

ALLIES ENTER BRUGES AND DOUAL; CAPTURE OSTEND AND LILLE

Great Political Activity in Berlin "in View of" Reply to Wilson

ALL SUBMARINES ARE ORDERED TO RETURN TO BASES

This is Report Published "With Reserve" in Europe.

BERLIN OPENLY ANTI-WILSON

Dispatches Indicate Strong Tendency in Military and Peace-Favoring Quarters.

Berlin, Oct. 17.—Germany's reply to President Wilson's latest communication was expected to be drawn up and dispatched to Washington tonight, according to the latest advices received here from Berlin. The semi-official newspapers in Germany indicate that it is certain that Germany in the note will seek to continue the conversation.

Advices received from Berlin say that there is great activity in political circles, in view of the German reply to President Wilson's note. It is understood the note already has been drafted and that it is not a complete refutation of President Wilson's demands. Field Marshal von Hindenburg was expected in Berlin today.

Baron von Hussarek, the Austrian premier, has made the statement that Austria is about to be transformed into federal states, according to advices received here.

Amsterdam, Oct. 17.—The Handelsblad publishes with reserve a report that the German admiralty has issued wireless instructions to all submarines to return to their bases.

Dispatches from the tonight indicate a strong anti-Wilson tendency, not only in military quarters, but also in those which have favored peace.

For example, Herr Gottman, a member of the Reichstag, writes in the Zeitungsblatt, "The German people will not allow a peace treaty which would mean the loss of our independence and the subjugation of our nation."

The Cologne Gazette publishes a manifesto of the conservative party signed by Count Friedrich von Westarp and other members of the party, declaring that after President Wilson's reply the contest of arms must be fought out to a finish. It paints a terrible picture of the fate that would befall an invaded fatherland.

A dispatch from the Cologne Volks Zeitung from Berlin states that there will be exhaustive deliberations between the Reichstag, the federal council and the supreme command as well as the head of state, before a decision is reached concerning a reply to Mr. Wilson's note. It is said to be probable the Reichstag will not assemble until next week.

It is announced that Chancellor Schulerkampff has appointed State Secretary Groeber as his representative in connection with the civil administration of martial law.

BUY LIBERTY BONDS
REAR GUARDS IN OSTEND ALL KILLED OR CAPTURED

With the Allied Forces in Flanders, Oct. 17. (By The Associated Press.)—The Germans on evacuating the channel, rearm and submarine base of Ostend left behind them rear guards all of whom were killed or captured. British warships landed forces in the town and Belgian aviators sighted in the Place d'Armes.

CANT AFFORD TO DEFEND UPON THE SLACKERS NOW

WHERE THE HUNS ARE BEING DRIVEN BACK TOWARD BERLIN BY THE ALLIED ARMIES



The solid black line shows where the allied line stood October 5; the black dotted line shows where the allies were in July before the allied drive began; the short white line shows approximately the progress made from October 5 to October 10, and the long white line shows approximately the present line.

WILSON'S REPLY GERMAN POSITION PRINTED IN FULL IS NOT PERILOUS

German Papers Call It "A Trap," "A Rude Answer," Etc.

Some Papers Do Not Attempt Comment; Say "Leave It to Supreme Army Command."

Amsterdam, Oct. 17.—Judging by Rheinisch and Berlin newspapers received here, President Wilson's reply to Germany was printed in full in the German press. The newspapers variously termed the reply "A trap," "Wilson's evasions," "A rude answer," and the like.

Some of the newspapers do not attempt to comment on the reply, merely saying: "Leave it to the supreme army command."

Here and there appeals are made to neutrality to the effect that Germany's annihilation would involve their commercial ruin also. The customary truculence of the Lokal Anzeiger gives way to despondency, the paper lamenting over "the human lives being sacrificed while Wilson has in his power 'end the carnage.'"

Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 17.—The Tagblatt and Vorwaerts, of Berlin, urge the entente in the higher interests of humanity to avoid an exclusively irreconcilable spirit. Germany considers that all possibility of negotiations is not precluded, while the conservative organs see nothing but a struggle to the end without further efforts toward peace.

The Kross Zeitung says that President Wilson definitely seeks the capitulation of the German army and the abdication of the German monarch. "Let the faithful servants of the monarch rally around him to defend him against internal and external enemies," the newspaper pleads.

The Deutsche Tages Zeitung cannot conceive of a government which would reply otherwise than with an energetic "No" to President Wilson. The moment has come, the newspaper declares, to collect the last forces to defend Germany's honor, her frontier and future.

BUY LIBERTY BONDS
PROGRESS CONTINUES ON FRENCH EAST WING

With the French Forces in France, Oct. 17. (By The Associated Press.)—Progress continued to be made by the allied forces today on the eastern wing of the battle front in the face of stout opposition. The German resistance was especially determined west of Grand Pre, in the Argonne, where the Germans still hold Talma farm in a small salient.

General Gouraud's men have taken Hill 222 and the village of Talma, a thousand yards to the north, and Little Talma, about the same distance south of the hill. From where the line bends around the American positions north of Grand Pre.

BUY LIBERTY BONDS
CLOCKS TO BE TURNED BACK ON OCTOBER 27

Washington, Oct. 17.—No further orders will be made by Congress to continue the existing daylight savings law and the hands of the clocks will be turned back an hour on October 27 as originally planned. This decision was reached today at a conference between congressional leaders and Chairman Harrah, of the war industries board, who had recommended that the law remain in force for the period of the war.

TWO DAYS REMAIN FOR RAISING OF \$2,000,000,000

Liberty Loan Total Probably Amounts to Four Billions.

NO EXTENSION OF THE TIME

Tremendous War Expenses Will Continue Many Months After Peace is Concluded.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Fourth Liberty loan subscriptions, reported and unreported, probably amount to four billion dollars, although those actually tabulated by headquarters here aggregate \$3,607,535,000, the treasury announced tonight.

Two days remain for the raising of two billion dollars. On Saturday night, subscription books will close absolutely, Secretary McAdoo declared today, thus setting at rest persistent reports that owing to the retarding influence of the influenza epidemic, the government contemplated giving the nation another week in which to enter pledges.

New reasons why the loan should be not only raised but oversubscribed, as emphasized today by Secretary McAdoo, are that tremendous war expenses will continue to run on for many months regardless of the outcome of Germany's efforts. Even if peace should come soon—and no agency of the government is drawing its plans in this definite belief—there will be immense manufacturing contingencies to be met. The debt to be brought back to American shores and a multitude of other expenses which the momentum of war will carry on.

This means other war loans. Secretary McAdoo explained. And whatever the measure of oversubscription to the fourth loan may be it will be deducted from future loans, so that there will be no danger of piling up the credit to the government account.

Actually, the funds now being gathered in units of \$50 and \$100 have already been spent to a great extent. More than three-fourths of the six billion raised to yesterday's loan total, the difference between the sum and the six billions is not enough to run the government for one month. Secretary McAdoo is anxious that all citizens understand this situation, believing that their subscriptions in the final days of the campaign will be more willing and of larger proportions if based on intelligent comprehension of the government's dollar needs.

Subscription reports today added \$128,000,000 to yesterday's loan total, and although this represents the biggest single day's contribution, it is short of the pro rata amount sought to bring the total to six billions by Saturday night, six billions \$168,371,000 subscriptions, or 59 per cent of its quota.

Optimistic reports received today included a message that Richmond, Va., went over its allotment. Southern railroad employees up to October 15 had subscribed \$7,319,250.

SECRETARY LANSING WARNS THE COUNTRY

Washington, Oct. 17.—"Germany is bending. More pressure and she will break," said Secretary Lansing in a statement today warning the nation that the war is not over and that the allies are making in the line south of Valenciennes a line which is unentenable.

