CAPITAL WARY OF GERMAN REPLY PENDING OFFICIAL NOTE

First Impression Is That Hun Answer Is Equivalent to Unconditional Surrender Offer.

DFFICIAL NOTE NOT YET IN

Text Received via Nauen Wireless, Which Supplies German Propaganda; Comment Made.

By Jay Jerome Williams Washington, Oct. 12.-At first reading e reply of Prince Max of Baden imerial German chanceller, to President Vilson's note of inquiry appears to be he part of both Germany and Austria. the admonition to take the reply th a grain of salt—an admo ed today by high government officials olds good tonight.

The text of the note was received in Nauen wireless dispatch via France and is, therefore, unofficial. Until the official note is delivered in person to secretary of State Lansing by Frederick Dederlin, the Swiss charge d'affaires. his government will have no efficial tatement. The text had not been re-eived tonight at the Swiss legation. For one thing, officials tonight were spicious of the communication beuse of its origin. It is a Nauen dispatch and all Nauen dispatches in the

The main point, however, is found in e German chancellor's response to the sident's third question. Prince Max says he speaks in the

ame of the German government and be German people, and ostensibly gives e impression that great reforms have n wrought in Germany; that in real- HUNS GIVE WAY UNDER y it is a democracy. This, lainly state, is not the case. This, officials His words, in this respect, it was id, do not mean anything, that is propiding his words in the official note cincide with those in the unofficial

ause the reichstag, which Prince Max could have the United States believe epresents the will of the German peohas ne control over the chancellor the latter is responsible solely to the In the event this proves to be the case

note will call forth a reply from he president that will squelch the Teuic peace maneuver.

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TAKE REPLY WITH What Germany Proposed WILSON GRAIN OF SALT IS President Wilson's Reply WORD OF GERMAN

THE AMERICAN INQUIRY

President, and I am instructed by the

President to request you to make the following communication to the imperial

"Before making reply to the reques

of the imperial German government

as candid and straight-forward as the

the President of the United States

deems it necessary to assure himself of the exact meaning of the note of the

"Does the imperial Chancellor mean

that the imperial German governmen

accepts the terms laid down by the President in his address to the Congress

of the United States on the 8th of January last and in subsequent addresses,

and that its object in entering into dis-

cussions would be only to agree upon

the practical details of their application?

"The President feels bound to say with

regard to the suggestion of an armistice

that he would not feel at liberty to pro-

pose a cessation of arms to the govern-

ments with which the Government of

the United States is associated against

would manifestly depend upon the con

"The President also feels that he i

Chancellor is speaking merely for the

"He deems the answer to these ques

"Accept, sir, the renewed assurances

more than 10 miles through the enemy's

defensive system and has captured over

this corps took the villages of Escau-fort, St. Beneis and St. Souplet.

the first American army since October

8, French units have taken over 2300."

"Of the 8000 prisoners captured by

With the American Army Between

Argonne sector without any important

The Germans apparently are de-termined to hold this front as long as possible, before they are compelled to

fall back as a result of the Franco-

American advance in the Champagne,

to the westward. They are concentrating a great number of divisions here,

although the units seem to be badly

That the enemy recognizes he must

The Germans counter attacked heavily

The Boches later counter attacked our

left wing, which is consolidating the

positions along the Aire, which were

The weather is rainy and the tempera-

relinquish this line soon is evidenced

mixed up and disorganized.

Rheims and Verdun, Oct. 12 .- (Night)-Steady fighting continued today in the

ROBERT LANSING

"Secretary of State."

who have so far conducted the war.

tions vital from every point of view.

of my high consideration

and in order that that reply shall be

German Chancellor:

imperial Chancellor.

THE GERMAN PROPOSAL The secretary of state makes public

"From the charge d'Affaires ad inerim 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 resent herewith upon instructions from my government, the original text of a munication from the German government, received by this legation late this afternoon from the Swiss Foreign

"'An English translation of this communication is also enclosed, the German original text, however, is alone to be idered as authoritative. "Please accept, Mr. President, the as-

surances of my highest consideration.
"'(Signed.) F. OEDERLIN, "Charge d'Affairs, A. I., of Switzerland

"In charge of German interests in the United States.
"Mr. Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, Washington, D. C. Translation of the communication from German government to the President of the United States, as transmitted by the Charge d'Affairs, A. I., of Switzerland, on October 6, 1918:

the central powers, so long as the armies "The German government requests the President of the United States of of those powers are upon their soil,
"The good faith of any discussio America to take steps for the restora tion of peace, to notify all belligerents sent of the central powers immediately of this request and to invite them to to withdraw their forces everywhere delegate the plenipotentiaries for the from invaded territory. purpose of taking up negotiations. justified in asking whether the imperial

"The German government accepts as basis for the peace negotiations the program laid down by the President of the United States in his message to quent pronouncements, particularly in his address of September 27, 1918 'In order to avoid further bloodshed the German government requests to bring about immediate conclusion of general armistice on land, on water and

> "MAX, Prince of Baden, 'Imperial Chancellor.'"

