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GERMAN REPLY TO PEACE TERMS ON WAY

NOTE READY FOR PUBLIC BY MONDAY

Washington Does Not Expect Direct Answer—Scant Effort to Befog Issue—German Press Whines to Save Turk and Own Colonies—Barbarians to Strive Against Dictated Peace—“Accept in Sense” Neutral Reports Declare.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 12.—The Handelsblad while stating that it is not responsible for the truth of the statement, says news received in Dutch circles connected with Germany is that Germany will accept President Wilson's conditions and especially those regarding the evacuation of occupied territory.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—If Germany's reply to President Wilson's inquiries regarding her peace proposals was despatched last night as dispatches from Switzerland indicate, it probably will reach Washington not later than tomorrow night. Prince Maximilian's first note was delivered personally to President Wilson by the Swiss charge here, so should the reply come to the legation tomorrow it may be held until Monday for the return of the president from New York. The first note was about 48 hours coming from Bern.

The state department is still without confirmation of the reports that Turkey has appealed to the allies for peace on allied terms, and there also was nothing official regarding another communication from Austria.

The collapse of the pro-German government in Turkey is regarded here virtually as an accomplished fact. Consequently a direct appeal from Constantinople for peace without regard to Berlin is expected momentarily.

Apparently no such thing as direct dealing in German diplomacy is looked for, and even an official announcement from Berlin that the note meant unqualified acceptance of American and allied terms would be viewed with open suspicion.

Unless Germany actually is ready for unconditional surrender officials here do not believe that Prince Maximilian will reply to the president by saying he represents the German people themselves regardless of the war lords, and that the president's conditions are accepted without equivocation.

There probably will be attempts by diplomatic trickeries to the very last to get something better than the dictated peace before the Americans and allies begin to cross the German border.

BERNE, Oct. 12.—The Wolff bureau, the semi-official German news agency has circulated a Frankfurter Zeitung dispatch from Berlin stating that the German reply to President Wilson's note was sent last night and that it is in a sense an acceptance.

BASEL, Oct. 12. (Havas.) The Frankfort Gazette announces that the German answer to President Wilson, which has been accepted in principle, probably was forwarded on Friday night. The Gazette says it has reason to believe that the answer expresses adhesion of Germany to the demands of President Wilson.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 12.—The North German Zeitung says that the

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GERB FORCES AT GATES OF NISH

HUN CHIEFS ERR, ARMIES NEAR RUIN

Ludendorff's Bullheadedness Cardinal Error—"Foch's Broom" Sweeps Foe Back—General Staff Panicky—Retreat or Rout Final Result of Champaign.

PARIS, Oct. 12.—Today finds Germany a little nearer the brink of disaster. Marshal Foch's broom applied in the Champagne, has swept the enemy back from a wider section of the front than ever before.

General Ludendorff is reaping the results of the cardinal error he made in thinking that the allied offensives were bound to be spaced at wide intervals like his own. The continuity of the attacks has literally dumfounded the Germans and it is plain that there is vacillation at grand German headquarters.

The evacuation of the Belgian coast appears to have been ordered and then countermanded, which justifies the inference that General Ludendorff is no longer guided by purely military considerations either from the demoralizing effect a retreat on a large scale would have in the interior and the idea of more territory remains in his hands the stronger will be Germany's position in its conversations with Washington. General Ludendorff is letting Prussia's time slip by for which it is likely he will repent.

Marshal Foch in the preface to his celebrated book "on the conduct of war" says:

"Not's army at Mukden sought not so much to crush the Russian right by a flank attack as to get on his rear and thus determine the retreat of all the enemy's forces."

The allied commander-in-chief appears to be applying that principle in France. The German front forms a vast salient from the Escaut to the Meuse, the extreme point of it being Anisy. Marshal Foch is attacking it not alone on the one flank, but on both, while he is pressing the center in the section between La Fere and Berry-au-Bac to prevent the enemy's breaking contact and slipping away.

At the beginning of the week it was the turn of the left of the allied forces which struck in the direction of Maubeuge and Guise. Yesterday it was the right that delivered the blow, aiming it in the direction of Mezieres. Whether both wings break thru or only one is immaterial. The result would be the same and the longer the Germans resist the worse for them. Every day adds to the wastage of their effective material and should they hold on too long their retreat would become a rout.

