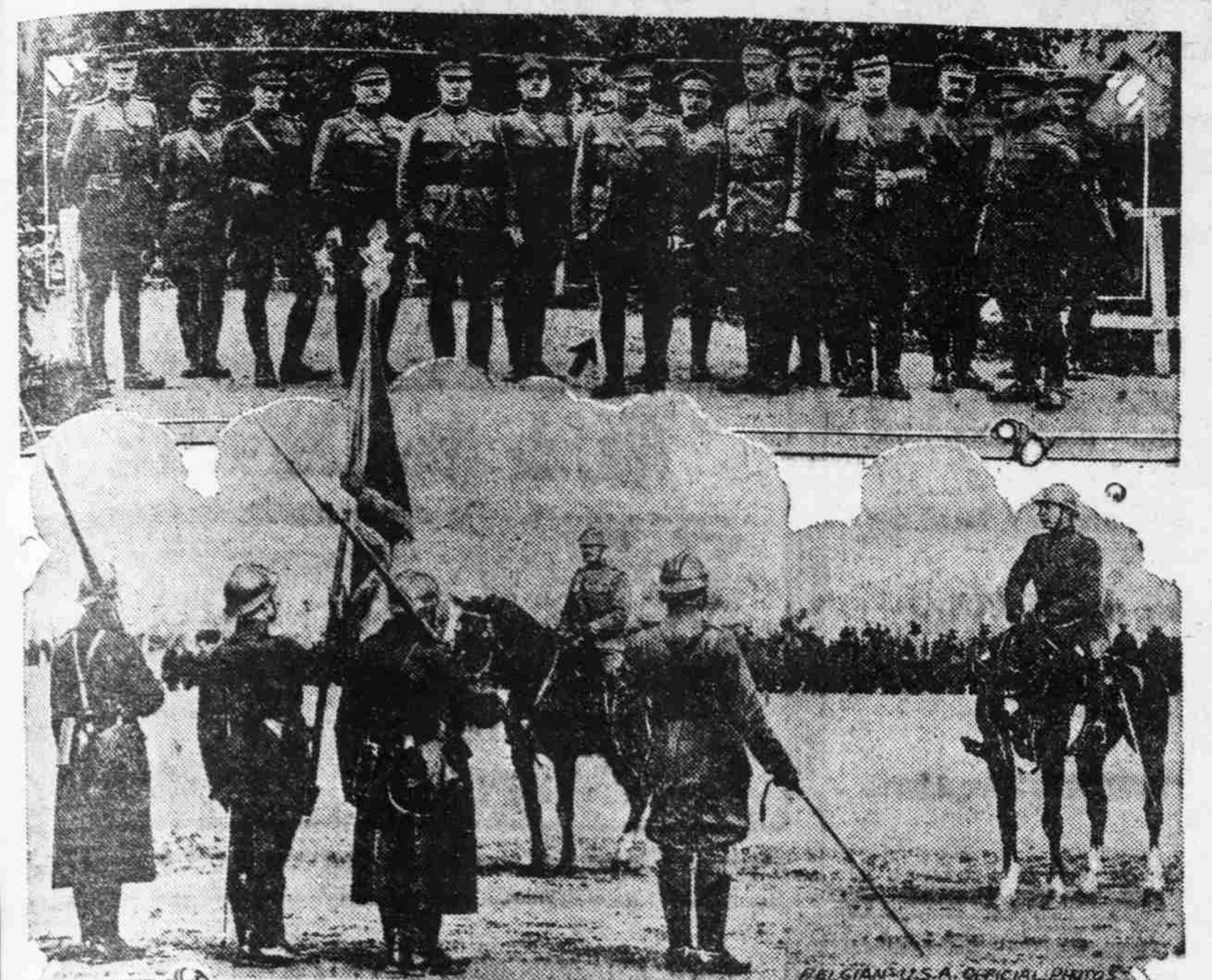


AMERICAN GENERAL GREET'S COMMANDER OF BELGIAN FORCES; KING PRAISES TROOPS AND DIRECTS THEM IN DRIVE ON HUNS



Upper picture shows General Gillian, indicated by arrow, leader of the Belgian forces. At his left is General Chamberlain of the American army. The other officers are members of the general's staffs. Lower picture shows King Albert, on horse at right, addressing Ninth infantry regiment before a recent drive.

