

SURRENDER ONLY TERMS FOR KAISER

Peace Door Open to German People, Says Wilson.

ARMISTICE PLEA SUCCEEDS

President Will Confer With Allied Governments and Military Chiefs.

ENEMY ASSUMED SINCERE

No Action Will Be Taken That Does Not Effectually End Foes' War Power.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—President Wilson has submitted the German plea for an armistice and peace to the allies and at the same time has informed Berlin that there can be no armistice except on terms that would make it impossible for Germany to renew hostilities.

While consenting to deal further with the present authorities in Germany the President has given them this warning: "If it (the United States) must deal with the military masters and monarchial autocrats of Germany now, or if it is likely to have to deal with them later in regard to the international obligations of the German empire, it must demand, not peace negotiations, but surrender. Nothing can be gained by leaving this essential thing unsaid."

Virtual Surrender Demanded.

The President's reply to the last German note was handed to the charge of the Swiss Legation tonight for transmission to the German government. It accedes to the request that he take up with the allies the proposals of the new spokesmen of the German people, but does it with notice that virtual surrender of the Teutonic armies in the field will be the price demanded for interruption of the beating now being administered.

In transmitting the matter to the allies the President says he has suggested that if they are disposed to effect peace on his terms and principles now accepted by the present German authorities, the American and allied military advisers be asked if they deem such an armistice possible from a military point of view to submit such terms as will fully protect the interests of the people involved and insure to the associated governments the unrestricted power to enforce peace on the conditions accepted.

Explicit Assurances Accepted.

The President says he feels he cannot decline to take up the question of an armistice, having received solemn and explicit assurances of the German government that it accepts the terms of peace enunciated by him, that the desire to discuss their application comes from Ministers speaking for an overwhelming majority of the German people, and that the German armed forces will observe the humane rules of civilized warfare on land and sea.

He ignores entirely the German protest and denials in response to his statement that an armistice could not be considered while the German army and navy continued their atrocities.

Plain Words Spoken.

As to the authority of the new spokesmen of the German people, he speaks, as the note says, "without any attempt to soften what may seem harsh words," and tells the men with whom he is dealing and through them the German people why such extraordinary safeguards must be demanded before hostilities can cease.

Significant and important as the proposed constitutional changes seem to be, he declares, it does not appear that the principle of a government responsible to the German people has yet been worked out, and it is evident that the people have no means of commanding the acquiescence of the military authorities.

He reminds the Germans that the power of the King of Prussia (the Kaiser) to control the policy of the empire is unimpaired, and concludes with the warning that if this power is to be dealt with the United States

HINDENBURG JOINS IN PEACE OFFENSIVE

FIELD MARSHAL RECALLS HIS DAYS OF SUCCESS.

German War Chief Warns Officers and Men to Avoid Political Activities.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Oct. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Field Marshal von Hindenburg in an order to German officers in the field, referring to negotiations for an armistice, declares he approves the peace move and is obliged to support the government. He asks that the confidence reposed in him in the days of success be continued.

The German Crown Prince in an order to the group of armies under his command reminds the officers of the responsibility they incur when they lose a position or modify the line in any way without orders. Copies of these documents have fallen into the hands of the French.

"Political events of the last few days," says von Hindenburg, "have produced the most profound impression upon the army, notably upon the officers. It is my duty to support the government instituted by his majesty. I approve the steps taken toward peace. The German army has a superiority over all others in that the troops and officers have never engaged in politics. We must adhere to that principle. I expect that the confidence that was accorded me in the days of success will be all the stronger now."

The order of the Crown Prince is shorter and almost curt. It says: "The exchange of diplomatic notes gives me the occasion to recall my order according to which each officer in command engages his responsibility when he loses a position or modifies his lines of resistance without express orders."

PHONE EMPLOYES GET RISE

New Wage Increase Will Become Effective October 16.

Employees of the Pacific Telephone and Telephone Company are to be given wage increases effective from October 16. A bulletin conveying only this information was posted yesterday in the telephone company's main office.

