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GERMANY'S SINCERITY PUT TO THE YEST

Allied Forces Press Forward Everywhere Along the Western Front CAROLINA AND TENNESSEE TROOPS CAPTURE TWO TOWNS

PRESIDENT WILSON DECLINES TO PROPOSE AN ARMISTICE WHILE GERMANS ARE ON INVADED SOIL

ASKS MAXIMILIAN FOR EXPLANATION

Does Germany Accept Principles Of Peace As Repeatedly Laid Down?

CAN'T BE USED AS BASIS

Does Chancellor Speak For Military Masters or the Whole German People !- President's Note a Master Stroke.

Washington, Oct. 8 .- President Wiln has met Germany's peace note with move which will, at one stroke, develop whether her proposal is sincere or merely a pretension, and, if a pretention it be, fully justify for all time before the world the prolonging of the war with force to the utmost, force without stint or limit. At the same ime the president has left wide open

Declining to propose an armistice the the armies of the central nowers remain on invaded soil, the presiient today called on the German chanellor to state as an absolutely necessary preliminary to a reply from the entente allies and the United States, whether Germany accepts the princiles of peace as repeatedly laid down merely proposes to accept them "as he basis of negotiation" and whether German military masters conducting the war or the whole German people.

Way to Peace Still Open. As the full significance of the presilent's diplomacy is disclosed it beomes evident that he has left open the way to peace and at the same time left ne militarist leaders of the central wers with a question they must necssarily answer in a way that will lead peace or confront them with a most barrassing situation in their own Among diplomats here the resident's communication is regarded as one of his master strokes. It is ointed out that upon cursory examinaon it may not show such strong terms resident's advisers, however, are condent that as a close consideration remany really means peace, and that if does not it will strip bare anothhypocrisy of German diplomacy so impletely that the responsibility for olonging the war never can be harged to the allies, even by the Ger-

an people themselves. The text of the president's commuation was made public today by cretary Lansing, together with the At the same time officials let it required to float the loan." snown that there would be no reply resent to the Austrian note, similar hat of the German chancellor. It ot considered necessary to deal with tria until the time comes for a reto her dominating ally. n announcing his action, Secretary nsing issued the following:

Swiss Charge's Note. Department of State, October 8, The secretary of state makes the following communication: From the charge d'affaires ad inn of Switzerland, in charge of an interests in the United States: Legation of Switzerland, departderman interests, Washington,

asmit herewith upon instructions distributed as follows: ny government the original text to afternoon from the Swiss for-

In English translation of this manufaction is also enclosed. The original text, however, is to be considered as authoritative.

Please accept, Mr. President, the rences of my highest considera-

the United States. German Government's Note.

Franslation of communication from tzerland on October 6, 1918: The German government requests bresident of the United States of DECLARES GERMANY'S OFFER to take steps for the restoraof peace to notify all belligerents

request and to invite them to for the peace negotiations, the program laid down by the president of camouflaged to look like a peace of offers prove to be "a fresh form of the (Continued On Page Two)

Kaiser Declares Germany Will Keep the Provinces

Of Alsace and Lorraine Berne, Oct. 8.-The German emperor, addressing the German soldiers at Rufach, Alsace, late in

September, said: "Neither the French nor the Americans will break through our front in Alsace-Lorraine. We shall defend with the last drop of blood these provinces which belong to us and which the Almighty has entrusted to us to administer as His stewards, and we shall keep them for the benefit of their inhabitants and the glory of God.

"Our faithful allies are with us in this. The last drop of blood of every Austrian and Hungarian soldier, the last drop of blood of every Bulgarian and Turkish soldier will be shed before our enemies wrest from us land which belongs to Germany.

"Our enemies cannot and will not succeed. We are under divine

ONLY TEN DAYS OF CAMPAIGN REMAIN

To Raise the Six Billion Mini- armistice on land and the sea and in mum \$410,000,000 a Day Is Necessary.

\$1,600,000,000 SUBSCRIBED

the chancellor merely speaks for the Richmond District Stands Seventh in Total Percentage Subscribed-Sales of Bonds Reported Tuesday Showed Increase.

> days of the fourth liberty loan campaign are now gone, ten remain and only \$1,600,000,000 of the six billion total has been raised.

