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LAST GERMAN STRONGHOLD TAKEN WITHOUT BATTLE, FRENCH MAINTAIN SWIFT PURSUIT

Retreat Continues Along 80 Mile Front, Additional Towns, Prisoners Taken in Wide Advance.

PARIS, Oct. 14.—The French are swiftly following up the German retreat along an 80 mile front between La Fere and the Argonne region. The whole Laon front is crumbling following the evacuation of the St. Gobain massif. The French have captured a half dozen towns and additional prisoners.

PARIS, Oct. 14.—The French are keeping in contact with the Germans on the whole front of the enemy retreat, said a communique. The French have reached Chateau Porcain, 18 miles north of Rheims.

GIVEN UP WITHOUT A FIGHT. WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Oct. 14.—Laon, the last of the group of natural obstacles forming the keystone of the German defense in France, was taken yesterday without a fight.

GERMAN STRONGHOLD OF LA FERRE TAKEN.

PARIS, Oct. 14.—The German stronghold of La Fere, together with a great part of the St. Gobain massif, of which La Fere was a northerly outpost at the Oise, has been captured by the French.

COUNTERS FAIL.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—Yesterday afternoon the enemy opened heavy bombardment on a wide front north of Le Cluseau. Under cover of this artillery and infantry attacks were launched against our positions east of Selma and Sommes. These attacks were repulsed in stiff fighting. Haig today announced: "Other attacks with tanks were delivered by the enemy unsuccessfully."

BY FRANK J. TAYLOR.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) WITH THE AMERICANS IN FRANCE, Oct. 14.—German heavy attacks east of Argonne early today were broken up by American counterattacks. The Yanks met the boche midway between the lines, with the bayonet and trenching the enemy waves to shreds. The German attack was preceded by heavy barrage, but American artillery silenced the enemy leaving the infantry unprotected. Later the American infantry went over the top and began clearing out machine gun nests in the region of Romagne and Cunel and Sommerance.

BIOLOGICAL SURVEY SAVES MILLIONS FOR NATIONS FOOD SUPPLY

The Bureau of Biological Survey is performing a great and invaluable service in saving crops already planted and growing, thereby contributing tremendously to the nation's food supply, according to E. W. Nelson, chief of the Survey, who is in Pendleton today.

Mr. Nelson arrived in Pendleton yesterday morning from Malheur county where he had been for his first visit to the Malheur and Harney Lake bird reservations which are under the supervision of the Bureau. He is here for a conference with E. F. Averill and L. J. Goldman, who are in charge of the predatory animal work in the northwest.

Webster H. Ransom, United States game warden, arrived this morning from his headquarters in Spokane for a conference with Mr. Nelson and Theodore Scheffer who is in charge of the campaign against rodents in the northwest will arrive tomorrow from Boise for the same purpose.

In telling of the work of the Bureau Mr. Nelson said it is conducting a war on predatory animals which annually destroy from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 worth of meat animals in the western states in promoting extensive cooperative campaigns for the destruction of ground squirrels, prairie-dogs and jack rabbits and has undertaken a nation-wide campaign for the more adequate control of house rats and mice which are notorious destroyers of field crops, stored products and poultry. It is now working to acquaint the people with the seriousness of these losses and with simple and effective means of preventing them.

In speaking of the predatory animal work which is of particular interest to this state Mr. Nelson also called attention to the fact that the Bureau has prevented the spread of rabies in five states and greatly reduced the danger to human life from this disease. This work was in addition to the great savings effected in cattle, sheep, goats, horses, swine and poultry.

Mr. Nelson will be in the city until tomorrow when he will go to Portland and then south into California.

BAKER PLEADS FULL LOAN SUPPORT TO FINISH HOSTILITIES

Six Months Mentioned as Limit if Support is Sufficient.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Secretary Baker today issued a liberty loan appeal declaring whatever the result of peace negotiations all must support the army, and continue sending supplies and men.

