## KAISER IS SILENT

Emperor Wilhelm Considers the Inquiry of United States for Several Days.

NO REPLY RECEIVED SO FAR

Chronology of Movement Revealed After Canvass of Officials, Diplomats and Others Directly Concerned in Incident.

WASHINGTON. Sept. 13. - Emperor William has had under consideration for several days, it was learned tonight, an informal inquiry from the United States government as to whether Germany degires to discuss terms of peace with its

Up to a late hour no reply had come, but on its tenor depends to some extent whether or not the informal peace movement inaugurated just a week ago tonight can be pursued further with Great Britain, France and Russia.

The inquiry was not a formal one such as President Wilson's crisinal tender of good offices; but was an effort of an of-Germany's reported willingness to talk peace was based on fact.

The chronology of the beace movement was revealed tonight after a canvass of as follows:

Dines with Speyer.

dined with James Speyer, the banker, at the latter's residence in New York. Oscar Straus, American member of The Hague tribunal and former cubinet officer, was present. During the evening as Secretary Bryan conferred on the general the conversation turned to the subject of situation and, it is understood, deterpeace in Europe the German ambassador mined to await the reply of the German said that while he had no advices from government to the inquiry sent on the his government since leaving Berlin he previous Monday before acknowledging recalled a conversation with the imperial | the two personal messages from Emperor chancellor there in which the latter said William and President Poincare. Should he believed the emperor would be willing the emperor's reply be a favorable one. to discuss measures of peace through the president may take advantage of the

Previous to the ambassador's conver- hope that the atrocities complained of order. sation with the chancellor, Emperor may be ended through the making of William had already acknowledged Prest- | peace. dent Wilson's tender of good offices, but had been noncommittal as to its acceptance. Mr. Straus immediately asked the German ambassador for permission to repeat the conversation to Secretary Bryan. at Washington Count Von Bernstorff

Confers with Brynn. Sunday, Sept. 6.-Mr. Straus arrived in Washington and went to the home of Secretary Bryan where they secretly conferred. The secretary communicated later 2 years old, who was shot while in her with President Wilson. It was decided to mother's arms by a Uhlan, and whose get the German ambassador's consent to funeral 1 attended at Heystopdenberg? forward a report of the incident to Am- How about an old man hung from the bassador Gerard for discussion with the rafters of his home by his hands and German foreign office. In the meantime, roasted by a bonfire built under him? Mr. Straus was advised to talk the situation over with the British and French ambassador here. He saw each

Monday, Sept. 7.-The German ambassador reached Washington and conferred soldiers of all armies, sometimes get out privately with Mr. Bryan. As a result of hand and do things which we never of the conference the secretary cabled would tolerate if we knew it. At Lou Ambarandor Gerard to convey to Emperor vain, for example, I sentenced two sol-William an inquiry from the American diers to twelve years' penal servitude government as to whether he desired to each for assaulting a woman. confirm the statement reported to have been made by him to the imperial chancellor and repeated by the chancellor to "We regretted that as much as anyone

Report the Incident. Copies of the message to Ambassador Gerard were sent by Secretary Bryan to I asked. Ambassacor Page at London and Ambassador Herrick at Paris. Meanwhile troops. We actually found machine guns Mr. Straus had talked with the British in some of the houses." and French ambassadors, both of whom said they could make no definite statement without instructions as they had troops, we will teach them a lasting leaheard nothing from their governments on son. If women and children insist on the subject of peace. They were acquainted by Mr. Straus with what had occurred at the cinner in New York. Both the French and British ambassador reported the incident unofficially to their

respective foreign offices. Tuesday, Sept. 8.-Secretary Bryan told the British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, what had occurred in detail and learned that the ambassador similarly had made inquiry of his government to learn its attitude toward peace.

Cables Ambassador. Wednesday, Sept. B.-Sir Edward Grey

discussed with Ambassador Page the inquiry which the latter had received from Secretary Bryan. On the same day Sir Edward Grey cabled the British ambassador that as Great Britain, France and Russia had in the preceding week agreed not to make peace without common consent, the position of the triple entente was unanimous on the question of terms.

