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## PROMPT ACTION EXPECTED BY WILSON IN ANSWERING BERLIN'S LAST OFFER

### OFFICIAL NOTE RECEIVED AT SWISS LEGATION TODAY

In Meantime President and Secretary of State Confer on Situation—No Intimation From the White House, But German Commanders Must Surrender.

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Oct. 22.—The official text of Germany's latest note to President Wilson was received by cable today at the Swiss legation. The Swiss charge arranged to deliver it to Secretary Lansing as soon as it could be decoded.  
The charge's appearance at the state department was delayed for several hours as the task of decoding and translating proved to be long and tedious. Considerable difference in verbiage may be shown and it is considered sure that the official text will clear up certain points that were not clear in the wireless version.  
Indications were that no announcement of a decision by the president could be expected before tomorrow. Secretary Lansing was with him until near midnight last night discussing the wireless version, but there must be further conferences and it is assumed that there will be exchanges with the allies.

Official comment continued to be withheld awaiting an indication of the president's views. Every one expected him to decide very quickly whether the note, with its promises in support of the plea for an armistice, and its assertion that the government of Berlin no longer is responsible to an arbitrary power creates a new situation requiring action.

Informal opinion concerning the reply of the president covered a wide range, although it did not indicate that peace is at hand and that however sincere the German overtures may be, no armistice will be agreed to except upon conditions of an absolute surrender and that would destroy the kaiser's power forever from harm.

Some observers thought no reply would be made and the German armies left to evacuate occupied territories as best they can with the allied arms at their heels.

Others believed that the next step in agreement with the allies would be a suggestion that the German military commanders, if ready to accept dictated terms, should approach General Foch on the subject of an armistice.

Those who are convinced that the enemy is beaten into submission and that efforts at bargaining now are merely a prelude to complete surrender in the near future if the allies hold firm to the determination to accept nothing less are guided by confidential diplomatic advice purporting to show that there has been a real political revolution in Germany and that the people are ready to throw out the kaiser and all his war lords to get peace. It was learned today that a private dispatch from Germany has been published in a Copenhagen newspaper stating that troops on leave have received secret orders not to return to the front and that demobilization has begun.  
American military observers here, however, believe that this is impossible, in view of the stubborn resistance of the Germans.

### London Press Distrusts It

By the Associated Press.  
London, Oct. 22.—Newspapers almost without exception view the German reply to President Wilson with impatience and distrust.  
"Germany still impotent" is the caption on the editorial of the Chronicle, which dismisses the reply as obviously unacceptable.  
"The Graphic is more optimistic and says 'verbally the Germans are getting slightly nearer the point of view on which the allies mean to insist.'"

### BRITISH ADVANCE LINE IN SHARP FIGHTING

By the Associated Press.  
London, Oct. 22.—The British have advanced their line to the left bank of the Ecaillon river and have captured the western part of the village of Thiant, five miles southwest of Valenciennes, it is officially announced.  
The British, after sharp fighting, have advanced to within less than a mile of Tournai.

### MONROE CONFERENCE IS POSTPONED TODAY

By the Associated Press.  
Charlotte, Oct. 22.—The annual conference of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church, which was to convene at Monroe November 5, was postponed indefinitely at a meeting of the presiding elders here today.  
Bishop U. B. Darlington of West Virginia presided.

Mrs. R. D. Abernethy has received a letter from her son, Mr. Olin Abernethy, who states that he is well and 'taking much rest in the work of putting the Hun to the bad.' He wrote enthusiastically and the message was welcome news to home folks.

## Paris Wonders At Peace Note

By the Associated Press.  
Paris, Oct. 22.—The German reply to President Wilson was received here too late for the afternoon newspapers, but was eagerly discussed in official circles and in parliament.  
Among deputies of all shades of opinion the feeling was first one of awe and then conjecture as to the depression caused in Germany by allied victories.

### BRING BODY TO HICKORY

The body of Mrs. Howard Murphy, formerly Miss Mary Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith, who died at Newport News, Va., last week, will be brought to Hickory tomorrow and interment will be at 2:30 at Granite Falls. She was a niece of Mrs. J. W. Hoke and a granddaughter of Mr. P. A. Moore of Granite Falls.