Treasury compilations tonight showed that pledges of \$1,591,900 have been received by banks throughout the country. This figure did not include today's report from the Dallas district, however, and the addition is expected initial stage has thrown the enemy to raise the amount to at least \$1,-

600,000,000. "The increased sales as shown by today's report over yesterday amounts to \$268,000,000," says the treasury's review of the campaign, "and while this is an increase over former days it still is far from satisfactory. The campaign now has extended through nine of the 19 days that it is to run and only slightly more than one-fourth of the total amount of the six billion doltal text of Prince Maximilian's note lars, has been subscribed. Obviously, published in America for the first the very hardest kind of work will be

Subscriptions by districts and percentages of quotas, follow:

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	St. Louis \$152,063,700	5-8
	Minneapolis 93,753,300	44
	Boston 199,115,900	39
	Chicago 279,677,350	34
	San Francsco 134,495,100	33
	Dallas 32,628,850	- 25
	Richmond 68,399,400	24
	Cleveland 135,149,100	22
	New York 337,203,000	18
	Philadelphia 98,652,750	17
	Atlanta 29,457,250	15
	Kansas City 30,961,100	11
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	employes indicate purchases of \$74	.971

President: I have the honor 150 by operating regions. They are Northwestern, \$16,468,150; central western, \$16,406,050; eastern, \$15,209,ment received by this legation 100; southwestern, \$10,392,900; Allegheny, \$7,830,000; Southern \$7,319,250; Pocahontas, \$1,345,700.

GOVERNMENT ASSUMES RISKS ON COASTWISE SHIPMENTS

Washington, Oct. 8 .- War risk and front along the Aire valley. marine insurance will be assumed by the government on all shipments by coastwise steamship lines operated by troops to retire in Albania and in There d'affaires ad interim of the railroad administration. In ex- Serbia while in Palestine the British zerland in charge of German in- plaining this today the railroad ad- have driven the Turks more than 30 ministration said much misapprehen- miles north of Damascus. Reports nited States, Washington, D. C. particularly among Southern cotton cabinet has resigned and that the shippers. Many shipments of cotton Turks have sent delegates to Greece recently have been diverted to ocean to talk peace. sovernment to the president routes to relieve rail lines, and the ashe United States as transmitted by sumption of marine risks by the gov-Charge d'affaires ad interim of ernment was prompted mainly by this condition.

se of taking up negotiations. The for his personal opinion respecting the weakened by flattering hopes of peace, German government accepts as a baGerman peace proposal said:

This is nothing but a war maneuver,

FOR WHOM DOES THE CHANCELLOR SPEAK?

Is It For the Military Masters Or For the German People As a Whole?

WILSON MAKES INQUIRY

While Peace Maneuvers Continue, the Allied Forces Everywhere are Inflicting Defeats Upon the Central Powers.

(By The Associated Press.) complete withdrawl of the troops of the Teutonic allies from occupied territories is essential to the commencement of any peace discussions with Germany. This fact has been made known to Germany and Austria-Hungary by President Wilson in answer to the recent appeal of the German imperial chancellor for an the air and the discussion of possible has entered Espisa means for ending the war.

In addition, President Wilson is perial chancellor was speaking when he advanced his proposal whether it was for the constituted authorities of the empire who have been conducting the war or for the whole German people. The president also desires to know if Germany in seeking peace accepts the terms already laid down by the president as the basis for the ending of hositilities.

Meanwhile the entente allied forces everywhere are defeating the armies Washington, Oct. 8 .- Nine working of the Teutonic allies. In France they are fast carrying forward maneuvers which are resulting in the enemy's line giving way from the region of Cambrai and Verdun. Likewise in Macedonia and Turkish theatres the cleaning up process continues un-

> Over a front of 20 miles between Cambrai and St. Quentin the British, American and French troops have started a mighty drive, which in its back from highly prized tactical positions to a depth of from two to five Numerous towns have been captured and seemingly all the great defensive positions of the enemy in this region have been obliterated. Large numbers of prisoners have been added to the already great throngs captured since the allied offensive In addition terrible casualties were inflicted on the enemy by the of the attack which began early Tuesday morning, and the machine gun and rifle fire of the attacking forces against the enemy who resisted stub-

> bornly at various points. American troops. alongside the British always were in the van, and when night fell their positions were where the points of penetration of the German line were greatest. At last accounts hard fighting was still in progress with the

> enemy steadily giving ground. On the southern part of the battle front, from the Rheims sector to the Meuse river, the French and Americans are carrying out successfully their converging movement northward and on all sectors have gained additional ground.

