

WILSON REPLY IS GIVEN APPROVAL BY LONDON PRESS

Newspapers Particularly Pleased With Condition Demanding Guarantees for Maintaining Present Military Supremacy of Allies. Washington Officials Believe Note Will Stop Efforts for Negotiated Peace.

BULLETIN.

London, Oct. 15.—The text of President Wilson's reply to the German peace offer, received through press channels, was placed in the hands of the members of the British government early this morning. The council met shortly after 11 o'clock to consider the president's response.

The German atrocity must go is the heading placed over President Wilson's reply to the German peace note by the liberal Star, which, like most of the liberal newspapers, considers this one of the first conditions of peace with the central powers.

A condition in the reply which is given great display by the newspapers is that which asks for guarantees for the maintenance of the present military supremacy of the allied armies.

Satisfaction also is expressed with President Wilson's reference to the continued sinkings by German submarines and the "wanton destruction" in occupied territory, while his decision that the conditions of an armistice must be left to the military advisers of the entente appears to agree with the phrase so often quoted in the newspapers during the last few days—"leave it to Foch."

Ends Armistice Talk.

Washington, Oct. 15.—President Wilson's reply to Germany, ending talk of an armistice until the Germans are ready to surrender and finally closing the door to peace negotiations with kaiserism, was on the cables today, if it actually had not arrived at Berlin. Only a few hours should be required for its delivery at Berlin through the Swiss foreign office.

The feeling is apparent in Washington that the atmosphere is clearer than before Prince Maximilian came forward with his peace drive; that the purposes of the United States and the allies are more than ever clearly stated and that the powers in Berlin and the German people now must see the futility of further attempts to avert defeat by compromise.

Turkey Out Soon.

So far the president has dealt only with the proposal of the German government, leaving unanswered similar pleas for peace from Austria-Hungary and Turkey. There is no indication that these allies of Germany will hear from him until the dominant factor in the alliance makes another move, unless one or both of them in the meantime should plead an unwillingness to surrender independent of Germany. Turkey already virtually is out of the war and a separate appeal from the reorganized government at Constantinople is looked for momentarily.

Number of "Flu" Cases Grows All Over Land, With Many Fatalities

New York, Oct. 15.—With the number of new influenza cases on the increase in this city, Health Commissioner Copeland announced tonight that he had called for tomorrow a meeting of 100 social welfare organizations to prepare plans for carrying relief work into the homes to prevent further overcrowding of hospitals.

Announcement was made at police headquarters, by order of the chief surgeon of the department, about 10,000 members of the force will don gauze masks when they sleep in the dormitories at the various police stations.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 15.—In the 48 hours ending at 9 a. m. today, 2,174 new cases of influenza and 689 new cases of pneumonia were reported in Chicago. During the same period there were 216 deaths from influenza and 202 from pneumonia.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 14.—Every public parochial and private school in the city and all public libraries and art museums will close for an indefinite period tomorrow under an order issued today by City Health Commissioner Rockwood, in view of the increasing spread of the Spanish influenza epidemic here.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 15.—Cities and towns throughout southern California with few exceptions, have followed the example of Los Angeles, in closing schools, churches and theaters and forbidding the holding of public gatherings as a measure to prevent the spread of influenza.

March aviation field, near Riverside, was placed under quarantine today.

Scandinavians Fearful of Red Terror in Russia

Stockholm, Oct. 15.—Much uneasiness prevails in the Scandinavian countries as to the probable effect of the evacuation of the Russian territory occupied by Austro-Hungarians, Germans and especially of the possible evacuation of Finland and the Baltic provinces, where neutrals fear a resumption of the red terror and a renewal of the struggle between the white and red Russians, which will further threaten Scandinavian interests and upset the shipping situation in the Baltic.

The dread of bolshevism in Scandinavia has been intensified by the recent action of the bolshevik commune at Petrograd, which ordered that neutral flags and seals be taken from all neutral properties except consulates and consulates and destroyed that neutral officials might protect the property of their own men, much less that of citizens of other countries.

ALLIES ENDORSE WILSON'S REPLY TO GERMAN NOTE

No Statement of Terms to Be Imposed Likely to Be Made Before an Armistice.

London, Oct. 15.—Andrew Bonar Law, government spokesman in the House of Commons, made the announcement in Parliament today that it would be very unwise for any of the allied governments to make any statement on the terms to be imposed on Germany before an armistice was granted.

Winston Spencer Churchill, British minister of munitions, in a speech at Manchester today said that President Wilson's stern and formidable answer to Germany is wholeheartedly endorsed by all the allied countries. The answer, Mr. Churchill declared, has tended to prolong the conflict, but there would be no relaxation of the allied war efforts.

The London evening newspaper comment on President Wilson's reply to Germany is generally favorable in tone. The Standard says that the note "has removed certain false impressions" but regrets that the president did not refer to punishment for U-boat crimes and the burning of towns.

The Daily Mail Gazette says President Wilson's reply "reaches his highest standards of point and promptness."

"Foch, Haig and Pershing," the Globe asserts, "will determine in concert the guarantees they must have in mind before granting a cessation of hostilities."

