

er it. persists that Germany is evading the

The official document had not feeling being that she has not gone been received in Washington to- far enough. It is pointed out that the German constitution is as yet unnight when the president re- changed, and that if it may be said the government is responsible to the turned from New York. It prob- people it is likewise responsible to the ably will be here tomorrow when emperor.

The reply of the German government the president confers with his to President Wilson's questions is conidered here to indicate that Germany's advisers, among them Secretary diplomatic front is as flexible as her military front. Baker, who returned today from

Some commentators find the reply the western battle front, un- so worded as to show the hope of the Germans that /it will result in cleavdoubtedly prepared to give him age between the allies. Gen. La Croix, the Temps, save:

some inside information on the "Germany's acceptance of President broken condition of the German Wilson's conditions is an avowal of defeat. Foch is the sole judge from military power, of which the the military point of view and will know how to exact the necessary guarworld necessarily does not know antees from the enemy and what territorial evacuations must be imposed.' at this time. Almost all the papers print similar

Tonight, as last night, no official of views. the government felt justified in speak-In addition to recalling Bismarck's ruthless methods in the 1871 armistice, ing to guide public opinion in the diit is pointed out by some of the newsrection of the views which are being papers that when the Germans in 1914 sought to secure France's neutrality

Germany was not willing to accept The Associated Press is enabled to France's word but demanded to be persay, however, that these views rapidly mitted to occupy Toul and Verdun as are crystalizing and the next step will a guarantee. be taken promptly, probably sooner

GERMAN CONSERVATIVES ARE

TO THREE DIFFERENT BODIES

Copenhagen, Oct. 13 .- The German

tion or comment. From German news-

han may be expected.

OPPOSED TO EVACUATION President Wilson is expected to first Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 13 .- A dissolde if Foreign Secretary Solf's reply patch received here from Berlin says the inquiries addressed to Chan- the conservative party in the German reichstag has published the following "or Maximilian warrant him in predeclaration concerning the German reenting Germany's original proposal entente allies. It should be ply to President Wilson's questions: orne in mind that the president's in-"Our armies are still far in enemy quiry merely was a move ad interim country. Before any honorable peace which he proposed nothing, bound and the integrity of the empire's terimself to nothing and merely asked ritory is guaranteed all abandonment of occupied soil may be fatal and is ome questions which he declared reuired an answer before he could go irreconcilable with German honor. "Numerous patriotic societies await

If he puts the proposition before the with us a declaration from the German entente it undoubtedly will draw a government saying it will not yield uick reply. Dispatches last night upon these points. The German people m London quoting the London Ex- are resolved to defend the sacred soil ess as announcing that the British, of their country to the last man." Tench and Italian government had GERMAN REPLY SUBMITTED

reached a unanimous decision for a ne of common action were regarded s being deeply significant.

Lacking official guidance on which to by telegraph here without introducase a prediction, observers are forced indications. The indications papers, however, it appears that the the that there will be no armistice that if the entente allies were disreichstag, but also to the committee on osed to agree to one they probably ould demand as guarantees of good Ith that such places at Metz, Strasscommittee. irg, Triest and possibly Essen be aced in the hands of the entente AUSTRIAN PRESS SUSPICIOUS

rces to guarantee fullfilment of Gerany's words If Germany expects that by agreeing

the evacuation of occupied terricompared with the Austrian, which ries she will evact the evacuation of considers that Germany is working for rman colonies occupied by entente s, German statesmen have made her own salvation and seeking a separate peace through the United States ther mistake. Reference to Presiin order to protect her own interests, nt Wilson's inquiry shows he spoke Turkey not being officially at war with netly in reference to invaded ter-America. occupied by troops of the cenal powers. WORD "IMPERIAL" WAS NOT

When the American capital recovered balance after the surprise of Secary Solf's note, it found its unofsignificant points in Germany's reply cial opinion divided into two distinct

first important German diplomatic com-One, shared largely by the republimunication since the German empire n congress, is inclined to the view was proclaimed at Versailles in 1871 Senator Lodge's predication of a which has not spoken in the name of which may threaten the sub- the imperial German government. "The German government" is an abon of the deliberations of diBEND BACK THE GERMAN LINES

LOSE SAYS LODGE

No Wise An Unconditional

Surrender.

Restore and Befresh Her

Armies," He Declares.

Enemy in Retreat Almost Every Where on the Long Front In France.

STILL ORDERLY IS

Highly Important Strategic Position Taken by British and French.

THE AMERICANS PUSH ON

BUT

Nish Has Been Re-Captured By the Serbians.

to fight.

"IS JUST

(By The Associated Press.) The German battle line in France continues to bend under the attacks of the entente allies. But nowhere has it been broken. The enemy almost everywhere is in retreat toward new positions. But his retreat is orderly and the British, French and Am-

ericans are being compelled to fight their way forward slowly in the face of enemy machine gun detachments Declares Germany's Reply Is In Regarded Probable He May Deacting as rear guards.

