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THE WEATHER:
For Nebraska: Generally fair Thursday and Friday; much cooler by Thursday night.

Hourly Temperatures.			
Deg.			
5 a. m.	61	1 p. m.	60
6 a. m.	60	2 p. m.	58
7 a. m.	58	3 p. m.	55
8 a. m.	57	4 p. m.	51
9 a. m.	52	5 p. m.	48
10 a. m.	47	6 p. m.	45
11 a. m.	40	7 p. m.	38
12 m.	36	8 p. m.	35

BRIEF BRIGHT BREEZY BITS OF NEWS

Hush Falls on Cabarets.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 16.—"Jazz" band players and cabaret musicians have been placed in the non-essential class by local authorities and the cafes here, frequented by officers and their friends, are without their usual musical setting. Some musicians sought to evade the ruling, by leasing a ranch and working on it in daytime, continuing to play at the cabarets at night. But this only succeeded for a short time.

No Beer, No Groceries.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 16.—More than 100 grocery stores in New Orleans will go out of business after the manufacture of beer is discontinued December 1, according to A. A. Larose, secretary of the New Orleans Retail Grocers' association. Of the more than 2,000 groceries in the city about half are operated in connection with saloons. Mr. Larose states, and of this number about 10 per cent almost entirely are supported by revenue from the bar.

Boy Birth Rate Drops.

Los Angeles, Oct. 16.—A notable instance of increase in the percentage of boys in births in the last few months reported from Blythe, Cal., and the nearby Palo Verde valley. According to Dr. W. J. Chapman, health officer at Blythe, five times as many boys as girls have been born in this section in the last two months. He declares the children are unusually large and well developed. Reports of increases in percentages of male births have come from many sections since the United States entered the war, but none so marked as this.

Never Forgets Mother.

Camp Cody, N. M., Oct. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Jimmie W. McKeon, crippled newsboy at Camp Cody, spent \$7.80 to telephone his mother in Sioux Falls, S. D., on her birthday. He always sends his greetings this way wherever he is. He came with South Dakota troops to Cody last year.

GEN. ALLENBY SPRINGS NEW TRAP ON TURKS

Rapid Move of British in Palestine Places Enemy in Danger of Being Caught and Crushed.

London, Oct. 16.—British cavalry has occupied Tripoli, 45 miles north of Beirut and Homs, about 85 miles north of Damascus, according to an official statement or operations in Palestine issued tonight.

The text of the communication follows: "On the occupation of Beirut by our troops October 8, 60 Turkish officers and 600 men of other ranks were made prisoner. Ballbek was entered by our armored car batteries October 9, and it was ascertained that a force of about 500 Turks had surrendered to the local inhabitants.

"Our advanced cavalry and armored cars also occupied Tripoli Sunday and Homs Tuesday without opposition, the latter town having been reported by our air service as evacuated and in flames October 12. "Turkish cavalry detachments retreating through Homs have been located at El Rastan, 11 miles north. Satisfactory conditions prevail in the recently occupied territory."

By Associated Press. Tripoli is near the Mediterranean coast 45 miles north of Beirut and Homs is 85 miles north of Damascus. By the new British drive there seemingly is created for the Ottoman forces the menace of again being caught between General Allenby's armies and crushed, as was the case in the early days of the offensive in the region north of Jerusalem. The maneuver also may forecast a new drive by the British from the Bagdad region to form a junction with General Allenby at Aleppo and thus take the holy land in its entirety from the Turks.

Last Day of Loan To Be Celebrated As Pershing Day

Boston, Oct. 16.—Charles D. Haines of New York announced today that the governors of practically all the states had endorsed the plan of the National Council of American Patriots, of which he is president, for a country-wide observance of next Saturday as "Pershing day," to give a fitting climax to the loan campaign.

KAISER ABDICATES, HUNS CAPITULATE, EUROPEAN RUMORS

Report From Holland Says Germany Will Accept All Wilson's Terms, Asking Only Guarantees for Interests of German People; Great Events Fore-shadowed, Opinion at Washington.

BULLETINS.

Amsterdam, Oct. 16.—Emperor William has issued a decree saying that martial law in Germany can only be administered by an agreement between the civil and military authorities, according to a report received here.

Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 16.—The German reichstag will meet Friday to discuss President Wilson's note, according to the German press.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Tonight's news of Germany is everywhere regarded as the shadow of great events being cast before them.

News dispatches this afternoon, under an Austrian date line, said the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant had issued a special edition, in which the report was published that Germany had capitulated and Emperor William had abdicated. Another dispatch, under London date line, quoted Reuters Ltd., as reporting that the German reply to the president's most recent note was expected to be communicated immediately and that it was likely to constitute a general acceptance of the conditions outlined by the president as precedent to peace. Reports also were received in London, dispatches said, through diplomatic channels from Holland that the German reply probably would be sent today and that it would be an acceptance of President Wilson's terms with some stipulation to the effect that the interests of the German people must be respected.

