

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. Both notes to the pope were made public almost simultaneously, and apparently both follow the same general trend.

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," in which he sees a suitable basis for initiating exchanges toward a just and lasting peace.

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." The German reply designates the pope's not as an "emphatic peace appeal."

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. In Flanders, however, the activity is not intense. 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. Crown Prince Rupprecht hurled counterattacks against the new British lines without avail.

Eleven correspondents replied from 9 townships, who reported 15 fires which burned over 1,925 acres. It is estimated that 210,000 feet of merchantable timber were destroyed, valued at \$4,040; and that 1,025 acres of young growth were burned over, valued at \$600.

A study of the causes of these fires shows that 3 were caused by burning brush, 2 were set by hunters, 3 by railroads, 3 by lumbering camps, and 4 were of unknown origin.

The people of Johnston County can not be indifferent to such losses, especially when those best informed upon the matter claim that most of these fires could have been prevented by proper measures.

When it is realized that one of the State's chief assets is her forest and that many of her principal industries are dependent upon the products of these forests, the jeopardizing not only of our present timber supply but also of our future supplies becomes a very serious matter.

SATURDAY.

In the midst of Russia's internal troubles has come another German stroke on the Russian northern front, resulting in the capture of the bridgehead and town of Jacobstadt, on the Dvina, and the enforced retirement of the Russians in this region to the eastern bank of the river.

The fall of the bridgehead gave the Germans possession of new territory on a front of approximately 25 miles and six miles in depth, enabling them to push their lines to the west bank of the Dvina in this area.

Dramatic as this suddenly developed operation was, it seems unlikely to develop anything comparing in importance in its effect upon the general military situation with the desperate battle still in progress on the Flanders front.

Loath to give up the valuable ridges the British wrested from them on Thursday, the Germans continue to launch desperate counter attacks from their battered Flanders line and to combat with determination every effort of Field Marshal Haig's forces to improve their positions.

The German command seems paralytic elevation to surrender the slight elevation west of Gheluvelt, close to the Ypres-Menin road. Fierce fighting developed there Saturday, the engagement centering about the position known as Tower Hamlets.

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, which were repulsed, and describes Saturday's engagements as fighting of a local character which resulted in German successes.

Regarding the air fighting of Thursday and Friday, the customary comparison is given by Berlin of German and entente losses in machines. Thirty-nine hostile machines were shot down on those days by the Germans, it is declared, while only three German machines were lost.

Meanwhile, as a complement to the land fighting in Belgium, British warships of the Belgian coast patrol have been bombarding the town of Ostend, where German naval works were shelled with results pronounced satisfactory.

NEED OF FIRE PREVENTION.

Last Year's Forest Fires in Johnston County As Reported to State Forester.

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Stand by the Government.

The constitution—our organic law—vests in congress the right to declare war—and congress has declared a state of war to exist.

The constitution makes the President commander-in-chief of the army and the navy, and the President is directing the war on land and sea.

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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.

BIG JOB FOR RAILROADS.

Will Have to Transport 687,000 Men to Various Campments. Altogether 687,000 men will have to be transported to the various cantonments that the government is building to house the new national army.

It is expected that a second movement of approximately 200,000 men will begin on Sept. 19, continuing for four days thereafter, and a third movement of the same size on Oct. 3.

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.

RECRUIT DEPOT NAMED.

Designation of Fort Thomas Forecasts General Service. Fort Thomas, Kentucky, is designated as a recruit depot and turned over to the adjutant general of the army in orders issued forecasting the organization of a general recruit depot service.

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