BARN TURNED INTO SALOON

Proprietor Has Complete Monopoly in One Texas County.

VINTON, Tex., Oct. 23.—Three hours after the news was received that the Texas state-wide prohibition law had been declared unconstitutional, a saloon opened for business here in a barn.

The proprietor is said to be the only man in El Paso County who did not cancel his license when the state-wide law went into effect and will have the only saloon in the county.

72 DIE AT SAN FRANCISCO

New Influenza Cases Number 1372 for One Day.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.—Seventy-two deaths from influenza and 1372 new cases had been reported here today to the health office up to 5 P. M. This was the greatest gain since the appearance of the epidemic.

THOMAS W. LAWSON HURT

Financier and Senatorial Candidate in Auto Mishap.

MARLBORO, Mass., Oct. 23.—Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston financier and independent candidate for United States Senator, was injured when his automobile was overturned on the State road in Northboro late today.

CARGO STEAMSHIP SINKS

American Vessel of 3550 Tons Founders After Striking Rock.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Sinking of the American cargo steamship Lake Boreas off the coast of France without loss of life was announced today by the Navy Department. The ship foundered after striking a rock.

OVER 2,000,000 U. S. TROOPS EMBARKED

Baker Reports Figures to President Wilson.

LOSSES EXCEEDINGLY LIGHT

Efficiency of Convoy System Formally Recognized.

BRITISH AID APPRECIATED

Wilson, on Receipt of Intelligence, Congratulates the War and Navy Departments.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Embarkation of 2,005,921 American soldiers to participate in the war overseas was disclosed by correspondence between Secretary Baker and President Wilson given out at the White House tonight at the same time that the President's reply to the German note was made public by the State Department.

"I am sure that this will be a matter of deep gratification and assurance to the country," said the President, replying to a letter from Secretary Baker, reporting on the number of men who have sailed from American ports to October 21.

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POSSIBLE ARMISTICE TERMS ALL AGREED ON.

Naval Questions, Hitherto Untouched, Are Regarded as Being of First Importance.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Reuter's Ltd. learns that the allied governments, as a result of continual communications, are perfectly acquainted with and agreed on the terms under which it will be possible to enter into negotiations for an armistice.

It should be observed that naval questions have never been dealt with in any negotiations between the United States and Germany, and they are of first importance from the allies' viewpoint.

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YANKS PUSH BACK DESPERATE BOCHES

Terrific Struggle Rages West of Meuse River.

FOE HURLED FROM TWO TOWNS

Grim Fighting in Woods Sees Americans Gain Ascendancy.

ENEMY FIRE IS INTENSE

Doughboys Force Way Forward Despite Opposition of Germans, Determined to Hold Ground.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 23.—(By the Associated Press, 11 P. M.)—The Americans tonight are fighting north of Bantheville, Hill No. 297, Hill 329 and Hill 281; Bantheville having changed hands several times in the last few days. Brioules also has been cleared of the enemy.

Hill 281 has been the scene of severe fighting for four days, the Germans having numerous machine gun nests on its summit. The capture of this hill gives the Americans command of Clerly-le-Grand and the valley along the Landon river.

Early Wednesday the Americans launched an attack with the determination of cleaning up Grand Pre and that region. This was accomplished, but the Germans, counter-attacking, drove back the Americans at places.

The Germans losses in dead and wounded were heavy.

RACE WITH DEATH IS LOST

C. W. Gilliam Arrives at Spokane to Meet Child's Funeral.

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MAJOR A. B. RICHESON, PORTLAND, WOUNDED

MEMBER OF 91ST CABLES "MAKING GOOD RECOVERY."

Former Newspaperman and Regular Army Man Sends Word "Don't Worry" to Wife.

"Wounded. Making good recovery. Don't worry." RICHESON.

Further evidence that the famous 91st Division, which left Camp Lewis this summer for the war front, has been in the thick of the fighting was indicated last night by a cablegram received from Major A. B. Richeson, of Portland, by his wife here, that he had been wounded.

Mrs. Richeson had not heard by letter from her husband since August 16, though she received a cablegram from him while visiting in Seattle, about September 1, that the then Captain had been commissioned a Major.

