



THE STAMINA OF GERMANS IS WEAKENED

War Situation Reviewed By War Department's Weekly Communique

GERMANY IS SHAKEN BUT STILL POWERFUL

Despite Dogged Determination of the Germans, British Show Their Superiority—No Mention of American Troops in Europe

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 1.—Shaken, but still powerful, is the estimate of Germany's defensive strength on the eastern front, given in this week's official communique, issued by the War Department.

The superiority of the British over their enemies, the communique says, has conclusively been proved by the last week's fighting, while it has demonstrated that the fighting stamina of the Germans is deteriorating.

Of the activities of the American force in Europe the communique says absolutely nothing. Of the forces at home, it reports mobilization of the national guard and the national army proceeding satisfactorily.

The analysis of the situation on the western front, which the communique says remains the principal matter in front of the war, follows:

"The fighting in the west (Belgian) which promises to be one of the great battles of the war, is following its normal course. Last week we recorded the gains of the British in this sector. This week we must note the desperate attempts made by the Germans to re-take the lost positions.

"Beginning Sunday, last, the constantly increasing violence of the counter attacks reached a culmination on the 27th instant when seven powerful onslaughts by the picked 'storm battalions' of the enemy endeavored vainly to regain the lost objectives. The village of Zonnebeke, the center of the conflict, is now firmly held by the British.

"It is evident that the efforts of the enemy in this sector are not actuated merely by the desire to regain lost territory of little more than tactical value, nor must their persistent attacks be considered merely the normal reaction of a modern field engagement, in which counter attacks invariably follow upon attack; but rather it is to be noted that the enemy realizes fully the immense strategic importance of the British thrust along the Menin road.

"This new British advance in the salient now definitely threatens the enemy line of communications between the Belgian coast. The Ostend railway, which, in a large measure, feeds the German naval bases at Ostend and Zeebrugge, the latter the home port of the German high sea submarine flotillas, now comes within the range of the fire of the British guns.

"The superiority of the British over their enemies was conclusively proved during the engagements of the past week. The battle of Menin road, more, shows that the fighting stamina of the Germans is deteriorating, not that the enemy did not display great skill and dogged determination in his repeated counter attacks."

ED PRISONERS MAKE A GET-AWAY

(By Associated Press.) Mobile, Ala., Oct. 1.—Sheriff's posse today are scouring the woods of a county, Alabama, in search of Bob Blackwell, brothers, most noted prisoners ever to be hanged in Western and who escaped from the jail Friday by sawing the windows of their cells and conviction of the Blackwell murder of an aged couple at Walton, Fla., attracted wide attention.

GERMANY TO REMOVE ALL FOREIGNERS

(By Associated Press.) Bismarck, Oct. 1.—The Telegraf bill is being prepared in Berlin authorizing the German government, in view of the scarcity of foodstuffs, to remove from the country all foreigners not employed in war industries. The bill probably will be enforced within a month.

POPE'S ATTITUDE TOWARD FRANCE FULLY EXPLAINED

Cardinal Gasparri Says French Nation is Favored By Papal Note.

AMPLE SATISFACTION PROVIDED FOR FRANCE

Peace Note Was Couched in General Terms and Does Not Exclude Reparation. Can't Understand Paris

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Oct. 1.—The Clair publishes a letter from Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state to Bishop de Gibbert, of Valencia, concerning the reception accorded the papal note, in which the papal secretary expresses the satisfaction of Pope Benedict at the sentiments of the Catholic clergy of France, which the letter says, "is all the more agreeable to his holiness since the contrary attitude of the French press in general is explicable only by those nations especially France and Belgium."

The letter, which is dated September 10, remarks that France certainly cannot take exception to the first two points of the papal note concerning disarmament and obligatory arbitration and continues:

"As to the damages to be replaced and the outlays for the war, the holy father proposes in the third place, as a general principle, reciprocal remission. He adds, however, that if in any case particular reasons are opposed to that view, which is verified in the case of Belgium, they can be met by justice and equity."

