THE WEATHER:
Cloudy Sunday probably local rains; Monday fair warmer interior.

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AMERICAN SHOT MEANS HELL TO THE HUN; THEREFORE BUY LIBERTY BONDS

HUNS FACED BY GREATEST ALLIED OFFENSIVE EFFORT SINCE BEGINNING OF WAR

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GERMAN DEFENSIVE SYSTEM BEING SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED

Vital Successes Are Being Gained by British in New Drive For Cambrai in Which American Troops Are Aiding—Belgians Have Also Started a New Offensive.

NAVAL BASES BOMBARDED

LONDON, Sept 28—Ostend and Zeebrugge German naval bases on the Belgian coast were heavily bombarded by entente warships between 2:30 and 4 o'clock this morning, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Central News Agency. The German batteries on the Belgian coast replied vigorously.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Over a front of more than 250 miles, from the North sea to Verdun, the allies are smashing into the German defenses on four wide and important sectors. The enemy is faced with the greatest allied offensive effort since the beginning of the war.

On all the sectors the British, French, American and Belgian troops are progressing successfully. Serious inroads are being made into the German defensive system north of Ypres, around Cambrai, north of the Aisne and on the Champagne-Verdun sector. Additional prisoners have been added to the total of 27,000 for the last three days and several hundred more guns of all calibres have been taken from the enemy.

Vital Successes by British.

Vital successes are being gained by the British in their new drive for Cambrai in which American troops are aiding in the region west of LeCatlet. The capture of Cambrai by the British, would appear to be near. From the west the British are within one and three-quarters miles of Cambrai at two points and all natural obstacles have been overcome. The same is true on the north where the British are pushing forward rapidly. Southwest of Cambrai, Field Marshal Haig's men are fighting for the crossings of the Scheldt canal.

Douai, the German base northeast of Arras, and one of the outlying defenses of the great fortress of Lille, also is threatened by the Cambrai operation. The British have crossed the high road between Douai and Cambrai, and the railroad connecting them is useless to the Germans. Southwest of Douai, the British are reported to have taken Arleux.

Great Belgian Offensive.

Belgian troops entered the great movement Saturday by beginning an operation in conjunction with the British in the Dixmude-Ypres area. The allies are reported to have pushed forward rapidly and were reported fighting their way through to Houthulst forest, which has been looked upon as the keystone of the enemy defensive system between Ypres and the sea.

General Mangin resumed his slow progress toward the heights of the Chemin-Des-Dames, the southern defense line of the great important massif of Laon. Ground has been gained south of the high point at Fort Malmaison, and the bitterly contested villages of Jouy and Aizy have fallen to the French.

On the western flank of the Champagne-Verdun offensive, the French are pushing over the heights behind the Hindenburg line. From the Argonne, east of the Meuse, the Americans are forcing their way into the Kreimhild positions. Some ground has been gained near the Argonne forest but the American progress Saturday apparently was slowed down some from the first two days.

Germans in a Tight Place.

With a 250-mile line aflame over almost its entire length, Marshal Foch has the German command in a tight

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HOPES FOR PEACE WITH BULGARIA ARE WEAKENING

Hopes for Collapse Are Tempered by Reminder of Officials

ONLY FIRST STEP HAS BEEN TAKEN

Reports of Reserves Being Sent to Bulgaria Are Discounted

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—High hopes of the collapse of Bulgaria as an active military force as the outcome of her appeal for an armistice in order to discuss peace terms were tempered today by a reminder from officials experienced in such settlements that this appeal after all can be considered as only the first step towards the end of Bulgaria's activities. It was pointed out that probably several other phases must be passed through before the whole Bulgarian nation can be brought to appreciate that nothing less can be expected than the terms laid down in the French and British replies. Only acceptance of such terms, it was held, can prevent the destruction of the Bulgarian army and the occupation of the Bulgarian cities by the entente troops.

Statement Discussed.

The statement of the German foreign minister von Hintse that German and Austrian reserves were being rushed to Bulgaria to prevent a surrender is not taken seriously, officials

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BULGARIA'S PEACE MOVE WILL NOT STOP FIGHTING ON MACEDONIAN FRONT

British Government Makes That Clear in Reply to Request for Armistice

PANIC AT BERLIN

LONDON, Sept. 28.—The British government in replying to Bulgaria's request for an armistice, with a view to ultimate peace, has made it plain that while the government is willing to discuss the armistice proposal, military operations by the allied armies on the Macedonian front will be pushed vigorously forward. The British government also expects a definite guarantee that while discussions progress the Bulgarian government will prevent the dispatch of German troops to Bulgaria. Furthermore, the British government will insist on a complete rupture by the Bulgarian government with Germany, Turkey and Austro-Hungary.