BURY DEAD OF SEA DISASTER AT KILCHMAN

ISLAND OF ISLAY, Scotland, Thursday, Oct. 10.—(By Associated Press.) American dead from the troopship Otranto will be buried in the little churchyard at Kilchman in graves accommodating twenty bodies each.

As rapidly as the bodies can be assembled they will be buried in an open field on the edge of a cliff directly overlooking the scene of the wreck.

FIND CURE FOR "FLU;" DISEASE CRISIS PASSED

Pittsburg Doctor Gives Formula That Prevents Effects and Spread of Epidemic—Reports Show Ailment Wanes in Eastern Coast States After Short Selae.

PITTSBURG, Penn., Oct. 12.—In response to hundreds of telegrams from medical men throughout the country today, Dr. George F. Haer of the Homeopathic hospital staff this afternoon made public the formula of his discovery announced yesterday of a cure and preventative for Spanish influenza. The treatment, he said, is a hypodermic injection of a sterile solution representing 1.54 grams of iodine in chemical combination with cresote and guaiacol.

In experiments conducted here since the outbreak of influenza, Dr. Haer said, patients in acute stages of the disease have been made well in a few days, while in one case the employee of a bank were inoculated with the solution and altho exposed to influenza, failed to contract the disease.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—While reports from all parts of the United States to the public health service today show the influenza epidemic as spreading, there were signs in Boston and other Massachusetts communities and at Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., that the disease has passed its crest.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 12.—Thirty new cases of Spanish influenza were reported today to the city health bureau, making a total of about 200 since the disease appeared here several days ago. Only one death has been reported thus far. The order against all public gatherings, both indoor and outdoor, continues in effect.

The mayor of Salem, Ore., announced today that all public gatherings would be prohibited there and churches, schools and theaters closed beginning tomorrow.

360 YANKS DIE IN COLLISION OF TRANSPORTS

LONDON, Oct. 12.—More than 360 American soldiers were lost on the transport Otranto, sunk in the collision with the steamer Kashmir off the south Scottish coast. This developed from checking the Otranto's list at American army headquarters where it was found the death roll of soldiers stood at 364 or 366. More than 200 bodies had been recovered up to this morning. Many of these were given burial by a party sent from Liverpool.

A British admiralty statement says that the transport Otranto exploded on Sunday with the transport Kashmir. The statement follows:

"At 11 o'clock on Sunday the prominent merchant cruiser Otranto, Acting Captain Ernest Davidson in command, was in collision with the steamship Kashmir. Both vessels were carrying United States troops. The weather was very bad and the ships drifted apart and soon lost sight of each other. The torpedo boat destroyer Mouson was called by wireless and by skillful handling succeeded in taking off 27 officers and 239 men of the crew and 390 United States soldiers and 36 French sailors. They were rescued at a North Irish port."

Roy Willets died at the Sacred Heart hospital at 11 o'clock last night from the rifle wound received last Wednesday at the hands of Robert Geron of Fort Klamath, who mistook him for a deer. The death notice appears elsewhere in this paper. Mr. Geron is almost heart broken over the sad affair. Coroner Perl will hold an inquest at 2 p. m. Monday.

HOW TO KEEP FROM GETTING INFLUENZA

By the National Conference of Army, Navy, Civilian Doctors.

- 1—Avoid contact with other people so far as possible. Especially avoid crowds indoors, in street cars, theaters, motion picture houses, and other places of public assemblage.
- 2—Avoid persons suffering from "colds," sore throats and coughs.
- 3—Avoid chilling of the body or living in rooms of temperature below 65 degrees or above 72.
- 4—Sleep and work in clean fresh air.
- 5—Keep your hands clean and keep them out of your mouth.
- 6—Avoid expectorating in public places and see that others do likewise.
- 7—Avoid visiting the sick.
- 8—Eat plain nourishing food and avoid alcoholic stimulants.
- 9—Cover your nose with your handkerchief when you sneeze, your mouth when you cough. Change handkerchiefs frequently. Promptly disinfect soiled handkerchiefs by boiling or washing with soap and water.
- 10—Don't worry, and keep your feet warm. Wet feet demand prompt attention. Wet clothes are dangerous and must be removed as soon as possible.

YANK AIRMEN GAIN HONORS ON NEW LINE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Friday, Oct. 11.—(By Associated Press.) Several aviators have become aces since the Americans struck the German lines in this sector. There has also been an increase in victories credited to old aces attached to squadrons in this area.