The letter then refers to the statement of former Premier Ribot that he is in accord with the provisional government of Russia, admitting that in eventual peace negotiations, war indemnities should not be claimed, but reserving for France the right to require reparation for damages caused by "the malevolence of military commanders outside the necessities of war," the letter adds:

"The pontifical note is couched in general terms and does not exclude reparation for such damages. But, even setting aside the enormous difficulties of establishment with precision in all the sectors of the war by the damages caused needlessly by the fault of military commanders, it is for France to judge if it is suitable for it, even in the hypothesis of victory, to prolong the war, were it only for one year, to require of the enemy reparation for these damages with due account taken of the losses in money and men and the heaps of ruins in which the war would leave the Belgian and French territory now occupied."

Cardinal Gasparri's letter lays stress upon the fact that the papal note desires that France territory be immediately evacuated completely. It immediately evacuated completely, and then says that the Pope does not and could not propose any solution could not propose any solution concerning Alsace-Lorraine. It adds that the Pope expresses hope that France and Germany will examine in a conciliatory spirit the aspirations of peoples, taking into account what is just and possible. Finally, the letter contends that the Pope's note favors France in different points and it offers in none.

BATTLE SHIP FLOATED AT HIGH TIDE TODAY

(By Associated Press.) An Atlantic Port, Oct. 1.—The battleship of the United States navy which went aground in home waters on September 23, was floated today. The sea was smooth and a large fleet of vessels pulled the warship off at high tide.

SECRETARY DANIELS' SON ESCAPED INJURY

(Special to The Dispatch.) Washington, D. C., Oct. 1.—Joseph Daniels, Jr., son of Secretary Daniels, who is "doing his bit" in the United States Marines Corps, miraculously escaped injury last night when the automobile he was driving collided with another, driven by C. H. Gibbs, at Twenty-Ninth and Pennsylvania avenue. Both machines were badly damaged, but neither of the occupants was injured.

A PATROL SHIP SUNK

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 1.—An American patrol ship in duty off an Atlantic port was rammed and sunk early today by an unknown craft.

The incident reported to the Navy Department was officially announced as follows:

"A coast guard vessel on patrol duty off an Atlantic port was rammed and sunk by an unknown ship early today. The work of raising the sunken vessel will be begun at once."

PLAN FOR A NEW POLITICAL PARTY

Would Be Composed of Liberal Elements of All Other Parties

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 1.—Amalgamation of liberal elements of all political parties in a new organization, to be planned at a conference of leaders in Chicago Wednesday, was discussed with President Wilson today by Matthew Hale, Massachusetts Progressive leader. The President is much interested in the movement, it is understood, and expects to keep in as close touch with the developments as his heavy war duties will permit.

Mr. Wilson is understood to have been informed that a number of Progressives, Democrats, Socialists, Prohibition and labor and agricultural leaders and single-tax advocates at the Chicago conference, will discuss preliminary plans for forming a new organization to enter the new 1920 national campaign.

The Massachusetts political campaign also was discussed between the President and Mr. Hale, who is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, on the Democratic ticket with Frederick W. Mansfield as the candidate for governor. Reports that Mr. Wilson might take some public step to endorse the ticket could not be confirmed.

TAR HEELS SURPRISED OVER TRAVIS' FAILURE

(Special to The Dispatch.) Washington, D. C., Oct. 1.—The appointment of Robert W. Woolley, of Virginia, to membership on the Interstate Commerce Commission instead of E. L. Travis, of North Carolina, caused great disappointment among the North Carolinians here. Up to the day before the President made the appointment it was expected that Mr. Travis would land. The failure of Mr. Travis to win was a severe blow to Senators Simmons and Overman and Representative Kitchin, all three of whom had worked hard for the North Carolina candidate.

RUSSIAN TROOPS ADVANCE FURTHER

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, Oct. 1.—Russian troops have made another advance in the Riga region, according to today's war office announcement. German posts were pressed back south of the railway in the Spital's Farm sector, the Russians advancing between 800 and 1,000 yards.

