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ENTIRE BELGIAN COAST EVACUATED BY HUNS

PEACE PROPOSAL OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY IS ANSWERED BY PRESIDENT WILSON--IS REJECTED--ASKS LIBERTY OF PEOPLE

MUST FIRST SATISFY THE ASPIRATIONS OF ITS OWN PEOPLE, THE GOVERNMENT IS INFORMED; FULL TEXT OF ANSWER

THE TENTH PRINCIPLE IS CITED

One of the Fourteen Principles of Peace Laid Down by President is Used as Text in Formulating His Reply to Proposal.

REPLY HAS BEEN DISPATCHED

Given to Representative of Sweden Late Friday by Secretary Lansing. Recognizes Rights of Czechoslavs and the Jugo-Slavs.

WASHINGTON, OCT. 19.—President Wilson has answered the peace note of Austria-Hungary with a declaration that the Austro-Hungarian government must satisfy the national aspirations of its own people and that they, the people, shall be judges of their rights and destinies.

The reply was made by Secretary Lansing yesterday through the Swedish minister in Washington. It calls attention to the tenth condition of peace enunciated by President Wilson on January 8, which says that the people of Austria-Hungary should be accorded the opportunity of autonomous development.

The note calls attention to the recognition by the United States of the Czechoslovak national council as a de facto belligerent government and states that this country has also regarded the justice of the nationalistic ideas of the Jugo-Slavs for freedom.

The text of the note handed the Swedish minister follows: "Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 7th instant in which you transmit the communication of the imperial and royal governments of Austria-Hungary to the President. I am now instructed by the President to convey the following reply:

"The President seems it his duty to say to the Austro-Hungarian government that he cannot entertain any possible suggestions of that government because of certain events of utmost importance which, occurring since the delivery of his address of the 8th of January, last, has necessarily altered the attitude and responsibility of the government of the United States. Among the 14 terms of peace which the President formed at that time occurred the following:

"The people of Austria-Hungary, whose place among the nations we wish to see safeguarded and assured, should be accorded the freest opportunity of autonomous development.

"Since that sentence was written and uttered to the Congress of the United States the government of the United States has recognized that a state of belligerency exists between the Czechoslovaks and Germany and the Austro-Hungarian empires and that the Czechoslovak national council is a de facto belligerent government, clothed with proper authority to direct the military and political affairs of the Czechoslovaks.

"It has also recognized in full measure the justice of the nationalistic aspirations of the Jugo-Slavs for freedom.

"The President is therefore no longer at liberty to accept the mere autonomy of these people as a basis of peace, but is able to insist that they and not he should be the judge of what action on the part of the Austro-Hungarian government will satisfy their aspirations and their conception of the rights and desires of this family of nations.

"Accept sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

"ROBERT LANSING."

PLAN TO CONTINUE THEIR PEACE DRIVE

German Reply to President Wilson Has Not Been Completed But Will Leave Door Open for Further Peace Negotiations.

TWO DISTINCT VIEWS OF SITUATION IN GERMANY

While Working Men Engage in Demonstration for Peace Powerful Patriotic and Economic Organizations Urge for Stubborn Defense.

Berne, Switzerland, Friday, Oct. 18.—Germany's reply to President Wilson will not be completed and dispatched for several days, according to the latest Berlin advices. It is expected that the reichstag will be summoned to meet on Tuesday.

The grand admiral of the fleet and the chief of the naval staff have arrived in Berlin for a consultation over the answer.

It is believed the reply will be neither a full acceptance nor a refusal but worded so that the door will be left open for further negotiations.

Berlin reports show the holding of peace demonstrations by thousands of workmen. On the other hand patriotic and economic associations, including the great German manufacturers' association, have adopted resolutions urging the organization of a stubborn defense.

Will Deny Cruelties.

Copenhagen, Oct. 19.—Germany's reply to President Wilson, it is said by the Politiken, will deny the President's accusation of German cruelties and will declare that the submarine warfare cannot be stopped so long as there is no agreement of an armistice.

The reply, the newspaper says, will not reject the President's demands but will make further negotiations possible.

Panic in Berlin.

Paris, Oct. 19.—There was another panic on the Berlin bourse Thursday according to advices from Zurich. Maritime securities dropped 25 to 35 per cent and chemical products issues 10 to 20 per cent.

French Reach Ghent?

With Allied Forces in Flanders, Friday, Oct. 18.—French cavalry is reported tonight to have reached the outskirts of Ghent. There is no official confirmation.

The infantry is pushing fast after the mounted forces.

The report indicates a continuation of the rapid allied advance in the Belgian coast sector.

LOAN DRIVE OVER TOP HERE BY NEARLY \$75,000

The local Liberty loan campaign is away over the top this afternoon and the workers have not even thought about ceasing their efforts. At 1 o'clock this afternoon subscriptions received totalled \$848,150, or \$73,050 over and above the quota of \$775,000.