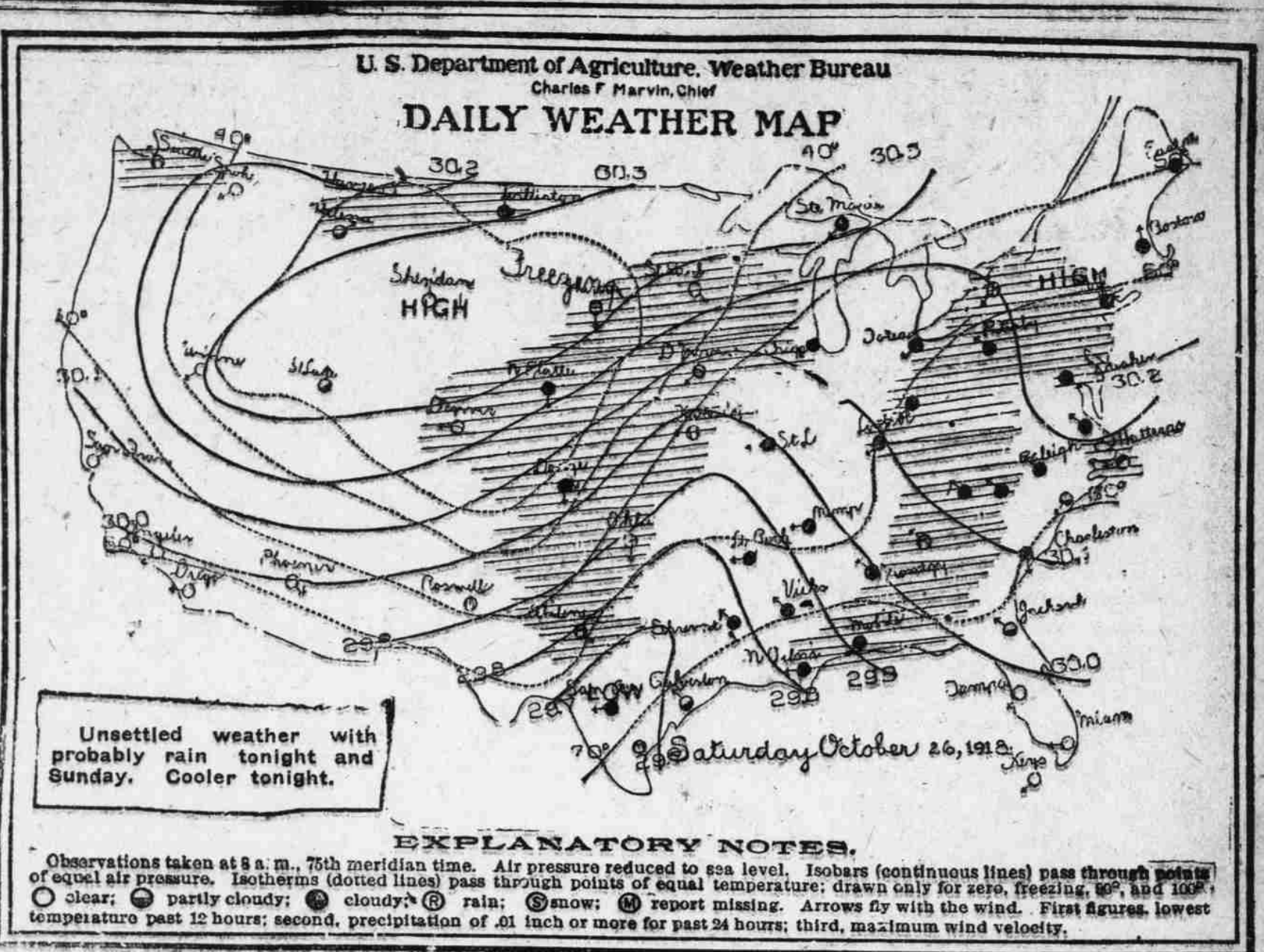
The Germans, now in complete retreat along the Belgium front, are hoping to make a stand at a new line, to be known as the Antwerp-Namur-Sedan line, but it is doubtful if they will be allowed to halt there.