"Northern Front: In the Riga region, four miles south of the railway, in the Spital's Farm sector, our van guard detachments pressed back enemy posts and advanced between 800 and 1,000 yards."

WEBB POSTPONES MAKING DECISION

Will Decide Contempt Case Against New York Officials Next Monday

(By Associated Press.) Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 1.—Judge Jas. L. Webb will withhold his decision until Monday, October 8, in the case brought before him in Gastonia last week by attorneys of Gaston/B. Means, who is being held in jail at Concord under the charge of murdering Mrs. Maude A. King, wealthy Chicago woman, near that city, August 29, when they appeared before him and asked that J. T. Dooling, assistant district attorney of New York, and associates be cited in contempt proceedings for not delivering papers in their possession taken from the apartments of Gaston Means in New York and that had been ordered by Judge Webb delivered into the custody of the court officials of Cabarrus county.

In the hearing at Gastonia last week, Judge Webb stated he would make his ruling at the opening of court here today, but he announced soon after arriving that this would be postponed until Monday, October 8. He gave no indication as to what his decision would be. This date is the date set for the hearing before Judge Cline, at Salisbury, of the order demanding the delivery of the papers.

BRITISH PREPARING FOR ANOTHER BIG DRIVE IN FLANDERS

Germans Trying to Anticipate the Offensive By Counter Attacks

ITALIAN OFFENSIVE GROWS IN STRENGTH

More Than 1,400 Prisoners Captured By Cadorna's Troops—British in Mesopotamia Surround and Defeat An Entire Turkish Army

While the fighting front in Flanders apparently is witnessing the preparation of another offensive strike by Field Marshal Haig, which the Germans are trying to anticipate by counter attacks and retaliatory fire, the German Crown Prince's army is again attempting to harass the French in the Verdun region.

News from the Italian front is gaining added interest with evidence at hand that General Cadorna is pushing out again east of the Isonzo, driving forward on the Bainsizza plateau, near the southeasterly edge of which he has almost reached the Chaipovano valley.

The capture of more than 1,400 prisoners in Saturday's thrust indicates the force of the Italian blow which there is every indication will be followed up, as the new ground has been firmly held against the Austrian reactions.

Interest also attaches to the Mesopotamian war theatre, from which the news of a brilliant victory by the British was telegraphed yesterday. Several thousand prisoners are already in British hands as the result of a sudden and well-executed stroke which resulted in the surrounding of an entire Turkish army in the Remadiya region, northwest of Bagdad.

The casualties in last night's air raid on England totalled nine killed and 43 injured. One of the German machines engaged in the attack was brought down off Dover. Berlin claims the bombing of the center of London, Margate and Dover by the British.

A statement issued by the British admiralty today of Saturday night's raid by British naval aircraft over Belgium reports the destruction of two German machines and the driving down of two others in air battles that occurred during the patrol activities.

ARGENTINA DECIDES TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 1.—All expectations that Argentina might follow the lead of her neighbors and break with Germany have been dispelled here with the news that President Irogyon is determined not to heed the action of the Argentine Congress and will continue a neutral course. His suggestion that all South America is to determine her war course by a joint conference is not expected to bear fruit because a similar proposal was rejected by all the other important governments some time ago.

COMPETITION FOR RING WILL END IN FIVE DAYS

Candidates Realize That Time is Short and Are Doing Their Best to Get Every Possible Subscription by Saturday Night—Thousands of Votes Were Cast Saturday.

THE PRIZES.

\$775 Briscoe Automobile.
Ford "Fouring" Car.
\$200 in gold.
\$100 in gold.
\$93 fur-trimmed suit.
\$75 Columbia Grafonola.
\$50 merchandise order at J. W. H. Fuchs' Department Store.
\$25 wrist watch.
Two \$60 diamond rings.

Ten per cent commission to all non-winners, who remain active, on money for new subscriptions.

Just five more days and the First Period of the Dispatch contest will be a matter of history, and the competition for the \$60 Diamond Ring will end. Have you done your best during this Diamond Ring offer? If you have not, then get busy and make the most of the five remaining days. It is not a great deal of time, but if used the right way much can be accomplished.