### WIRELESS TEXT OF GERMANY'S LAST NOTE

By the Associated Press.  
London, Oct. 22.—The text of the German note, as received is as follows:  
"In accepting the proposals for an evacuation of occupied territory, the German government has started from the assumption that the procedure of this evacuation and of the conditions of an armistice should be left to the military advisers and that the actual standard of power on both sides in the field has to form the basis for arrangements safeguarding and guaranteeing this standard.  
"The German government suggests to the president that an opportunity should be brought about for fixing the details. It trusts that the president of the United States will approve no demand which would be irreconcilable with the honor of the German people and with opening a way to a peace of justice.  
"The German people government protests against the reproach of illegal and inhumane actions made against the German land and sea forces and thereby against the German people. For the covering of a retreat destruction will always be necessary and they are carried out in so far as permitted by international law. The German troops are under most strict instructions to spare private property and to exercise care of the population to the best of their ability. Where transgressions occur in spite of these instructions the guilty are being punished.  
"The German government further denies that the German navy is sinking ships that have ever destroyed life boats with their passengers. The German government proposes with regard to all those charges that the facts be cleared up by neutral commissions.  
"In order to avoid anything that might hamper the work of peace the German government has caused orders to be dispatched to all submarines to be dispatched to all submarines."  
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### HICKORY PEOPLE THINK KAISER SHOULD FALL

Hickory people received the German reply today with various emotions. Frankly, they did not know what to think about it. Some thought it was an awkward attempt to surrender, but all agreed that Germany must show her sincerity before any sort of armistice can be concluded. The allied general's must fix the terms and they must be fixed right.  
One Hickory citizen, who has three sons in the service, wanted to be sure the job was done thoroughly, and he took the position of the soldiers that note-writing is not doing it. Like everybody else, he took no stock in the denial of savagery committed by German land and sea forces. Everybody knows about these outrages, he and others declared.  
If the Germans are ready to surrender, let them do so, was the general comment. The allies will make them pay for wanton damage and cruelty and Germany has little right to speak of a peace of justice after all that has happened.

Mrs. George Link has been called to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Georgia Doster, who is critically ill with pneumonia in Atlanta, Ga.

### FURTHER PROGRESS IS SCORED BY FRENCH

By the Associated Press.  
Paris, Oct. 22.—Further progress was made last night on the Serre front, the war office announced today.  
The French reached the railway northeast of Ailly-Sur-Serre and also the St. Jacques farm northwest of Chalandry.

### PAUSE REPORTED ON BELGIAN FRONT

By the Associated Press.  
With the Allied Armies in Belgium, Oct. 22.—The general situation in Belgium this morning on most of the front was that the allied armies had reached a pause, which was inevitable after a rapid advance. German resistance was growing stronger.

### WANT PERSHING IN PLACE OF FOCH

By the Associated Press.  
Paris, Oct. 22.—The Germans are hoping by their discussion of an armistice to substitute General Pershing for General Foch, the Paris Matin says. It is declared that the supreme commander only has the right to lay down the conditions of an armistice.

### HERE ARE SHIPS DEALT WITH SAVAGELY

By the Associated Press.  
London, Oct. 22.—With reference to a paragraph in the German note denying that the German navy is sinking passenger ships ever sank life boats, it was pointed out that numerous instances could be cited.  
Two recent cases are the Landoverly Castle, the Canadian hospital ship sunk in the Atlantic, and the French hospital ship, Lyndia, sunk off the coast of Spain July 15.

### Today's Casualty List

Washington, Oct. 22.—The army casualty lists today show the following names from North Carolina.  
Killed in action: Thomas Vaughn of Madson and John T. Cox of Winterville.  
Died of wounds: Bugler Charles N. Watson of Winton, Privates Red-dick David Dew of Lucanna and William Baxter Melton of Caroleen.  
Missing in action: Barney M. High of S.M.s.  
Wounded severely: Josiah S. Faircloth of Fayetteville.

### NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press.  
New York, Oct. 22.—The German note resulted in selling in the cotton market at the opening today. First prices were 13 to 39 points lower. At about the 30 cent level for December there was renewed trade buying which helped to absorb the early offerings and the market turned steadier with prices showing rallies of 1 1/2 to 20 points before the end of the first hour.  
Hickory Cotton -----30c

### WEATHER FORECAST

**CLEAR**  
For North Carolina: Fair continued cool tonight with light frost in mountain districts. Wednesday fair, except probably rain and warmer in the extreme west portion, diminishing northeast winds.

### RED CROSS WORK DISCUSSED AT MEETING

The executive committee of the Hickory Chapter Red Cross met at the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night to consider the postponing of their regular meeting to next officers, which is due Wednesday, October 23, on account of the quarantine against public meetings an indefinite postponement was agreed upon.

Mr. C. H. Geitner, chairman of the home service committee, made a full report of the activities of his committee, and said they had responded to every call made upon them.  
Mrs. K. C. Menzies, chairman of the canteen committee, reported her organization working smoothly; that she had divided her working forces into two divisions, one division to take Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and alternate Saturdays, while the other division would take the other days and alternate Sundays. The canteen building could not really house the whole company without their being in each other's way.  
Chairman Nicholson called upon C. H. Geitner to explain the government plan for sending Christmas boxes to the soldiers. Mr. Geitner made the explanation in full, and stated that he would prepare a paper for the public in a few days giving the entire plan.

The "flu" epidemic was discussed in full, and Mr. Geitner outlined the work of the home service committee in meeting existing conditions; that the greatest difficulty was in securing enough ladies to volunteer as nurses and attendants on the most urgent cases; that whenever a report was made of the need of an attendant a visit was at once made, and a nurse secured if it was the desire of the people; that in some cases reported it was found that the people preferred not to have a stranger in their houses.

With regard to the need for food or fuel, Mr. A. A. Shuford said they had plenty of wood at both ends of town, and it was available when necessary. Mrs. K. C. Menzies said the canteen force was ready at any time to take up or supplement the work now under way to supply cooked food wherever needed.  
Asked as to the financial condition of the Red Cross treasury, Chairman Nicholson said the Red Cross had ample funds to meet the emergency now confronting us, and that these funds are held subject to any legitimate demand that may be made for help.

## French Attack Enemy Center

### NEARLY TWO THOUSAND BOUGHT LIBERTY BONDS

The total subscriptions to the fourth Liberty loan bonds in Catawba county amounted to \$622,950, being \$32,950 over the allotment for the county. Every bank in the county went over the top on the allotment of 15 per cent of their banking resources. However, the treasury department, where 15 per cent of the banking resources did not equal \$20 per capita for the county, added enough to make up the difference. In the case of Catawba county this amounted to \$158,000, additional to the allotment of each banking institution. It was a big job, but Catawba county rose to the emergency and raised the full amount, and some.  
The total number of subscribers was 1,932, as against 751 for the third Liberty loan. Of this number 1,675 were city subscribers and 257 country.

### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Mrs. M. J. Abernethy reports contributions of chickens and milk from the following ladies in West Hickory: Mrs. G. D. Berry, Mrs. R. P. Dakin, Mrs. Jackson Moss, Mrs. J. L. Miller and Mrs. Ed. Flowers.

### DRAFT CALLS NOW ARE BEING ISSUED

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Oct. 21.—Draft calls suspended three weeks ago because of the influenza epidemic now are going out in certain zones where the war general has decided that it will be safe to send them.  
The localities and the exact number of men will not be announced for the present.

### ALLIED TROOPS CONTINUE DRIVE AGAINST GERMANS

In France and Belgium Military Activities Proceed, Though Not On Great Scale of Last Week—French Repulse Attacks Near Meuse—Other War News Today.