FEWER CASES OF "FLU" REPORTED

Decrease Steady but Slight Today; Hold Not Yet Loosened.

The decrease in the number of new cases of Spanish influenza which has been steadily recorded from day to day for the past ten days, continued to be shown today by the reports received at the city health office.

The reports from over the country today were encouraging, and showed that the nation-wide epidemic was slowly yielding to measures that have been adopted to combat it, and that the disease in many sections has nearly run its course.



INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC RAGING IN MEXICO

Mexico City, Oct. 26.—Spanish influenza is epidemic in virtually all parts of the republic, except the extreme south and a few of the Pacific coast states.

THE FRENCH STATEMENT.

Paris, Oct. 26.—On the Serre front southwest of Marle the French have captured the village of Mortiers after violent fighting, the war office announces.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Rains have been general during the last 24 hours over the southern Appalachian highland in amounts ranging from 1 to 4 inches, and the weather has continued unsettled over the entire South and Southeast.

MARKETS

COTTON

New York, Oct. 26.—The cotton market was quiet today but a somewhat irregular opening was followed by fairly steady prices as a result of covering for the week-end.

AMERICANS CONTRIBUTE \$325,000,000 TO RED CROSS.

New York, Oct. 26.—The American people have either paid in or pledged to the American Red Cross for its relief throughout the world, in money or material values, a net total of at least \$325,000,000.

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HERO OF YALU RIVER.

Tokio, Sept. 26.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—General Kikuzo Otani, commander of the expeditionary forces of the entente allies in Siberia, was one of the Japanese heroes of the battle of the Yalu river 14 years ago.

During the Chinese war, General Otani, who is 62 years of age, was one of the staff officers in the imperial headquarters at Hiroshima. When the Russo-Japanese war began he, then a major general, was appointed inspector-general of the twelfth division which belonged to the first army under General Kuroki, who started the world by winning the first victory for Japan in the battle of the Yalu river.

In one of the battles of the war, General Otani's headquarters was found by the Russians who crossed it with a hail of shells. Realizing the danger, one of his staff officers advised him to move. He heard the advice with composure, and rejected it by simply saying: "I can't hear the sound of firing. I'm afraid I've become a little deaf."

General Otani is known as a silent man, like Field Marshal Oyama and Admiral Togo, and he is considered a great tactician. He has an extensive knowledge of mathematics.

Lieut-General Mitsuye Yui, the newly appointed chief of staff, has long been known as one of the brightest staff officers of the Japanese army.

HAD CHRONIC STOMACH TROUBLE FIFTY YEARS

Mr. Pletz Finally Found How to End It—He's 88 Years Old.

"I had been afflicted for 50 years with chronic stomach trouble and dyspepsia, and spent hundreds of dollars trying to get relief. For years I have had to go to the water closet as often as eight or twelve times during the night, on account of my bowels. I had to be very careful what I ate and could not eat fruit at all.

"I have used but four bottles of Milks Emulsion and it has benefited me more than all the other medicines I have taken. I can go to bed now and sleep the whole night, and can eat fruit without hurting me."—Wm. M. Pletz, 813 South 13th St., Springfield, Ill.

When Mr. Pletz wrote this letter, he was 88 years old, and ill as hard to relieve at that age. Don't suffer for 50 years, as he did! Don't suffer another week! Milks Emulsion costs nothing to try.

IN THE CITY CHURCHES

Calvary Methodist Church. As there can be no services in the church, the pastor requests all who have not paid their conference benevolences, missions, will please bring or send it in. Conference will soon be here. Read your Bibles and worship at home.

The A. R. P. Tabernacle. Being denied the privilege of meeting in our church for divine worship, there will be services on the lawn in front of the church at 11 a. m. and 5 p. m., provided the weather is favorable.

First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Albert Sidney Johnson, pastor. Services on the lawn at 11 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. tomorrow if the weather permits. The bell will ring an hour before each service.

