

Central Powers Talk Peace While Armies Fall Back

SURRENDER OF FRENCH AND BELGIAN TERRITORY AND NO INDEMNITIES IS NEW OFFER

Berlin Newspaper Declares Germany and Austria-Hungary Are Ready to Proffer Greatly Altered Terms to Allies; Huge Demonstration for Peace Is Held in Vienna.

Amsterdam, Oct. 9.—Germany and Austria-Hungary have agreed to make another peace offer to the allies, the Deutsche Tages Zeitung of Berlin says it learns on good authority.

The offer will have as its basis no territorial aggrandisement, the surrender of Belgium and French territory, the renunciation of positive territorial acquisitions for payments in money and no indemnity on either side.

DEMONSTRATION IN VIENNA.

A dispatch received here from Vienna describes an imposing peace demonstration, which was held by the Christian socialist party in the town hall Sunday. Thousands of persons were present. Prince Alois Lichtenstein, president of the lower Austrian Diet, opened the proceedings by announcing that the meeting had been convened out of gratitude to the pope and the emperor to demand peace by agreement and general disarmament and arbitration as outlined in the recent speech of Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister.

"We offer our hand for an honest peace," said Prince Lichtenstein, "but if it is rejected we shall seize that sword which, as hitherto with God's help, will decide in our favor."

Councillor Kunschok followed with an eloquent speech in the same tenor and was frequently applauded. "We are assembled," said the councillor, "to declare, how warm and glowing are our longings for peace. But the leading men in enemy states must be warned against drawing false conclusion from this admission. We want peace, but not at any price. We demand peace in the name of Europe, which is sinking to exhaustion while her competitors are waxing fat."

Expressing suspicion of President Wilson's demand of a democratized Europe, because America herself is far from real democracy, Councillor Kunschok concluded his address after a tremendous ovation, by praying for blessings on the peace exertions of Pope Benedict and Emperor Charles.

Both French and British Open Big Drive in Flanders

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able and another "strategic retreat" has been predicted. Recent dispatches from the British front, however, told of heavy rains and deep mud, conditions under which ordinarily a renewal of the offensive would not be expected. The decision of the British staff to return to the attack so quickly may indicate a purpose to force a decision before the cold weather sets in or before the Germans have recovered from the last blow, which appeared to have partly demoralized them.

French Aided in July.

A considerable force of French troops took part in the beginning of the Flanders drive on July 31, and in the subsequent fighting that consolidated the ground won by them from a point northeast of Langemarck as far north as Dixmude. This section of the front remained comparatively quiet while the British to the south were renewing their drive last month. Apparently the time is now considered opportune for bringing the line to the north more nearly on the level with the advanced British front. The French attack today extended as far to the north as Houtholst forest, about five miles toward the coast from Bixchoote.

Threaten Menin-Roulers Road.

It has been pointed out that with the salient parts of the Passchendaele-Gheluvelt ridge in their hands, as the result of the success last week, the British were in an admirable position to push further east towards the Menin-Roulers railway line. This invaluable line of communication for the Germans between their bases in southwest Belgium and northern France and their Belgian coast positions are already commanded by the British guns.

The renewed push is in the direction of this line, which before this morning's attack began was about five and one-half miles distant from the point of the British wedge at Broodseinde.

German Morale Shaken.

Numerous indications have been found, according to reports from the Flanders front, that the German morale in this sector had notably deteriorated under the crushing blows of the British and their overwhelming artillery superiority. Lack of the former vigor in the German counter-attack and their comparative infrequency are cited as corroborative of this.

The theory is thus suggested that despite the unfavorable weather conditions, Field Marshal Haig decided to hit the Germans another hard blow while they were still staggering from the effects of their defeat last week and thus shake still further their already precarious hold on western Belgium, possibly to the point where they would be compelled to let go.

Changes Battle Line on Map.

The new offensive opened this morning extends from a point just north of Bassville to within five miles of the Flanders coast. The battle line on the map shows, just the southern portion of section over which the new thrust has been started but gives an idea of the dominating positions secured by the British who now hold practically all of the Ghelvelt-Nieuwmalen ridge. The objective of the persistent ham-

Pershing and Bliss Are Made Generals by Wilson's Signature



GEN. PERSHING GEN. BLISS.

Washington, Oct. 9.—President Wilson today signed commissions as generals for Major General Tasker H. Bliss, army chief of staff, and Major General John J. Pershing, commanding the American forces in France.

Though they have equal rank, General Bliss takes precedence by virtue of his position as the directing head of the entire army organization.

