

Germany declares itself ready to comply with the propositions of the president of the United States with respect to the evacuation of occupied territories and in this associates itself with Austria. Dr. W. S. Solf, the newly appointed foreign secretary, in replying to President Wilson's recent note, accepts the terms laid down by President Wilson in his recent addresses "on the foundation of a permanent peace of justice." Future discussions, the reply asserts, would be for the purpose of agreeing upon the application of these terms. The present German government, it is further announced, assumes the responsibility for this step towards peace and has the support of the great majority of the reichstag. The imperial chancellor, declares the note, speaks in the name of the German government and of the German people. The president of the United States, it is suggested, may occasion a meeting of a mixed commission to make arrangements for the evacuation.

Should President Wilson finally decide that there is enough sincerity in Germany's proposition to transmit it to the allies, as the German chancellor requested, it should be borne in mind that Great Britain, France and the other entente nations must be taken into consideration for decision as to whether an armistice should be granted or whether discussions should be undertaken to carry out the details of the application of President Wilson's peace terms.



BULLETIN.

London, Oct. 12 .- British forces advancing east of Lens have captured the villages of Montigny, Harnes and Annay, Field Marshal Haig reports in his official statement tonight. The German rear guards suffered severe casualties. Northwest of Le Caleau the villages of St. Vaast, St. Aubert, Villers-en-Cauchies and Avesnes-Le-Sec have been cleared of the German rear guards, while on the west bank of the Sensee canal, Arlieu and Corbehem have fallen into the British hands.



Billyum's Busted Bubble!

GERMANY ACCEPTS PEACE TERMS OF U. S. PRESIDENT

Text of German Reply Made Agrees to Evacuate Invaded

Washington, Oct. 12 .- Following is the text of the German reply to President Wilson's note in answer to Germany's proposal for an armistice and peace negotiations: The text of the note follows:

"In reply to the questions of the president of the United States of America the German government hereby declares:

The German government has accepted the terms laid down by President Wilson in his address of January 8, and in his subsequent addresses on the foundation of a permanent peace of justice. Consequently, its object in entering into discussions would be only to agree upon practical details of the application of these terms.

"The German government believes that the governments of the powers associated with the government of osition taken by rre dent Wilson in his address. The German government. in accordance with the Austro-Hungarian government, for the purpose of bringing about an armistice, declares itself ready to comply with the proposition of the president in regard to evacuation. 'The German government suggests that the president may occasion the meeting of a mixed commission for making the necessary arrangements concerning the evacuation. The present German government, which has udertaken the responsibility for this step towards peace, has been formed by conferences and in agreement with the great majority of the Reichstag. The chancellor, supported in all of his actions by the will of this majority, speaks in the name of the German government and of the German people. "Berlin, Oct. 12, 1918. (Signed.) "SOLF. "State Secretary of Foreign Office."

To President Wilson's Note Territory as Prerequisite to Armistice; Government Claims to Represent People

> BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. Washington, Oct. 12.-Germany's reply to President Wilson's inquiry, intercepted as it was being sent by the great wireless towers at Nauen and forwarded here tonight in an official dispatch from France, declares Germany is ready to accept President Wilson's peace terms and evacuate the invaded territory as a prerequisite to an armistice and that the bid for peace represents the German people as well as

French /Headquarters in France, Oct. 12.—(Reuters.)—The Germans are rapidly falling back on the Champagne front from Laon to the Argonne. Sixty miles of this front is a sea of smoke and flame and every town and village for miles behind the enemy's lines is burning. Vouziers, which was reported taken this morning by the allies, is blazing from end to end and the whole country seems ablaze.

By The Associated Press.

The Anglo-American forces on the southerly side of the great wedge that has been thrust into the enemy lines southeast of Valenciennes are halting momentarily before an extemporized German defense line running from Valenciennes to the Oise. Both to the north and south of this area, however, the Germans are

Germany's Reply Means Unconditional Surrender, Says Secretary McAdoo Chicago, Oct. 12 .- The text of Germany's reply to President Wilson's inquiry was communicated by the Associated Press tonight to William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, just before he deliv-

ered a Liberty loan address at a crowded mass meeting. Mr. Mc-Adoo told the audience the text of the reply and added: "What this government de-

mands, based on President Wilson's speecehs, is unconditional surrender, and if the text of this



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by Slump.

in a prison camp.

