

WEATHER FORECAST
North Carolina: Fair in East,
rain in West portion tonight; Sat-
urday rain.
South Carolina: Fair in East,
showers in West portion tonight;
Saturday probably showers.

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TWO SECTIONS

NEW ATTACK LAUNCHED BY THE ENTENTE

Both British and French
Went "Over Top" This
Morning

GERMANS FORCED TO YIELD GROUND

New Towns, Fortified Places
and Many Prisoners Cap-
tured—Attack Made Under
Unfavorable Weather Con-
ditions

While the Germans on the Aisne
front were still smarting from
the heavy blow General Petain had
administered to them, leaving him un-
dermined in organizing the captured
ground, they were called up to
today a continuation of the Entente of-
fensive operations.

Both Field Marshal Haig and the
Paris staff were reported the launching
of the new attack, which is declared
to be developing satisfactorily, al-
though under most adverse weather
conditions.

The French were obliged to wade
through waters up to their necks in
crossing the St. Janshoek and Cover-
beck rivers, but nevertheless they
made important progress on the left
bank of the field of attack, capturing
Janshoek village, Papegoed wood and
many farms where the Germans had
strengthened points of supply.

Handfuls of Germans fell into
the hands of the French as prisoners.
The front of the thrust apparently
is far more extended one than that
of last week, as the London official
statement mentions the attack as be-
ing launched "northeast and east" of
Ypres. If the British have carried
the field of attack to a point as far
south as directly east of Ypres, the
advance of the day is on a line
approximately 10 miles long, extend-
ing along the entire curve of the
Ypres salient.

Desperate Attacks.
Field Marshal Haig's forces this morn-
ing made desperate attacks on the
German positions north and east
of Ypres. The first was from a point
near St. Janshoek, westward
along the southern fringe of the
Hinderburg line, to the region of Nieu-
wenkerke. The other assault was on
both sides of the Ypres-Menin high-
way along the Gheluvelt ridge, in the
direction of the town of that name.

A group of enemy guns on the high
ground west of Gheluvelt, constitu-
ing one of the main defenses, was
completely quiet. This probably
was due to the British heavy bombard-
ment last night. Many explosions
were seen in the region of these bar-
rages during the night.

Advance of the greatest bar-
rages employed by the attack-
ers. The preliminary bombardment
was more effective by the re-
newed advance of the guns over
the ground. A brisk wind
had blown the ground wonderfully.
The Germans had been expecting an
attack and had made preparations for
it. They were reported to have
been on Monday. British mili-
tary reports say the Germans had
been on an assault in this domi-
nating position.

Belgium, south-west of Passchen-
daele, the British entered one
of the most important attacks had
been made in recent battles had
been made to the westward.

At Passchendaele, the Germans cen-
tered their heavy artillery fire on Bel-
gium. The British staff were bat-
tles were fought along the concrete de-

At the town of Belleuue, which re-
sulted in the scene of sanctuary
by the British in an early hour
of the morning. The British forces
were reported to have been
north of Gassel-
le, where they had a heavy and a half-
hour battle, which resulted in a
crack, but the British were
hauled out and sent
down the main road.

GERMANY OWNS A BOND.
(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, Oct. 26.—The Im-
perial German government is
reporting the purchase of a Liberty
bond. The purchase has been
made by the German es-
tablishment about Philadelphia,
and is the first account re-
ported of a balance of \$60
million being loaned to the Imperial
German government. Yesterday
the Imperial German government
announced that it had purchased
a Liberty bond of that amount to
help the United States with the war.

