for the retreat of the Germans behind their own frontier.

The country from which the Germans are withdrawing offers striking proof of German brutality and destructiveness. When they retired from a town the civilians were informed that they need have no fear of remaining there, as the town would not be shelled. On this promise many civilians remained, but the Germans dropped numerous shells into the place and several civilians, among them women, were wounded. This crime has been added to those already chalked up against the Germans by the British army.

Huns Continue Destruction.

Preliminary reconnaissances in vast stretches of recaptured territory show that in addition to the destruction of military establishments, the Germans before departing demolished every factory and all mines. In many houses the Germans placed "booby" traps and infernal machines, which apparently were designed as much for civilians as for soldiers.

The British army has had previous experience with such appliances.

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25,000,000 BELIEVED TO BE BOND BUYERS

DEFINITE FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE FOR SOME TIME.

Officials Confident Over-Subscription Brought About by Big Sums From Financial Interests.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Probably 25,000,000 or more individuals bought bonds of the fourth liberty loan, unofficial reports reaching Washington today showed.

A large proportion of these filed their subscriptions during the last few days of the campaign, which ended last night. Consequently, it will be a task of many days to count the number of pledges and to compile reports from the entire country.

Definite figures and the total subscriptions to the loan were not available here tonight. Local and district campaign managers, fatigued with their arduous work, rested today, and will not start until tomorrow to figure up the avalanche of fast-minute purchases. The only official figures in hand were of Friday night, showing about \$1,400,000,000 yet to be subscribed.

Despite this total lack of definite information, officials were confident that the \$5,000,000,000 popular war credit had been oversubscribed. This belief was based on indications that advance promises of large sums from financial interests in New York and elsewhere would be found to be fulfilled when the final count is made.

LINEN IS NEEDED AT ONCE

Imperative Call Goes Out for Sheets and Pillowcases for Use Here.

One thousand sheets and 1500 pillow cases are needed immediately to supply the emergency hospital in the Auditorium, according to Mrs. Ferdinand E. Reed, chairman of the Red Cross linen drive, last night.

Owing to the number of cases now in the emergency hospital, the supply immediately available for the hospital has been practically exhausted and a call for additional supplies was issued last night.

The sheets and pillow cases should be left today at room 408 Oregonian building.

ABDICATION ONLY SOLUTION

Three Teuton Papers Express View, Says Zurich Dispatch.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—The abdication of Emperor William and the Crown Prince is the only means of solving the "terrible crisis," according to opinions expressed by the Munich Post, the Swabische Tagwacht and Frankische Morgen Post, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich says.

It is added that the more rapidly the abdication is brought about, the better for the country.

BIG PLANE EFFICIENT ONE

Machine Makes Speed Carrying 7 Men and 5 Guns.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 20.—A big Handley-Page Army bombing plane on its way from New York to Dayton, O., arrived here yesterday.

Carrying seven men and five guns, the machine covered the 86 miles between Buffalo and Erie in 46 minutes.

STATE LOAN QUOTA OVERSUBSCRIBED

Oregon Apparently Over Top by \$2,500,000.

LAST DAY'S RETURNS LARGE

Lagging Communities Sweep Ahead in Final Hours.

PORTLAND SHOWING GOOD

Indications Are That Oregon Metropolitan Area Has Exceeded Its Assigned Amount by \$1,500,000.

Flattering returns which reached state leaders yesterday sent subscription records of towns and counties of Oregon in the fourth liberty loan soaring above allotments and brought from Robert E. Smith, state chairman, the assertion that every town and district seems over its goal. The state over-subscription promises to be not less than \$2,500,000.

Half a dozen communities which had caused concern by lagging, skipped past their quotas at high speed in final hours of the drive. Of three counties not officially "over the top" Saturday night, two are now known to have exceeded allotments by handsome margins. From Baker County alone was confirmation lacking that it had exceeded its quota. State leaders say it has, though they lacked the figures.

Umatilla Goes Over Top.

Umatilla County, \$144,000 short of its quota Saturday, yesterday reported \$2,096,650 in pledges, or an over-subscription of \$76,000.

Clatsop County sent the state over-subscription soaring by reporting a total of \$1,500,000. This gives a clear gain of \$50,000 for the state, as its previous subscription was but \$1,450,000.

Klamath County, officially credited as just having attained the quota of \$485,000, telegraphed "now \$75,000 over and still coming in."

"County is 120 per cent," came the message from Coos County. This means a boost of \$145,000 to the state aggregate, as Coos was officially recorded as just having made its goal of \$725,000. From Hood River came report of an over-subscription of \$70,200, though all pledges of the campaign were voluntary. Many other communities put over their quotas through voluntary subscriptions only.

"Spruce Squadron here," states a telegram from Warrenton. "75 members subscribed an additional \$11,500, making their total \$18,500."

This is another sidelight upon last-day achievements, as General Eric P. Dique called upon many thousand spruce workers of this state for enlarged subscriptions. This plea alone may add from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 to the state's total.

No attempt at compilation of the late

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CAR LEAPS TRACKS ON BRIDGE INCLINE

TWO PASSENGERS ARE INJURED AND AUTO WRECKED.

Failure of Emergency Brakes to Work Is Said to Have Been Cause of Accident.

Two persons were injured severely and two others shaken badly last night when a Williams-avenue car ran away on the west approach to the Harriman bridge, left the track and crashed into an automobile parked on the northwest corner of Third and Oregon streets.