> driven their line to the of the Aisne and Suippe junction placing the German front rivers. around Laon and eastward in greater In Champagne General Gouraud's forces have increased their the way eastward to the region of the Argonne forest, while on the eastern side of the forest the Americans have improved their battle

> bians are still forcing the enemy

TROOPS WARNED THAT HUNS

Washington, Oct. 8 .- General Dfaz. commander-in-chief of the Italian CAMOUFLAGED WAR MENAUVER army, has issued a general order reminding his soldiers that the enemy Rome, Oct. 8.—The American ambas- still is on Italian, French and Belgian gate plenipotentiaries for the pur- sador, Thomas Nelson Page, being asked soil and calling on them not to be but to held themselves in readiness to completely crush the enemy if his peace

GEN. FOCH'S MEN INFLICT SERIOUS DEFEAT ON ENEMY

British, French and Americans Health Service Making Special Turkish Cabinet Resigns Smash Last Lines of Hindenburg System.

Americans Advance Three Miles Epidemic Shows Continued Deand Were Still Going In Early Afternoon.

With the British Forces in France, Oct. 8, 1:30 p. m.—(By The Associated Press).—The battle begun at dark today has resulted in a serious defeat for the enemy. The British and Amer-

Premont, which appears to have fal-German lines for a distance of more than three miles and still are advanc-

At 1 o'clock the general battle line reached was Brancourt, Serain, Villers Outreaux, Esnes and Niergnes. The French first army on the south Petite person The terrific British barrage struck

terror in the hearts of the enemy and killed many. The machine gunners, desirous of knowing, and has directly however, held out to the last and hordes of them were annihilated. Some of the places reached by the Americans and British by one o'clock But having won from the very outset it was apparently decided to car-

> Again the Americans showed great gallantry and fought their way forward side by side with their British comrades with a push that promises vell for future operations.

fensive system has been shattered on a wide front and the German army in this section has been put to flight, except for rear guards and machine gunners. The battle continues, but the resistance is constantly diminishing as the British and Americans continue

FIVE MILE GAIN FOR THE

BRITISH AND AMERICANS London, Oct. 8 .- The Anglo-American offensive on the St. Quentin sector has resulted in an advance at some places of four or five miles, according The school and health authorities are to the Standard's correspondence. Many villages and prisoners have been cap-

GERMAN STATEMENT ADMITS

GROUND LOST TO THE ALLIES Berlin, Via London, Oct. 8.-German headquarters in its brief statement on the operations in France tonight admits that the allies gained ground in the center of the battle front between Cambrai and St. Quentin. At other points, it declares, the attacks were

MERICAN ATTACKS IN THE ARGONNE RENEWED, SAYS BERLIN

Berlin, via London, Oct. 8.—American forces in the Argonne region yesterday renewed their attacks on both sides of the river Aire after the strongest artillery preparations, says the official statement issued today by the German war office.

British troops on the front north of the Scarpe advancing to the east of Oppy have gained a footing in the town of Neuvireuil, the statement says.

BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR WEEK 37,946 OFFICERS AND MEN London, Oct. 8 .- British casualties reported in the week today listed the names of 37,946 officers and men divid-

ed as follows: Killed or died of wounds-Officers, 365: men. 6.150. Wounded or missing-Officers, 1,235; men. 30.196. Total officers, 1,600; men, 36,346.

NUMEROUS PRISONERS ARE TAKEN BY FRANCO-AMERICANS 3.—Franco-American troops in Champagne have driven back the Germans over a front of nearly two

sion existed as to the new arrangement, are to the effect that the Turkish You Haven't Got to Have there, however, both returned on the \$50.00

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ARE STILL ON OCCUPIED SOIL In cash to buy a Liberty Bond. Any bank in our will handle your subscription on \$1 down surrounding territory, which is very large and thickly populated.

The supply of nourishment has been sufficient and well prepared, those sometimest on Page Two.

INFLUENZA STILL SPREADING RAPIDLY AMONG CIVILIANS

/ Efforts to Send Medical Aid and Nurses.

THE FOE IS DISORGANIZED THE SOUTH IS HIT HARD

crease of New Cases in the Army Camps.

Washington, Oct. 8 .- While a coninued decrease in the number of new cases of Spanish influenza at army camps was shown in reports today to the office of the surgeon general of the icans and French have advanced every- army, the spread of the malady among where smashing through the last lines the civilian population over the counof the Hindenburg system driving the try apparently still is far from being

> Reports to the public health service showed that the disease was spread-

The total number of case of influenza reported from all army camps since the disease became epidemic last month is placed at more than 182,000, while pneumonia cases total 19,283 and deaths

The public health service announced that it is making special efforts to services to national industries where the spread of influenza is retarding production of war material. Plants at which this work is now being organized are located in Norfolk, Newport News and Portsmouth, Va., while similar headquarters are in operation in North Carolina, South Carolina and Mississippi.