Later the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant, with its statement representing capitulation and abdication of the kaiser while the British official press bureau announced it had been officially informed that such rumors had no foundation in fact.

Kaiser's Overthrow Inevitable. There is in Washington no official word that the kaiser has abdicated, or that he has been overthrown, or that Germany is ready to accept all of President Wilson's terms.

Official and diplomats, cautious and conservative by nature and practice, regard with incredulity the intimations that one or all of these things has happened. Of course, they all hope they have; they all know that one or all of them are inevitable.

The official opinion in the capital tonight is that coming of these things is timed only by the unknown degree to which the German military power has been broken. There may be more information at that point in the chancelleries of the allies than there is in Washington.

Ferment Working in Germany. When President Wilson's reply to the German peace proffer went forth Monday night, it was predicted here that it did not bring a complete and unconditional surrender of the military autocracy the German people themselves would force one. President Wilson's words were a plain invitation to the German people to take such a step and an ultimatum that there would be no peace with Kaiserism.

The coming hours will show how the leaven has worked; the intimations in today's dispatches from London, Paris and Holland suggest the progress of the ferment. Most significant of all is regarded the report from Holland by way of London that Germany will immediately reply to President Wilson accepting all his terms and asking only guarantees for the interests of Germany and the German people.

When the German reply to President Wilson's note comes this government's only course is to forward it to the co-belligerents. Guarantees for the interests of Germany and the German people which may be asked will not intervene as an obstacle if guarantees are sought in

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A Message from Pershing

New York, Oct. 16.—A cable message from General Pershing urging people to buy bonds which has been received here says: "We have toiled cheerfully against the day of battle, and the spirit that has urged us on has been the determination to be worthy of those whom we left behind when we crossed the seas. The news of America awake, of the national spirit more strong, more unified, more determined, thrills us all. It is the knowledge of that spirit which makes us certain that our people at home will stand behind us as they have from the beginning, so that we may return soon to you, the victors. Buy Liberty bonds to your utmost and make victory sure."

Allies Splitting German Armies With Great Wedge

By Associated Press.

The great wedge of the allies in Flanders is being gradually extended eastward along the front of attack. Thourout, at the head of the railway leading to Bruges, and numerous villages to the south have been taken while Courtrai, the junction point of the railway to Ghent, is entirely surrounded. Large numbers of prisoners and many additional guns have been captured by the Belgian, French and British troops who are carrying out the operation.

To the south of this region the British continue successfully their maneuver which has as its main objective the capture of Douai and Lille and the blotting out the big salient which is barring the way to Valenciennes and the German defense line in the vicinity.

Here the Germans are continuing to withdraw, closely followed by the British, who are within two and a half miles and three and three-quarter miles of Lille, respectively southwest and west of the city.

In the Champagne region, where the French and Americans are driving their way northward, further good gains have been made, notwithstanding the furious efforts of the Germans to hold their line. Rethel, the important junction point for the railways running to Mezieres and other points inside the enemy held territory, is all but captured by the French. Eastward the Americans also have again pressed slightly forward.

TEUTON TROOPS TOLD OF PLANS FOR ARMISTICE

Germany Wanted Neutral Strip Between Armies During Withdrawal From Occupied Territory.

By WILBUR FORREST.

Special cable to the New York Tribune and Omaha Bee. (Copyright, 1898, by the New York Tribune, Inc.)

With the American Armies in the field, Oct. 16.—The elements of the German army opposing the Americans have been told that all plans for an armistice and the withdrawal from the occupied territory have now been arranged. The plan embraces the withdrawal of the German troops 20 kilometers while the allied armies withdraw 10 kilometers; then, with a neutral strip of 30 kilometers between the armies, the general withdrawal commences, the allied armies halting 10 kilometers from the German frontier until peace is signed.

An American sergeant captured by the Germans Wednesday was taken considerable distance to the German rear by his captors, given biscuits and liquor ration and then turned loose. His captors said that the war would soon be over and they did not want to bother with prisoners. The sergeant regained our lines at darkness without difficulty.

Young Woman of Omaha Dies; About to Cross Seas

New York, Oct. 16.—Miss Ruby Smith of Omaha, Red Cross stenographer, about to sail for France, died here tonight at the Presbyterian hospital of pneumonia following influenza. She was a daughter of W. E. Smith of Macedonia, Ia.

Peaks White With Snow.

