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## NO PEACE WITH KAISER OR THE HUN WAR LORDS

**PRESIDENT'S REPLY MEANS NO ARMISTICE UNLESS UNDER CONDITION OF SURRENDER**

## GERMAN AUTOCRACY IGNORED

**Said Allies Will Demand Control of Gateways to Avoid Being Outwitted by Treachery**

Washington, Oct. 24.—No armistice, except under conditions of surrender; no peace with the kaiser and the war lords now or later. Thus the president has given in advance his own final decision in granting a request to take up the plea for an armistice with the allies.

The president's reply was sent just 11 hours after the official text was received.

While the president's ultimatum is sinking home in Germany, the allies are preparing for the next move, which will be to determine if they are willing to effect peace on the conditions enunciated by the president and accepted by Germany.

Washington, Oct. 24.—It is expected that the allies will insist, in case an armistice is granted, that the allies occupy the Metz-Thionville gateway so as to be able to outflank the German army while demobilizing if any treachery is revealed.

## NO RULING MADE BY MILLER ON WAR REVENUE BILL

Reports are being circulated that certain rulings have been made by the collector of internal revenue in connection with the war tax bill now before congress, and in order to avoid credence being given such reports, Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue, says that no rulings whatever could be made by his office in a matter which has not yet become a law.

## GERMAN AIRPLANES RAID AMERICAN FRONT

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 24.—In retaliation for destruction wrought by American bombing planes within the enemy's lines recently, German aviators last night raided the American front and back areas in the largest force since the American offensive began on the Meuse and in the Argonne. In addition to attacking the infantry, the Germans bombarded the region around Clermont, Montfaucon and Rarécourt.

Four bombs were dropped near the American hospital in the neighborhood of Rarécourt, one of the bombs tearing down an outbuilding. The glass ends of four former French barracks used by the Americans as hospital wards were shattered.

A Red Cross nurse, Margery Sawyer, of Buffalo, N. Y., was blown from her bed, but was not injured. All the patients were taken to dugouts, none of them being hurt. Another Red Cross nurse, Mabel Butler, of New Haven, Conn., was in the same building with Miss Sawyer, but was not hurt. Both of them immediately went to the aid of the patients.

When the first bomb fell the hospital attendants gave their first attention to their charges, leading or carrying them to shelter. Rocks thrown up where this bomb struck broke the windows in the southern end of the building. Ten other bombs were planted in succession in a great semi-circle. Throughout most of the night German planes were heard many times passing over.

## HINDENBURG FOR IMMEDIATE PEACE

**Wants Troops to Remember His Days of Success and Tells Them to Avoid Political Broils**

With the French Army in France, Oct. 24.—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 desire to 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."

## NEED OF NORMALS VITAL FOR OREGON SCHOOLS

Pronouncing the establishment of additional normal schools in Oregon a vital war problem to be solved immediately, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill has issued an appeal to the people to give it their attention at the coming general election. More than \$1,000,000 is now expended annually in the reconstruction of pupils in the states elementary schools, and 40 per cent of this sum is due to incompetent teaching, he said.

He warns the people to profit by the error made by the allied countries during the war in letting down educational safeguards. Superintendent Churchill made the above statement in advocating the adoption of a measure at the coming general election providing for two additional normal schools in the state, one to be located at Ashland, and the other at an eastern Oregon city to be chosen by the normal school board of regents.

"It costs \$50 per pupil each year to educate a child in the elementary schools," continued Superintendent Churchill. "As about 20,000 pupils in this state fall each year to make their grade, it costs the state about \$1,000,000 annually to have them repeat their year's work. Exactly what proportion of this sum is due to the untrained teacher there is no absolute way of determining, but from many conversations with school superintendents, principals and supervisors, I am satisfied that 40 per cent of the \$1,000,000 spent yearly in repeating work of pupils in the grades is due to incompetent teaching. The millage tax provided in the measure on the ballot for maintaining two normal schools would produce about \$75,000. By establishing normal schools sufficient to give all our schools trained teachers, the state would save the difference between \$400,000 and \$75,000."

Portland, Oct. 24.—The food administration asks coffee users to curtail the size and number of their cups to save shipping.

## BRITISH SMASH ENEMY BACK ON 15 MILE FRONT

**Take 6,000 Prisoners and Many Guns—Will Try to Outflank Valenciennes—Germans Cut Canal and Flood Lowlands—Huns, Eastbound, are Bombarded**

Paris, Oct. 24.—The British army, having smashed through the outer defenses of the strategically important German line south of Valenciennes, continue to hammer their way toward Maubeuge and Mons. They gained three to four miles on a 15 mile front yesterday.