DRASTIC STEPS TAKEN AT KINSTON TO CHECK EPIDEMIC

Kinston, Oct. 8.-With an increase from the 60 cases of last week to at least 300, the local officials have reversed their attitude toward the Spanish influenza menace and drastic steps are being taken to check the disease, now admittedly epidemic. spreading rapidly through adjacent rural districts. Physicians report a number of persons seriously ill, alinfluenza has occurred in three days The city council passed emergency laws last night. The pastors at the suggestion of the health department local defense committee are close the churches at short notice in constant communication, prepared to close the schools but hoping that it will not be necessary. Extraordinary precautions have been taken at the schools. The tobacco board of trade has called off sales for an indefinite time. Manufacturers will make daily reports to the health department of the situation at their plants. These will be closed should conditions warrant the action. One manufacturer reports a shortage of 40 workers, with more dropping out

A call from another city for Kinston's only white undertaker was not pressed when it was made known that there was illness in his and his assistant's families. Many reports for violation of the anti-spitting ordinance are reported by the police Spittoons are required to be cleansed daily in all business places and public buildings. The health officials are requiring regular use of antiseptics.

WALLACE SITUATION IS NOT IMPROVED AS HOPED

(Special Star Correspondence:) Wallace, Oct. 8 .- Although it has been hoped that by now there would be a decided change in the influenza epidemic here, it is not the case. New cases are coming in every day, and in some homes half of the members are ill. There has not been a death so far, and very little pneumonia. Dr. R. C. Williams, one of the physicians here, who was taken to his bed Wednesday, has developed a severe case of pneumonia and his wife, twoyear-old son and mother are ill with this disease in his home. Dr. Duncan, of North Wilkesboro, and Mrs. Harrell, a registered nurse of Wilson, arrived in Wallace Saturday afternoon to assist. Monday morning both these were called by Dr. C. W. Stiles, to night train, Mrs. Harrell being compelled to go immediately to bed. Dr. Nelson, of Robersonville, arrived on the afternoon train.
Mrs. J. W. Carroll, chairman of the

Red Cross, and the relief committee, met Dr. Stiles at the train Monday night, as he was en route to Goldsboro, and they, with Dr. Duncan and Mrs. Harrell, held a short consulta-

THIRTIETH AMERICAN DIVISION ADVANCES OVER THREE MILES

And Constantinople is the Scene of Great Excitement

London, Oct. 8 .- The Turkish cabinet has resigned, according to a dispatch from Berne, Switzerland, to the Evening Star. The message says that great excitement prevails at Constantinople.

WILL OFFER PEACE.

Athens, Monday, Oct. 7 .- Delegates from the government of Smyrna Turkey, are expected to reach Athens tonight with an offer of peace to the Entente allies.

Anglo-Americans Launch Successful Thrust in the Early Morning.

GENUINE OPEN WARFARE night.

Twenty Ailes of firms Open up On the Enemy, Whose Repty is Wenk-Extraordinary Task Accomplished Ahend of Schedule.

British Headquarters in France, Oct. &-(Reuters.)-The attack begun this morning by British and American forces on the Cambrai-St. Quentin front has become open warfare in the real old sense of the term—the developing of various carefully worked out maneuvers into one great general scheme which is to combine in securing prearranged objectives and the rounding

up of as many Germans as possible. Anglo-American attack was hauched at 2:30 o'clock in the morning. though no death from penumonia or in the darkness of the hour of a quiet moonless night twenty miles of guns suddenly crashed forth in a hideous dis-

> Another phase of the battle commenced at 4:30 o'clock and yet another phase when the first grey dawn was filtering into the dull sky which presently fulfilled its threat to rain.

> The enemy's artillery response was weak. This confirmed the idea that the Germans steadily were withdrawing

> It had been necessary to assemble the assaulting waves to the east of the Hindenburg line and to get the masses was a task of extraordinary difficulty, but it was accomplished well before the zero hour.

Comparatively few tanks were employed. In fact, this was a night surprise and it must have minimized alike their opportunities and the necessity tanks to support his infantry. for the assistance.