In this connection it is pointed out that the Germans are fighting immediately south of the Senese for the dual purpose of holding up as long as possible the allied advance toward the important city of Valenciennes and to keep the allies from further driving in a salient that would make the Hun line untenable.

BUY LIBERTY BONDS
FRENCH IN NEW ATTACK OVER A WIDE FRONT

With the French Army in France, Oct. 17. (By The Associated Press.)—In conjunction with the British first army the French attacked this morning over a wide front. The attack is progressing favorably.

BUY LIBERTY BONDS
GERMAN ARMY ORDERED TO CEASE DEVASTATIONS

Amsterdam, Oct. 17. (By The Associated Press.)—The German army command, according to the Rotterdam Courant today, has ordered its armies to cease devastating places unless absolutely compelled by military necessity.

BUY LIBERTY BONDS
IO-IO SAYS

Cloudy today and tomorrow.

Will your record in this Liberty bond campaign speak well or ill of you 20 years from now?

REPORT CIRCULATED IN NORTH CAROLINA FALSE

Governor Seay Thinks German Propaganda is at Work Among Farmers of State.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 17.—George J. Seay, governor and chairman of the Liberty loan committee of the fifth federal reserve district, tonight termed as baseless reports which have been widely circulated in North Carolina to the effect that farmers would be compelled to pay cash for fertilizers next spring. Because of this report some farmers are afraid to invest their cash in Liberty bonds. German propaganda can be the only foundation for the rumor, according to federal reserve officials who assert this story to be as absurd as another in circulation that the government intends taking over all bank deposits. Promoters of the rumor have no other motive than injury to the cause, they say. The rumor has had a demoralizing effect upon the loan campaign in the eastern section of North Carolina, according to reports from county chairmen.

BRUGES ENTERED BY THE BELGIANS

Patrols in City; Cavalry Operating on Both Sides.

Germans Driven Back Rapidly in Flanders; Front From Sea Southward in Motion.

With the Allied Armies in Belgium, Oct. 17. (By The Associated Press.)—Belgian patrols have entered Bruges and cavalry is operating on both sides. Belgian guns are now firing from south of the city.

With the Allied Armies in Belgium, Oct. 17. (By The Associated Press.)—The enemy has been driven back rapidly everywhere today, and the entire front from the sea southward is in motion. The British have entered Lille. The Germans have fled precipitately from Ostend and that section of the Belgian coast. British naval forces have landed at Ostend, while a number of Belgian aviators landed in the center of the city amid the cheers of the inhabitants.

Meanwhile the Belgian infantry and French cavalry sweeping up toward the coast at last reports were rapidly nearing the city and probably will be in it before daylight. Ostend is reported entirely free now of Germans, those left in the city as rear guards having been accounted for.

The Germans seem to be in full flight everywhere, especially from Belgium for the gap through which they must escape between the advancing allied troops and the frontier of Holland is constantly being narrowed, unless the enemy moves rapidly large numbers may be caught.

The entire Lille salient, it seems, is being evacuated by the hard pressed Huns. Even south of here they have had no rest.

East of St. Souplet, after crossing the river and defeating the Germans on the other side, the Americans and British stormed the continuation of the enemy Valenciennes-LeCateau line and appear to have made great progress.

ZEEBRUGGE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ABANDONED

With the Allied Armies in Belgium, Oct. 17. (By The Associated Press.)—The allied infantry made rapid progress today and pierced into the German front beyond Fynghele, the Germans are hurrying eastward through the passage between Bruges and the Holland border, trying to escape being bottled up. Only one good road exists in this passage, this being from Bruges to Eecloo. It comes a mad jumble of transports and fleeing men.

Zeebrugge appears to have been abandoned. Vast quantities of war material have been taken by the allied troops. These have been accumulating for four years.

The Bruges-Eecloo road is under fire of the Belgian guns, which also are shelling the back area, dropping shells into the masses of the fleeing enemy.

The passage between Bruges and Holland which will be made narrower by the advancing troops, undoubtedly will constantly come in for treatment by the heavy artillery as more allied guns are rushed up.