The special prize has attracted much attention. All of the candidates realize that \$60 is certainly good pay for two weeks' work, and have experienced a desire to win the ring, if they fail to win one of the larger prizes. This has renewed their determination to succeed and inspired them to fresh endeavor.

Most of the candidates know that the competition for the ring will come to a close at the same time as the first period of the contest—next Saturday night, Oct. 6, at 9 p. m., and in order to win they must make every minute count from now until that time. They are determined to secure and turn in every possible

subscription before Saturday night at 9 p. m. It is new subscriptions only that will determine the winner of the ring, but both old and new subscriptions apply on the \$15 club offer. After this week, during the second period of the contest, each \$15 worth of subscriptions will count 14,000 extra votes, while this week each "Club" is good for 150,000 EXTRA VOTES.

Candidates living outside of Wilmington can mail their subscriptions any time Saturday, from their respective postoffices, and they will count at this week's business, and apply on the diamond ring and the first period extra votes, even though we do not receive them until Monday. This is done in order to give the out-of-town candidates an opportunity to work up until the last minute, and equal opportunity with the ones living in Wilmington.

Candidates do not have to vote their ballots at the time the subscriptions are turned in or before the close of the first period, but they hold them in reserve and vote them any time during the contest, including the last day, and their value will remain the same. It is the subscriptions, and the money to pay for them, that must be in by Saturday night, in order to count toward the Diamond Ring and the first period extra votes.

Saturday witnessed the expiration of the ten-vote coupons that have been appearing in each issue of The Dispatch for the past four weeks. Hundreds of thousands of votes were cast Saturday, as a result, and there were few, if any, candidates, who did not send in votes, or had votes cast for them. The coupon in The Dispatch is still good for ten votes, but the expiration date has been advanced to Oct. 13.

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SECOND CAMPAIGN TO SELL LIBERTY BONDS IS OPENED

A Four Weeks' Drive Begins to Raise at Least \$3,000,000,000

STORM WRECKAGE AT PENSACOLA IS BEING REMOVED

Property Damage to the City Will Approximate Only \$100,000

STILL CUT OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD

No Train Service for the City, and Telephone and Telephone Service Out of Commission

(By Associated Press.) Pensacola, Fla., Oct. 1.—(By wireless to New Orleans.)—Estimates of the damage done in the city of Pensacola by the tropical hurricane last Friday, placed the damage at not more than \$100,000. The damage was confined principally to wires, window glass, the water front, roofs and frame structures. No report of loss of life or injuries to persons in this vicinity have been received.

There was slight damage in the neighboring villages of Warrington and Woolsey. Student aviators from the Pensacola military station near here, rescued a number of residents from the flooded portion of Warrington during the storm. Ten fishing schooners and other small vessels were aground in the harbor, and one large steamer was aground in five feet of water. A few other merchant vessels were driven ashore but not damaged.

Authorities at the navy yard stated the loss there would aggregate about \$100,000, including an unroofed building, stores and supplies and airplanes. No estimate was available as to the cost of repairing the track and bridges on the electric railway line between here and the navy yard. The wreckage caused by the storm was rapidly being removed and normal conditions were being restored. No communication with the outside world, except by wireless, had been possible since the storm up to an early hour today, but the telegraph and telephone companies expected to re-establish communication by tonight. No railroad trains had left or entered the city, due to washouts north of here.

Dauphin Island Damaged. Mobile, Ala., Oct. 1.—The Cottage Hotel and a number of other buildings at Dauphin Island were wrecked Friday by the hurricane, according to reports received here last night, and many fishing boats were driven ashore in shallow water. A detachment of soldiers from Fort Gaines rendered great assistance to the people. Food and supplies were sent today. Parties reaching here said 42 houses were damaged and the water works system destroyed. The wind was said to have reached a velocity of 110 miles an hour.