How much have the big Omaha Just a few pairs of children's little grain men made or lost in the recent shoes will keep one young girl in spectacular decline in corn prices? school this winter and give a hard-This question is a subject of lively working man a chance to draw the gossip at the Grain Exchange. first long breath of relief he has One report has it that Al Kinsler known in many weeks. Last week was in on the right side of the the child in question called on Miss market for a clean-up of somewhere Mary Foster of the Vocational near \$500,000 and that George A. Guidance bureau for a permit to Roberts and Nels Updike were work. She was not nearly 14 years caught in the drop to the tune of old and the law forbids permits/to \$750,000 and \$250,000 respectively children under that age, so Miss Fos-Further gossip has it that these ter sent her to Truant Officer Carlosses have been largely offset by ver.

later unloading and selling short. "Why are not you in school?" he Roberts is repordted to have cleaned asked.

up \$2,000,000 in these operations And this was her story. She is the since the war began, while Updike's third oldest of a family of 10 chilprofit account is put even higher for dren. Her father is a sober and in that period. So no one is headed dustrious man who does his best to for the poor house. Kinsler, on the take care of his family. The oldest other hand, is supposed to have been boy is at work. The oldest girl has on the losing as often as on the winbeen at work, but is now ill and the ning side.

cost of her care in the hospital is Dope on the Trading. added to the load on the father's "No, I can't tell you much about shoulders. To keep the younger it that can be corroborated, but there children in school, this little girl is no question that a lot of money is the only one who by working was made and lost by our Omaha could add a mite to the family in plungers during the last few weeks,'

Looks Into Store.

Ice Fund.

Wilson First Receives Text of German Reply From Associated Press from him.

New York, Oct. 12 .- The text Germany's reply to President Wilson's inquiries was communicated by the Associated Press to the president tonight at the Metropolitan opera house, where he had gone to attend a concert for the benefit of blinded Italian soldiers. Secretary Tumulty said Mr. Wilson had not previously seen the text and that he would make no comment.

KAISER PERHAPS WILSON LEADS ALREADY SHORN LIBERTY DAY **OF GREAT POWER** PARADE IN N.

Become of Emperor

William.

the military monarchs.

rom bad to worse.

Miss Shaw Dies on Way

Phrase in German Note Gives Receives Greatest Ovation **Rise to Inquiry What Has** Ever Given to a Presi-

dent of the United States.

Zurich, Switzerland, Oct. 12 .--By Associated Press. In an extraordinary outspoken New York, Oct. 12-President article, the Franklische Tagespost, Wilson, commander-in-chief of the the Nurenburg socialist organ, American army and navy, marched flatly demands the abdication of the today at the head of the American German emperor. It declares that forces in the Columbus-Liberty Day the responsibility for the present parade, one of the most impressive situation rests upon him and says that as the military system is about and inspiring spectacles New York to collapse, he must be the last of has ever seen.

Under a canopy formed by the Washington, Oct. 12 .- One of the flags of the 22 nations arrayed closing phrases of the German note, against autocracy and with squadwhich declares that the present Gerrons of American airplanes hovering man government has been formed overhead, the president strode with by conferences in agreement with 25,000 fighting men from five conthe great majority of the reichstag tingents and islands in every sea and that the chancellor "speaks in over the entire three-mile line of the name of the German governmarch along the "avenue of the ment and of the German people," Then, at the foot of Fift allies." was regarded as being susceptible avenue, beside the Washington arch to almost unlimited speculation. he took his place in an automobil What has become of the kaiser and reviewed the long column. was the question asked on every The spectators, whose numbers hand as that phrase was read. The the police estimated at more than

world knows very little of what a million, never ceased cheering. Ovation Unparalleled.

ing the last few months when with From the minute they caugh armies steadily beaten at the front sight of the shining silk hat which things at home have been going proclaimed the approach of the nation's chief executive until they lost It was regarded as not without the realm of possibilities that the sight of it in the distance, the men great power of the kaiser, which and women who lined the avenue brought on the war, has been taken breath. It seemed as if the city

had gone mad.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 12.-Miss ever received, men threw their hats leader. Erma Lovisa Shaw, daughter of into the air and yelled themselves cablegram from Falmouth, England, | march.

the government.