The Germans in Belgium already have met with defeat and those fleeing from the coast are faced with the great danger of capture unless they win the race they are making to escape. If the passage is closed the Germans, rather than surrender bodily, may try to escape by crossing into Holland, where it is sure they would be intercepted.

One thing stands out above others. The coast of Belgium, so vital to the German submarine operations, is fast being cleared of the enemy.

It would appear from reports the cavalry operating on both sides of

GERMANS IN A GENERAL RETREAT OVER A FRONT OF FORTY MILES FROM THE NORTH SEA TO LILLE

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY FACES A DECISIVE POLITICAL CRISIS, THE REPORTS SAY

Indications of Serious State of Affairs Continue to Reach State Department in Berne Dispatches.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Indications of the serious state of affairs in Austria-Hungary continued to reach the state department today in dispatches from Berne, which said the dual empire is facing a decisive political crisis. It is reported that the emperor will, at a meeting of the Austrian and Hungarian delegations, take occasion to issue a manifesto to the people granting a new liberal system of government.

Supplementing the reports received by the state department Prof. Thomas G. Masaryk, president of the Czechoslovak national council, received a cablegram today, stating that the great demonstrations and general strike proclaimed in Prague have spread all over Bohemia and Moravia. Revolutionary meetings were held throughout the Czech lands at which the now famous oath of April 13, 1918, was repeated pledging everything to the cause of Czechoslovak independence.

The message also said that Stanek, the Czech leader, in a statement on October 3, that the Czechoslovaks have not voluntarily shed a single drop of blood for the central powers, but have shown their stand by forming legions that now are fighting on the side of the entente.

Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 17.—Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, spoke in the most optimistic manner of the prospects for an early peace in addressing the foreign affairs committee of the Austrian delegation at its meeting on Wednesday, says a Vienna dispatch.

"I nourish the hope today most fully," said the foreign minister, in this connection, "for if the contents of President Wilson's reply are studied, there is nothing to be found to frustrate such a hope or even to delay its realization considerably."

The political point in President Wilson's reply is settled, Baron Burian declared, "as Germany's reply will undoubtedly establish, by the modifications which are being made in the constitution."

BUY LIBERTY BONDS
MODIFICATIONS BEING MADE IN CONSTITUTION

Baron Burian Says Germany's Reply Will Show Political Point in Wilson's Reply Settled.

Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 17.—Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, spoke in the most optimistic manner of the prospects for an early peace in addressing the foreign affairs committee of the Austrian delegation at its meeting on Wednesday, says a Vienna dispatch.

"I nourish the hope today most fully," said the foreign minister, in this connection, "for if the contents of President Wilson's reply are studied, there is nothing to be found to frustrate such a hope or even to delay its realization considerably."

The political point in President Wilson's reply is settled, Baron Burian declared, "as Germany's reply will undoubtedly establish, by the modifications which are being made in the constitution."

BUY LIBERTY BONDS
EARTHQUAKE IN PORTO RICO TAKES HEAVY TOLL

More Than 100 Lives Lost, Is Estimate; Property Damage Several Millions.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Tidal waves which followed the earthquake in Porto Rico added to the death toll and devastation, the American Red Cross was advised today in cablegrams from San Juan. The city of Mayaguez, the third largest in the island, practically was destroyed by the intrusion of water, while the town of Aguadilla was badly damaged.

Other towns on the western part of the island were damaged by the earth shocks and the death list is placed at more than 100 with probably 300 injured. Hundreds of families are homeless and the property loss is estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

Origin of the damage to railroads, roads and telegraph and telephone wires, exact conditions in the devastated territory could not yet be determined.

BUY LIBERTY BONDS
NO MORE GASOLINELESS SUNDAYS FOR PRESENT

Washington, Oct. 17.—There will be no more gasolineless Sundays for the present, as Fuel Administrator Gerfield today lifted the ban on the use of automobiles on Sundays, effective at once.

