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Germans Apparently Beginning Evacuation of Entire Belgium Coast Country—British Smash Last Strong Line of Hindenburg System—Austria-Hungary Invites Holland to Request Belligerents to Tak Part in Peace Negotiations-Many Killed by Explosions at Perth Amboy Shell-Loading Plan

Loan Is Only 14 Per Cent Subscribed.

## INFLUENZA HAS INTERFERED

Calculations Do Not Take Into Account Subscriptions Without Initial Payment.

Washington, Oct. 4.-The nation is hing toward its six-billion dollar rty loan goal at just a little more tabulated from reports of banks were zette. announced by the treasury tonight as party were Count Stephen Tisza and spondent of The Berlin Tageblat Count Julius Andrassy, former precorrespondent acts that Holland Count Julius Andrassy, and Count Albert ready has sent out invitations. standard rate of \$315,000,000 a day, the record by this time should have been \$1,575,000,000.

This method of calculation fails to take into consideration, however, the fact that many subscriptions have not been backed up by first payments and consequently are not recognized in the official reports and that natural procrastination will cause thousands of citizens to postpone entering pledges until late in the campaign. Though 12,975 New Cases of Leaders Deferring Program For National headquarters today issued a reminder that only 13 working days remain before the subscription period

pelled the abandonment of public. Ioan meetings in scores of cities and has made victims of hundreds of canvassers and symbols, but reports to-day told of the quiek change of tac-tics in many communities by substi-tuting house-to-house canvassing for

mass meetings. In the whole country ,the loan i fust 14 per cent subscribed. Subscriptions and percentages quotas by districts are as follows:

Subscription. centage St. Louis .....\$109,356,400 Boston ...... 143,637,850 San Francisco . . 73,113,900 31,210,950 Minneapolis .... Chicago ..... 111,332,550 New York ..... 222,212,500 Philadelphia ... 57,408,600 New York ... \$222,212,500 Philadelphia ... 57,408,600 

seem to be farther progressed toward beir goals than urban communities, though some farming districts have elayed the opening of their cam-paigns to let farmers get pressing work out of the way.

Secretary Houston tonight issued an appeal to farmers urging that they buy Liberty bonds

### AUSTRIAN NAVAL BASE AT DURAZZO DESTROYED BY WARSHIPS OF ALLIES

Sensational Exploit Carried Out by American, British and Italian Craft Wednesday.

By the Associated Press, American, British and Italian war-

American, British and Italien warships have destroyed the Austrians naval base at Durazzo, Albania. This sensational exploit, which was carried out on Wednesday, seems to have reduced the Austrians to one large naval center in the Adriatic, that of Pola, although the port of Fiume may be used for this purpose.

The attack, coming at a time when the Austrians in southern Albania are in dire straits after losing their support lines eastward through Macedonia, appears to be significant. Italian troops launched an offensive there on Tuesday. It suggests that perhaps military operations may be begun along the northern Albanian coast in the rear of the retreating Austrians and the situation holds large possibilities. Durazzo is within 100 miles of Brindisi, the Itlaian naval base and is within easy striking distance of Corfu, from which are directed the and is within easy striking distance of Corfu, from which are directed the operations of the allied fleets in the

## OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE BY PREMIER

Rome, Friday, Oct. 4.—American British and Italian warships have de stroyed the Austrian naval base at Durazzo and the warships anchored there, according to an announcement made by Premier Criando.

## "NO MATERIAL DAMAGE DONE." VIENNA REPORTS

was and harbor of Duramo, Albania, was bombarded for two hours Wednesday by allied naval and air forces, but no material damage was done, decording to an official communical issued today. Attempts to penel

Has Invited Holland to Request the Belligerents to Participate in Negatiations-Hungarian Premier Has Arrived in Vienna With a Number of His Statesmen, "Laboring Untiringly in the Interests of Peace" and "Afready Negotiating."

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Reports are to the effect that Austria-Hungary again is seeking peace, having invited Holland to request the belligerents to participate in negotiations. The Hungarian premier, who has arrived in Vienna with a number of Hungarian statesmen, is quoted as saying that the Hungarians "again are laboring untiringly in the interests of peace, and we are already negotiating."

DELEGATION ARRIVES AT VIENNA FROM HUNGARY

than half the speed required to maintain a daily subscription rate of 3315,000,000. Bond sales officially move, according to The Cologne Gamera, Dec. 4.—A delegation of Hungarian statesmen, headed by Premier Wekerle, has arrived at Vienna in connection with a new peace move, according to The Cologne Gamera.