Although on its face the text of the German note seems to be a complete acceptance of President Wilson's terms the people of the United States and the allied countries should be cautioned against accepting it as such a compliance with the president's demands as will mean immediate cessation of hostilities.

MAY NOT END THE WAR.

As President Wilson was in New York tonight and reserved comment on the note, his views cannot be stated now and none of his official family here in Washington cared to speak for him.

Without any attempt to discover what appeared to be, at a casual reading, an acceptance of the terms the president has laid down, officials here were very positive as to not accepting the German note as a document, which means the end of the war. It needs to be examined and fully considered before the views of the American government can be stated.

The greatest danger facing the people of the United States, officials said here tonight, was that they might hastily consider Germany's proposition as the unconditional surrender which the co-belligerents demanded and relax their effiorts to continue the victories at arms and carry over the fourth Liberty loan. On every side, in official quarters, it was stated that this view of the situation could not be placed before the public too strongly.

OFFICIAL COMMENT WITHHELD.

Conceding that possibly the proposal for an armisticol might be accepted and that the German acceptance of President Wilson's peace terms might be satisfactory the question, in the opinion of officials and diplomats here, would center in "who is the present German government."

If the present German government is the government of Hohenzollern there seems no doubt here that the German reply will be unacceptable.

The official text of the German note had not been received at a late hour tonight. It was announced there would be no official comment at least until it arrived.

MADE PUBLIC IN LONDON.

London, Oct. 12 .- The reply of the German government to President Wilson's note was forwarded to Washington at noon today. The text was made public here this evening.

In brief Germany accepts the terms laid down by President Wilson for the foundation of a permanent peace of justice. It declares itself ready to comply with the president's proposals for the evacuation of occupied territory.

It suggests that the president may occasion a meeting of a mixed commission to make arrangements for the evacuation, and says that the present government, which has the support of the majority of the Reichstag, has undertaken responsibility for this step towards peace.

(President Wilson's 14 terms of peace as outlined beand sought a vantage point on every house top hardly paused for fore congress January 8 are given on page 2.)

tically and embraced strange men by motor trucks and tractors, great In according Mr. Wilson what in an exuberance of joy, while smail guns wrested from the Germans To France as Red Cross Nurse probably was the greatest ovation boys broke through the police lines ing "force to the utmost." It was a stern procession, typify-

"It was the second time the presi-During the president's march a man broke through the police lines Leslie M. Shaw, former secretary of hoarse, while babies were hoisted on dent had marched in a parade down and attempted to shake hands with the treasury, died yesterday of pneu-monia, while en route to France as might teil, in the years hence, of the last Red Cross campaign he the man and took him to a police a Red Cross nurse, according to a the day they saw the president headed a great army of mercy, while station, where he was held for the cablegram from Falmouth, England, march. received here today by her parents. Women clapped their hands fran-ing men and behind them, dragged intentions were harmlesa

"I investigated her story," said Mr. Carver, "and found it absolutely true. The family have always been self-supporting and are too proud to ask for charity, even in this has been going on in Germany duremergency. Shoes and stockings are the most expensive things and the Continued on Page Eight, Column Two.

With the Anglo-American Forces

pression that an armistice had been It is evidence that the "peace talk" is having its effect in the German army as many of the enemy are surrendering who otherwise might Many of the German officers who have been taken prisoner had their effects all packed ready for a stay

Germans Surrender, Thinking Armistice Had Been Arranged

said a well-informed grain man. "Just remember that when the Sep-Continued on Page Eight, Column One.