BUY LIBERTY BONDS
NEW DUTCH MINISTER TO WASHINGTON APPOINTED

Being Driven Back Along the Front in France Also.

NOWHERE, HOWEVER, IS THE ENEMY IN DISORDER

Ostend in British Hands; Bruges All But Taken.

LILLE HAS BEEN CAPTURED

More Than Score of Additional Villages Liberated; Many Guns Taken.

London, Oct. 17.—British troops entered the town of Douai today, after overcoming the enemy's resistance on the line of the Havre Deule canal, according to the official statement from the war office tonight. The fifth British army encircled and captured Lille, the statement adds.

British and American troops attacked on a front of nine miles northeast of Bohain where heavy fighting has taken place all day. The British carried the line of the Selle river on the whole front south of LeCateau, establishing themselves on the railway beyond the town. Seven German divisions were hurled back after determined counter-attacks and 3,000 prisoners captured.

Paris, Oct. 17.—The Germans are abandoning the Belgian coast and are seeking refuge behind the outer defenses of Antwerp.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. Over a front of 40 miles, from the North sea, in Belgium, to Lille, in northern France, the Germans are in general retreat before the attacks of the French and British armies. Likewise the enemy is being forced to concede defeat by retrograde movements before the British and American north-east of Cambrai; under the attack of the French in the pocket between the Oise and Serre rivers north of Laon, and by reason of continued strong attacks by the French and Americans in Champagne and along the Meuse river.

Nowhere, however, is the enemy in disorder. In Belgium Flanders his steps are being hastened by reason of the swift drive into his line by the British at Lille, the south of the Belgian border, and by the French and Belgian forces further north, which threaten to compel him to enter Dutch territory and face internment unless he is seen enough to withdraw out of the entire pocket between the Oise and Serre rivers and the Meuse river and to reconstitute his line with its right wing resting on Antwerp.

Ostend, one of the famous submarine bases on the coast in Belgium, has been captured. Bruges is all but captured, while to the south from the region east of Roulers the allied forces are still driving toward Ghent in an endeavor to seal the western Flanders neck and restrict in its large elements of the enemy's forces. Strong opposition is being offered on the Courtrai sector to prevent the allies from carrying out their maneuver to the full.

More than a score of additional villages have been liberated by the allied troops and numerous guns and quantities of stores have been captured. In their withdrawal from west Flanders the Germans are carrying out a tactical movement which doubtless will end in a general falling back of their line in northern France and permit them to materially strengthen their resistance on a new and shorter front. This probably will be from Antwerp to Namur and Metz, which would still leave the Germans eighty miles from their own border line both at Antwerp and Namur. At present the center of the Flanders fighting is near Thelat, which is about 120 miles from Abbeville, on the German border.

Southwest of Cambrai over a front of 10 miles between Locatou and Bohain the British and Americans are delivering a violent attack against the Germans, and at last reports they were meeting with success, although the Germans were advantageously fighting with machine guns and infantry and with artillery behind their lines.

North of Laon, in the neck between the Oise and Serre rivers, the French are endeavoring to drive out the Germans or capture them before they can make their way eastward to Elzeul. Here also the enemy is making his machine gunners and artillery to impede the progress of the French, but further gains have been made.

The greatest resistance of all, however, is still being encountered against the efforts of the French and Americans to break through the German lines.

The Hague, Oct. 17. (By The Associated Press.)—T. C. van der Meer, minister of the colonies, has been appointed Dutch minister to Washington, it was officially announced tonight.

The Hague, Oct. 17. (By The Associated Press.)—T. C. van der Meer, minister of the colonies, has been appointed Dutch minister to Washington, it was officially announced tonight.

The Hague, Oct. 17. (By The Associated Press.)—T. C. van der Meer, minister of the colonies, has been appointed Dutch minister to Washington, it was officially announced tonight.

The Hague, Oct. 17. (By The Associated Press.)—T. C. van der Meer, minister of the colonies, has been appointed Dutch minister to Washington, it was officially announced tonight.