SEVENTY-THREE ADDITIONAL AMERICANS HELD PRISONER

Washington, Oct. 8 .- Names or 12 officers and 61 enlisted men held prisoners in Germany were announced today by the war department. They in-

At Camp Rastatt: Private Millard F. Roberts, Knoxville, Tenn. At Camp Langensalza: Private Grover C. Kelly, Fort Landerdale, Miss. At Camp Unknown: Privates Carey . Kiry, Anding, Miss.; Sam Dickinson, Box 35, Oak Hill, Fla. At Hospital in Stargart: Private Enos E. Frazier, S. Fort, Ark.

55,000 MORE BULGARIANS HAVE LAID DOWN THEIR ARMS

Saloniki, Oct. 8, via London.-In addition to the thousands of Bulgarians made prisoner during the allied advance in Serbia and Bulgaria, 55,000 more have surrendered in accordance with the clause of the armistic conich all Bulgarian troops west of Uskub were to surrender as prisoners.

Americans Continue Advance.

With the American Army Northwest

sociated Press.)—The American troops portant of the war. The British cancontinued their advance east of the non, wheel to wheel, sent tons of ex-Argonne until late Monday night. After plosives crashing on top of the enemy the capture of Chatel Chehery they in a whirlwind barrage during the Mrs. Harrell, held a short consultation. Dr. Stiles deciding then to leave both physicians for Wallace and the surrounding territory, which is very large and thickly populated.

The supply of nourishment has been sufficient and well prepared, those and the night on account of infantry measurement behind the enemy lines.

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Towns of Brancourt and Premont Taken by Carolinians and Tennesseeans.

FIGHTING BESIDE BRITISH

Combined Forces Drive Forward On 20-Mile Front in St. Quentin Region.

STRONG HUN RESISTANCE

Thousand Prisoners and Many Guns Captured.

London, Oct. 8 .- The British and Americans have advanced to a depth of about three miles along a twenty-mile front in their great attack between St. Quentin and Cambrai today. Field Marshal Heig makes this announcement in his report from headquarters to-

North and South Canolina and Tenressee troops captured Brancourt and Prement, saing an advance in these operations of more than three miles,

The text of the statement reads: "The third and fourth armies attacked on a front of about twenty miles this morning between St. Quentin and Cambrai and have advanced along the whole of this front to an average depth of about three miles. The night had been stormy, mak-

ing the assembly of troops difficult and the assault was launched in a downpour "On the extreme right of the British attack, English divisions have driven the enemy from the ridge of high ham-

let of Beauregard. "In the right center the 30th American division, comprising troops from nessee under command of General Lewis, captured Brancourt after heavy fighting. Further to the northeast they took Premont, completing a successful advance of over three miles in the course of which they cleared the enemy

from a number of farms and woods.

"On their left English, Scottish and

Irish battalions captured the village of Serain early in the day. In the center English and Welsh Ltalions broke through the German defense system known as the Beaurevoir-Masnieres line and captured Malincourt and the trench line west of Walincourt. "Obstinate resistance was met from strong bodies of the enemy with ma-

hard fighting the Welsin gained possession of the village. 'In the left center the New Zealanders broke through the Beaurevir- Masnieres line and made deep progress to of men in through the intricate and the east of it. The New Zealand troops battered trench system in the dark. It stormed Lesdain early in the morning

chine guns at Villers-Outeaux. After

and, pressing on, carried Esnes. "On the left of the attack we had hard fighting about Seranvillers and Nieregnes and along the lines of the Esnes-Cambrai road. In this sector the enemy counter-atacks strongly, using

"After pressing us back a short distance the counter-attack was stopped, the enemy tanks being put out of action. We regained possession of Seranvillers and Niergnes and resumed our advance.

"North of the Scarpe we have captured a German trench system known as the Fresnes-Rouvroy line rom the Scarpe beyond Oppy and have taken Fresnes-Les-Montauban and Neuvier-

"A thousand prisoners and many guns have been captured in these successful operations. Progress continues to be made along the whole front."

TERRIFIC ATTACK LAUUNCHED ON A FBONT OF TWENTY MILES With the British Army on the St Quentin Front, Oct. 8, 10 a. m .- (By the Associated Press.)—The British launched a terrific attack on a front of about 20 miles today from Cambrai southward. American forces co-operated and the French, at the south

also attacked in conformity with the general plan. This was the answer of the fighting British armies to the German bid for peace. Early in the day smashing blows had carried the British and Americans deep into the positions of

the staggering enemy. The battle is one of the most furiof Verdun, Oct. 8, noon (By the As- ous, as well as one of the most im-