Highly important strategic positions have been wrested from the enemy by the British and French while on their sector of the front the Americans have further advanced their line on both sides of the Meuse, obtaining the objectives they sought.

The British advance after days o hard fighting has brought them, at last to the gates of Douai which long has held back the British from clos-

reply to President Wilson was received ing in upon the great bend in the line which has Lille as its center and which has been considered by the military experts as the keystone to the German answer was not only submitted to the lefense system through northern Belgium to the sea.

foreign affairs of the federal council. To the south the French have blotted Prussia has no representative on this out both La-Fere and Laon and the OF GERMANY'S MOTIVES frontier. Here also the Germans for Geneva, Oct 13 .- The tenor of the weeks had stood fighting desperately, German press is quite optimistic as their foes would shatter all their mili-

> tary plans in the south and probably compel a swifter retirement than is now being carried out and possibly make untenable the entire Meuse line to which it is believed they are gradualy making their way.

By the successes of the British and he French the entire German line from USED IN GERMANY'S NOTE Rheims to the Belgian frontier is made London, Oct. 13 .- One of the most decidedly more unstable, and with the new advances of the French and the to President Wilson is that it is the Americans in Champagne and along both sides of the Meuse northward. seemingly the enemy, for a few days

at least, will have to hasten his steps eastward and northward to prevent the great converging maneuver from cap-

Roar of Cannon Is Army's Answer to Germany's Note

With The American Army Northwest | was given as early as possible all inof Verdun, Oct. 13-7 5 m-(By The formation in the possession of general Associated Press.)-The synchronized headquarters. From corps headquarters the news was sent to division headcrash of the big guns and the crackles quarters and from there to the men in of rifles and automatics on the greater reserve positions and on to the firing

part of the American front today re-The effect produced was what might flected the attitude of the army as rehave been expected. There were rare gards Germany's announcement that instances of outbursts of enthusiastic she is willing to accept President Wil- cheering, but for every man who so son's peace terms. It was obvious that displayed his emotion there were a the forces of Germany and the allies, hundred whose only comment was an expression of doubt as to the honesty particularly the allies; regarded that of Germany's intentions. their part in the great drama still is

There was nothing in the day's operations to convince the Americans Whether the news of their govern- that the war was over. Before dayment's announcement of willingness to light the Germans displayed more than concede President Wilson's terms has usual activity in shelling certain posi-French troops not only saved part of

reached the Germans is not known but tions. East and West of the Meuse the booty of Vouzieres that was ready the greater part of the American army (Continued on Pa: Two.,

WILSON MAY STATE

VIEWS IN CONGRESS

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS Planned for the Week Debates **On Peace Expected to Over-**

liver Address There On

German Proposals.

greater part of the St. Gobain massif President Wilson's note including the week discussion of the German reply Lodge, of Massachusetts, minority congress convenes tomorrow. It was foreign relations committee of the sen- president early in the week might ex- north by the L'Escaut canal. ate, declared tonight in a statement. press his views on the peace proposals The note, as received unofficially, is to the country through congress. The which would find difficulty in crossing

leader demanded an unconditional sur-

coal in eastern and southern fields and in some instances, reports today to the will be required for the House to pass fuel administration showed, mines were the bill. While the senate committee shut down because of the epidemic.

Vouzieres is a town of 3,000 inhabifice statement announces. ants. It commands two defiles in the

The La-Fere-Laon railway forest region eastward and is of no great military importance in itself. line has been crossed on the The significance of the capture arises high ground between Danizy from the fact that since 1914 it has and Versigny, about two and a symbolized German resistance in northern France. Von Kluck, in achalf miles east of La-Ferel nowledging the failure of the plan

The northern and eastern sections of LaFere are burning. "But the French will never retake

Vouzieres," meaning not merely the Notable progress has been inconsequental town of that name but made by the Italians and French the entire system of German defense along the line to the east, where

along the Aisne. But Vouzieres has been taken, the the French have reached Amiine of the Aisne has crumbled and the Hindenburg line has been demolished fontain, fifteen miles north of at several places in this region. The Germans 'appear thus far to have kept | Rheims.

their retreat in hand with the great-AON IS WRESTED FROM At Vouzieres yesterday evening

GERMANS WITHOUT A FIGHT

when the French entered the "town With the French Army in France. blankets, pillow cases and household Oct. 13 .- (Reuters) .- Laon, the last of linen of all kinds were lying in the he group of natural obstacles formstreets having been collected by the ing the keystone of the German dewhose German booty detachments fense in France, has been taken withwork was interrupted by the rapid out a fight. advance of Gouraud's troops. The

> GERMAN LINE ON FRONT OF SIXTY MILES IS CRACKED

for shipment to Germany, but they in-Paris, Oct. 13 .- The entire German terrupted the work of destruction ront. St. Gobain to the Argonne, has throughout the region in the bend of cracked on a 60-mile front and it now the Aisne, liberating a number of the appears the enemy will be forced to villages, some of them virtually inretreat to a depth of some 30 miles tact, and freeing about 5,000 civilians before finding a suitable Hne of de-

Some houses were still burning in menaced at its flanks on the Oise to Jouzieres last evening and German the Sambre canal from Ribemont to hells were falling in the town. Ob-Landreois which lines are very near servation in the parts of the villages the Belgian frontier. There will be that could be visited indicates that nothing here like the enemy's strong the damage is only partial.