Major Richeson is a former regular Army man, having seen service in the Philippines after the Spanish-American war, and later was stationed for several years at Schofield Barracks, Hawaiian Islands; is a graduate of the first Officers' Training Camp at the Presidio, going directly to Camp Lewis, where he was assigned as Adjutant to Colonel French, whom he knew in the Philippines. Major Richeson then Captain, was dubious about ever seeing service in France and longed for the time when he might be ordered "over there," before the war would be over, as he often expressed it. Major Richeson formerly was a member of The Oregonian news staff.

Mrs. Richeson, who has been visiting in Seattle and Tacoma since the Major's trip across the Atlantic, now will reside with her parents, Captain and Mrs. G. J. Stuart, 488 Williams avenue.

LOAN PAYMENTS PILE UP

Receipts Pour Into Treasury at Rate of \$150,000,000 Daily.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Payments on the fourth liberty loan now are pouring into the Treasury at the rate of \$150,000,000 a day and several hundred millions are expected tomorrow, the last day allowed banks to report their loan subscriptions, together with initial payments.

So great is the task before the banks that many will probably not be able to complete their reports in the allotted time, thus delaying the Federal Reserve banks in making up their totals which will show the exact amount of the subscriptions to the loan.

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Thousands of Prisoners, Many Towns Taken.

WHOLE FRONT IS MENAGED

Enemy in Valenciennes Sector Swept Back More Than Three Miles.

MONS, MAUBEUGE IN RANGE

In Fighting of Desperate Nature Germans Suffer Big Losses in Killed.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Oct. 23.—(By the Associated Press, 6 P. M.)—The British third and fourth armies today smashed through strong German defensive positions south of Valenciennes. They gained ground to a depth of more than 5000 yards on an extended front, capturing many important villages and several thousand prisoners, together with numerous guns, and driving a wedge into the enemy positions at what probably is the most vital point of the lines the Germans are holding.

Enemy Loses Heavily.

The fighting was of a desperate nature, the German machine gunners holding out to the last. Large numbers of the enemy were killed.

The advance continues and the menace to the Germans to the north and south of the front is hourly growing. Further retreats are expected.

North of the third and fourth armies the British first army continued its attacks and reached positions well to the northeast of Valenciennes, which is gradually being squeezed out. It is probable that the Germans have already evacuated that town.

Le Queenois Is Approached.

The British are approaching Le Queenois and were only about three miles from the gates of that place, according to latest reports, and were still advancing.

The heaviest fighting seems to have been in LeEbeque wood, which is still being cleared up, although the British have passed completely around it and are before the great Mormal forest. On the edge of this the Germans were reported to be concentrating at Preux.

Castillon was taken early in the fighting by assault. Ors is in British hands. The Germans before retreating blew up all the bridges over the canal between Castillon and Ors.

One corps holding the center of the fourth army front opposite Le Cateau had taken 500 prisoners early in the day.

Troops Advance Swiftly.

The infantry massing for the attack was supposed to be a target for the German artillery, which concentrated a heavy fire on two points east of Bazuel and east of Le Cateau, just before midnight. The infantry, however, moved forward on schedule and soon had jumped the Germans clear out of the first of their hurriedly constructed defensive positions.

This was about 1:30 this morning. Since that time the fighting has been continuous and shows no signs of quieting down.

To the north of the active battle zone slight gains were made today. The Escault Canal has been crossed at more places and patrols are pushing out. This movement undoubtedly is being hastened by the wedge being driven south of Valenciennes. The retreat from the canal, if it actually has begun, on a wide scale, will, of course, have its effect northward to the Dutch border.

Defensive Lines Built.

According to the best information the next line the Germans intend to stand on is through Amougies, which, under normal conditions should be reached in two days. After that they have a line west of Brussels, which may be reached before the end of the month. Further back there is a line on the other side of Brussels on which much work seemingly is being done.

Ten prisoners just taken here were in the hospital at Ghent a few days ago. They say the hospital and all the war material behind the entire front



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