

THE GREAT WAR DAY BY DAY.

(Associated Press Summary.)

FRIDAY.

In reply to the peace proposals of Pope Benedict, the German and Austro-Hungarian governments express the hope that the pontiff's efforts may bring about a cessation of hostilities.

Germany's reply is written by a member of the emperor's entourage, while that of Austria-Hungary is a personal missive from Emperor Charles.

Emperor Charles declares the "proposals will lead to peace if the belligerent nations would enter into negotiations in the sense of the pontiff's suggestions."

The future arrangement of the world, the emperor says, must be based on the elimination of armed force, the freedom of the seas and on the rule of international justice and legality.

Emperor William has been following the efforts of Pope Benedict toward peace with "high respect and sincere gratitude."

Meanwhile, the opposing armies still are busy from the North Sea to Switzerland in the west, from the Baltic to the Black Sea in the east, in Macedonia, and in the Austro-Italian mountains to the Adriatic.

Field Marshal Haig has made complete his latest success and his men are holding tight to the new positions taken from the Germans on Thursday.

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The German command seems par slight elevation to surrender the slight elevation west of Gheluvelt, close to the Ypres-Menin road.

Berlin's official statement makes no claim of any ground recovered from the British. It records the fighting of Friday, the day following the initial British dash, as marked by continuation of British attacks along the Langemarck-Hollebeke front.

Regarding the air fighting of Thursday and Friday, the customary comparison is given by Berlin of German and entente losses in machines.

Meanwhile, as a complement to the land fighting in Belgium, British warships of the Belgian coast patrol have been bombarding the town of Ostend.

Chapel Hill, Sept. 22.—Reports on forest fires during 1916 for the various townships of Johnston County have been received and compiled by the State Forester.

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CONSECRATION

Now to the stars that we unfold, For service to the world, Let's add a cloudless star of Faith With them to be unfurled.

Now on the shield of those who serve Let's write in flaming letters The word that gives assurance of A world with broken fetters.

Now to the cause so long in gloom, Of Justice, Truth and Right, Now to the cause, Democracy, We pledge supreme might.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS FOR PHILADELPHIA

Two or More of the Most Powerful Known Will Be Placed In City.

Philadelphia is to be protected from the possibility of attack from the air by two or more of the largest and most powerful anti-aircraft guns that have yet been constructed.

The war department is not contemplating an attack by Zeppelins or airplanes flying across the Atlantic, but they are providing against an assault by seaplanes making the trip across seas on the decks of the German high seas fleet.

In such a raid seaplanes and submarines undoubtedly would be used, the submarines to threaten the American fleet and keep it behind protective nets, the planes to bomb munition plants, navy yards, arsenals and the large cities of the coast.

That the prospect is not a chimera is proved by the activity of the war and navy departments in taking the "stitches in time."

Will Have to Transport 687,000 Men to Various Cantonments.

Altogether 687,000 men will have to be transported to the various cantonments that the government is building to house the new national army.

Some conception of the magnitude of the task confronting the American Railway association in preparing schedules that will assure the safe and prompt transportation of these armies without interfering with regular traffic may be gleaned from the fact that to move merely one field army of 80,000 men requires 6,229 cars made up into 366 trains with 25 many locomotives and train crews.

Meanwhile, in addition to moving the 687,000 recruits for the national army, the railroads have been asked to supply transportation for the 350,000 members of the national guard to their training camps.

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RESOURCES table with columns for item and amount. Includes Loans and discounts, U. S. Bonds deposited, Overdrafts secured, etc.

LIABILITIES table with columns for item and amount. Includes Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, County of Johnston, ss: I, G. W. Evans, Cashier of the above-named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22nd day of September, 1917. S. V. PITTS, Notary Public.

Winds Vary, but LUZIANNE -Never! Advertisement for Luzianne coffee featuring a windmill illustration.

LUZIANNE coffee advertisement with image of a coffee tin and text: "You don't have to be a magician to make two pots of coffee exactly alike when you use Luzianne."

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NEW BOOKS advertisement for Herald Book Store, Smithfield, N. C., stating: "We have just received a large lot of new books, including the newest novels and popular sellers of the past few years."