On the question of an armistice, the Manchester Guardian suggests as security the temporary occupation of Essen, the evacuation of the whole of Alsace-Lorraine and the surrender of the German U-boat fleet.

Reply Pleading to French.

Paris, Oct. 15.—President Wilson's reply to Germany was given to the public in extra editions of the afternoon papers published at noon today. It immediately became the absorbing topic of discussion in all public places. The tone of the sentiment was distinctly favorable to the reply, the prevailing note being one of jubilation.

The president's firm position against an armistice without guarantees particularly appealed to prevailing French opinion.

Germans in Dismay.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Swiss dispatches today say the German newspapers are now showing a confusion equal to that which they showed in the interval between the proposal of Prince Maximilian and President Wilson's message of inquiry. Some of them are quoted as follows:

The Frankfort Zeitung: "Evidently if the negotiations cannot be carried out we can still turn back to arms and in desperate combats defend German territory, but we must have no illusions in this respect. At the most important time of her history Germany feels the lack of that very energetic military help, which, according to ancient beliefs, stands for right. However terrible this disillusion may be for the German people, brought up among military display, humanity will benefit by it if President Wilson is able to establish a real and just justice."

The Norgan Post: "The army high command believes too that the continuation of war in the present circumstances will bring no good result."

The Neue Landes Zeitung, organ of the chancellor's party: "President Wilson and the entente are mistaken if they think that war was not made with the whole German people in agreement."

250,000 Refugees Trying To Escape Into Holland

Washington, Oct. 15.—Two hundred and fifty thousand refugees are making their way from Lille, Roubaix and other Belgian towns near the front lines to the Dutch frontier in an endeavor to escape into Holland. Messages received today by the commission for relief in Belgium said arrangements had been made for food, clothing and shelter upon their arrival at the frontier.

Should the Germans in retreating from Belgium seize the internal food supply, consisting of crops now ready for harvest and the few remaining dairy cattle, the situation, the message said, would be serious. To meet such a possibility, the relief commission has shipped 180,000 tons of foodstuffs to Rotterdam in the last month.

Germans Do Not Plan for Complete Surrender

Amsterdam, Oct. 15.—The Cologne Gazette of Saturday, referring to the suggested evacuation of German occupied territories, gives testimony as to what such action means to Germany. The newspaper says:

"What are Siegfried positions and towns and villages? The main thing is that the German front maintain continuity. Even though confiding in President Wilson's love of peace, we consent to the evacuation of occupied regions then our battle-prepared army, our intact fleet and our strong nation at home guarantee that the German people cannot be forced into unconditional surrender."

Italians Capture Albanian Port of Durazzo From Huns

Washington, Oct. 15.—Capture of the Albanian port of Durazzo by Italian and British naval forces was reported today in an official dispatch from Rome. The city was occupied and many prisoners and quantities of war supplies taken.

The message also told of further advances by the Italian columns driving the enemy out of Albania and the occupation of several important points.

Kaiser Will Keep Up Fight Say German War Leaders

Washington, Oct. 15.—Even before President Wilson's decision had been announced, rumors were current of the probable retirement of Prince Maximilian, and these were followed by reports that Scheidemann might take his place as chancellor. Such a development would be regarded as important only as an index to the leaves working in Germany. It was made very clear again today that President Wilson's opinion is that it matters little who is the German chancellor so long as the chancellor and the government are answerable to the kaiser.

Some observers here think the Germans will make any sacrifice rather than go through another winter of war at or within their borders, and that the next move in Berlin may come more quickly than is generally expected.

Military officials here, however, are almost untidely of the opinion that Germany has not yet been brought to the point where it will seek an armistice on the terms laid down. On the contrary, they think the military elements still in control will hold up the president's communication to the German people as proof of their contention that their enemies are determined to bring about destruction of the nation and do not desire any peace short of that. Then they will continue the retreat of their armies on the western front in the hope that an early winter will find them behind shorter and very much more powerful lines of defense, close to the German border, but still on its enemy's soil.

ADVANCE TROOPS DRIVE SIX MILES AMERICAN BLOW BEATS BACK HUNS

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ried advance, now is only three miles from the important railway junction of Courtrai. Once the allies master the line Wervic-Menin-Courtrai, which probably will be only a matter of a few hours, the German situation at Lille will be most perilous and that at Ghent not much better.

The French capture of Roulers is a serious loss to the Germans. Although the Belgian railway system is dense enough to provide alternative routes to a certain extent the allied entrance into Roulers on the first day of the offensive is bound to affect the German communication system most unfavorably.

Summing up the situation on the British front the Echo de Paris says that Douai virtually has been taken, that Valenciennes is threatened and Denain only a few kilometers distant.

To give an idea of the German losses in Champagne the Petit Parisien quotes the evidence of an enemy prisoner who said that the 406th infantry regiment while engaged in battle on October 1 was decimated. The companies in two battalions, according to the prisoner were reduced to 30 men and two other supporting battalions suffered heavily from artillery and airplanes.

Despite these losses the prisoner said the regiment was ordered to counter-attack.