Congress revived the rank of general for the period of the war, largely in order to avoid embarrassment to General Pershing in dealing with officers of higher rank commanding the allied armies on the western front. The new grades carry a salary of

\$10,000 a year, an increase of \$2,000 over the pay of major general.

The grade of lieutenant general also was revived by congress, the rank to be given commanders of army corps, but it was stated authoritatively at the War department today that there is no intention of creating any lieutenant generals or army corps in the United States at this time as the divisional training system will be continued.

The name of Major General Sibert was mentioned today as the most likely candidate for the first commission as lieutenant general when an army corps is organized in France, as he commanded the first troops sent to Europe.

KEET RELATES FINDING BABY'S BODY IN A WELL

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where the parents of the Keet baby were attending a ball, and that the driver of one of the cars inquired of the groundkeeper as to the presence of Keet. On being ordered off the premises the two cars drove to within a block of the Keet residence, which was nearby, and stopped. The groundkeeper would testify, O'Day declared, that the man who drove one of the cars was Piersol.

"Piersol wrote all the letters received by Keet, the father of the kid-

napped baby, as will be proved by experts in handwriting. If we prove this state of facts, we will expect a verdict of guilty," the prosecutor concluded.

Mrs. Keet's two nurses, who were asleep in the room from which little Lloyd was abducted, will follow Mr. Keet on the witness stand.

Enemy Trading Bill Is Taken Up by Cabinet

Washington, Oct. 9.—Administration of the trading with the enemy law was one of the principal subjects for consideration at today's cabinet meeting, and indications were that the president's proclamation distributing authority under the act among various government departments might not be issued for several days.

DRAMATIC SCENES MARK PASSING OF THE DANDY SIXTH

Volunteers Weep as Col. Phil Hall Bids Farewell to His Command; Indians Hold Dance.

By a MACHINE GUN MAN.

Camp Cody, Deming, N. M., Oct. 1.—(Special).—In the hearts of the men from Nebraska there will always be cherished memories of the last few days.

Proud as they were when they marched away from the dear old state, happy because of the standing of their regiment, each man a volunteer, going willingly to the greatest call to duty the world ever has known—greater than the ties of home and family, greater than business, greater in fact than anything except his obligation to his Maker—they had more reason to be proud tonight than ever for tonight marked the passing of the "Dandy Sixth."

To describe the occasion is beyond human ability. The master pens or the most eloquent speakers could not

put into words the feeling, the heart-ache, the sentiment and the wonderful display of comradeship that was manifested.

Men Choke with Emotion.

Something that grips a man's heart, that makes him choke in his throat and makes him forget all the little and mean things of life was here.

The wonderful moon, its beams flooding the camp with a radiance of silvery light, has never looked on a similar scene. The sandy plains of New Mexico will never see another like it.

For days rumors flew thick and fast. At last the orders came. We knew what had happened. The Sixth Nebraska was to be no more. The whole camp was to be turned upside down. Not only were the Nebraska regiments divided, but those from Minnesota, Iowa, and South Dakota as well.

All day arrangements were being made for the reorganization. The very air seemed charged with it and tonight one of the most peculiar and wonderful demonstrations, ever witnessed took place.

Colonel Hall's Farewell.

At 4:30 this afternoon the regiment was called to the parade ground and formed in companies around Colonel Phil Hall. With intense feeling he told of the forming of the regiment and the troubles and joys of its creation. He spoke of the willingness of the officers and men, of their loyalty and dependability. He told of the work and the training they had received; how they came south and made their camp a credit to the state, and now when the necessities of war

had changed the plan of procedure, how they all bore it like true soldiers, each accepting his new work and position with the determination to do his utmost.

As Colonel Hall expressed his sorrow at leaving his command there were few dry eyes among the 2,000 men about him. They couldn't help it. Our "Dandy Sixth" was passing and our colonel was saying his farewell.

As he concluded his speech cheer after cheer burst from the men. There seemed no limit to the applause. Then they marched silently to quarters for retreat and mess.

After mess the restlessness that had held the camp all day drew us from our tents. The hands, as if prearranged, began to play. As if prearranged the Indians of the regiment came forth in their war paint. A great fire was lighted on the parade grounds and as the flames leaped heavenward the red men chanted the songs of their fathers.

To Fight in France.

This company is the envy of the brigade. Men from the other companies have tried every way imaginable to get transferred to it.

However, there is more than luck in the reorganization. A well-founded rumor has gone through the camp that we may soon go to France. In fact, the major said that our move to section one was but temporary and within a month there was a possibility of the officers and men, of their loyalty and dependability. He told of the work and the training they had received; how they came south and made their camp a credit to the state, and now when the necessities of war

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