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THE WEATHER:

For Nebraska—Fair Monday and Tuesday, warmer in east portion Monday.

Hourly Temperatures table with columns for Day, Hour, and Temperature.

800 PERISH IN FOREST FIRES; LAON CAPTURED BY FRENCH

Too Tall for Soldier. Wiggins, Miss., Oct. 13.—"Longest" is no misnomer in the case of Prof. H. P. Longest, principal of the Magnolia Consolidated school, near here.

Entire Town Sold. London, Oct. 13.—A whole town of 2,500 inhabitants, with a recorded history dating back to the time of the Saxons and Danes, Shaftesbury, in Dorsetshire, has been sold.

Sends Wilson Rare Book. Florence, Italy, Oct. 13.—Postmaster General Tordi of Florence who is a collector of ancient books, has sent to President Wilson a rare edition of the life of Christopher Columbus.

Profiteering in Wine. Paris, Oct. 13.—In the department of the Seine and Oise the authorities have fixed the price of ordinary wine with a view to preventing soldiers from being the victims of exploiters who have been making them pay fancy prices.

Candy for the Bees. London, Oct. 13.—Owing to the unfavorable season in certain districts, many stocks of bees are weak and very short of food.

THREE BILLION MUST BE RAISED IN NEXT SIX DAYS. German Peace Talk and Spanish Influenza Will Not Be Permitted to Defeat Loan Plans.

Washington, Oct. 13.—German peace talk and Spanish influenza, the two great obstacles encountered in the fourth Liberty loan campaign, will not be permitted to defeat plans for obtaining more than the \$6,000,000,000, although half of that amount must be raised in the next six days.

Reports from all parts of the country tonight indicated that the American people were fully aroused to the danger of failure through belief that Germany's offer to agree to President Wilson's terms meant an early end of the war.

From scattering official returns received here today on subscriptions taken shortly after noon yesterday, the treasury announced approximately \$2,500,000,000 had been subscribed through incorporated banks and trust companies.

Thousands of new volunteers will begin work in every district tomorrow and there was a hopeful feeling at headquarters that the country would go over the top.

CLOQUET AND NINE OTHER MINNESOTA TOWNS WIPED OUT

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 13.—With probably 800 persons dead, thousands homeless and without clothing, and with property damage mounting far into millions of dollars, whole sections of northern Wisconsin and Minnesota timber land tonight are smouldering, fire-stricken areas, with only the charred ruins of abandoned, depopulated towns to accentuate the general desolation.

The bodies of 196 victims lie in Duluth morgues. Hundreds more, along the roads leading to Duluth and Superior, lay where they fell when overtaken by the fire.

Twelve thousand homeless and penniless refugees all in need more or less, of medical attention are quartered in hospitals, churches, schools, private homes, and in the armory here, while doctors and nurses sent from surrounding communities attend to them, and nearly every able-bodied man in the city has been conscripted to fight the flames which now are reported to be dying away.

150 LIVES LOST IN PORTO RICO EARTHQUAKES. Fatalities and Heavy Damage Reported in All Parts of Island; Tidal Wave Adds to Horror.

San Juan, P. I., Saturday, Oct. 12.—One hundred and fifty lives were lost in yesterday's earthquake in Porto Rico, it was estimated by Governor Yager today. Almost every town in the islands reports damaged property and scattering fatalities.

There are unconfirmed reports here of great damage in Santo Domingo from the earthquake. Reports from the interior are coming in slowly because of broken communications. A slight additional shock was felt at 4 o'clock this morning and the people are fearful of a repetition of the experiences of 1869 when a series of earthquakes extended over a period of several weeks.

HOW TO INTERPRET GERMANY'S PEACE PROPOSALS EXPLAINED. Any Agreement Made With the Imperial Chancellor Is Made With the Beast of Berlin and None Other.

By LYSLE I. ABBOTT. PRESIDENT WILSON has representation in that body vast out of proportion to their actual voting power.

President Wilson to Reply Quickly to German Note

Great Britain, France and Italy Have Agreed Already on Line of Action; Indications are There Will Be No Armistice.