No details were available concerning the work of the various teams or the number of subscribers but the total is official, representing the amounts forwarded to the federal reserve bank through the local institutions.

This is Pershing day, in honor of the commander of the American expeditionary forces and every person is asked to buy just one more \$50 bond in honor of Black Jack. Thousands of dollars in subscriptions will be added to the local total in this manner.

OVER TWO MILLION YANKS HAVE GONE OVERSEAS

Washington, Oct. 19.—More than 2,000,000 American soldiers now have gone overseas, General March told the members of the senate military committee today at their war department conference.

While the conference was in progress General March was notified that the Germans had evacuated the entire Belgian coast up to the Holland border and that it is now in possession of the allies.

BELGIAN CAPITAL BEING EVACUATED

With Entente Troops in Possession of Entire Coast it is Reported That German Troops Are Leaving Brussels—How Line Runs.

GERMANS RETIRING TO GHENT AND ANTWERP

Boats Carrying German Officers and War Materials Shot to Pieces and Sunk With All on Board by the Belgians.

London, Oct. 19.—(2.30 p. m.)—Allied forces have captured the whole of the Belgian coast, according to information received by the Evening News. The allied line now extends from a position on the Dutch coast to the east of Bruges and to the south of Cambrai.

The Germans are still holding the outskirts of Zeebrugge, while the Belgian forces going eastward have advanced further, reaching the Zeebrugge-Bruges canal.

The British are continuing their advance in Flanders north of the Senese canal, Field Marshal Haig announced today. South of Le Cateau, where the British and American troops are operating Batsuel and Maringhen have been captured.

The British have advanced more than six miles east of Douai and they are in contact with the Germans east of Vred and Catelet in that area.

Refugees arriving in Holland from Belgium report that a number of ships on the Eeloo canal, carrying German officers and war materials, were shot to pieces and sunk with all on board by Belgian troops on Friday afternoon, says a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Exchange Telegraph company.

German troops, according to the refugees, are retiring toward Ghent and Antwerp.

Evacuating Brussels.

Amsterdam, Oct. 19.—(By Associated Press.)—The evacuation of Brussels by Germany has already been begun, according to M. Heinrich, an activist Belgian deputy.

The deputy is quoted by the correspondent of a Dutch newspaper on the Dutch frontier, who says the deputy has just arrived at Brussels. The evacuation report, it is declared, refers to German troops and not to the civilian population of the city.

British troops are approaching Sluis on the Dutch frontier, 10 miles northeast of Bruges, says advices from Breskens. The Germans continue their retreat toward Ghent.

British troops have entered the town of Eeloo, according to a dispatch from Sluis to the Exchange Telegraph. Six thousand Germans have been shut in against the Dutch frontier.

WANT NURSES AIDES FOR SERVICE IN WAR ZONES

Red Cross Issues Appeal—Pay is \$30 Per Month With Maintenance—Hold Clothing for Present.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 19.—The Red Cross has received a call for 1,500 nurses' aides to be used for overseas service. They must be between the ages of 25 and 45 years, and must have received instructions in the home and care of the sick, and one month's practical hospital experience. Thirty dollars a month and maintenance will be paid. The need is urgent in France and applications from the southern division must be made to division headquarters, Health Building, Atlanta, Ga.

All Red Cross chapters engaged in collecting clothing for Belgian relief are requested by the Red Cross national manager of this work to hold for the present all material collected. The campaign has been so successful that the commission's headquarters are overflowing.

RATE PETITION TO BE HEARD FRIDAY

Plea of North Carolina Public Service Company to Be Allowed to Raise Gas and Street Car Rates in City to Be Heard Next Week.

OPPOSITION IN THE CITY MUST BE READY BY THEN

Hearing is Before the Corporation Commission at 10 O'clock Next Friday Morning, According to Notices Received Here Today.

The North Carolina Public Service company's petition asking that it be allowed to increase gas and street car rates in the city of High Point will be heard by the state corporation commission at Raleigh on next Friday, October 25, at 10 a. m., according to notices received in the city today from the corporation commission. A few days ago notices were received that the Public Service company had petitioned for higher rates and that if there was any opposition it should be present in Raleigh to state its side of the case when the hearing was held. In reply Thomas J. Gold, as president of the Commercial club, asked that the hearing be deferred because of the conditions existing in the city. According to the notices received today the hearing is going through as scheduled.

High Point is already paying as much for gas as any other city in the section, if not more. The increase contemplated ranges anywhere from 15 to 25 per cent, depending, of course, upon the number of cubic feet used during a month. It is not reasonable to presume that the people of the city will favor the increase, but unless they do, they had better get their opposition formed a little more compactly than it is at present. The city officials have been notified and are thought to be deliberating as to what steps they shall take.