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NO INVITATION RECEIVED BY UNITED STATES AS YET

Washington, Oct. 1.—Secretary Lansing tonight authorized the statement that the American government had received no invitation from Austria-Bungary to take part in peace negotiations as outlined in a dispatch tonight from Amsterdam quoting the correspondent of The Berlin Tageblatt.

HOLLAND ALREADY HAS' SENT OUT INVITATIONS

Amsterdam, Oct. 4.-Austria-Hungary has requested Holland to invite the belligerents to take part in peace

"Flu" Are Reported.

Epidemics of influenza have com- Disease Continues Its Rapid To Wait Until War Revenue Bill Spread Among Civilian Population and in Camps.

ing in this country. There was no record to show the pneumonia and death rate among clv-agreed to put into effect at informal

Camps Jackson, South Carolina, and Sherman. Ohio, each reported more than 1,000.

In the fight against the disease among the civilian population the public health service has sent physicians to Norfolk. Vs., and Nashville, Tenn., and has had calls from West Point and Portsmouth. Va., which will be filled as soon as possible.

The officials emphasized today that the best way to combat the disease is to prohibit public gatherings. This now has been done in many cities and the authorities say that everywhere influenza threatens to become epidemic are urged to take similar action. In Washington today churches were asked not to hold religious services until the disease is stamped out, while all dance halls and army hostess houses were ordered closed.

# negotiations, says the Vienna correspondent of The Berlin Tageblatt, The correspondent adds that Holland al-

Month's Vacation.

and Army Money Bill Are in More Definite Form.

Washington. Oct. 4.—Spanish influenza continues its rapid spread both among the civilian population and in army camps. Reports today to the public health service showed the discusse had become epidemic in many more cities while 12,975 new cases and papers. The civilian are being evacuated from many towns.

Washington, Oct. 4.—With a temporary suspension of infortant legislation in both senate had house, Congress leaders today help up their plans for a definite recess of adjournment, to wait until the \$8,000,000,000 war revenue bill \$7,000,000,000 army and it almost impossible for them to negotiate the terrain at many to one account, excessive heat was approximated. were reported among soldiers train- emergency appropriation measures take more definite formt

pneumonia and death rate among civilians but in army camps pneumonia cases nearly doubled. Deaths in army camps, however, decreased. The total number of influenza cases in the camps now is 127,975; pneumonia cases, 10,429, and deaths, 2,869.

Camp Funston. Kansas, reported the heaviest increase in influenza today with 1,276 new cases, while Camps Jackson, South Carolina, and Sherman. Ohio, each reported more than 1,000.

agreed to put into effect an informal recess by meeting and adjourning each day, until October 14, when the army appropriation measure is to be reported. Leaders of both bodies are deferring the program for a month's adjournment about October 20, over the elections, until the army money bill is passed and it is determined whether the senate can proceed before the elections with the warrevelous process.

he would insist upon the senate re-convening acon after the elections and would oppose a suspension lasting late into November.

## END OF GASOLINELESS SUNDAYS NOT IN SIGHT.

Garfield Refuses to Lift Ban on Use of Automobiles for Next Two Sundays.

with the exception of the schools, until further notice.

The quarantine becomes effective
tomorrow. This means that ail
theaters must close and no gatherings
of any kind, including services in
churches, can be held. Because of
the well ventilated conditions of the
schools, they will be allowed to remain open, but crowding in them is
absolutely prohibited.

BRITISH LINES WITHIN

SIX MILES OF LILLE

London, Oct. 4.—The British have
driven their lines within six miles of
Lille at Wayrin and Echinhem, actording to Field Marshal Hain's communication issued tonight. Between
Lens and Armentieres the Germans
are continuing their retreat. Some
further ground has been taken by the
British between Cambral and St.
Quentin, where there has been hard
fighting.

Washington, Oct. 4.—Fuel Adminstrator Garfield refused today to lift
the ban on the use of automobiles for
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British Holding It and Reconnoitering Far in Advance.

FIGHTING MOST FURIOUS

Germans Seems to Astive Now on Each Side of the Narrow Breach.

With the British Army in France. Oct. 4, (5 p. m., By the Associated Press),-There has been fighting of the most furious nature along the British front today. This has been true especially, along the Beaurevoir line in the region of LeCatelet.

The last strong line of the Hindenburg system having been smashed, the British in possession of it and reconnoitering far in advance, the Germanite feeling that the

mans apparently feeling that they were fighting with their backs to the wall, have launched six powerful counter-attacks during the past 24 ours. As a result of one of them the citish withdrew for a moment from Beaurevoir itself and from Montbresain to the western outskirts of the

For these attacks the Germans used two divisions which had been released from the line through the capture by the French of St. Quentin. All the other counter-offens'ves failed a result of the rifle, machine gun and shell fire and the British were ession of vital lines of the German defense.