PASSED THROUGH STORM'S CENTER

Seamen Tell How it Feels to Meet Hurricane On the High Seas

(By Associated Press.) A Gulf Port, Oct. 1.—"Facing a man from whose face we were to be gleaned the tale of how it feels to ride a vessel on the high seas through the center of a West Indian hurricane, a large American ocean-going steamer arrived here last night. The seamen related a story of encountering a dead calm in the center of the hurricane, and of experiences passed through when they felt the storm's full force as they struck its outer edge. Within five minutes after passing through the storm center, where the ocean was calm, strange birds flew over the vessel. Matches were lighted without inconvenience. The seamen say that the vessel was struck by a 100-mile-an-hour gale that rolled heavy seas over its decks and caused it to list to an angle of 45 degrees. They say at times the wind blew as high as 130 miles an hour.

SECRETARY M'ADOO SPOKE IN CLEVELAND

Largest Offering of Bonds People of United States Ever Been Called Upon to Absorb—A Multitude of Activities

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 1.—The big drive for the second issue of Liberty loan bonds began at noon today throughout the country with a multitude of activities that will last four weeks. The campaign is planned to raise at least \$3,000,000,000 in subscriptions and treasury officials have set the amount expected at \$5,000,000,000. Half again as large as the first Liberty loan, the second offering is the largest the people of the United States ever have been called upon to absorb.

Secretary McAdoo formerly opened the campaign with a speech in Cleveland, the first of many he will deliver on his tour of the United States to stimulate interest in the sale of the bonds. Clubs, chambers of commerce, commercial organizations, schools, patriotic societies and like organizations have been enlisted in the great army of "boosters" for the loan, and all over the country the publicity machine set up by the Treasury Department has been set in motion. Newspapers, hand bills and posters of every description will advertise the bonds, and speakers on the platform and stage will assist in the great drive.

Postmaster General Burleson has ordered that between October 1 and 27, all postage stamps be cancelled with a stamp bearing the legend: "Back the boys in the trenches. Buy a Liberty loan bond. Inquire at any bank or postoffice."

McAdoo in Cleveland. Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 1.—Secretary McAdoo officially opened the second Liberty loan campaign in Cleveland this morning. Mr. McAdoo and a party of six arrived here from Washington early today to make the first speech on the western trip to boost the loan. Thousands of factory whistles and church bells signaled the campaign's opening by whistling and ringing continuously from 9:50 a. m. to 10 a. m.

An outdoor mass meeting in the public square at 10 o'clock opened the campaign. Mayor Harry L. Davis introduced Secretary McAdoo, who appealed to every man and woman who resides upon the soil of free America to join the league of patriots by purchasing a Liberty bond. The Secretary asked the people of Cleveland, the Fourth Federal Reserve District, and of the entire country to beat the record made last spring in the first Liberty loan campaign.

Tris Speaker, star outfielder of the Cleveland baseball club, purchased the first bond of the second Liberty loan. Secretary McAdoo handed the bond to Speaker and received his check for \$1,000, after which Mr. McAdoo raised an American flag and a specially designed Liberty loan flag. Mr. McAdoo made a second address to campaign workers at 11 a. m. and at noon attended a business men's luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce, where he made the principal address of the day.

Drive Launched in Atlanta. Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 1.—The Liberty loan drive in the Sixth Federal Reserve District was launched today with 20,000 committeemen in Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Tennessee actively at work to dispose of a minimum of \$50,000,000 of the new issue. The campaign was begun in Atlanta, the headquarters of the district, without the noisy jubilee characterizing the opening day in some cities. The Atlanta committee has undertaken a house-to-house canvass to give every person in the city an opportunity to subscribe.

New England Aroused. Boston, Mass., Oct. 1.—A Liberty loan cottage was opened on the common today in the interests of the New England campaign for the second loan. Speeches will be made every day during the campaign. The blowing of factory whistles at 10 a. m. signaled the opening of the drive.

New England has been assigned a minimum quota of \$300,000,000 but the committee in charge for the Boston Federal Reserve District will make every effort to increase this to \$500,000,000.

Philadelphia Enthusiastic. Philadelphia, Oct. 1.—With virtually the same organization that obtained (Continued on Page Three)