Sir Edward said what the powers irg, "we will think about it." And he from the first tried to avoid war and sides of the question." wanted peace, but before the subject. I have quoted my convaeration with terms would have to be submitted. Great us I can remember it. I have no cominsist that Belgium be fully compensated readers of the World and The Bee to deby Germany for its losses. This informa- cide for themselves just how convincing

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## WEEK'S PEACETALK; Allies' Victory Appears To Be More Complete Says General Joffre

PARIS, Sept. 11.-The following com- ground we have made many prisoners. munication from General Joffre, com- Cur troops show evidences of the intensity mander-in-chief of the French army, was of the struggle and the extraordinary efmade public this afternoon: tempt to restst our vehemence

"The battle of the sant five days has ended in an undenlable victory. The re- has determined the success. Every oftreat of the first, second and third Ger- fiver, submitten and soldier has responded man armies is hastening before our lett to the call. All merit well from the and before center in turn, the fourth Ger- tatherland." man army is commencing to fall back; to the north from Vitry-le-Francols and from Sermaire-Lea-Bains, (in the province of Marno, seventeen miles east has sent a telegram to Alexander Miller of Vitry-le-Francois )"

Take Many Prisoners. However, the enemy has left upon the complete. Everywhere the enemy is in battlefield many wounced and quantities retreat abundaning prisoners, wounded of munitions of war. Also in gaining and stores.

Invaders Must Be Driven Back.

Bryan by the British ambassador.

the use of ourn-dum bullets.

Friday, Sept. 11-President Wilson and

WHY GERMANS IN

BELGIUM DID SO

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counted them. How about a little girl.

Horrible, but "War."

The general seemed taken aback by the

"Such things are horrible, if true," he

said. "Of course, our soldiers, like the

"Apropros to Louvain." I remarked,

"But why did you burn Louvain at all?"

"Because the townspeople fired on our

And smashing his fist down on the

table: "Whenever civilians fire on our

getting in the way of bullets, so much

About the Zeppelins.

of Antwerp by Zeppelina?" I queried.

diers," he answered.

"How do you explain the bombardment

"Zeppelins have orders to drop their

"As a matter of fact." I remarked,

'they destroyed only private houses, in-

one of your excellent cigars today."

no harm by sending no more Zeppelins."

Appeals for Tairness.

did not happen," he replied.

bombs only on fortifications, and sol-

the worse for women and children."

"why did you destroy the library?

exactness of my data.

not save it."

tion was communicated to Secretary are the answers of the German general

and, minister of war saying.

"Our vigorous retaking of the offensive

Rend Victorous News.

BORDEAUX, Sept. 13 - General Joffre,

staff to Eelgian accusations. Before we began our conversation Thursday, Sept. 10.-The French am- neked the general if Donald Thompson. bassador called on Secretary Bryan, and, the World's photographer, might be per-It is understood, discussed the point of mitted to take photographs of the Gerincidentally reported the earnest wish of Thompson whirled away in a military ficial character to determine whether France that there might be peace, but motor car, electoned by an officer who driven the invaders from their territory Kan.

Kansas Man at Work. and Helgium had been compensated, terms of peace could not be negotiated. During They stopped the car beside the road, officials, diplomatists and others directly the afternoon the ambassador's report in a place where the light was good, and concerned in the incident. The story of of his conversation with Sir Edward Grey when Thompson saw approaching a regithe seven days of peace talk, as told by also reached the White House. Great ment or buttery of which he wished a and the more distant suburbs. The road troops. some of the principals, is substantially Britain, according to Ambassador Page, picture, he would tell the officer, wherewas determined to make no peace until upon the officer would blow a whistle German militarism had been crushed, he- and the whole column would halt.

cause of its danger to the world's civiliga-"Just wait a few minutes until the dust Bernstorif, the German ambassador, tion. On the same day came personal settles," Thompson would remark and messages from Emperor William and the Ninth Imperial army corps, whose President Poincare of France concerning columns stretched over the countryside as far as the eye could see, would stand in its tracks until the air was sufficiently clear to get a picture.

Thus far the only photographer who has succeeded in halting the German army is this little photographer from Kansas. A field battery of the Imperial Guard rumbled past and Thompson made some remarks about the accuracy of the American gunners at Vera Cruz.

"Let us show you what our gunners message addressed to him to express a can do," said the officer, and he gave au

Given Him an Exhibition. There were more orders-a perfect vol-

ley of them. A bugle shrilled, eight horses strained against their collars. drivers cracked their whips and a gun left the road and swung into position in an adjacent field. MUCH REAL HARM On a knoll three miles away an ancient

vindmill was beating the air with its huge wings. A shell hit the windmill and tore it into splinters. "Good work," Thompson observed criti-

cally. "If those fellows of yours keep on they'll be able to get a job in the American navy after the war." In all the annuls of modern war I do not believe there is a parallel to this

American war photographer halting, with a peremptory hand, an advancing army, and leisurely photographing a regiment, then having a field gun go into action solely to gratify his curiosity.