The breach that has been made in the system of defense here is a narrow one as yet. For that reason the explosion occurred. With the fir armored cars which went out to it plosion, government officials ast night reconnoitered deeply around new positions. Then they returned.
The Germans now seem to be most active on each side of the breach.
Apparently they fear that efforts will

places. The soldiers fighting here are caked with mud. Many of them have had to wade hip-deep through the coze while fighting their way forward. the southern portion of the town, around which the British lines are slowly but steadily being drawn. It is expected that the town may fall at

In the Lille sector the Germans are falling back eastward, leaving only rear guards behind to protect the'r retreat. Apparently they are head-

## HOUSE PASSES FEDERAL CORRUPT PRACTICES BILL

Washington, Oct. 4 .- Federal courts are given jurisdiction in cases in-volving violation of election laws where election of United States senators and representatives are concerned by a senate bill passed today by the house. Vote-buying or selling in such elections is made a federal of-1.000 or imprisonment.

The power of federal courts over lections would be greatly extended by the measure and its final enactment, congressional leaders believe will inure prosecution of such cases as hertofore were not within the juris-diction of the federal courts.

CAROLINIANS GRADUATED. Washington, Oct. 4.—The following arolfnians were graduated from the field artillery officers' training camp at Louisville, after having been selected from among the enlisted men for this course: Leo Carr, Teacheys, S. C.; Horace Clement Coolcy, Nashville.

JO-JO SAYS



When the war is over nat you've done—Buy I

## AMERICANS FORCE THE KRIEMHEILDE POSITION

With the Amreican Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 4. (By the Associated Press.)—The Americans resumed the attack this morning west of the Meuse and advanced their lines from two to five kilometers. They captured Hill 240, north of Exerment, and the villages of Gesnes, Fleville, Chehery and La Forges.

In the face of heavy artiflery and machine gun fire Illinois, Wiscon-

machine gun fire Illinois, Wisconsin, western Penusylvania, Virginia and West Virginia troops have forced the enemy back in the Kriemhilde position, south of Force

**Estimates Place Number of Dead** and Hurt at 50 to 100.

Tremendous Explosion Occurs in Shell-Loading Plant Near Perth Amboy.

Perth Amboy, N. J., Oct. 4 .- Many men were killed and scores of others injured in a tremendous explosion early tonight at the plant of the T. A. Gillesple Shell-loading company, at

morning. Estimates late tonight placed the number of killed and hurt at from 50 to more than 100. The plant, operated for the govern-ment by the Gillespie company, em-

ploys several thousand men and women. Officials said tonight there were about 500 men in the plant when the explosion occurred. With the first exphoned to nearby camps for soldlers to serve as guards and several hundred, with a detachment of coast guards were rushed to Morgan. The plant engaged in loading high

to one account, excessive heat was applied to a vat of T. N. T. Another ac-

being lifted, fell and exploded. The first blast was terrific. It shat-Again there has been fighting in tered nearly all the glass in South the streets of Cambrai, especially in Amboy, one and a half miles away, the southern portion of the town, and was felt for a radius of nearly 10

The extent of the damage had not been determined tonight. W. J. OLIVER AND TEN EMPLOYES ARRESTED

Charged With Conspiracy, Fraud and Sabotage in Manufacture of Shells for Government.

Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 4.—W. J. Oliver, millionaire manufacturer, and o employes were arrested here tolight on a warrant sworn out by a might on a warrant sworn out by a military intelligence officer charging conspiracy, fraud and sabotage in the manufacture of shells which the warrant alleges did not fire true and were dangerous to United States soldiers. More than \$100,000 is alleged to have

been obtained illegally.

The government this afternoon sezed the plant of the W. J. Oliver Manufacturing company, of which the individual defendants are officers

## THREE MEN INJURED IN RACE RIOT AT HOPEWELL

Richmond, Va., Oct 4.—Three men were injured in a race riot at Hope-well, which reached its height of fury shortly after 5 o'clock this after-

At midnight, following the arrival of two companies of soldlers from Camp Lee, and 50 military police from Petersburg. Hopewell had ouisted down. A company of state guards dispatched to the scene by Governor Westmoreland Davis also alded in quieting the disorder which for a time threatened to reach dangerous proportions.

## AMERICAN CASUALTIES SAID TO BE MODERATE

London, Oct. 4. (By the Associated Press.)—British and French forces continued to advance today north of St. Quentin. They reached the outskirts of Bontbrehain after severe fighting. The American casualties in the Argonne region are described as moderate. The Germans have been unable to maintain their usual artillery fire and undoubtedly beginning asriously to feel the loss of the large number of guns captured from them recently all along the western front.