Apparently, the British hope is to outflank Valenciennes rather than take it by fighting in the streets around Valenciennes.

The Germans have been flooding the country by cutting the banks of the Scheidt canal, turning the lowlands northeast of the city into great lakes.

With the Allies in France, Oct. 24.—The British have taken over 6,000 prisoners and many guns in their new attack which was begun yesterday below Valenciennes.

The British have crossed the Escaillon river and captured the villages of Neuville, Saleches and Beaudignies. The attack was resumed today all along the front between Sambre-Et-Oise canal and the Scheidt river. The British here took the villages of Thiers, Haute Rive and Thun.

With the Allies in France and Belgium, Oct. 24.—Hard fighting is reported all along the front south of Valenciennes. British gunners are

## PORTLAND GROCERS SAID TO BE REFUSING ALBERS' GOODS

Reports have reached here that Portland grocers who had stocks of Albers Bros.' products on hand were sending them back by the truck load since the arrest of Henry Albers on charges of disloyalty. It is reported that grocers in various parts of the state will refuse to handle Albers goods hereafter. Consumers here are declaring they will purchase nothing bearing the Albers brand hereafter. That we will not foster pro-Huns in this country.—Roseburg Review.

Henry Albers, held under \$10,000 bail on a charge of violating the espionage law and for publicly expressing pro-German utterances, has resigned as president of Albers Bros.' Milling company. The resignation will be acted upon by the directors, who are his brothers. Employees of

## PRESIDENT PASSES ALONG GERMAN REPLY TO ALLIES FOR CONSIDERATION

Washington, Oct. 23.—President Wilson has informed the German government that he has transmitted its correspondence to him, seeking an armistice and peace, to the allies with the suggestion that if these governments are disposed to effect peace upon terms and principles indicated, that their military advisers and the military advisers of the United States be asked to submit the necessary terms of such an armistice as will fully protect the interests of the peoples involved. The statement follows:

The secretary of state makes public the following:

"From the secretary of state to charge d'affaires in charge of German interests in the United States, Department of state, October 23, 1918:

"Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your note of October 22, transmitting communication under date of October 20, from the German government, and to advise you that the president has instructed me to reply thereto as follows:

bombarding the roads to the rear of the German lines which are crowded with east-bound traffic.

British Headquarters in France, Oct. 24.—The British today drove the Germans from Bois L'Eveque, east of Le Cateau and have reached the Sambre-Oise canal in that region.

Washington, Oct. 24.—General Pershing is reported to have made progress north of Verdun, and Bantheville is completely occupied.

Fifteen enemy airplanes and one observation balloon were shot down in the course of many combats, in which three American balloons were destroyed and six planes failed to return.

With the Americans Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 24.—American patrols today penetrated deeply into the German lines in the region of Grand Pre and north of Verdun.

Paris, Oct. 24.—Southeast of Le Cateau the French crossed the Sambre canal east of Grandverly.

Rome, Oct. 24.—The French today penetrated the enemy positions, taking over 700 prisoners, Italian headquarters announced.

the company have adopted a resolution declaring their loyalty to the United States.

## AMERICANS SINK TWO SUBS ON ONE TRIP

G. W. Finch of this city has just received a letter from his son, Floyd E. Finch, who is a gunner on board the Martha Washington. Floyd is 24 years of age and has made seven trips across the Atlantic. On one of these trips, he, with the other gunners of the Martha Washington, succeeded in doing away with two submarines. One of the U-boats was sunk within 60 seconds after showing its periscope, but the other one was destroyed only after a battle lasting an hour and a half. Finch wrote his letter in New York City.

## MURDERER JUDGE ON ATROCITIES

**One of the Slayers of Edith Cavell to Serve in Belgium to Uphold "German Honor"**

London, via Montreal, Oct. 24.—The Daily News says that the commission of neutral residents of Brussels which is to investigate charges of unnecessary devastation and destruction during the German retreat in Belgium will be under the direction of Baron von der Lancken, civil governor of Brussels.

"The selection of von der Lancken is extraordinary," says the News, "when it is recalled that he played a leading role in the murder of Edith Cavell."

"It was von der Lancken who ignored the representations of the American minister, Brand Whitlock, and refused to allow Miss Cavell to receive a visit from a Belgian lawyer."