Washington, Oct. 13.—The government asks the American people to withhold their judgment on Germany's note until President Wilson has received the official communication and has had opportunity to consider it.

MUST PUNISH HUNS' CRIMES, SAY BRITONS. Sinking of Steamer Leinster Blow to Feeling in England for Peace of Reconciliation.

London, Oct. 13.—The sinking of the steamer Leinster gave a stunning blow to whatever feeling existed in England for a peace of reconciliation. The affair caused more indignation than any submarine exploit since the sinking of the Lusitania.

Ally Agreement. If he puts the proposition before the entente it undoubtedly will draw a quick reply. Dispatches last night from London quoting the London Express as announcing that the British, French and Italian governments had reached an unanimous decision for a line of common action were regarded as being deeply significant.

Three Injured When Two Interurban Cars Meet in Collision. In a head-on collision near Childs Point Sunday at noon, in which interurban car No. 1, on the Port Crook line, southbound, crashed into car No. 3, northbound, three passengers were injured.

Body of Grace Smith is Cremated, No Funeral Here. The body of Miss Grace Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crittenden Smith, was cremated in Philadelphia.

Prince Saves Drowning Man. Seattle, Oct. 13.—Prince Axel of Denmark went fishing today in Lake Cram, near here. Besides getting a basket of fish, the prince jumped into the water and pulled out Raymond Frazier, a Seattle banker, a member of the party, who had slipped off a floating log.

Dons Decide to Seize German Ships to Make Spain's Losses in War. Paris, Oct. 13.—Spain, according to advices received by Temps from the Spanish frontier, has decided to seize German ships in her ports to the extent of 15,000 tons, in indemnification of Spanish shipping losses.

GERMAN RETREAT CONTINUES ALONG SIXTY-MILE FRONT

Cracking of Lines From St. Gobain to the Argonne Necessitates Enemy's Retirement to Depth of 30 Miles; British Troops Now Within Ten Hundred Yards of Douai.

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, Oct. 13.—The German stronghold of La Fere, together with a great part of the St. Gobain massif of which La Fere was a northerly outpost at the Oise, has been captured by the French, today's official war office statement announces.

With the French Army in France, Oct. 13.—Laon, the last of the group of natural obstacles forming the keystone of the German defense in France, has been taken without a fight. The La Fere-Laon railway line has been crossed on the high ground between Danizy and Versigny, about 2 1/2 miles east of La Fere.

BRITISH AT GATES OF DOUAI. London, Oct. 13.—The German retreat along the western front continued Sunday in an orderly manner. There are no signs yet of a general debacle.

AMERICANS REACH OBJECTIVES. With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Saturday, Oct. 12.—(10:30 P. M.)—"The American troops on both sides of the Meuse have obtained their objectives," was the official characterization tonight of the day's operations.

ALLIES OCCUPY SERBIAN CAPITAL. Berlin, Via London, Oct. 13.—Nish, the capital of Serbia, has been occupied by entente forces, the War office announced today.

Roosevelt Expresses Hope That President Will Stop Negotiations. Oyster Bay, N. Y., Oct. 13.—Theodore Roosevelt dictated a statement at his home here tonight in which he said: "I regret greatly that President Wilson has entered into these negotiations and I trust that they will be stopped."

Hope of Page's Recovery Given by His Physician. New York, Oct. 13.—Walter Hines Page, retiring ambassador to Great Britain, who arrived here yesterday from England suffering from a serious attack of heart disease, is recovering comfortably in a hospital and there is "no apparent reason why he should not get well," according to a statement by Dr. Samuel W. Lambert, his physician.

"Unconditional Surrender" Demanded by Senator Lodge. Washington, Oct. 13.—Acceptance in any degree of the reply to President Wilson's note means the loss of the war for the allies, Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, minority leader and ranking republican of the foreign relations committee of the senate, declared tonight. The senate republican leader demanded an unconditional surrender or the allies would be left to humiliating defeat by a peace of bargain and compromise.