#### ALLIES TURN ON GERMANS AT THE TOP OF ADVANCE

fought, their base is very long, and it is now known they have been as wasteful Count Von Bernstorff in private con- else," answered the general. "It caught lives of their men. They have staked all of ammunition as they have been with the on a rapid success, consequently General Pau's achievement in capturing this supply column is as good as the capture of several army corps.

Week of Stendy Fighting. Since Friday last sporadic but hard fighting has been going on in this region, but a concentration from the south last Monday gave the French an opportunity at last. Early on the morning of that day their offensive began, and I think that but for the fact that the German artillery, though well directed, is supplied with many ineffective shells and that the British came up at the last moment, the initial opportunity to round up the German army might have falled, as the French had only light guns, while the Germans had heavy cannon. Though many of the German shells failed to burst, the French at last began to find their position unentable.

nocent civilians and several women. If one of those bombs had dropped 200 yards An officer who went through that ennearer my hotel, I would not be smoking gagement told me frankly that it shook his nerves.

"That is a calamity, which, thank God, German Attack Was Hell. "The German attack was hell," he said, but the French held their ground after "If you feel for my safety as deeply as that, general," I said earnestly, "you their offensive was checked. The Germans devastated the French infantry, can make quite sure of my coming to which advanced only to come upon lines of masked machine guns, which swept down and drove them back for several "Well, Herr Powell," he said, laugh- hundred yards.

The German right artillery then adwanted was no temporary truce, but a continued gravely: "I trust you will tell vanced and wrecked the French line atill permanent peace in Europe so that the the American people, through your great more, but they held it, determined to wait world could be insured against the sudden American papers what I have told you for reinforcements at least until night outbreak of war after Germany had re- today. Let them hear our side of this came. When things were at their worst couped itself. The British foreign secre- atrocity business. It is only justice that the British heavy artillery rolled down tary added, moreover, that England had they should be made familiar with both the field and literally blew the German position to atoms.

That was the beginning of the German could be considered seriously definite General Von Boehn as nearly verbatim retirement. On that night in the northeast the French and British soldiers saw Britain. Sir Edward pointed out, would ments to make. I will leave it to the the flames of the funeral pyres where the Germans were burning their slain. Pollowing the battle of Meux, the Britsh army crossed the River Marne and

> in the direction of Solssons. But all is not over yet. The French center and right center have a terribly hard task, but they are now doing all that French soldiers can to accomplish it, and I believe, too, the Germans have had enough. Their men

must be tired out and sick of their work.

the German right was turned thirty miles

which now seems in danger of coming to nothing. Paris is far away, and their sacrifice must seem to them to be in The French are now taking the offensive, in which they have always shown skill and valor. There will be a terrible battle in the plains south of the Aisne, and we may be very sure that the Germans will fight vallantly to the last, but

#### mined and mean to have their day. Again Bryan-Wilson Diplomat Blows Up

the French and British are not less deter-

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.-State department officials were surprised at dispatches today from Paris to the effect that the newly appointed ambassador, William G. Sharp, had given a published interview, regarded there as indiscreet No word has been received at the depart ment of the interview.

## FRENCH REOCCUPY TWO LOST CITIES

Recover Luneville and Soissons, According to Official Com-

munication at Paris.

Tentons Are Also Reported to Be-Evnenating Southern Part of Province of Alsnee In the East.

RETREAT OF GERMANS STILL ON

commander-in-chief of the French forces, LONDON, Sept. 13.-A Cospatch to the and "beans" bore some resemblance to funds he used American slang. Reuter Telegram company from Paris "Our victory appears more and muce says the French occupied Solssons, Department of Alene, at 6 o clock Satur- Berlin Sends Word

> Retreat Continues. PARIS, Sept. 13.-An official communi-

cation issued tonight says First-On our left wing the general retreat of the Germans continues before the French and British forces who have Second-Likewise in the center the lal communication issued at Berlin: around Nancy. We have reoccupied Meux and Mont Mirail.

from Havre to Paris has been reopened

Evacuating Southern Alsace. MILAN, Italy. Sept. 13 - (Via Paris.)dispatch to the Corrière Della Sera from Basel, Switzerland, says that the Germans are evacuating southern Alsace.