CROWN PRINCE DRIVEN BACK BY PETAIN'S TROOPS

General Retreat By Germans
On a Wide Front is
Probable

ITALIANS FIGHT OFF MASSED ATTACKS

Austro-Germans Launching
Heavy Assaults Against
Cadorna's Troops—Lack of
Confidence in Italian Minis-
try

From the heights of the Aisne, the
German Crown Prince is being driv-
en back relentlessly toward the for-
tress of Laon and perhaps to a general
retreat along a line from St. Quentin
to the Champagne. His strongholds
wrenched from him, 12,000 of his
men prisoners, many thousands slain
and wounded, and 120 big guns lost,
the predicament of the Crown Prince
is most serious. The Crown Prince
is General Petain's great smash of
Tuesday, opened the way for further
advances, and Thursday, under French
pressure, the Germans were forced
back to the Oise-Aisne canal, evacu-
ating valuable positions in their re-
tirement. More than 2,000 additional
prisoners and many big guns fell in-
to French hands.

Laon, the fortress at the southern
end of the Hinderburg line, is now
but eight miles from the French lines,
and Petain's big guns can smash it
at will. East of Chavignon, the cen-
ter of the French advance, stretches
the Allette river on the southern
bank of which the Germans have
been fighting to hold back the French
for several months. From the new-
ly captured positions, the French
sweep the German defenses with tor-
rents of artillery fire.

Every foot gained by General Pe-
tain in the Chavignon salient weak-
ens the line northward through La-
Fere to St. Quentin. The French al-
ready are on three sides of LaFere,
and St. Quentin has all but fallen in-
to allied hands several times since
the German retreat of last spring.

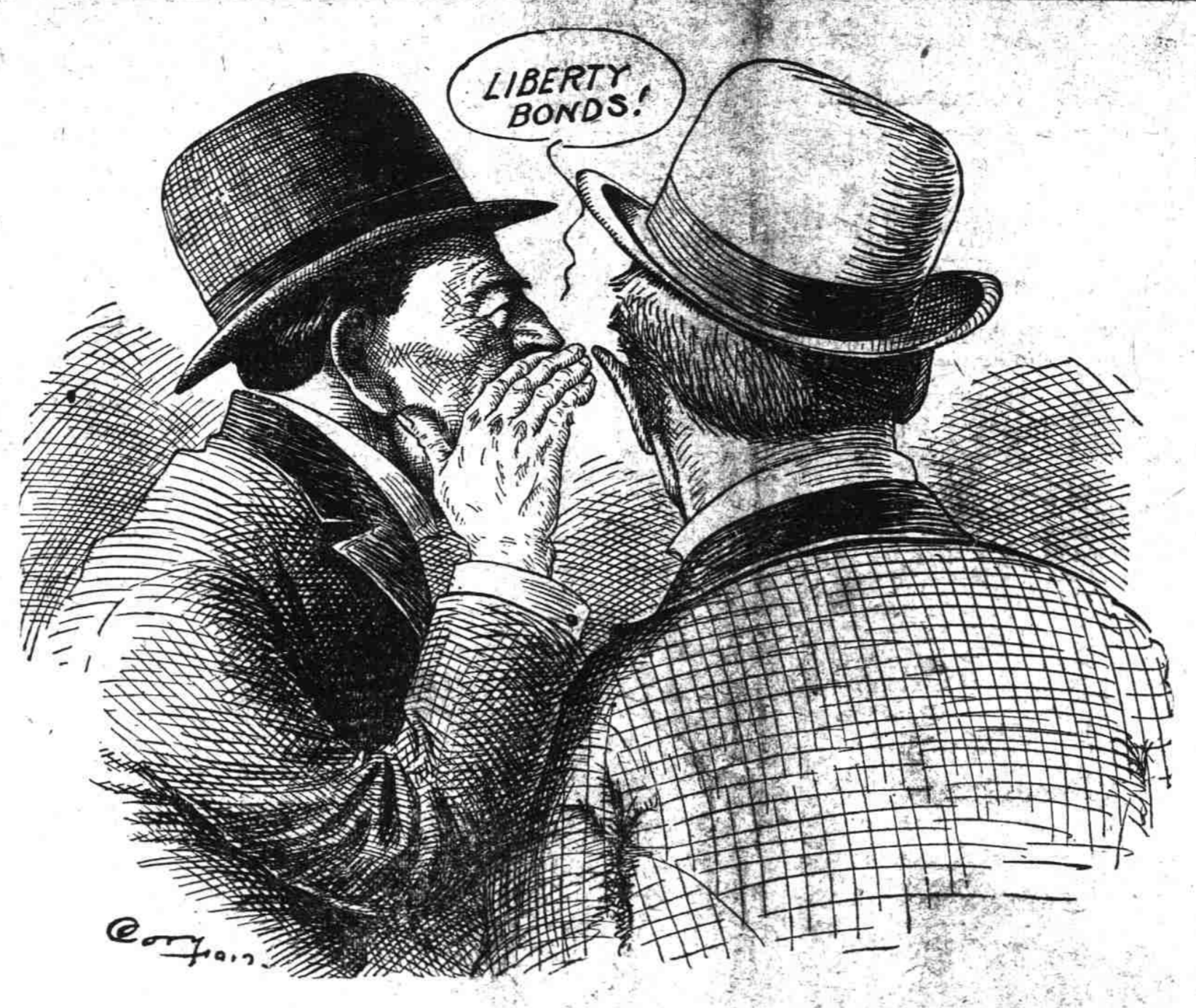
A retreat from St. Quentin and
LaFere to a line running north from
Laon would endanger the entire Ger-
man positions on the western front,
as far north as Ypres.