Eddie Rickenbacker has won 15 aerial victories and probably will be credited with 18 in a few days. Just behind him comes Lieut. Frank Luke of Phoenix, Ariz., with fourteen. Lieut. Hamilton Coolidge of Boston, Mass., and J. C. Vasconcelis of Denver, Colo., are new aces, with seven and five respectively.

Yesterday's performance by the "strafing raiders" which caused consternation among German airmen, was the duplicate of another raid on October 3 when Lieutenants Rickenbacker, Coolidge and Edward Curtiss of Rochester, N. Y., got one between them and Lieut. Coolidge got two more independently. Lieut. Rickenbacker and Lieut. Vasconcelis got one apiece, and Lieutenants Willey Sparks of Unlontown, Penn., Thorne Taylor of Chicago, and William Palmer of Bennettsville, S. C., down one between them.

HUNS NERVOUS IN FLANDERS

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Friday, Oct. 11.—(Reuter's.)—In closing Grandure saw it was the French who actually entered Grandure station, but it was the American advance east of the Arzone and their capture of Marsa and Chievers that made the occupation possible.

The Germans timed their retreat from the Arzone with their customary skill, showing but little of their last line of troops. They also made a very complete job of destroying and blocking the main roads. Little is likely to remain of Grandure station, the enemy having shelled it to complete the destruction wrought by fire. All of the German counter attacks have been repulsed without any ground being yielded.

KAISER AND HIS BOY "IN BAD" AFTER LOSSES

ZURICH, Switzerland, Oct. 12.—Neutral travelers arriving here from Germany report that rumors that Emperor William may abdicate appear to take greater consistency day by day. The arrivals add that the unpopularity of the German crown prince has considerably increased in Germany.

BITTER BATTLE RAGING ALONG MEUSE FRONT

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—(Noon.)—General Pershing's forces continued their attacks against the German positions on this front today. German opposition proved even more bitter, if possible, than it was yesterday.

The fighting this morning was especially violent on the center and on the left center. St. Jovin and Cunel, both of which towns now are in No Man's Land, are aflame.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Friday, Oct. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Today's attack from the Meuse to the Arzone forest developed slowly. At the start the Germans were able to pour in such a rain of machine gun bullets and shells that the Americans made virtually no advance, especially in the center of the line. German opposition was heavy everywhere except on the American right, where the troops were able to advance slowly up the river. They worked their way into Camel wood, taking 55 prisoners, north of the Cunel-Briailles road.

The troops on the left had the stiffest kind of fighting. They were held up south of St. Jovin by concentrated machine gun and artillery fire from Hill 182 northeast of the town.

The Americans began an encircling movement to take Hill 182. They forced their way across the St. Georges-St. Jovin road and moved through Negreant woods under the heaviest fire and fighting every step of the way. The American artillery opened fire on Hill 182 while the infantry advanced on either side of St. Jovin-Champagne salient. This salient was obliterated later when the Germans retreated from St. Jovin and abandoned the hill.

Severe fighting took place in the center, where the troops were at first unable to advance from the position gained yesterday between Mamelle French and Roman. It was past 1 o'clock today before the Americans got under way.

SLAV HERO DIES AWAITING CALL

SEATTLE, Oct. 12.—Two crosses of St. George and papers found in the effects of a shipyard laborer who died from influenza in a hospital here identified him, police said today as Lieut. Kiril B. Lagidze, former commander of the Russian submarine Kuguar. A fellow workman substantiated the statement and said Lagidze was working here while waiting an answer to his application to enlist in the American navy.

SOLDIER'S INITIAL ON SHELL THAT GOT HIM

LONDON, Oct. 12.—R. C. Hunter, Australian soldier, was wounded by a bit of shrapnel and sent back to England. When they took the metal from his lungs the doctors found the letter H—the first of his surname—inscribed on it. "If it had been a bit bigger, it might have had my number as well," commented the soldier.

BAN UPON ALL GATHERINGS IN CITY MONDAY

Mayor Gates Issues Orders to Close Theaters, Meetins, Etc., as Precaution Against Spanish Influenza—Asks Co-Operation of All Citizens—Several Suspected Cases.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

On account of the epidemic of Spanish influenza, now sweeping over the country, and after consultation with the physicians of the city, we have decided, beginning next Monday, October 14th, to close all places of amusements, theaters, moving picture shows, etc., churches, lodges, schools and all public meetings of every description, where people congregate—same to be in effect until said epidemic has subsided. Believing that this disease is easier prevented than cured, we respectfully request the people of this city to cheerfully abide by this order and hereby assist not only our city, but the entire country in stamping out this dreaded epidemic. (Signed) C. E. GATES, Mayor of Medford. DR. E. R. PICKLE, City Health Officer.