## CASUALTY LIST

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

|                              |     |
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| Killed in action             | 87  |
| Missing in action            | 62  |
| Wounded severely             | 195 |
| Died of wounds               | 49  |
| Died of accident             | 5   |
| Died of disease              | 45  |
| Wounded, degree undetermined | 173 |
| Wounded slightly             | 89  |
| Prisoners                    | 4   |

Total 709

Killed in action—McDonald C. McCullough, Portland.

Killed in action, previously reported wounded—Corporal Walter T. Ford, Central Point.

Wounded severely—Clarence W. Thomas, Portland; Frank W. Groves, Lebanon.

Wounded severely, previously reported missing—Leslie A. Minton, Corvallis; Roy L. Whiteaker, Independence.

Slightly wounded—Sergeant Herbert M. Bird, Portland; Corporal Martin L. Kimmel, Portland.

Wounded, degree undetermined—Oliver T. Hall, Portland.

## TERRIBLE DEATH TOLL NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

A little insight to the terrible death toll Spanish influenza is taking in the east is gleaned from a letter just received by Mrs. Jack Wimer, of this city, from her sister, Miss Bernice Umphlette, who has been at Norfolk, Virginia, for several months but whose home is at Glendale, Ore. Miss Umphlette says:

"We are having a terrible siege of Spanish influenza in Norfolk. Really, people are dying by the hundreds. They are using school buildings for hospitals, and all public places, such as barber shops, schools, churches, shows, etc., are closed. The disease is very contagious, but I have not caught it thus far. There are so many dying that the undertakers can scarcely take care of the bodies. The ambulance passes our house 500 times a day, and you can see many trucks loaded with coffins. The condition is awful, but it is like war—you cannot realize how things are until you have seen."

## 200,000 RECRUITS NEEDED FOR MERCHANT MARINE

Washington, Oct. 24.—Two hundred thousand recruits for the navy will be needed in the coming year, mainly to man merchant ships in government service, Secretary Daniels informed the house naval committee today.

This increase would bring the naval personnel to more than 700,000 men, compared with 54,000 at the beginning of the war.

## HUNGARIANS RECONCILED TO THEIR FATE

**VIENNA THREATENED WITH FAMINE AND AUTHORITIES ARE POWERLESS**

## WANT TO KNOW PEACE TERMS

**President's Reply Causes Violent Panic in Financial Circles, and is Considered Humiliating**

Paris, Oct. 24.—Austria-Hungary is already reconciled to the idea of unconditional capitulation, according to Vienna dispatches, because Vienna is threatened with famine.

The authorities are powerless and the laws are no longer enforced. Hungary intends to apply directly to the entente government to ascertain on what terms they will grant an armistice and peace for Hungary, it is reported in Budapest.

Basel, Oct. 24.—President Wilson's answer to the Austrian note had an overwhelming effect in Vienna, and there was a violent panic in financial circles. In political quarters the note was considered extremely humiliating for the dual monarchy, according to the dispatches.

## VACCINE USED TO CURB SPREAD OF INFLUENZA

A prophylactic vaccine, used with good results elsewhere and expected to aid in curbing the influenza here, is being prepared by state and city health officials and will be ready for free distribution to doctors soon, it was announced yesterday by the state board of health, says the Oregonian.

In Seattle 60,000 persons have been treated with the serum with the result, it is said, that none has contracted the disease in a serious form. At the Skinner & Eddy shipyards 6,000 employes were inoculated. Fewer cases of sickness, it is said, have been reported at the yard hospital than in any previous month.

The culture from which anti-influenza serum is made was brought to Portland by a representative of the health department of the shipping board. Only two of 1,200 men inoculated at the Bremerton navy yard have contracted influenza, he says.

The vaccine, which is recommended as a preventive, not a cure, will be supplied to physicians only. No inoculations will be made either at state or city laboratories. The state laboratory has sent out small quantities to physicians outside of Portland. The city laboratory will not have any quantity ready until Thursday.

The serum is administered hypodermically. The charge for inoculation is expected to be the regular amount for a visit.

In Portland 149 new cases were reported, bringing the total up to 1,310. Twelve deaths were made known, but these occurred during four days, making the corrected total now 52 for the entire period.

## STEAMER GOES ASHORE IN NORTHERN WATERS

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 24.—A wireless from the north says the Canadian Pacific Railway company's steamer, Princess Sophia, bound south from Skagway, went ashore on the Vanderbilt reef in Lynn canal, near Skagway. The ship carried 300 passengers. As the water at that point is well protected, no loss of life is feared.