PRESSURE OF ALLIES

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mmunication. The reason they do not within their grasp. They were only five ean anything, it was explained, is be- miles from Attigny and about six miles flows in a westward course.

> Germans Talk of "Victory." The German war office, in its day mmunique, referred to "smooth execution" of the retirement in the Aisne bend, made possible through "General von Einem's victory over immensely superior forces of Americans and French in a fortnight's struggle and the enemy's

Despite their "exhaustion" the allies from the fact he has set fire to several today had sufficient wind to pluck away towns in his rear. This is accepted as with cavalry and armored automobiles preliminary to a movement northward at the Boche rear guards, while their of his main forces, with the usual heavy infantry pushed northward along the rear guard fighting.

Retourne river on its entire course, and sault was broken up without results, the are pushing rapidly northward from Yanks holding fast to the hills north-Vouziers. While Juniville had not offi-west of Brelulies. cially been reported fallen, its occupation seemed certain.

Evacuation Is Admitted To the westward, evacuation of the won yesterday. The enemy used intense Chemin-des-Dames region was officially artillery and big gun barrages but they admitted by Berlin. Occupation of Cra-onne seemed imminent. Flanking of the fire, which mowed down the first wave St. Gobain massif and the great center and caused the succeeding waves to fall of Laon, from the south, was being rap- back in confusion.

idly carried out. Starting of the enemy

recession from the St. Gobain strong- ture is dropping rapidly. hold, regarded as the best natural de-Berlin, via London, Oct. 12.—(U. P.)—
"North of Le Cateau and on both sides fense on the west front, was looked for hourly. of the Meuse, violent enemy attacks failed," the German war office an-British troops who advanced to within a mile of Doual on the west yesternounced tonight.

day evening were reported today to have crossed the Sensee canal on a swide front south of the city, thus carrying out the encirclement of the big coal The British expected to reach the out-

skirts of Douai tomorrow. They were approaching the city with caution, owing to the knowledge that it had been mined, as was Cambral. The Germans admitted a retirement west of Doual, and occupation of sev-

eral villages by the British east of Lens. East of Cambrai and St. Quentin the ermans appeared to be making a stiff defense along the line of Solesmes, La Cateau and between Bohain and Guise. Progressing in Serbia

The Selle river and Andigny forest afforded them excellent natural defenses. South of Bohain they were resisting along the Oise canal. Repulse of British, French and Amer-

ican partial sttacks on both sides of Bohain, was claimed by Berlin. Progress of the allied armies in Serbia and Albania continues rapid. The Serbs, in the face of strong Austro-German resistance, were fast pushing their way toward Nish. They had crossed the Toplitza river and were within 72 miles of their former provincial capital. The Italians, pursuing the Austrians northward in Albania, were across the Skumbi river and within 15 miles of

London, Oct. 12.-(U. P.)-British troops continuing their progress north of Solesmes, today advanced to within nine miles of Valenciennes, it was indicated in Field Marshal Haig's report. The British also advanced on the front south of Doual and made progress

east of Lens. "We made steady gains toward the Selle valley," the statement said. "The enemy's rear guards were driven from the villages of St. Vaast, St. Aubert, Villers-en-Cauchies and Avesnes-te-Sec (nine miles southwest of Valenciennes). "The west bank of the Sensee rivar between Arleux and Corbehem (a mile and three quarters south of Doual) was cleared and both villages were

"Fast of Lens we captured Montigny."
Harnes and Annay."

Washington, Oct. 12. — (U. P.)—Desperate resistance by the Germans on both sides of the Meuse Friday falled to stop the advance of the Americans and French, General Pershing reported to-

Capture of three villages by American troops operating with the British, was also announced.

was also announced.

"On both sides of the Meuse violent counter attacks and desperate resistance has failed to stop the advance of French and American divisions.

"We have taken Molleville farm, north of the Bois De Consevoya. Our troops have passed through the Bois De Foret and are before the villages of Landreset-St. George and St. Juvin, which is in flames.

"An American army corps, operating with the British, has fought its way

"Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge, on behalf of the President, your note of October 6, enclosing the communication from the German government to the

Was at Metropolitan Opera House When Text of Reply Handed GERMANY'S REPLY IS Him; Audience Ignorant of It.

momentous interests involved require, PRESIDENT IN GOOD SPIRITS

President's and Mrs. Wilson's Photographs Auctioned for Italian Benefit.

New York, Oct. 12 .- President Wilso tonight received first word of Germany's answer to his note of inquiry as he sat in a box at the Metropolitan opera house, where he attended a benefit for blind Italian soldiers.