To prevent the further spread of the dread Spanish influenza, of which four positive cases are known to exist in Medford and many others are suspected, the city authorities clamped down the lid this noon to go into effect Monday morning, ordering the closing of churches, theaters, schools and all public meetings and gatherings of every description. This drastic rule will be in effect until all danger of the epidemic getting a foothold in Medford is past.

The action was not decided on until the local situation had been thoroughly canvassed by Mayor Gates and Dr. Pickle. Every physician in the city was consulted, and the opinion was unanimous that every precaution should be taken before it was too late. A number of cases and suspected cases were also reported from various parts of the county.

Reports Are Alarming

New reports of the alarming spread of the disease throughout the United States and the large death rate accompanying also had a great influence in deciding the local officials to act. A telephone message from Dunsuir yesterday afternoon stating that there were 30 cases in that city and that there had been 37 deaths already and that by midnight last night 14 more were expected to die, also had a bearing. Several citizens from Dunsuir were in Medford yesterday seeking nurses to assist in caring for influenza patients.

Health Officer Pickle advises all persons to cover their mouths and noses with their hands or handkerchiefs when coughing and sneezing and not to expectorate on the streets or floors. This will go a long way towards preventing an epidemic here.

The closing order will stop the work of the Red Cross and many patriotic and public activities, and will entail a loss on the moving picture managements. Manager Perov

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OREGON JUSTICE ASKS DECISION

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 12.—Justice Conrad P. Olson, appointed as a member of the state supreme court to succeed the late Justice F. A. Moore, has asked Attorney General Brown to pass on the question whether or not his appointment is constitutional. The question as to its constitutionality has been raised by certain Portland men who are opposed to Justice Olson's election in November. The question is based on the fact that the salaries of supreme court justices were consolidated while Olson was a member of the state senate.

FRENCH OVER SUIPPE, HAIG NEAR DOUAI

Huns to Attempt Stand Along Selae on Cambrai Sector—New Enemy Line Unstable—Allies Bringing Up Guns for New Drive—15 Mile Advance in Champagne Imperils Line—American Gains Vital—Kaiser's Arms Desperate in Crisis.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Friday, Oct. 11.—General Gouraud's troops have crossed the Sambre river almost everywhere along the 20 mile front between Bertricot and Betheniville. The Germans still hold the bridgehead at Boult-sur-Suippe.

The enemy is retiring to his next zone of resistance on the Retourne, but there are unmistakable evidences that he is preparing for a still further retreat.

PARIS, Oct. 12.—Continued progress was made last night by the French troops along the entire Champagne front, the war office announced today. The French have penetrated the important railway town of Vouziers. This morning the French were holding the general line of the Retourne and the road from Pauvres to Vouziers.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—British forces last night continued their advance north of the Sambre river. Field Marshal Haig announced today. The advance is in the direction of Douai. The villages of Hamel, Brebieres, less than three miles from Douai and Cuincy, less than two miles from Douai, have been captured.

Further north the British have pushed to the east of Henin-Licard, northwest of Douai, and they are in the environs of Ennuy.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Friday, Oct. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The enemy today began an attempt to slow the Anglo-American advance on the main battlefront. All the bridges across the River Selle from LeChateau southward were blown up and the Germans seem to have been digging in furiously along the line of the high ground some 2,000 to 4,000 yards east of the river.

The Germans have paused in their fight before the Anglo-American advance from the Cambrai-St. Quentin line long enough to attempt a stand along the Selle river, southward from the tin of the allied wedge at Le Cateau.

Momentarily, therefore, the line appears to be stationary along this front where the enemy has hastily dug in. Field Marshal Haig, in his official report today, did not mention any new forward movement here.

The line is an extremely unstable one, however, and the German defenses are described as mere scratches on the surface.

There seems every probability, therefore, that the allied drive will

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CROWN PRINCE MOVES QUICKLY

PARIS, Oct. 12.—The Americans are closing in on Don-sur-Meuse while their left wing is within five miles of Bazancay, says Marcel Hutin in the Echo de Paris. Continuing, he says that important events which will change the entire face of things may be expected in this part of the Woerwre front.