In discussing the Bulgarian proposal it is pointed out the allies have no intention of attempting to make a final territorial settlement in the Balkans which obviously must be a matter for consideration at the peace conference. The question, it is stated is one of the conclusion of such a military agreement as would prevent any further danger from the Bulgarian side to the operations of the allies in the Balkans.

If the terms laid down which have been despatched to Sofia are not acceptable to the Malinoff government the allied powers, it is added, have no further conditions to propose and it will rest with Bulgaria to find other representatives who can accept these conditions.

PANIC AT BERLIN.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 28.—Bankers in this city were informed today that the Bulgarian crisis had produced a panic on the Berlin stock exchange where several stocks dropped thirty points and more. Roumanian oil stock was said to have dropped off sixty points.

Nearing the Count

WITH SEVERAL DISTRICTS UNREPORTED OVER $700,000 WORTH OF BONDS HAVE BEEN SUBSCRIBED IN CITY AND COUNTY

Black Mountain, First "Over the Top" Has Doubled Quota, While Limestone Is Close Second With Total Sales of $34,000---County Organization Feels Confident That Buncombe's Entire Quota Will Be Raised Monday.

With several districts of the city unreported last night Liberty loan headquarters stated that Asheville had subscribed yesterday $633,700 in the first day of the drive. Only two townships outside Asheville had reported. Black Mountain leading the county in going over the top said "we have $50,000 on a quota of $25,000, and are still selling bonds." Limestone reported $34,000. These figures made the official report for the county, with eleven townships to hear from, $717,700. Biltmore, Beaverdam and Haw Creek had not yet reported. The unofficial reports of subscriptions in sight add considerably to this sum.

County Chairman Edwin L. Brown, Jr., expressed the confidence of all his associates when he declared that Monday night would see the Buncombe county quota, $1,365,500, raised to the last penny, and perhaps some for good measure.

Splendid Organization.

It was a big day for the city and county. The women worked shoulder, to shoulder with the men, as the women have a way of doing. No business man in the city can remember ever seeing such an effective organization formed for carrying out any community task. Early in the day 1,000 men and women, divided into teams, with detailed instructions as to their territory, went out to bring in the ammunition with which the Hindenburg line will be hammered to pieces and the rest of the Turks and Bulgarians placed behind prison stockades.

System appeared in the way the reports came out at headquarters. Three thousand, nine hundred and eighty-three homes were visited in Asheville yesterday and 2,000 subscriptions were taken.

That there are still some large reserves to draw on to swell the total Monday is seen from the fact that the railway men's subscriptions have not yet been reported. The fine work done by the four brotherhoods in the third campaign is expected to be surpassed in the final count for the fourth loan.

Chairman Brown commented on the splendid manner in which the people received the solicitors; the canvassers noticed on their rounds that there is everywhere a better understanding of the details about buying

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FIFTH DISTRICT BOND QUOTAS ARE ANNOUNCED

Asheville District Is Asked to Raise a Total of $1,365,500 During Campaign.

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 28.—With airplanes circling over the city dropping bombs advertising the liberty loan drive and whistles shrieking, Richmond today got into the Liberty loan drive with a vim that astonished the campaign managers. The net results when figured up tonight showed that $5,250,000 of the $19,836,800 had been subscribed.

Efforts of the campaign today were directed primarily to appraising the public of what may be expected during the week. Monday the campaign begins among the industrial enterprises and it is estimated that each employe in the various plants here will take a bond for at least $100.

The following apportionments for the fifth district have been announced: Washington, $27,608,000; Baltimore, $60,695,000; Asheville, $1,365,500; Greensboro, $1,366,400; Charlotte, $3,306,900; Raleigh, $2,434,500; Charleston, S. C., $6,224,600; Columbia, S. C., $3,825,600; Huntington, W. Va., $2,277,200; Clarksburg, W. Va., $2,669,100; Charleston, W. Va., $4,265,900; Richmond, Va., $19,836,800.

These amounts have been apportioned to Virginia cities: Charlottesville, $898,400; Staunton, $845,900; Lynchburg, $3,306,200; Petersburg, $2,757,600; Suffolk, $906,900; Norfolk, $8,415,200; Newport News, $1,484,000; Portsmouth, $974,600; Danville, $1,382,100; Hopewell, $600,000; Roanoke, $3,782,300; Bristol, $396,000.