Probably the two most important
salients on the western front from
the sea to Verdun are those east of
Ypres and south-southwest of Laon.
Field Marshal Haig is hammering at
the one and General Petain is smash-
ing through the other. A German re-
tirement all along the line might re-
sult in surprising eventualities and
there are reports from Germany that
such action is not without the realm
of possibilities.

Italy's armies are fighting against
the massed attacks of the Austro-
Germans along the Isonzo north of
Gorizia. General Cadorna apparently
has checked the Teuton efforts on
the Bainsizza plateau at the southern
end of the line. Near Flitsch, at the
northern end and south of Tolmino
in the center, the Austro-Germans
made gains. South of Tolmino the
Italians were clinging to the eastern
bank of the Isonzo and the Teuton
thrust forced them to cross to the
western bank. Berlin claims the cap-
ture of 10,000 prisoners and much ma-
terial.

The fighting on this front is all on
Austrian territory and the terrain is
very difficult, which should be help-
ful to Cadorna, who has proved him-
self a master of mountain warfare.
Lack of confidence has been voted
in the Italian cabinet by the Cham-
ber of Deputies. The troubles of the
Boselli ministry are apparently from
its handling of the food question and
not from any lack of faith in its abil-
ity to carry on the war on the fight-
ing front. Signor Orlando, a member
of the Boselli cabinet, is mentioned
as the probable new leader of the
Italian government.

The Brazilian Parliament votes to-
day on whether to declare that a state
of war exists with Germany. Presi-
dent Braz also has asked for the pas-
sage of the measures for carrying on
the hostilities. The torpedoing of the
Brazilian steamer Macau brought
matters to a head. Brazil revoked
her attitude of neutrality several
months ago.



THE ONE BEST TIP

THE GREAT LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE ENDS SATURDAY NIGHT

Banks All Over the Country to
Remain Open Until
Late Saturday

MINIMUM IS PASSED, MAXIMUM COMING

Reports Today Tell of Increas-
ing Effort to Secure \$5,
000,000,000 Subscriptions
Before Tomorrow is Gone.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 26.—With the
\$3,000,000,000 minimum of the Liberty
loan exceeded by subscriptions,
Treasury officials announced today
that the drive would be continued
throughout the country today and to-
morrow, in an effort to bring the to-
tal up to \$5,000,000,000.

"From every Federal Reserve Dis-
trict," it was announced, "come re-
ports showing that plans contemplate
making Saturday, the final day of the
drive, the biggest one of all.
Every possible agency for facilitat-
ing the taking of last minute sub-
scriptions will be available.
"Banks in most cities will remain
open, not only during Saturday after-
noon, but also at night. The day's
sale will close only when the last man
who desires a bond has bought it.
"Positive evidence that more than
\$3,200,000,000 already has been sub-
scribed is at hand. The difference be-
tween that figure and the total hoped
for is great, but the determination to
achieve the maximum quota is great-
er."