## CONTINUING TO LOSE

Gernians Making Hurried Preparations to Evacuate Dune Country Along Seacoast of Belgium.

With the British Forces in France Oct. 4.—(By the Associated Press.) -British troops last night, and this morning made progress in the neighborhood of Fresnoy-le-Grand, northeast of St. Quentin, though only meager reports of the fighting in that dis-trict have been received.

The country behind the German lines in Flanders, is ablaze virtually

everywhere. From prisoners comes the information that the Germans are making hurried preparations to evac-uate the dune country of Belgium, along the seacoast. Dugouts are be-ing blown up there. In the Armentieres sector the re-treat of the Germans continues. The British are now well to the east of

The Belgians together with French troops have reached a point 2,000 yards south of Hooglede and 1,000 yards southeast of the Chapelle-Rool-Civilians are being moved in a hurry

reserves anywhere. There is every in-dication of disorganization not only in the enemy infantry but in the artillery. Riots are reported to have occurred among certain German units in which even their officers partici-A British officer familiar with the

entire German division in Flanders said: "Nothing would surprise us, This may turn into a rout now."

There is tangible evidence that the Germans realize their position northeast of St. Quentin is extremely precarlous for the roads in the rear of the breached Hindenburg line are astricted with traffic.

and the British now are standing as scant six miles southwest of over a front of about four miles to the length of the le

The railways are jammed with material moving eastward at a great rate and on some roads British aviators and cambrai have

The Beaurevoir line having been plerced, the Germans soon, if not now, will find the greatest difficulty in arresting the progress of the British. Prisoners say they were given orders to hold on to the last moment in order to give the Germans an opportunity to construct a line at Valen-

British thrusts between Fresnoy and the River Scarpe show that the Germans are holding en with desperation there, probably in an effort to save some of their material and heavy

A New York division co-operating with an Australian corps north of St. Quentin encountered the severest opposition and although suffering heavy losses fought with the greatest bravery, according to an officer of the Australian troops in a telegram which he sent today to the general in command of the New York soldiers.

## THEMSELVES WITH GLORY Perform Almost the Impossible

S. AVIATORS COVER

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 4. (By the Associated Press—9:30 p. m.)—The Americans pressure it is a vintors again covered themselves with glory and performed almost the impossible in today's drive. Dawn broke with mists heavy over the trenches and the country across which the Americans were to so; and it was hours before the weather cleared sufficiently to parmit of any observation. ciently to permit of any observation

to speak of.

The splendid laison that marked the day's operations was due in great part to the work of the aviators, who countless times risked their lives in reconnoitering, attacking the retreating Germans and bringing back reports Germans and bringing back reports.
German filers during the entire morning swooped over the heads of the American infantry only a few hundred meters above the earth, using machine guns with telling effect until driven off

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Chiefly because of this daring, the German losses were unusually heavy and even the American anti-alroraft batteries accounted for seven machines which they brought down without trouble at the short ranges they could use.

## ALL ALLIED ATTACKS "FAILED" OF COUR

Rerlin. (via London). Oct.' 4.—
"Vigorous enemy attacks on both
sides of Roulers, north of St. Quentin.
at the Chemin-Des-Dames and in
Champarne were repulsed." says the

owhere Are Teutonic Being Permitted Rest.

GROUND EVERYWHERE **Enemy Swiftly Evacuating Lens.** 

Armentieres Salient. BRITISH ARE NEARING LILLE

Allies Continue Gaining Ground in Flanders, France, Italy, Albania and Turkey.

London, Oct. 4, (By the Associated Press)-There is every indication, according to authoritative naval sources, of an early abandonment by the Germans of the entire Flanders coast. The Germans already are removing their guns. The Belgian coast Lens. Mericourt, southeast of Lens, has been under a heavy bombard-has been captured by Haig's men. ment for the past two days.

The enemy is swiftly evacu-salient between Armentieres and the British now are stan

and on some roads British aviators have observed a straggling stream of civilians who are being hurriedly sent from the rear.

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dent the enemy, realiting the give further ground, is vigo plying the terch.

French Advance Around Around Rheims the Fre further extended their gains northwest of the cathedral of they are all along the cathedral of the cathedral o they are all along the Alum To the east in Champagne, can forces are fighting v French between the Suippe r West of the Argonne, wit French tanks the America en the important height Blanc Mont and the Mede

reform Almost the Impossible in Friday's Drive Northwest of Verdun.

Blanc Mont and the Medean far pressed farther northward.

Simultaneous the French have vanced their front eastward a Challerange and gained better tions for their operations up the way toward Vousiers and the kethe Germans inside the northern tion of the Argonna forest filading fire through the / while the Americana press through the forest driving before them. The latest is that the Americana latest at

ADVANCE OVER TWO