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AMERICAN TALK.

Let the Kaiser abdicate if he has to, but let no American abdicate in this hour of peril when victory may be just around the corner.

As our men go forward with intense and earnest zeal for America and victory, let us come up like worthy stay-at-home Americans.

Bear in mind that our part is not over, not by a long shot. The President says this bond issue is absolutely necessary. Secretary McAdoo says the same thing and the records show that North Carolina lags far behind—that Rowan has not yet reached the half-way station in her allotment.

There are very few Americans but who can buy at least one bond. The banks will lend the money on the easiest terms. These bonds can be bought on such easy terms that a fellow without a dollar ahead can buy at least one. Boys and girls can and should buy them now, for this may be the last opportunity they may have to buy a United States bond in the open market. The bond hunters and money sharks will be after them soon, and the government puts them in the hands of the small buyers.

There are nearly two million soldiers in Europe, these must be fed and clothed, and furnished with everything they need. They must be brought home, the sick and wounded cared for and the millions of expenses met by the American people.

During the next two days this matter is going to be laid at the door of every man, of every home and business house. During the few remaining hours this solemn duty is going to be laid at the feet of every man in Rowan county.

What is going to be our answer? Who wants to be responsible for this great, rich nation falling down on a job of this character? Who wants the responsibility of a failure, or any part of the blame? The future of America is somewhat at stake. Our solemn duty and blessed privilege is to buy Bonds and buy them now, today, without a moment's delay—bought you say—buy again, and more liberally.

Ask your banker how he can help you meet this solemn obligation. Ask yourself if you have done your full duty by these men—these two million men in Europe.

This telephone campaign Friday will be intense and will be the last call for bonds to be made on such a scale. Friday and Saturday offer the very last opportunity and we must make good now or never.

Let this matter sink home with every one of us, let us be ready to do this service (Continued on Sixth Page.)

BRITISH CAPTURE IMPORTANT CITY OF LILLE

ALL ALLIED ARMIES STORMING GERMAN POSITIONS

INTERNAL SITUATION IN GERMANY REACHES CRISIS

ALLIES STORMING HUN STRONGHOLDS EVERYWHERE

Allied Pressure On All Sides of Lille Salient Forces Enemy to Give Up Important Points.

BRITISH, FRENCH AMERICAN VIGOROUSLY ATTACKING

In Flanders the Belgians, British and French Show No Letup in Their Forward Drives.

(By the Associated Press)

Lille has been captured by the British.

Allied pressure on all sides of the salient of which Lille is the center compelled the enemy to give up this city, the largest town in France captured by the Germans and for four years an important unit of the enemy defense system.

The fall of Lille comes almost simultaneously with the capture of Valenciennes. The French troops are storming forward south of La Cateau across the Fele river where they were halted late last week.

In Flanders the allies have gained important new successes, while from the Oise to the Meuse allied pressure is being maintained strongly.

In the angle north of Laon the Germans are retiring from between the Oise and the Fere rivers.

Since the beginning of the week there has been little heavy fighting in the area southeast of Cambrai where the British and Americans made such rapid strides last week after the capture of Cambrai.

The Germans resisted strongly on the line of the Selle and it is these defenses that the British and probably the Americans under the same command are assaulting.

To the south of Bohain on the southern flank of the attacking front the French troops are reported in contact with the Germans along the whole Oise-Ferre front. This undoubtedly means the Germans are retiring from the awkward angle between the two rivers in a continuation of the withdrawal movement from the Laon massif.

On a front of more than 30 miles in Flanders the Belgians, French and British continue to push forward vigorously. Courtrai and Thourout, important railway junctions on the flank of the attacking front, have fallen to the Belgians and British. In the center the French have taken Lichtervelde and Ardoye. Courtrai is probably the most important of all the rail centers feeding the Lille area. Thourout is 12 miles southwest of Bruges, which is less than 10 miles from the Dutch frontier.

On both sides of the Meuse the Americans are maintaining the pressure which resulted from the capture of important ground northwest and southeast of the Argonne forest. East of the river the Americans have gained important high ground.

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MUNITION DISASTER IN FRANCE

Fire Followed by Explosion in a Munition Plant Does Great Property Damage—No Lives Lost

(By Associated Press.)

Lyons, France, Oct. 17.—(Havas Agency.)—Fire followed by an explosion in a munition factory here at 11 o'clock last night caused important material damage. Another and more violent explosion occurred at midnight when a magazine blew up. Buildings are burning today. No lives were lost, but a few persons including several firemen were injured.

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GET OUT YOUR FORD

Fuel Administrator Garfield Lifts the Ban on Gasless Sundays—May Be Put in Force Again If Necessary.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Fuel Administrator Garfield today lifted the ban on "gasless" Sundays effective at once. Should the gasoline stock again fall dangerously low, it was stated at the fuel administrator's office, the request will be renewed.

It is probable that priority orders will begin for the shipment of gasoline overseas.