#### Germans Take Two Hundred Thousand

ROTTERDAM (via London), Sept. 13 -dispatch to the Nieuwe Rotterdamiche Courant from Berlin says that the num her of prisoners of war now in Germany In about 200,000. Among these prisoners are 1,830 Russian officers and 91,400 pritwo commanding generals of the French ing the Servian methods of warfare. army, two commanding generals of lesser renk of the Russian army and the Belgian commandant at Liege

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## Censor Thinks Kale and Beans in Message are Proof of Conspiracy From the East to West

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.- "Kale all gone; "bombs" Apparently the censor conwire thirty beans at once," was a mes- cluded that Dr. Becker was implicated in urday, says that the Germans again are same causing the imprisonment in Ger- a plot to blow up the big bridge at Kehl. moving troops from the eastern field of many of Dr. Alexander Secker, instructor. He was kept in a cell for thirty hours. operations to the west. at the manual training high school in Then he was given twelve hours to leave Germany, and fled to Switzerland. Brooklyn, who arrived here today.

Edouard San Giovanni. pleion. "Kale" looked somewhat like not wish them to know his predicament,

The telegram was sent from Sienna, Three weeks later, when Dr. Becker Italy, by Dr. Becker's colleague, Prof. met Prof. San Giovanni in Naples, the When the German centor at Markirch, broke out the bank in Sienna, where he in Alsace, intercepted this message the had deposited all his funds, closed. He strange words evidently aroused his aus- bad friends in the telegraph office and did

latter explained that as soon as the war "Kehl," a town in Baden-on-the-Rhine so when he appealed to Dr. Becker for

## Through the French | To Join Armies With Capital of Retreat

PARIS, Sept. 12-A Havas dispatch reached the lower courses of the Alsne from Bordeaux gives the following offic- Nish, Servia, to the Exchange Telegraph

German armies are retreating. We have The news is received from headquarview of France. Ambassador Herrick co- man army passing. Five minutes later crossed the Marne between Epernay and ters that the army situated east of Paris Servians acting in harmony with the Vitry-le-Francois. On our right wing the and which had advanced across the Marne plans of the Russian general staff, are enemy has in like manner begun today was attacked by a superior force of the perparing to march on Budapest, where pointed out that until the French had attended the army school at Fort Riley, a retiring movement abanding the region enemy proceeding from Paris between they will unite with Russian columns,

> Service on the Northern railway, which in heavy losses on both sides. The French The Servians are leaving the bulk of the was interrupted by the German invasion, troops advanced and our troops retreated, is gradually being resumed between Paris followed by columns of strong French Montenegrins."

"The aituation in the region of the osges remains without change. 'In castern Prussia, fighting has re mmenced.

"The news is received from the army mmanded by the crown prince that the forts south of Verdun have been bombarded since Wednesday by heavy ar-The foregoing is signed by General von

#### Serbs Yield to Give False Information

LONDON, Sept. 13.-The Prague newspaper Bohemia, according to an Amstervates; 440 Belgian officers and 30,200 Bel- dam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph gian privates, and 160 English officers company, publishes an interview with a and 7,250 privates. The captives include badly wounded Austrian captain concern-

prisoners throw hand grenades at the Take Electric Bitters. It gives an appetite, strengthens the digestive organs, lessens the work of liver and kidneys.

Austrians patrols, accompanying them of Sherman anti-trust law, and restricting the use of injunctions in labor disputes. The conference will continue next week, consideration of amendments to the

## Servians Go North Russian Columns

LONDON, Sept. 13 -A dispatch from

company says: "Following their capture of Semlin, the which are advancing westward. This will The battle lasted two days, resulting constitute a menace to the German flank work in the invasion of Bosnia to the

#### GERMAN OFFICERS SUFFER HEAVILY IN THE FIGHTING

ROTTERDAM (Via London), Sept. 13 .-A dispatch from Berlin says that the total losses sustained by the Germans, including the twenty-first casualty list, which has just been published, are given as 6,535 dead, 8,231 seriously wounded and 4,242 slightly wounded.

The number of officers killed and wounded was extremely high. The ratio of the wounded to the dead was about two to one, which is also extreme, the usual rate being five to one. It is not known to what date the list extends

#### Washington Affairs

dam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company, publishes an interview with a badly wounded Austrian captain concerning the Servian methods of warfare.

The Austrian says that many Servians surrendered merely in order to give misleading information to their captors or the commit assassination. Some of the prisoners three hand greenades at the senate amendment relating to the exemption of labor unions from the operation price discrimination tying clause contract and interlocking directorate prohibitions

Germans Move Troops

LONDON, Sept. 13.-A dispatch to

Lloyd's News from Petrograd, dated Sat-

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