HEAVY FOG CAUSED WRECK OF TRAINS

(By Associated Press.)
Macon, Ga., Oct. 26.—A dense fog
which prevailed over this entire sec-
tion of the country at an early hour
today was responsible for a side-swip-
ing collision between the Royal Palm,
northbound, and the Kansas City Spe-
cial, southbound, on the Southern
Railway, at Reids station, 10 miles
south of here, on which a negro fire-
man, William Mathews, on the north-
bound train was instantly killed, and
Engineer H. K. Burkey, of Macon, was
seriously injured. None of the pas-
sengers on either train was seriously
hurt.

The southbound train was pulling
into the siding at Reids station when
it was hit by the northbound engine.
Engineer Burkey claims he was lost
in the fog and did not know when he
reached Reids station. Five empty
coaches on the northbound train were
telescoped.

WHAT A \$50 LIBERTY BOND WILL DO FOR FIGHTING BOYS.

Here are some of the things
that the proceeds of a \$50 Lib-
erty loan bond will purchase for
Uncle Sam's fighting forces:
Four months' subsistence for a
soldier in the field.
One hundred pounds of smoke-
less powder.
Complete uniform and outfit for
an enlisted man in the navy.
Eighteen gas masks for 18 sol-
diers at the front in France.
Enough gasoline to drive a sub-
marine destroyer 150 miles.
Thirteen 13-pound shells for de-
stroying submarines.
Four 5-inch shells for the same
purpose.

WATCHMEN JOBS FOR
RETIRED SOLDIERS
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 26.—Men who
have been honorably discharged or re-
tired from the service of the United
States are wanted in the capital as
watchmen in the public buildings. A
register of eligibles is being made up
for service at the new war and navy
buildings now being constructed.
Application for positions should
be made to the superintendent of the
State, War and Navy Department
building, here.

SERIOUS REVERSE FOR ITALIAN ARMY ALONG THE ISONZO

FRENCH MINISTRY GETS WEAK VOTE

Vote of Confidence Carried
Slightly More Than Half of
the Deputies

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Oct. 26.—Premier Painleve's
ministry obtained 346 favorable votes
yesterday obtained only 288 votes,
slightly more than half the votes in
the Chamber of Deputies. The oppo-
sition votes numbered 137, partly
from the Socialists and partly from
the Radical Socialists. The same
groups supplied the hundred members
who abstained from voting.

The vote testified once more to
the hesitation of the Chamber to de-
feat any ministry by a direct vote
during the war. Premier Painleve re-
fused to be drawn into a discussion
of the resignation of M. Ribot, the
former minister. He began his speech
by saying he would put aside ques-
tions of persons and would not be
open to debate in a closed subject.
It was necessary to avoid during a
period of unsettlement. The Premier
spoke chiefly on Alsace-Lorraine.

WILLIAM HERSHEL DIED WEDNESDAY

(By Associated Press.)
London, Oct. 27.—Sir William Jas.
Herschel, discoverer and developer
of the system of identification by fin-
ger prints, died yesterday.

The statement says the northern
(Continued on Page Eight)

Great Teutonic Drive Has Captured 30,000 Men and 300 Guns

CADORNA FORCED BACK INTO ITALY

Northern Wing of Italian
Army Defeated and the
Huns Have Passed Their
Objective—Italy Loses Her
Gains

Italy's armies have met serious re-
verse in the Isonzo battle, losing 30-
000 men, prisoners and 300 guns to
the Austrians and Germans, in their
concentrated attack, according to the
German claim.

Admittedly the Italians have been
forced back to their border line along
one section of the northern Isonzo
front from Montemaggiore to the west
of Buzza, compelling the evacuation
of the Bainsizza plateau.