The injured are: Wesley Hemsworth, 282 Margin street, whose car was torn off, and who sustained lacerations about the face, head and hands; and J. D. Albright, the conductor, who sustained lacerations about the head, leg and fingers. The motorman and another passenger were thrown down when the car struck the automobile, but escaped serious injuries.

The accident is said to have been due to the trolley coming off the wire. The emergency brakes would not work, it is said, and the car ran down the incline from the bridge at high speed.

The automobile was wrecked by the collision, which telescoped the front end of the streetcar. A driver for the Ambulance Service Company, on his way to answer a sick call, witnessed the accident, and took the injured to the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Mr. Hemsworth works for the Oregon Auto Dispatch Company. Mr. Albright lives at 675 Junior street. There were only two passengers on the car.

Another Williams-avenue streetcar jumped the track as it was taking the turn at Killingsworth and Union avenue and crashed into a telephone pole, injuring Mrs. M. A. Swope, of 1115 Malloy street, and Thomas Bathe, of 579 Saratoga street, passengers. They were bruised and received cuts about the face and hands from broken glass. Other passengers on the car were shaken up.

The injured were taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital. It was reported that as the car was making the turn the brakes failed to hold and it left the rails. The front end of the car was smashed in and the various windows broken, but the motorman escaped injury.

CHURCH NOT WORSHIPLESS

Prayer Goes Up Regardless of Temporal Regulations.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—At 11 o'clock this morning the big bell of St. Luke's Episcopal Church pealed forth an unusual and Rev. Charles W. Holmes, rector, took his place in his pulpit and conducted services, his congregation being his wife and daughter and a lone chaplain from Vancouver. Other ministers throughout the city also went to their pulpits and prayed for their members and the Nation in this time of stress.

When the order closing the churches went out the ministers met and resolved that each should go to his pulpit Sunday and offer prayer. This they did last Sunday, and yesterday as well, the bell at St. Luke's Church giving the city notice of the hour.

PEOPLE MAY WEAR MASKS

San Francisco Moves to Prevent Spread of Influenza.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—The people of San Francisco are to be requested to wear gauze masks while at their employment downtown and while on the streets, it was decided late last night after a meeting of state and local Boards of Health.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Woods Hutchinson, of New York.

Missing Boat to Be Sought.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Oct. 19.—A government training boat has been ordered to search for the boat which sailed under command of Captain Chuggs from Malden Island late in July to secure assistance for the crews of the Annie Larsen and John Murray, which were marooned there. The men on Malden Island have since been rescued.

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FOCH DRIVES HUNS RELENTLESSLY ON

Allied Armies Advance Along Broad Front.

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Anglo-Belgian Forces Extend Gains Rapidly in Region Northeast of Courtrai.

FRENCH PROGRESS IS VITAL

Important Ground Won East of Vouziers and Many Big Guns Are Seized.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—The Belgian advance continues. Cavalry closely following the enemy today captured several machine-gun nests, according to advices received tonight. Further north the Belgians reached the Dutch frontier. To the south they reached a line more than 12 miles east of Bruges, capturing numerous villages. The material abandoned by the enemy is enormous.

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Oct. 20.—

(By the Associated Press, 5 P. M.)—The British army continued its attack today in conjunction with the Belgians to the north. The combined forces fought their way to the east of Staceghem and reached Vichte, lying northeast of Courtrai, and are still pushing on rapidly.

The Anglo-Belgians are also northeast of Deerlyk, Spruete and Strate. The Third Army had captured by early afternoon nearly a thousand prisoners.

Hun Forces Endangered.

While the Belgians, French and British were driving the Germans rapidly eastward toward Ghent, which is being approached both from the west and southwest, the British Third Army, attacking at 2 o'clock this morning, smashed its way eastward to the south of Valenciennes. The success of this operation, which this evening seems assured, means the turning of the Valenciennes line and endangers all the German forces northward to Flanders and southward to the Oise Canal, behind which the Germans have begun to retreat from other British forces and the Americans.

This thrust will upset the known German plan of trying to hold the line east of the Scheldt, to which the enemy is retiring hastily from what once was the Lille salient.

Ghent's Capture Near.

Reports from the front in Flanders indicate that Ghent will soon be recovered. Already the allied guns are hammering the Germans on all sides; cyclist and cavalry patrols are sweeping ahead of the infantry, drawing closer and closer.

The Germans were driven out of the northwest coast in Flanders much sooner than they expected, for captured orders showed that they intended to hold the line of Zeebrugge-Bruges-Thielt, but were unable to resist the terrific allied pressure.

Thousands of civilians have been liberated by the Belgians and French and masses of booty fell into their hands.

Huns Rush Defenses.

It is considered quite possible that the Germans will try to make several successive stands in Belgium, and one line of resistance undoubtedly will comprise Antwerp, Brussels and Namur, on which much work is being done. At the same time it is worth noting that the Germans are laboring frantically in the preparation of a defensive line on their own frontier, especially in the neighborhood of Aix La Chapelle and Liege.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Oct. 20.—

(Reuter's.)—The First and Third British armies this morning joined battle with the Germans from northeast of Le Cateau to the Scheldt Canal. The weather was wet and the ground heavy and slippery, but the attack started most favorably. The capture of Vred and Catteliet is confirmed.

Douai Is Set Afire.

Fires broke out afresh in Douai yesterday and the enemy has been bomb-

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SOMETHING TO TAKE NOTICE OF.