Germans are expected to cover their retreat as usual, with the best of the natural defenses the country affords. the principal enemy asset in the presing. A passage, however, was forced ent instance being the forests in the this morning and a footing gained on areas of the back movements.

Between the Oise and Berry-Au-Bac the seventh German army has been forced to abandon the line of the Allette retiring its right in the forest of St. Gobain. In the-Champagne Gen. Gouraud is continuing his terrific onslaughts on his disorganized adver-North of the Oise the enemy appears

For seventeen consecutive days. Gen. Gouraud's men have been pounding

the German positions and continuing to make inroads upon the defenses. To the north the British armies are pushing their advances almost to the point of liberating Dpual, one of the great objectives on their front. Virtually all the German line is in movement and there seems now to be no chance for the enemy to reorganize his forces for resistance.

BRITISH IN FEW HUNDRED

YARDS OF TOWN OF DOUAL London, Oct. 13 .- The British are within a few hundred yards of Douai. Field Marshal Haig reported today in his official statement. They have captured the Fauberg D'Esqerzhin, the Douai prison and the greater part of Flers, close to Doual on the northeast.

GERMAN RETREAT CONTINUES IN AN ORDEBLY MANNER

London, Oct. 13 .- The German retreat on the western front continued Sunday in an orderly manner. There are no signs as yet of a debacle.

FIVE THOUSAND CIVILLIANS

THE REVERSE" "If We Agree to An Armistice Ger- With Little' Important Legislation many Will Have Opportunity to shadow All Else.

Washington, Oct. 13 .- With little imany degree of the German reply to portant legislation planned for the from the Meuse to the Belgian frontier. standing on the elbow where the line granting of an armistice means the to President Wilson's note is expected gion north of the Argonne around to eastward toward the Swiss loss of the war for the allies, Senator to overshadow all other matters when its junction with the Suippe. In the realizing that a successful advance by leader and ranking republican of the considered probable tonight that the defense, which is prolonged further

not a surrender on Germany's part as senate it was considered likely tonight, it under the fire of the artillery which Secretary McAdoo and others claim, might give over the entire session to-

has been virtually completed by the

House appropriations committee and enza during the past week materially it is believed the measure can be reported to the House Wednesday, Chairman Sherley expects at least two days

reduced the production of bituminous

the Aisne.

Washington, Oct. 13 .- Acceptance in

Senator Lodge said, but is "highly morrow to discussion of the German conditional." The senate republican reply.

the Germans appear to have massed back of their line, and which is still quite active.

Consideration of the nine billion dolrender or the allies would be "left to lar army emergency appropriation bill

This line furnishes particularly strong obstacles to attacks by tanks

EPIDEMIC CAUSES FALLING Washington, Oct. 13.- Spanish influ-

to be digging in in front of Gen. Debenev's forces. The line upon which the Germans have fallen back is the waterway for a considerable part of the distance

the eastern bank.

from German domination

to take Paris said:

est skill.

Their left wing rests upon the Aisne and the bend of the river from the recenter the rivers Serre and Oise and the Sambre canal furnish a latural

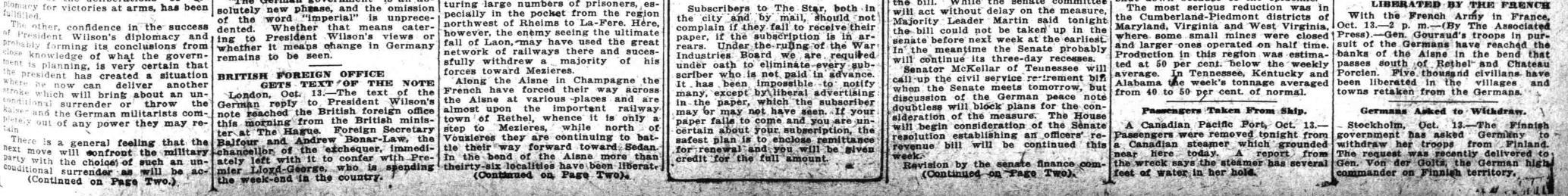
The fifth army has continued its advance toward Laon, meeting only with the opposition of rear guards, composed of machine gun sections. The German artillery has endeavored to hinder construction of bridges across

OFF IN COAL PRODUCTION

The enemy occupied strong positions on the right bank of the Aisne to the east where he opposed vigorously the efforts of the French to effect a cross-

fense. At least his position will be

defenses on the Hindenburg line. The



(Continued on Page Two).

To Subscribers