The president was sitting with Colone E. M. House, his close friend, with whom he discussed the momentous wents now transpiring.

They were in quiet conversation on several occasions after the bulletins were taken into the presidential box, in the famous diamond horseshoe. President Wilson, however, continued to give most of his attention to the perform-

Word of Germany's reply had not yet reached the thousands in the audience. constituted authorities of the empire The president, after a strenuous day, drove to the theatre from the Waldorf hotel, shortly after 8 o'clock, accompanied by Colonel House and Mrs.

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House, Secretary Tumulty and Rear Admiral Carey T. Grayson. The great theatre was packed as the president entered. He received an ovation, the cheering lasting for several minutes.

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Enrico Caruso, Julia Arthur, Mrs. Wil-liam Hart and other theatrical and op-eratic celebrities were among those who appeared in the benefit.

President Wilson led the applause.

DISLIKED AT CAPITAL

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Germany represented merely the constituted authorities now conducting her war-the kaiser has replied as exand hence we speak not only for ourselves, but for the people."

While the German reply declares that the Hohenzollern spokesmen represent the peace step was taken "in agreement with the reichstag"—nevertheless, the president holds that under present electoral conditions the people of Germany and must blindly follow their masters. No Mention of Turkey

the president's response will be short and

from consideration as an ally.

Officials tonight exercised great caution in commenting on the reply, but did not withdraw earlier suggestions that there was nothing to indicate the reply would be received "favorably" by the

Early Answer Expected

That President Wilson will respond quickly, probably early next week, was forecast tonight. It was stated at the allied embassies here tonight that in exhanges of the last few days President Wilson has been fully advised as to the French and British attitude toward the cace campaign, and that when he replies he will do so now in full accord with

Significant counsel was offered in these quarters against any "maudlin sympathy for Germany" growing out of statesmen may have indicated, both in their present reply and in inspired re-Extended Discussion Not Looked For

that President Wilson would stand by his original statement that there can be no discussion until Germany withdraws, unequivocally, from occupied territory and that he is not disposed to discuss the point further. On this point there is every indication

Washington, Oct. 12.-When a copy sharp. He has never relaxed in his de- of the German note reached Secretary their minds.

termination not to deal with the German authorities as now constituted.

A significant feature of the reply is noted that Germany apparently speaks only for herself and Austria-Hungary, evidencing her resignation perhaps to the inevitable elimination of Turkey from consideration as an ally.

Of State Lansing tonight he read it carefully twice over.

"We must await the arrival of the official text before making comment," he said. "There must be time to consider the inevitable elimination of Turkey from consideration as an ally.

Find Two Roseburg Boys Who Left Home

The mothers of Mac Butner and Raymond Spencer, both of Roseburg, are distracted over their absence from home and take this means of appealing to them to let their parents know where they are. The parents of neither bo have any desire to punish them: they only want to know there whereabouts and how they are faring.

Butner is 16 years old and Spencer 14 years, the former being the son of of Uncle Sam, Clyde grew a moustache. Foster Buntner, who is in Portland try- He came home on a furlough, after having to get some trace of the missing ing made six trips across on a transport. ports emanating from Germany, that a boys. They left home together on His mother, Mrs. George Finley, did not spirit of repentance has come over the October 1 and about that time it was reported in Roseburg that they had come the likepess is so striking. to Portland. Although Mr. Butner has enlisted the services of every organiza-Summed up, the opinion tonight was tion of the city interested in juveniles, including the police, in the search, no trace of the youths has been found in this city. Mr. Butner says that if the boys will

simply let their parents know where they are and how they are getting along it will lift a heavy load of anxiety from

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Candidates Querried On Industry Views

Having written candidates for public offices for their views on Oregon industries and what plans they have along this line, A. G. Clark, manager of the Home Industry league, Chamber of Commerce, is contemplating calling a meeting of the candidates, at which time questions concerning their views may be asked. Manufacturers and retail merchants would be invited to attend. At present, no steps are being taken to call the meeting, pending the termination of the closing order necessitated by the Spanish influenza.

Twin Grows Mustache

Troy, Ohio, Oct. 12 .- (I. N. S.) -Clyde and George Finley, twins, aged 19, are in the navy, having enlisted just after war was declared. While in the service

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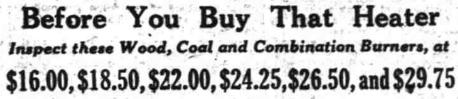


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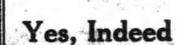
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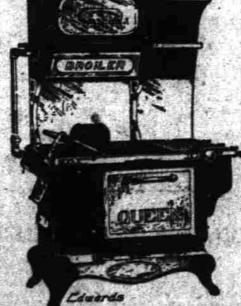
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