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# NO PEACE WHILE HUN AUTOCRACY REIGNS

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SUPREMACY GIVEN

### GERMAN SOCIALISTS WANT ABDICATION

WASHINGTON, OCT. 15.—AUTOCRACY MUST GO BEFORE PEACE CAN BE ARRANGED WITH GERMANY, ARE IN THE CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY PRESIDENT WILSON IN A NOTE TO GERMANY, WHICH ALSO BORE NOTICE THAT NO ARMISTICE IS POSSIBLE WHILE GERMANY CONTINUES TO BE INHUMAN, ILLEGAL PRACTICES ON LAND AND SEA.

SATISFACTORY SAFE GUARDS AND GUARANTEES OF MAINTENANCE OF PRESENT ALLIED SUPREMACY MUST BE GIVEN AS A PRELIMINARY TO ANY ARMISTICE ARRANGEMENTS, AND MILITARY ADVISERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS ARRANGEMENT.

By J. W. T. Mason

NEW YORK OCT 15.—THE GERMAN PEACE OFFENSIVE HAS FAILED.

THE KAISER'S EFFORTS TO SAVE HIMSELF FROM DEFEAT BY CRAFTY WORDS HAS MET WITH THE SAME FATE OF HIS MILITARY OFFENSIVE. HENCEFORTH NOTHING REMAINS FOR GERMANY BUT "UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER."

PRESIDENT WILSON'S REPLY TO CHANCELLOR MAXIMILIAN WILL CUT DEEPLY INTO GERMAN MORALE

London Oct 15.—President Wilson's reply to Germany is known to be eminently satisfactory to the British, and conditions outlined coincide, not only with the views of the British but with her other allies.

Lord Northcliffe's Evening News, the first paper to appear with Wilson's reply had America's answer printed in splashed type covering half a page.

By R. J. Bender

Washington Oct 15.—Elimination or maselation of military autocracy in Germany is the prime requisite for peace, according to President Wilson.

This means an amendment to the German constitution placing war and peace making powers in the hands of the people. This amendment can be secured by legislative act by a bill passed thru the Bundsrath, of federal council, which is the upper house of the German parliament, then through the Reichstag which is now in session.

Zurich Oct 15.—A socialist congress in Munich unanimously adopted a resolution favoring the abdication of the Kaiser and Crown Prince, according to the Munich Nachrichten.

London Oct 15.—Prince Maximilian of Baden, the new German chancellor, has resigned, according to an official report from the Berlin via the Hague.

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## DOUGHBOYS DEFY ENEMY GUNS AND SWING FORWARD

### BELL HOTEL TO BE TEMPORARY HOSPITAL

So serious has the influenza epidemic become and the doctors so taxed that a plan has been put on foot whereby the Bell Hotel, lent by the generosity of Mr N. B. Josoy will be utilized as a temporary hospital for the care of the sick, which will also enable the ladies who have charge of the soup kitchen to expedite the proper feeding of the sick.

Two ladies from each church have been appointed to arrange for the gathering in of donations of bedding and other necessities to equip the temporary hospital, this committee being composed of Mesdames A. McDowell, R. C. Josoy, M. Y. Self, P. A. Raspberry, T. W. Russell and Reba Shields, and Misses Jennie Leggett and Eva Moore. This committee met this morning at eleven o'clock to make the preliminary arrangements and plan to gather in such donations as could be immediately obtained.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, of the state board of health, has been brought in touch with the local situation and has promised to give us a nurse at the earliest possible moment and in the meantime he suggests that a strong committee could materially aid the local physicians by eliminating the light cases and to them supply regulation medicine only requiring the doctor to be called to the more serious cases. This, of course, is a matter that should be consented to by the local physicians before any such work is undertaken.

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GUN FIRE OF THE ENEMY

### ALLIES MAKE GAINS IN BELGIUM

PARIS OCT 15.—ATTACKED BY LAND AND SEA THE GERMANS IN FLANDERS WERE THROWN BACK OVER SIX MILES ON A FRONT OF THIRTY MILES

BELGIAN, BRITISH AND FRENCH PARTICIPATED IN THE ASSAULT WHICH BEGAN YESTERDAY MORNING BETWEEN DIXMUDE AND WERVICQ.

OVER TEN THOUSAND PRISONERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN

ROULERS WAS CAPTURED EARLY IN THE FIGHTING AND THE BELGIANS PUSHED FOUR MILES EASTWARD OCCUPYING ISEGHEM

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### AM. TRANSPORT SUNK AT PIER

At an atlantic port Oct 15.—The transport "America" was sunk at her pier.

Few are missing according to information given at the office of the naval districts.

The cause is known, though it was understood that there were troops aboard.

The "America" was formerly the German liner "Amerika" and was taken over by the government at the outbreak of the war. She has a 22,620 ton burden.

### SMALLER COTTON CONSUMPTION

Washington Oct 15.—The cotton consumption during September aggregated 497,779 bales compared with 522,389 bales during September 1917.

COTTON MARKET

	Oct	31.13	31.15	30.50	30.50
Dec	30.80	30.80	30.45	30.76	
Jan	30.45	30.45	35.03	30.35	
Mar	30.11	30.11	29.80	30.04	
May	29.95	29.95	29.64	29.85	
Local Market	1 1/2 cents				

# To Men and Women of Scotland Neck

Did you read the extra issue of this Liberty Loan falls down and the Commonwealth sent out broad it is not fully subscribed, or over get through our town last night? subscribed, we have in prospect a go on.

Those things mentioned in that lengthened war—that the German issue did not happen, but they will people will take heart and pro- long the war six months to a year. happen if we are not earnest loy- al citizens of our country and do longer. our part to help win this war.

By your neglect in putting this loan through the German govern- ment will be enabled to go be- has within the last day or two fore its people and say that the been Mr. McAdoo, the secretary of people of America are not back- the treasury, who states that if ing up their government and wish

to stop the war. This will give them more morale and the war will go on.

From present indication it looks as if the German people were tired of the war and ready to quit because they think the allies present a united front and they see no loop-hole through which to crawl, but if we fail to back our government, men and women then we may ultimately win, the war will be dragged along indefinitely

which will be costly to us in men, money and material.

There are but four more days to push this loan across and "over the top." One quota is \$93,800 hardly one fourth of which has been subscribed.

We are all of us in trouble from a local standpoint, but we must and will—we cannot do otherwise than subscribe our full quota to this loan.

Do you realize that the United States has intimated that the influenza epidemic, that is now raging through our country, is a German propaganda and that the Germans are killing your men, women and children, though three thousand miles away, just as surely as if they were within range of their most powerful guns.

Remember nearly \$100,000 must be raised this week!

J. H. ALEXANDER Jr.,  
Chairman Scotland Neck Fourth Liberty Loan Committee

ger at the murder of defenseless women and children? What would you have given to put that gun out of commission?

Men and women of Scotland Neck, the situation is before you. It is up to you to act. Subscribe today and save the life of some soldier boy now on the front.