

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 Take Part in Peace Negotiations—Many Killed by Explosions at Perth Amboy Shell-Loading Plant

LOAN CAMPAIGN MAKES BUT HALF SPEED REQUIRED

Total 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 marching toward its six-billion dollar Liberty loan goal at just a little more than half the speed required to maintain a daily subscription rate of \$315,000,000. Bond sales officially tabulated from reports of banks were announced by the treasury tonight as \$335,732,900, or an increase of \$229,000,000 in the last 24 hours. At the 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. National headquarters today issued a reminder that only 18 working days remain before the subscription period ends October 13.

Epidemics of influenza have compelled the abandonment of public loan meetings in scores of cities and has made victims of hundreds of canvassers and speakers, but reports today told of the quick change of tactics in many communities by substituting house-to-house canvassing for mass meetings.

In the whole country the loan is just 14 per cent subscribed. Subscriptions and percentages of quotas by districts are as follows:

District	Per Cent
St. Louis	110.345.400
Boston	143,837,850
San Francisco	73,113,900
Minneapolis	31,310,950
Chicago	111,332,550
New York	222,212,500
Philadelphia	57,408,400
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Richmond	31,502,550
Dallas	13,514,100
Cleveland	55,713,350
Atlanta	3,128,050

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 warships have destroyed the Austrian 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.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE BY PREMIER

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

"NO MATERIAL DAMAGE DONE," VIENNA REPORTS

Vienna (Via London), Oct. 4.—The city and harbor of Durazzo, Albania, was bombarded for two hours Wednesday by allied naval and air forces, but no material damage was done, according to an official communication issued today. Attempts to bomb the harbor failed, according to communication.

AUSTRIA HUNGARY HAS LAUNCHED ANOTHER DEFINITE PEACE DRIVE

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

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, has 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

Amsterdam, Oct. 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 Gazette.

The other members of the Wekerle party were Count Stephen Tiska and Count Julius Andrássy, former premier of Hungary, and Count Albert Aponyi, the Hungarian minister of instruction.

DEATHS IN ARMY CAMPS DECREASE

Though 12,975 New Cases of "Flu" Are Reported.

Disease Continues Its Rapid Spread Among Civilian Population and in Camps.

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 disease had become epidemic in many more cities while 12,975 new cases were reported among soldiers training in this country.

There was no record to show the 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, 16,423, and deaths, 2,863.

COLUMBIA QUARANTINED BECAUSE OF SPANISH "FLU"

Special to The Observer. Columbia, S. C., Oct. 4.—Because of the epidemic of Spanish influenza, many cases of which have broken out among the civilian population of Columbia, the city board of health, at a meeting this afternoon, prohibited all public gatherings in the city, with the exception of the schools, until further notice.

BRITISH LINES WITHIN SIX MILES OF LILLE

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

ORDERS MEN TO COLLEGE

Washington, Oct. 4.—The provost marshal general has ordered 200 North Carolinians to be sent to the University of Virginia, at Charlottesville, for training along technical lines. These men will help make up the great plans of specialists who are required in connection with the military organizations.

SMASH THE LAST STRONG LINE OF HINDY'S SYSTEM

British Holding It and Reconnoitering Far in Advance.

FIGHTING MOST FURIOUS

Germans Seems to be Most Active 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 Beaurvoir line in the region of LeCatelet.

The last strong line of the Hindenburg system has been smashed. The British in possession of it are reconnoitering far in advance. The Germans apparently feeling that they were fighting with their backs to the wall, have launched six powerful counter-attacks during the past 24 hours. As a result of one of them the British withdrew for a moment from Beaurvoir itself and from Montrebellin to the western outskirts of the village.

For these attacks the Germans used two divisions which had been released from the line through the capture by the French of Quentin. All the other counter-offensive efforts of the German dead were piled high as a result of the rifle, machine gun and shell fire and the British were in possession 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 armored cars which went out to it last night reconnoitered deeply around new positions. Then they returned. The Germans now seem to be most active on each side of the breach.