Thus General Cadorna has through-
out a single hostile stroke lost much of
the fruits of his long months of cam-
paigning against the Austrians.

Apparently the Italian forces, which
so brilliantly fought their way across
the Isonzo below to Tomino last sum-
mer and pushed for the east, had to
make a hurried retreat from the Bains-
izza plateau and back across the riv-
er because of the break in their line
to the north, suffering heavily in the
loss of men and guns at their fall
back.

On Italian Territory.
Berlin, Oct. 26.—(Via London).—
The Austro-Germans in their offensive
on the Isonzo front have captured
more than 30,000 Italians, the German
war office announced today. More
than 300 guns also were taken.

At many places the Germans are
now fighting on Italian territory, the
announcement says.

SECOND PERIOD WILL CLOSE SATURDAY NIGHT

One More Day in Which to Make Yourself Winner of the
\$60 Diamond Ring or One of the More Valuable Prizes—
Miss Mollie Gordon Furnish Big Surprise

her credit in the paper. Mrs. Conery
is one of the steady, every-day kind—
one who does a little each day. In a
voting way, she has been advancing
each day, until today she finds her-
self among the leaders.

The other leaders for today have
all had their names on the "Honor
Roll" before, at different times, al-
though there is a general shifting of
positions.

Never again during the contest will
so many "Club Votes" be given, as
are now being given during the sec-
ond period, which is about to close.
After Saturday each \$15 worth of sub-
scriptions will give 130,000 extra
votes, 10,000 less than during this pe-
riod.

The \$60 Diamond Ring is to be
awarded the candidate who turns in
the largest amount of money for new
subscriptions during the two weeks
ending Saturday night, who does not
win one of the more valuable prizes,
or the first special prize. Only new
business counts for the special prize,
but both old and new subscriptions
are affected by the reduction to be
made on clubs at the close of the sec-
ond period.

If you would be the winner of the
Ring, or if you would be numbered
among the happy ones who will re-
ceive the other prizes, make every
minute of the last day count. With
the right kind of work during the few
hours that remain, you can secure a
reserve vote which will win one of the
big prizes or the special prize. Let
your watchword from now until 9
o'clock tomorrow night be, "Subscrip-
tions, Subscriptions, and Subscrip-
tions." Get as many as you can, ev-
eryone that you can, all that you can.
Do not hold back at this critical time
in the race. Jump in and be a win-
ner. You can if you will.

Wilmington contestants must have
their subscriptions and votes in the
office by 9 o'clock tomorrow night in
order for them to count as this pe-
riod's business, but out-of-town
candidates can mail their subscriptions
any time Saturday and they will re-
ceive credit for this period.

TODAY'S LEADERS.

Mollie Gordon	80,600
Eloise Daniel	80,420
Mrs. A. C. Sessoms	80,180
Sallie Garrell	79,370
Bertha Aillsbrook	79,500
Nettie Lewis	79,360
Mrs. W. J. Conery	78,375
Ruth Teachey	78,360

CASTRO IS ORDERED TO LEAVE TRINIDAD

(By Associated Press.)
Port of Spain, Trinidad, Oct. 26.—
Cipriano Castro, former president of
Venezuela, has been requested by the
government to leave Trinidad. The
General declared his residence here
had no political significance and pro-
tested against being compelled to sail
at this season of the year, but is pre-
paring to depart. He attributes his
expulsion to American intervention.

AMERICAN OFFICERS GREATLY IMPRESSED

(By Associated Press.)
American Training Camp in France,
Thursday, Oct. 25.—(By The Associat-
ed Press).—Major General Sibert, re-
turning from around Soissons, where
he witnessed part of the French of-
fensive on the Aisne front, said that
the French losses had been extremely
small because of the effectiveness of
the artillery preparation. He and the
other American officers were enthusi-
astic over the importance of the
French victory, especially as to the
amount of material and number of
prisoners taken. The American offi-
cers were impressed greatly with the
preponderance of the French artillery
over the German.