The French troops north of Laon and in the Champagne have made further important advances against the Germans, according to the official communication issued tonight. The Grand Pre-Vouliers road in Champagne west of Grand Pre is now in the hands of the French. Eight hundred prisoners were taken in the day's fighting.

Burton Chosen Head of Indiana Standard Oil

Chicago, Oct. 15.—Dr. William M. Burton was elected president of the Standard Oil company of Indiana at a meeting of the board of directors today. Dr. Burton, who recently was awarded the Walter Gibbs medal of the American Chemical society, succeeds the late Lauren J. Drake. He has grown up in the service of the company, in the last position he held being that of general manager and vice president. A new office of chairman of the board of directors was created also, Robert W. Stewart, formerly general counsel of the company, being elected to the place.

Altitude of Hungary To Austria Is Changed, Says Premier Wekerle

Amsterdam, Oct. 15.—Hungary's attitude toward Austria has materially changed, Dr. Wekerle, the Hungarian premier, declared in a recent speech, according to a Budapest dispatch to the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin. The premier added that the validity of the treaties between Austria and Hungary was a matter for discussion.

Woman in Council.

London, Oct. 15.—The duchess of Marlborough, formerly Miss Constance Vanderbilt of New York, today was elected a member of the London county council, to represent West Southwark, a working class district of London.

Germans Claim Victory.

Berlin, via London, Oct. 15.—West of the Meuse, where the Americans are in the fighting line, partial engagements are resulting in victory for the Germans, according to the official statement issued from general headquarters tonight.

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GERMAN PEACE OFFER DICTATED BY HINDENBURG

Prince Max Opposed Request for Armistice, but Was Overruled by Hun War Council.

Washington, Oct. 15.—It was Field Marshal Hindenburg himself and not the supposedly pacifist premier, Prince Maximilian, who caused the German government to accept President Wilson's peace terms and seek an armistice, according to advices which reached Washington today through official sources by way of a neutral country.

According to this version, Von Hindenburg, knowing the desperate condition of the German army, himself, better than any civilian, and especially that fact that there is now no supply of raw material to replenish the exhausted stocks of munitions of war, insisted upon the application for an armistice. Prince Maximilian is said to have resisted strongly, disclosing himself in the light of a true conservative and autocrat, only to be overruled by the majority of the war council, at which were present the heads of the German states. This is pointed to as the explanation of why the German note in response to President Wilson's inquiries were signed by Dr. Solf, the minister for foreign affairs, although the prince had initiated the correspondence.

From the same source is cabled a prediction that the German defensive can not be continued without a debacle for more than three months at the outside. This statement, from a well-informed neutral source regarded as semi-official, is based upon belief that a great revolution is impending in Germany, the majority of the people being determined to have peace at any price.

Five Are Missing.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Reports to the Navy department on the sinking of the transport America at its dock at Hoboken, N. J., today said there were 300 soldiers on board in addition to members of the crew and that all hands except three privates and two sailors had been accounted for. It was thought probable that the missing men were safe but had failed to report.

What's in a Name?

Berlin First to Get Required Loan Quota

Washington, Oct. 15.—"What's in a name?" asked a telegram received today at national loan headquarters with the following report:

Berlin precinct, Otoe county, Nebraska, with a population of 1,030 and a quota of \$72,315, was one of the first communities in the Kansas City district to exceed its quota and win an honor flag.

One of the most stubbornly held positions was in the Chatillon wood, which covered the high hill south of Romagne. The Americans worked their way around the sides of this great natural obstacle forming one of the most important links in the Kriemhilde line.

Time and again they were thrown back until late in the day. Then, covered by their own artillery, they were able to gain its summit and to dominate the country beyond. Patrols are now well in the woods. Approximately 1,000 prisoners were sent back.

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Bank Check Stamp Tax Incorporated in War Revenue Bill

Washington, Oct. 15.—A stamp tax of 2 cents on all bank checks is provided for in an amendment to the war revenue bill adopted by the senate finance committee, which is revising the house draft.

The amendment was adopted by a vote of eight to six. Such a tax is opposed by Treasury department officials and many senators because it not only would be a serious inconvenience to business but would tend to discourage thrift and encourage hoarding. The amount of revenue from such a tax would be small, in the opinion of experts.

Consideration of the revenue bill progressed so rapidly today that Chairman Simmons tonight reiterated his prediction that the bill would be completed by about October 25.

Extends Loan Period.

Washington, Oct. 15.—To aid persons who have not sufficient cash funds on hand to buy liberty bonds, Comptroller of Currency Williams today announced an extension from July 1, 1919, to November 1, 1919, of the period during which any national bank may make loans on such bonds where there is a margin of 5 per cent or more. Previously existing restrictions may be disregarded save only such as the prudence of the bank directors may prescribe.

British Casualty List For Week Totals 35,710

London, Oct. 14.—British casualties reported for the week ending today numbered 35,710, divided as follows:

Killed or died of wounds, officers, 552; men, 6,937. Wounded or missing, officers, 1,741; men, 26,480.

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If you are in doubt as to whether you have any unpaid taxes, call us up by phone, or read the Evening World-Herald of October 19th and 26th.

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