Serbians Continue Progress

London, Oct. 17.—Serbian troops continue their energetic campaign of driving out the Austro-German forces remaining on Serbian soil and have captured the town of Alexinatz on the Moravia river, 15 miles north-west of Nish, says a Serbian official statement received here today. Thirty two guns were taken in the fighting beyond Nish.

Anin's Army in Retreat

Paris, Oct. 17.—The whole German (Continued on Page Six.)



UNCLE SAM IS CALLING FOR THE MONEY.

FRIDAY WITH SALISBURY PEOPLE.

Use the telephone little as possible tomorrow. Especially during the hours the Liberty Bond committee is trying to pull Rowan out of the hole. Look carefully into the matter this evening and be prepared to buy Bonds tomorrow—buy more if you have bought and campaign among your friends and neighbors as much as is possible.

About one-half of Rowan's quota has been subscribed. Have you done your part? Are you ready to increase, tell the committee to put you down for Bonds and more Bonds tomorrow.

Use the telephone as little as is possible during this epidemic. Remember the force is badly crippled and the central girls are making an heroic effort to give good service. Lessen their work Friday for two or three of these will have to give their day to the Bond campaign.

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BOND SALES TO BE URGED OVER THE TELEPHONE

Last Day of the Campaign and the Telephone Wires Will be Used a Great Deal.

CAMPAIGN TO TALK IT OVER WITH THE PEOPLE

Rowan is Only Half Way Over and the Time is Short—Only Two More Days.

There will be a telephone campaign in Salisbury tomorrow to sell Liberty bonds. If you are called to the telephone and asked to buy a bond remember that the need is desperate, the conditions are urgent and the time is short. If you have not bought give the pledge over the telephone if you have bought increase it to promise and help put the county over the top on this fourth loan.

These are the facts. Salisbury rather Rowan county is expected to take \$800,000 of this six billion dollar loan in eight days, less than \$400,000 less than half of the allotted amount.

The conditions have been very hard. Chairman Rouzer had a fine campaign set up and the influenza completely paralyzed it. More than 35 meetings and speakings in the interest of the loan had been arranged and were cancelled. All gatherings were called off and everything seemed to operate against the bond sale.

The time expires on Saturday. Only two more days after this remains to make any sort of a showing and this it is hoped will result in the sale of thousands of bonds.

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MILITARY CONDITIONS EXPECTED TO CUT FIGURE

Some London Newspapers Predict That Emperor Will Abdicate and Flee From the Empire.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Oct. 17.—Great events are impending in Germany, as they may come in a day, a week or a month officials will not hazard a guess; that they are inevitable no one in Washington doubts.

Unofficial reports from Holland and Switzerland that Germany will immediately accept President Wilson's peace terms are without confirmation here. Says the Times any information that the German reply has been drawn. In fact a Swiss dispatch saying the reichstag would meet tomorrow to discuss President Wilson's note would indicate that no reply had been drafted.

Internal conditions as well as the military situation are expected to dictate both the form and promptness of the German answer. One was considered little less serious than the other; there was always the possibility that combined they had forced the German leaders to a conclusion even before the first note asking for an armistice was dispatched.

From behind the veil of secrecy within the empire rumblings of discontent long have been reaching the outside world, but the extent of the upheaval has not yet been accurately gauged. The fact that radical changes were being made in the German constitution and unofficial reports that the kaiser would relinquish power to declare martial law were but further indications that the power of the junkers was rapidly waning.

Will Emperor Abdicate?

London, Oct. 17.—Rumors relating to the course Germany may take toward replying to the note of President Wilson form the main features of this morning's newspapers. Some are convinced that Germany will unconditionally surrender.

Although a statement issued at the foreign office last night shows that yesterday's rumors were premature extraordinary reports concerning internal conditions in Germany are reported. Some newspapers take it for granted Emperor William will abdicate. The Express says that for some time he has been sending his valuables to Holland. Some editorials express the view that the disappearance of the emperor is immaterial.

Alteration of the German constitution by which the civil powers are admitted to share in control of matters pertaining to the war is a subject of utmost importance. By this alteration the emperor will cease to be the supreme war lord.

Outbreaks Against Germany

Paris, Oct. 17.—Outbreaks against Germany have occurred in northern Rumania in the province of Moldavia, says a dispatch to the Journal from Zurich, Switzerland. The population suddenly assumed an open hostile attitude to the German authorities, according to advices which come by way of Bucharest.

"People Will Conclude Peace"

Zurich, Switzerland, Oct. 17.—"The courts declared war but representatives of the people will conclude peace," the Socialist newspaper "Arbeiter Zeitung" of Vienna says in a current article on the situation created by the teutonic peace proposals and replies to them.

"Count Berchtold, Count Tisza and Count von Hoetzendorf," continues the newspaper, "decided upon a punitive expedition against Serbia, little thinking they were conducting the ancient empire of Hapsburg to an abyss."

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