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HUNS MUST QUIT ALLIED SOIL BEFORE WILSON TALKS PEACE

SOLDIERS AT FRONT WOULD CRUSH ENEMY

GENERALS AND SOLDIERS SEE MENACE IN ARMISTICE—FOE WOULD STRENGTHEN UP

HINDENBURG LINE ALMOST GONE

Germany Are Forced Back to Open Country Where They Will Have No Dugouts or Natural Defenses

With the British Army in France, Oct. 8.—The soldiers of the allied armies want peace, but no peace except a completely victorious one.

This was the opinion expressed by officers and men alike to the Associated press correspondent today. If Germany is now willing to admit her utter defeat, then, say these men who have been fighting the good fight for the liberty of the world, so much the better, but they declare the granting of an armistice at this time, unless the enemy is absolutely sincere, might prove extremely dangerous.

The suspension of hostilities even for a few days would enable the Germans to continue their preparation of lines to which they might retire for the winter. At the moment the Hindenburg system has been smashed and the German military leaders have every reason to believe that they may soon be fighting back over country in which at present they have no lines, no dugouts, no protection from the advancing allied troops, a cessation of operations might later endanger the success of the allies.

The allied armies are in a strong position and the general feeling is that the defeat of Germany may come sooner than expected elsewhere than at the front.

By retiring unhindered, the Germans could materially shorten their lines and save men thereby. Thus they could thicken their ranks and probably be able to hold out until all the new 1920 class of about 500,000 young men could be incorporated in the units in the battle zone. In addition, a vigorous "combing out" is in progress in Germany, which will undoubtedly yield reinforcements.

Also machine guns could be shipped into the field to replace some of the immense number the allies have captured.

A few days' suspension of hostilities would permit munitions of all sorts, including shells, of which there is now a great scarcity behind the German lines to reach the front.

Right now, army officers declare, the allies are in a position to continue smashing the enemy, and an armistice might enable the enemy to escape for a time the defeat which now stares him in the face.

CAMPS STILL IN GRIP OF SPANISH INFLUENZA

Vancouver, Wash., Oct. 8.—Several cases of influenza have been discovered among the civilians. All places of public gathering have been closed. No soldier cases have yet been reported.

Camp Lewis, Wash., Oct. 8.—A modified quarantine has been ordered, closing camp theatres, the Y. W. C. A. hostess house and Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus buildings, and prohibiting all indoor assemblages.

GERMANS ENSLAVE MALE BELGIANS

Brutally Tear Those Aged 15 to 45 From Homes to Do Military Work

Havre, Oct. 8.—The Belgian government has issued a statement saying that from the coast to beyond the city of Bruges the male population between the ages of 15 and 45 are being brutally torn from their homes and forced to labor on German military work.

CASUALTY LIST

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces for today:

Killed in action	78
Missing in action	107
Wounded severely	345
Died of wounds	34
Died of accident	4
Died of disease	10
Wounded slightly	4
Prisoners	11
Total	593

Killed in action—Forrest R. McCullough, Portland.
Wounded severely—Willis D. Law, Corvallis.
Missing in action—John E. Ashby, Roseburg; Stephen F. Eberley, Portland.

WESTGATE, BUILT IN PORTLAND, IS SUNK

Washington, Oct. 8.—The American steamer Westgate, in the naval overseas transportation service, was sunk off the Atlantic coast with a loss of six members of the crew in a collision with the steamer American.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 8.—The steamer Westgate was built by the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation here, and is of steel, and 8,800 tons capacity. The ship was delivered last April.

CLAIMS TO HAVE A SUBSTITUTE FOR RADIUM

Golden, Colo., Oct. 8.—Dr. Richard B. Moore of the United States bureau of mines here announced today he had discovered a substitute for radium which he has named mesothorium. He will explain his discovery to the American Institute of Mining Engineers, which meets in Milwaukee October 10.

As there are only three ounces of radium in the world's entire supply, mesothorium will at once come into wide use as a substitute for that element in luminous paints, airplane dials, compasses and gun sights, according to Dr. Moore.