"Whatever the results of peace proposals the war department must proceed at full speed with men and supplies and people must support the army until they get back with victors' fruits safe and assured," said Baker, who is home from seven weeks' intensive study on the western front. "In other words, the Liberty Loan must go over the top."

WEATHER FAVORS FARMERS, SEEDING ON IN FULL SWING

From all sections comes the report farmers are taking full advantage of the favorable conditions for putting in their crops, and everywhere are to be seen seeding under full swing.

South of Pendleton and in the vicinity of Pilot Rock, several have finished seeding. One field mentioned belongs to Scott & McKee, where it is said the wheat is now up six inches. This was put in directly after the first rains last month.

North of Pendleton C. W. Howitt has just completed seeding. While east of Pilot Rock, several have finished seeding. One field mentioned belongs to Scott & McKee, where it is said the wheat is now up six inches. This was put in directly after the first rains last month.

Judge Parkes spent yesterday on a trip to the Vinson section, going by way of Combs Canyon and says everybody in that section is putting in full time preparing the ground and seeding. He says he found the roads in splendid condition.

500 PERISH IN DISASTROUS FIRE

DULUTH, Oct. 14.—Over 500 persons perished in the most disastrous forest fire in Minnesota's history. Five hundred bodies are recovered. The fire was probably incendiary.

GERMAN PRESS DOUBTFUL. PARIS, Oct. 14.—The Cologne Volks Zeitung, discussing Germany's reply, says "The nation wishes to avoid an unconditional surrender."

LAON R. R. CROSSED. PARIS, Oct. 14.—Despite strong machine gun resistance the French have crossed the Oise-Laon railway five miles above Laon. In Champagne Gond's army has reached Reims.

TURKEY ASKS PRESIDENT TO BRING PEACE

Wilson is Besought by Turks to Request Immediate General Amistice.

ACCEPT 14 TERMS AS NEGOTIATIONS BASIS

Would Have President Invite Representation of All Nations.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Turkey today besought the President to reestablish peace. Turkey accepted Wilson's 14 terms as a basis for negotiations. It requested an immediate armistice. The note is like Germany's.

It said the impotent Turkish government "requests the President of the United States to take upon himself the task of reestablishing peace; to notify all belligerent states of this demand and invite them to delegate plenipotentiaries to initiate negotiations."

It accepts as a basis for negotiations the program the President laid down in his January 8 message and his subsequent declarations, especially his speech of September 27. It asks that there be a general armistice to stop the shedding of blood.

WOULD REQUIRE ALL CONDITIONS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Senator Thomas of Colorado, introduced a resolution demanding that Germany accept the allies demands for reparation and restitution guaranteeing this in addition to the 14 terms before an armistice is negotiated.

NATION WILL HEAR WILSON'S DECISION ON GERMANY'S PEACE PROFFER TONIGHT

WILSON SAYS NO

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.

3:21 P. M.—President Wilson says autocracy must go before peace can be had. No armistice is possible until Germany discontinues her illegal practices.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.

3:20 P. M.—Regarding the peace situation Tumulty announced the United States will continue to send 250,000 men to Europe monthly without any relaxation.

OFFICIAL REPLY OF ENEMY ARRIVES, ALLIES STUDY TEXT FOR KAISER'S REAL MOTIVE

Fear Self-Expressed Surrender is Another Scrap of Paper, Would Break Power to Strike Back by Demanding Disbanding of Army,

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Secretary Lansing tonight will inform the nation what President Wilson decides regarding Germany's peace proffer.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Germany's reply was delivered to Secretary Lansing at 11:55 this morning in the same form as the unofficial text.

Germany's reply was officially delivered to the state department at 11:55. It is the same as the unofficial text. Lansing and Baker went to the White House at 10. The President got the official text at 12:15.