Forest Grove A. R. P. Church. W. H. Quinn pastor. The weather permitting there will be open air services at 11 a. m. Sabbath school 10 p. m. These services to be held on the church grounds. You are cordially invited.

Dilworth Methodist Church. Corner Cleveland and Worthington avenues. Rev. L. B. Abernethy pastor. If weather conditions permit preaching will be at 10 a. m. in front of the church. Meeting board of stewards and officials of the church at close of service.

COURT ORDERS THAT YOUTH BE WHIPPED

Wayland Crozier, a small colored boy charged with firing a rifle in the city limits in the Elizabeth section, and who failed to appear in court a week ago when summoned, was brought forward this morning and the court ordered that the boy be flogged with the cat.

The defendant accepted the situation, paid the cost and received the punishment at the hands of a friend who accompanied him to the court room this morning.

THE AMERICAN STATEMENT.

Washington, Oct. 26.—Heavy fighting on the Verdun front is described for Friday. Strong German counter attacks east of the Meuse were repulsed everywhere except in the Belleu wood where four successive assaults forced a partial withdrawal by the Americans.

The communiqué follows: "On the Verdun front the battle has continued with violence east of the Meuse. Late yesterday our troops enlarged their important gains south of the Conservcy-Damvillers road and occupied completely the Bois D'Ormont. Today the enemy counter attacked repeatedly and with strong forces on the front from the Bois D'Ormont to the Bois D'Etrayes.

"Although supported by violent artillery and machine gun fire, his attacks were repulsed with extremely heavy losses. Only in Bois Belleu did he succeed in slightly pushing back our line. At this point after three assaults had failed before the stubborn resistance of our troops, the fourth attack forced us to withdraw from the eastern part of the wood. Hostile forces which attempted to penetrate our positions north-west of the Bois Belleu were driven back after a severe struggle acting throughout the day.

"West of the Meuse our troops have advanced in the face of determined resistance on the slopes north-west of Grand Pre and have entered the southern portion of the Bois de Bourgogne."

TO AWAIT TERMS.

Basel, Oct. 26.—The German war cabinet has considered President Wilson's reply at a lengthy session, according to the Frankfort Zeitung. It was decided not to answer at the present time, but to wait until it is learned what the entente's armistice conditions may be.

REVENUE BILL DELAYED.

Washington, Oct. 26.—The war revenue bill will not be reported to the senate until after the November elections. Senator Simmons, chairman of the senate finance committee, which is revising the house draft of the measure, announced that the committee deems it utterly impossible to complete its revision and return the re-drafted measure to the senate by October 29, when leaders plan for congress to recess until November 12.

BRUCE LIKES ANSWER.

London, Oct. 26.—Viscount Bryce, former British ambassador to the United States, speaking at a luncheon given at the American Luncheon Club of the inter-parliamentary committee, said in discussing President Wilson's note to Germany: "It is the straightest, simplest and most candid expression of opinion that has been given in my lifetime. If it is one of the great qualities of a friend to be candid, then Germany has a good friend in America. We have the right to insist that the peace shall be in accordance with our military victories."

THEY "TRIED TO DO IT."

Amsterdam, Oct. 26.—Speaking in the reichstag on Thursday Dr. W. S. Solf, foreign secretary, said that Spanish Minister Villa Lobar, representing British and Belgian citizens and town missioner van Bree, of the Belgian relief organization, visited Tournai, Valenciennes and Denain on October 19 and reported that the German military authorities had done everything in their power to alleviate the condition of fugitives and residents in bombarded towns.

Dr. Solf also said that it had been reported to him that German authorities had tried to protect the people of those cities against plundering and that efforts had been made to safeguard food supplies and save art treasures.

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I believe this is the most wonderful Mineral Spring that has ever been discovered, for its waters have either restored or benefited nearly everyone who has accepted my offer. Match your faith in this Spring against my pocketbook, and if the water does not relieve your case I will make no charge for it. Clip this notice, sign your name, enclose the amount and let this wonderful water begin its healing work in you as it has in thousands of others.

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