Apparently the British were made to widen it. Meanwhile the roads and railways everywhere in the rear are crowded with eastbound traffic. The civilians are being evacuated from many towns.

HOUSE PASSES FEDERAL CORRUPT PRACTICES BILL

Washington, Oct. 4.—Federal courts are given jurisdiction in cases involving violation of election laws where election of United States senators and representatives are concerned by a senate bill passed today by the House.

CAROLINIANS GRADUATED

Washington, Oct. 4.—The following Carolinians 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, Teachey, S. C.; Horace Clement Cooley, Nashville.

10-10 SAYS



Fair today; fair and warmer Sunday. When the war is over be proud of what you've done—Buy Liberty bonds.

AMERICANS FORCE THE GERMANS BACK TO KRIEMHEILDE POSITION

With the American 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 BIR 246, north of Esromont, and the villages of Geuca, Fleville, Chiehey and La Forge.

In the face of heavy artillery and machine gun fire Illinois, Wisconsin, western Pennsylvania and West Virginia troops have forced the enemy back to the Kriemheilde position, south of Forest wood.

ROADS IN FLANDERS CONGESTED WITH RETREATING GUNS WHILE THE WHOLE COUNTRY IS ABLAZE

Country Ablaze Almost Everywhere Behind the Hun Lines in Flanders

Germans 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, north-east of St. Quentin, though only meager reports of the fighting in that district have been received.

MANLY KILLED BY GREAT EXPLOSION

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. Gillespie Shell-loading company, at Morgan, near here.

The number of dead and injured cannot be determined until employees of the plant answer a roll call in the morning. Estimates late tonight placed the number of killed and hurt at 50 to more than 100.

W. J. OLIVER AND TEN EMPLOYEES ARRESTED

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

Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 4.—W. J. Oliver, millionaire manufacturer, and 10 employees were arrested here tonight on a warrant sworn out by a military intelligence officer charging conspiracy, fraud and sabotage in the manufacture of shells which the warrant alleged did not fire true and were dangerous to United States soldiers.

THREE MEN INJURED IN RACE RIOT AT HOPEWELL

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

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 Bonbrehan after a severe fighting. The American casualties in the Argonne region are described as moderate.

SPANISH PORT SHELLED BY ENEMY SUBMARINES

Lisbon, Oct. 4.—Two enemy submarines today shelled the port of Espinho, 14 miles south of Lisbon. The above guns immediately retaliated, destroying the submarines.

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In the Argonne sector the retreat of the Germans continues. The British are now well to the east of Lens, Mericourt, southeast of Lens, has been captured by Haig's men.

The Belgians together with French troops have reached a point 2,000 yards south of Hougde and 1,000 yards southeast of the Chapelle-Roolers road.

Civilians are being moved in a hurry from Courtil, 13 miles east of Fresnoy-le-Grand. There are no signs of German reserves anywhere. There is every indication 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 participated.

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 north-east of St. Quentin is extremely precarious for the roads or the line astride the Lens-Lille railroad.

Notwithstanding violent counter-attacks and a line strengthened by fresh reserves the British between St. Quentin and French troops are still holding their original battle position astride the Lens-Lille railroad.

U. S. AVIATORS COVER THEMSELVES WITH GLORY

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

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

The splendid liaison 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. German fliers 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.

ALL ALLIED ATTACKS "FAILED" OF COURSE

Berlin, (via London), Oct. 4.—"Vigorous enemy attacks on both sides of Roulers, north of St. Quentin, at the Chemin-Des-Dames and in Champagne were repulsed," says the evening report from general headquarters.

AMERICANS AND FRENCH ADVANCE OVER TWO MILES

Paris, Oct. 4.—In the Argonne the French and Americans have advanced about two and a half miles north of Arrmentieres and about five miles southeast of Montrebellin, according to the official communication issued by the French general headquarters.

Paris, Oct. 4.—The British made an advance (about one mile) in the Argonne sector.