GROCERS MUST CO-OPERATE

Washington, Oct. 8.—Every retail grocer in the United States will be asked this week to sign a pledge to conform to the rules and regulations of the Food Administration, and to co-operate in the saving of foodstuffs.

AGENTS DOUBT 'HEINIE' LETTER AS GENUINE

Washington, Oct. 8.—Government agents have discovered a letter signed "Heinie" addressed to a man in Mexico, predicting the explosion in the Gillespie shell loading plant at Morgan, N. J., last week. There is some doubt as to the genuineness of the letter.

UNITED STATES NOT TO BE TRAPPED BY KAISER

Wilson Asks Maximilian Whether He Represents Those Who Have Been Conducting The War, or The German People—Emperor Must Accept President's Terms

Washington, Oct. 8 (4 p. m.)—The message President Wilson has sent, through Secretary Lansing, to Germany is as follows:

"Sirs:—Before making reply to the request of the imperial German government and in order that the reply shall be candid and straight forward as the momentous interests involved require, the president of the United States deems it necessary to assure himself of the exact meaning of the note of the imperial chancellor.

"Does the imperial chancellor mean that the imperial German government accepts the terms laid down by the president of the United States in his address to congress and that its object in entering into discussions would be only to agree upon practical details of their application?"

"The president feels bound to say with regard to the discussion of the armistice that he would not feel at liberty to propose a cessation of arms to the governments with which the government of the United States is associated against the central powers so long as armies of those powers are upon their soil.

"The good faith of any discussion would manifestly depend upon the consent of the central powers immediately to withdraw their forces everywhere from invaded territory.

"The president also feels justified in asking whether the imperial chancellor is speaking merely for constituted authorities of the empire who have so far conducted the war. He deems the answer to these questions vital from every point of view.

"Accept, sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration."

"ROBERT LANSING."

Washington, Oct. 8.—Immediate rejection of the German and Austrian proposal for an armistice and peace negotiations was demanded in the senate yesterday by leaders voicing the common sentiment of the membership.

There was no dissent from the view that an armistice would defeat all that America and the allies have been fighting for. Every speaker during two hours of a spirited session devoted entirely to discussion of the enemy's latest move joined in declaring that only through military victory could the cause of the allies and humanity be won.

Washington, Oct. 8.—President Wilson today conferred with Secretary Lansing, Colonel House and Secretary Tumulty. Secretary Lansing says that there will probably be an announcement at 4 o'clock. It is believed that the president intends to flatly refuse the armistice.

Washington, Oct. 8.—President Wilson today informed Germany that before the United States can discuss an armistice German troops must withdraw from all invaded territory. He asked Chancellor Maximilian whether he represented the German people or the authorities who are conducting the war.

The president's message is not a reply, but is only in the form of an inquiry. Germany is asked whether she accepts the terms laid down by the President in his address to congress on January 8, and in subsequent addresses.

ALLIES SMASH THROUGH LAST HINDENBURG LINE

With the British Forces in France, driving the disorganized Germans Oct. 8 (4 p. m.)—A battle begun at noon today has resulted in serious defeats for the enemy. The British, Americans and French advanced everywhere, smashing through the last lines of the Hindenburg system.

WILL FIGHT TO FINISH

Washington, Oct. 8.—"America will fight until victory is clinched." Secretary McAdoo thus indicated America's attitude toward the latest German peace conference proposals, in a statement made on behalf of the Fourth Liberty loan. He declared: "Now is the time above all others not to relax, but to intensify our efforts so that the goal for which we have already made great sacrifices shall be won. There is more reason than ever before to put the Fourth Liberty loan over the top."

GREAT MACHINE GUN NEST CAPTURED BY YANKS

American Headquarters in France,

DIRECTORS HOLD MONTHLY MEETING

Red Cross Board Assembles at the Chamber of Commerce to Arrange Future Plans

The board of directors of the Red Cross met at luncheon this noon at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the regular monthly session and discussed matters of importance in the local Red Cross work. There were 25 members of the board present. Chairman O. S. Blanchard gave a review of the work of the past month showing much accomplished.

C. H. Demaray was named the chairman of the junk committee and will have supervision of all collection activities.

The Christmas drive for membership, which will be launched in the near future was spoken of, and plans are now maturing.