"FULL SPEED AHEAD" IS MESSAGE OF DANIELS

More Steel, More Guns Is America's War Program Against Hun.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 28.—More steel, more guns, more munitions and "full speed ahead" in America's war program against Germany was the message for increased production brought to Pittsburgh tonight by Secretary Daniels, who came here to launch the fourth Liberty loan drive in this district.

The secretary's address was made before a crowd of thousands in Syria mosque, after a tremendously enthusiastic day in which three-fourth's of the citizens of the city participated in the selling and buying Liberty bonds of the Fourth loan.

Secretary Daniels' remarks at the mosque tonight were directed principally to mechanics and skilled workers of the many plants in this district engaged in war activities. He appealed to them not only to exert every ounce of their energy in patriotic work but to be generous with their generous wages in the purchase of bonds.

"An autocracy has an army," he said, "but a democracy is an army. Three million Americans are registered and ready. Their only need is equipment, ships to take them across, and the munitions. It is for us to provide these essentials.

"America has furnished enough troops to give Foch the offensive, and the navy will continue to ferry them safely across the Atlantic until the allied forces achieve complete and lasting victory."

PRESIDENT SENDS SYMPATHY TO MRS. JOHN A NICHOLS.

The following letter from President Wilson was recently received by Mrs. John A. Nichols, widow of the esteemed citizen whose death is still deeply deplored in this community:

"The White House,
Washington, D. C.

"My dear Mrs. Nichols:

"May I not take the liberty of expressing my profound sympathy with you in the death of your distinguished husband? I know the character of the work he had been rendering in the public interest and am peculiarly distressed that a man of such high motives and such distinguished service should be suddenly taken away. I am sure from what I have learned that you must have at least the comfort of knowing in what universal esteem and admiration your husband was held.

"Cordially and sincerely yours,
"(Signed) Woodrow Wilson.

"Mrs. John A. Nichols,
"Asheville, North Carolina."

"NEWS THIS WEEK IS CONTINUOUSLY BETTER"---MARCH

Present Situation Is One of Great Promise to Allies

IMPORTANCE OF MOVE IS PERFECTLY CLEAR

General March Holds Weekly Conference in Regard to War Situation

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Backed by the concentrated offensive power of the American army, unified military action on the western front under Marshal Foch has forced Bulgaria to seek a separate peace, in the opinion of General March, chief of staff. The defection of Bulgaria, carrying with it the only connecting link between Turkey and the central powers and foreshadowing the probable restoration of Roumania to the fighting ranks, the chief of staff said today in his weekly conference, is due directly to the massing of French, British and American forces on the western front.

"Last week I told you that the news during the week had been continuously good," said General March. "This week, it is continuously better."

Striking Illustration.

"The defection of Bulgaria . . . . illustrates to a striking degree, the results of the concentration of forces on the western front. Previous to this time, whenever any part of the central empires' front was threatened, it was possible for Germany to devote and divert some German divisions with German commanders to the threatened front, while they held the western front with a relatively smaller force.

"That day has gone past. By concentrating the entire American force

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CONGRESSMEN WEAVER AND KITCHIN BELIEVED TO BE VICTIMS OF SPANISH "FLU"

Mr. Weaver Has Been Sick a Week But Is Slowly Recovering

HAS WORKED HARD

(By S. R. Winters.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Two members of the North Carolina congressional delegation are probably suffering with attacks of Spanish influenza. Majority Leader Claude Kitchin is confined to his bed at his home, 1412 Kennedy street, Northwest. He became ill yesterday. The house of representatives was notified today by Acting Minority Leader Gillett, when he proposed the adoption of a resolution for a million dollar appropriation on the combat of the disease. Representative Kitchin will not be able to perform his duties for a week according to advices from his physician.

Representative Zebulon Weaver of the Tenth North Carolina congressional district has been confined to the Providence hospital for a week. While his office stated today that he was suffering from a severe cold it is probably a slight attack of the Spanish influenza. Representative Weaver had planned to go to North Carolina early this week preparatory to making speeches in the fourth Liberty loan drive. His physician, however, cannot give assurance as to when he will be able to leave the hospital. He is improving slowly. The Tenth ristrict congressman is a hard and conscientious worker and this fact has doubtless aggravated the nature of his illness.

Representative Kitchin is apparently suffering with a breakdown incident to his arduous duties in drafting the revenue bill. He has pursued the difficult task relentlessly and with that vigor of achievement characteristic of Claude Kitchin.

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If You Have Not Paid Do So Now—Today

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