### DECIDED CHANGE IN WEATHER FORECAST

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Oct. 22.—A decided change to cooler weather within the next 36 hours is indicated for the plain states and will extend into the west gulf and middle lower Mississippi valley by Thursday, the weather bureau announced. In the south Atlantic and east gulf states the cooler weather will come Thursday night and Friday.

### LITTLE CHANGE TODAY IN FLU SITUATION

Again today there was little change in the flu situation in Hickory. There were several new cases, and one or two persons were critically ill, but there was no rapid spread. It was hoped that conditions would show steady improvement from now on. The weather is good and with proper care, it was hoped that no change for the worse would be reported.

In the suburbs there was also little change reported. Here the disease has claimed most victims and has rendered many families helpless. Aid is being rendered and the situation is being cared for by volunteers and other agencies.

## French Attack Enemy Center

By the Associated Press.  
British Headquarters in Belgium, Oct. 22.—(By Reuters) Strong French forces attacked this morning on the center of the allied front in Belgium and are reported to be making excellent progress towards Ghent.

French troops hold a front of 10 miles on the Lys canal. On Monday it was reported that the French had crossed the Lys canal at Nevel, seven miles west of Ghent.

### ASSOCIATION POSTPONED

The South Fork Baptist Association, which was to meet at Belmont on October 30, has been postponed on account of the influenza until November 21. Papers in Lincoln and Gaston county are asked to give publicity to the postponement.

## German Press After Junkers

By the Associated Press.  
Amsterdam, Oct. 22.—(British Wireless Service)—German provincial and Social newspapers continue their campaign against the "chief culprits" responsible for the war. The Frankische Tages Post of Nuremberg, the first paper in Germany to demand openly the abdication of the emperor, declares that the accession of the crown prince is entirely out of the question.  
"The German people is searching for the guilty" says the Volkszeitung, the organ of the Nuremberg Socialists. "The pangers and junkers are silent today, but we do not forget that they are the great war inciters in Germany and that they remain the support of social and political reaction and that they are a menace to the future independence of Germany."  
"The pan-German policy has gone bankrupt, but unfortunately it has led the German people to disaster."  
"To the gallows with the guilty, whoever they may be."

By the Associated Press.  
Allied troops on the northern end of the front in France and Belgium today are driving into the German line from west of Ghent to Tournai, past Valenciennes. This is the important line of the Scheldt and two important parts of it are taken.  
German resistance is stiffening between Tournai and Ghent on the 80 mile line to the Dutch frontier. The British, however, continue to make progress.  
Ourcq, within a mile of Tournai, has been captured and the British hold a town a mile west of Valenciennes. North of Tournai the British are on the Scheldt for five miles and north and south are rapidly gaining. They have reached the Ecaillon river at Thiant, southwest of Valenciennes.

French forces continue their progress on the front from the junction of the Oise and the Serre eastward to Vouziers. On the extreme left they have advanced north to the Serre. East of Vouziers the Germans have ceased their efforts to dislodge the French from the hill positions.  
West of the Meuse the Germans are attacking the French vigorously. General Gouraud's men, however, have defeated all enemy attacks.

### HUNDRED AND ONE LOST ON TICONDERAGO

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Oct. 22.—Two officers and 99 enlisted men of the army lost their lives in the sinking of the American steamer Ticonderago in the war zone September 30. This announcement today by the war department brought the total to 233, the navy having reported 10 officers and 102 of the crew dead and two officers carried away prisoners.

More than half of the soldiers lost were from Ohio. The list also gave the names of 14 southern men.

The Ticonderago, formerly the German steamer Pamela Rickmers, was torpedoed almost 1,700 miles from shore and the only known survivors and five men of the crew in addition to 14 soldiers saved. The submarine is reported to have shelled the life boats, killing many of those who escaped from the ship.

The army's list included the name of Charles Walker of Newcastle, N. C.

### By the Associated Press.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Two officers and 99 enlisted men were lost in the sinking of the United States ship Ticonderago by a German submarine in midocean September 30, the navy department announced today.  
The officers were Lieut. Joseph W. Freeman of Wetunka, Ala., and Cleveland C. Frost of Berea, Ky.