The collection of linen for hospitals was reported as progressing.

A communication from headquarters on the importance of the prevention of the spread of Spanish influenza was ready and Dr. Smith, county health physician, Dr. Nibley, city health physician, Mrs. Alice Bacon, county school superintendent, and J. G. Imel, city school superintendent, were appointed to have the matter in charge.

The annual election will be held on October 23, and the method of selection of officers received consideration. Rev. Melville T. Wire was named chairman of an election and program committee, with other members to be selected from the membership of the Red Cross, every chapter being represented.

LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE IS FORGING AHEAD

Washington, Oct. 8.—The Liberty loan drive now totals \$1,406,051,000.

MEN ARE WANTED FOR THE HEAVY ARTILLERY

The war department is in urgent need of more men for the heavy artillery corps and through the press are endeavoring to reach those who want to see real action. The following appeal is made to those who are desirous of getting into some branch of the service:

"Registered and classified men, volunteer for the heavy artillery, the service of big guns, great high explosive shells, and real action. All the registered men needs to do is to write to the commanding officer, coast defenses of the Columbia, Fort Stevens, Oregon, giving his name; order and registration number; class (number and letter); present address; number and address of local board; and whether qualified for general or limited service; and the necessary papers will be sent to the man so that he may report for duty.

"No branch of the army offers more chances not only for advancement but for learning specialized duties, the knowledge of which will be very valuable later in civil life. Schools are provided to train men to be electricians, stenographers, telegraphers, draftsmen, surveyors, telephone men, truck and auto drivers, and various other technical and scientific work. All of this is vitally necessary to the successful operations of the great "heavies" that are being amassed in great numbers and with more power.

"Regiments for overseas are being sent at frequent intervals and this is an opportunity for men qualified for this superior service.

"A letter to Fort Stevens with the necessary information will get you in while voluntary induction is permitted.

TURK CABINET RESIGNS AMID EXCITEMENT

DESPITE PEACE TALK THE WAR STILL RAGES ON THE WEST FRONT

HUNS TEAR DOWN PHONE WIRES

Yanks Fight Their Way Through German Circle of Fire and Rescue American Battalion

London, Oct. 8.—The Turkish cabinet has resigned, according to a dispatch from Switzerland. The message says there is great excitement at Constantinople.

Amsterdam, Oct. 8.—The evacuation by the Germans of the Belgian coast region is continuing. The telephone line between the frontier and the coast were being taken down yesterday and today.

With the Americans Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 8.—The Americans, after driving the enemy from Chatel Chehery, seized the commanding heights west of the Aire. An American battalion surrounded by the Germans in the Argonne forest region was rescued presumably by other Americans who fought their way through the encircling German line.

Paris, Oct. 8.—Northeast and north of Rheims the French continued their successful advance, and have reached the outskirts of Conde-Sur-Sulpe at the junction of the Sulpe and the Aisne rivers. North of Berry-Au-Bach the French also captured Basancourt.

London, Oct. 8.—The English and American troops attacked this morning on the front between St. Quentin and Cambrai. Satisfactory progress is being made. The attack was launched during a heavy rain which started last night. In local attacks yesterday 250 prisoners were taken.

COMMITTS SUICIDE BECAUSE OF EPIDEMIC

Camp Grant, Oct. 8.—Colonel Hageron committed suicide here, shooting himself in the head while in bed. Worry over the epidemic which caused 500 deaths in the camp is believed to have been the cause.

COMPROMISE ON RATE FOR SHIPPING APPLES

Salem, Oct. 8.—Senator McNary has telegraphed to Fred G. Buchtel of the Oregon public service commission, stating that officials of the railroad administration and of the public service accounting department have intimated to him that the government will agree to a rate of \$1.15 per 100 pounds on apples for trans-continental shipments. The present rate is \$1.25.

GERMANY WILL GRANT PARDON TO PRISONERS

London, Oct. 8.—Germany intends to grant pardons to a number of politicians who have been imprisoned since the war began, including the socialist Dr. Karl Liebknecht and William Dittman, according to Amsterdam reports.