FOURTEEN PRINCIPLES CONSTITUTE SURRENDER

BY ROBERT BENDER. (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—With thousands of telegrams pouring into the White House demanding unconditional surrender, hope was openly expressed in official circles today that the President would refuse to negotiate with the central empires while the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs remain in power. Meanwhile the President has conferred with Lansing, Baker and House regarding the reply which all agreed must be forthcoming quickly. There is only one thing the record of the Hohenzollerns already to stay Wilson's hand in accepting Germany's plea for action to restore peace. Even this objection may be waived by the President provided a bond—either of human hostages for all the allies or some German territory, is given to insure Germany's keeping faith. If the President finds he cannot talk business with present German authorities, it is believed he will clearly show the German people how they may hasten peace. To understand a rather marked change in the atmosphere about the momentous situation since the President's return to Washington, one must remember three things:

First, the President is essentially a man of peace; second, has on several occasions promised he would bark at any time to peace proffer if utterly impartial adjustment of all colonial claims.

It is understood that this government holds that the agreement to evacuate opposition territory includes Russia. Officially declare an armistice would be arranged entirely by Generals Foch, Haig, Diaz Allenby and Pershing.

Naturally because of Germany's inveterate duplicity hitherto there are doubts regarding the enemy's good faith now. This is reflected both in congress and in the hundreds of telegrams reaching the White House. Until the official text is scrutinized there will be a suspicion that the German government has flashed one version around the world for home consumption and another for Wilson. However, this is improbable.

There is reason to believe that the President knows much behind the scenes in Germany of which the world at large is ignorant. Possibly he knows the provisions of the mysterious decree by which the Kaiser on September 30 broadened the Reichstag's and chancellor's powers. This decree was never published. Anyway, officials feel that Germany knows she is whipped and cheerfully wants peace and unconditionally answers by yielding to the French's 11 peace Lorraine's wrong, evacuation of allied territory, an independent Poland with access to the sea, etc. Far into the night the President's staff has the problem after returning to Washington. He conferred with House and together they went over countrywide telegrams which at that time reflected a 50-50 sentiment for and against accepting the German offer. The President will explain the official text today and probably will reply immediately. Probably he will address congress simultaneously.

Will Not Weaken Advantage. WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Senator

CONDITIONS OF PEACE SET BY WILSON CALL FOR RESTORATION OF BELGIUM; FOR THE RETURN OF ALSACE LORRAINE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Here are the conditions of peace laid down by President Wilson in his addresses to congress and in public speeches, and which the German government is said to have announced its willingness to accept.

1.—Absolute freedom of navigation on the seas outside territorial waters, alike in peace and in war, except as the seas may be closed in whole or in part by international action for the enforcement of international conventions.

2.—The removal so far as possible, of all economic barriers and the establishment of an equality of trade conditions among all the nations consenting to the peace and associating themselves for its maintenance.

3.—Adequate guarantees given and taken that national armaments will be reduced to the lowest point consistent with domestic safety.

4.—Evacuation of Russian territory.

5.—A free, open-minded and absolutely impartial adjustment of all colonial claims.

6.—The evacuation of all Russian territory and such settlement of all questions affecting Russia as will secure to her the fullest freedom, independence, self-determination, and the right to choose her own government.

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HAS IT COME TO THIS?



UMATILLA COUNTY IS SHORT \$150,000, ON FOURTH LOAN QUOTA

The opening of the week finds Umatilla county about \$150,000 to go to make up her quota of \$2,081,655, and the closing of the campaign less than a week off. The official day for the closing of the drive is Saturday, the 19th, and the question confronting the loan committee is, can the balance be made up before that time? With the proper push from the people there is no question but it can, and the committee is making an effort to put the loan over in time.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Tuesday partly cloudy, cooler tonight.

Rainfall Here Last Night Was .86.

Maximum temperature, 71. Minimum temperature, 48. Weather, clear. Wind, west light. Wind, west light. Rainfall, 0.