Gas is going to form the main opposition of the people of the city. They feel that they are paying enough for the fuel at present and cite the rates paid in surrounding cities for proof. Whether this will have any bearing with the corporation commission remains to be seen. While proof was lacking by one citizen this morning he asserted that he believed more was being paid in High Point for gas than is being paid in other cities where the concerns supplying it had been granted privilege to increase their rates. If such is the case the Public Service company is seeking to raise the local rate to such an extent that it is tantamount to discrimination, citizens feel.

Seven cents for a ride on a street car, while it will cost some of the workers, will not be generally opposed. In fact it is seriously doubted by those who have made a study of the situation whether it will increase the revenue of the company one particle. The raise should decrease the number of persons riding, because, probably, they feel as though five cents is sufficient for short journeys that of necessity must be made at irregular intervals.

If there is going to be opposition to the increase, it behooves the people of the city to get busy. The increase sought for will increase the cost of living, something that if not held down somewhere, is going entirely beyond reach.

THE FRENCH TROOPS MAKE PROGRESS IN MANY PLACES

Paris, Oct. 19.—In the region of the Oise, along the Aisne in Champagne and in Belgian Flanders the French troops everywhere have made further progress, according to the French official communication.

NEEDING NEW NAMES FOR ARCTIC LANDS AND SEAS

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 19.—New names for Arctic lands and seas probably will soon be wanted in Ottawa as a result of the discoveries of Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the returned Canadian Arctic explorer. A board of geologists in Ottawa directs the giving of names to all of Canada's new found possessions.

Suggestions have been made that "Stefansson's Land" should be the name of the group of islands found by the explorer northwest of Prince Patrick land. Stefansson, however, says new lands are never named after the man who finds them.

Another name will be needed for what has long been called Prince Gustav Adolph Sea, thought to be an arm of the Arctic Ocean. Stefansson found that the seas wasn't a sea at all, but contained the new land he discovered.

NEGRO IS CHARGED WITH TRYING TO WRECK TRAIN

Fayetteville, Oct. 19.—Charged with attempting to wreck an Atlantic Coast Line passenger train, a 16 years old negro boy named Wilson is in jail here awaiting trial in the United States district court. The boy was arrested by United States Deputy Marshal J. W. Tomlinson at Rex on the main line of the A. C. L. where, it is charged, he placed two angle bars on the rails in such a manner that a derailment of the train would have been certain had not the bars been discovered before the train reached the spot. Wilson was brought here and given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner W. S. Cook. The evidence against the boy was so convincing that Commissioner Cook bound him over to the district court at Laurinburg.

Pershing's Men Continue To Improve Positions In Champagne Sector

With the American Forces Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 19.—(1 p. m.)—(By the Associated Press)—General Pershing's troops today continued to improve their positions in the region of Bantheville and the wood of Bantheville. There are some indications that the Germans are planning to withdraw to what are believed to be the new lines of defense further northeast in the region.

The possible retirement of the Germans is believed to be due to the menacing position of the American at the edge of the Kriemhilde line below Landres-et-St. Georges, where General Pershing's men are still advancing.

The Germans early this morning launched a counter attack upon the American positions in La Grande Montagne. The attack was repulsed.

The German infantry attack, was preceded by a heavy artillery fire.

The Germans this morning continued their harassing fire east of the Meuse.

BERLIN ADMITS EVACUATION OF OSTEND, LILLE AND DOUAI

Berlin, via London, Oct. 19.—The Germans have evacuated Ostend, Turcoing, Roubaix, Lille and Douai, according to the official statement from German general headquarters.

Between Le Cateau and the Oise British, French and American attempted to break through. On both sides of Le Cateau, the statement adds, attacks broke down.

Warships in Action.

With the Allied Armies in Belgium and France, Friday, Oct. 18.—(10 p. m.)—(By Associated Press.)—British and American troops southeast of Le Cateau captured 1,200 prisoners and 120 guns today and have advanced about four miles since their attack was begun yesterday morning. The British are now more than three miles northeast of Lille. On the Belgian coast British warships are shelling the retreating Germans.

Non-Sinkable But It Does.

New York, Oct. 19.—The American steamship Lucia, equipped with buoyancy boxes and supposed to be unsinkable, has been sunk according to information received here today in shipping circles. The steamer was torpedoed by a submarine in the Atlantic but details as to the date of the sinking and the fate of her crew are lacking.

Truck Driver Killed by Train.

Kinston, Oct. 19.—Walter J. Redd, a Lenoir county employe, was killed when a passenger train struck a road truck he was driving at Fields Station yesterday. Redd was thrown out and his neck broken. He was a former contractor.

Is Commissioned Captain.

Dr. W. J. McAnally, of this city, has been commissioned captain in the medical corps of the United States army and has been ordered to report to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. The order concerning the local physician was contained in those issued by the war department Thursday.

With the British Forces in France, Oct. 19.—(Havas.)—During the last 15 days of the occupation of Lille the Germans took away into captivity 15,000 of the inhabitant of that city.

With Allied Forces in Belgium, Oct. 19 (Afternoon).—(By Associated Press)—The towns of Chering, Hasny, Vred and Catelet have captured by allied forces.