Reno, Oct. 16.—The high Sierra Nevada mountains west of here are white with snow, far down their sides, that fell last night and early this morning. Mount Rose, the highest peak in Nevada, is glittering in a regular winter coat.

Dual Monarchy, in Fear of Czechs, Plants Guns in City Streets

London, Oct. 16.—A dispatch to the Central News from Amsterdam says in Prague the streets from the suburbs to the city proper are occupied by troops armed with hand grenades and machine guns in consequence of a threat by the Czechs to call a general strike throughout Bohemia. The dispatch adds that pamphlets have been circulated declaring that a Czech republic will be proclaimed shortly.

CAVALRY NEARS THIELT, 17 MILES FROM HOLLAND, IN CHASE OF GERMANS

GERMAN DEFEAT IS ADMITTED BY ARMY LEADERS

Man Power Reduced by 30 Divisions Since August and Armament Greatly Depleted.

By Associated Press.

With the American Army in the Laon Area, Oct. 16.—The first news that reached the inhabitants of Laon of the radical change in the military situation came from German officers who had, after the victories of the allies, already ceased to agree with the Berlin military critics whose articles proclaiming Germany unbeaten are now being circulated by wireless. With an utter lack of caution, which the hearer took as a betrayal of despair, the officers opened their minds and bared their hearts in the presence of people who had felt their oppression for four years.

Before a man in whose house they were billeted and who understood the German language, German officers declared: "The central empires are no longer able to stand out against the whole world. Hard times are in store for the fatherland unless peace is obtained promptly."

4,600 Cannon Captured. Without a word of regret for oppression of the people whose roofs had sheltered them, they talked with unconcealed anguish of the possibility that their own people might also feel the hardships of invasion. These direct confessions of defeat were promptly.

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German Council Votes To Take War Making Power From Kaiser

Copenhagen, Oct. 16.—Germany's federal council has accepted the proposed amendment to the constitution, making it read: "The consent of the federal council and the reichstag is required for a declaration of war in the empire's name, except in a case where imperial territory has already been invaded or its coasts attacked."

Another section was amended to read: "Treaties of peace and treaties with foreign states which deal with affairs coming under the competence of the imperial law giving bodies require the consent of the federal council and the reichstag."

Mrs. Sunday Ill With Flu At Home in Winona Lake

Wednesday night Dr. W. F. Call-fass received a letter from Billy Sunday, written from Providence, R. I., and in which he stated that Mrs. Sunday is at her home in Winona Lake, Ind., very ill with Spanish "flu," and that she is threatened with pneumonia. Her temperature at the time of writing the letter, Mr. Sunday stated was 104 degrees.

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Foe Running So Fast Pursuing Infantry Loses Touch With Them; Allied Troops Are Gradually Outflanking Entire Lille and Douai Salient.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

With the Allied Armies in Belgium, Oct. 16.—The Germans have started a retreat on a tremendous scale from northern Belgium. French cavalry is approaching Thielt, seven miles from the banks of the Ghent-Bruges canal. The canal itself is only 10 miles from the border of Holland.

So fast is the enemy retreating that the French, British and Belgian infantry, at least in the center of the battle front, has lost touch entirely with the enemy.

The Belgians, advancing astride the Thourout-Bruges and Thourout-Ostend roads have defeated the Germans, who are retreating raidily.

This undoubtedly is one of the war's greatest and most vital victories, for the gallant little Belgian army, ably assisted by crack French and British troops, now has driven the despoilers of its country from a large section which the Germans have occupied since the early days of the war and has gained positions of such importance that the Germans may have to abandon the entire coast of Belgium.

PERSHING'S BOYS TAKE GRAND PRE ON AIRE RIVER

Junction of Railways Feeding Great Part of German Army Falls Into Americans' Hands.

With the American Army North-west of Verdun, Oct. 16.—The American troops today occupied the town of Grand Pre, on the north bank of the Aire river, north of the Argonne forest.

Since early last night rain has fallen over the entire field of combat, converting roads and trenches into muddy canals.

Aviation was impossible today and the artillery fire was directed entirely upon maps except in rare instances when direct fire was used.

Grand Pre is only a village and its normal population is less than 1,500, but the place is of great strategic importance.

It is the junction of the railways feeding a great part of the German army and lies at the foot of the valley extending northward, at the entrance of which the Germans have fought so stubbornly.

French Take Talma.

Paris, Oct. 16.—Northwest of Sissonne in Champagne the French have captured the town of Notre Dame De Liesse and west of Grand Pre have taken the village of Talma, according to the official communication issued by the war office tonight.

New Ship Every Day.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Eight ships of 42,350 deadweight tons were delivered to the shipping board for the week ending October 11, the board announced today. Five ships were steel and three wood.

LILLE SALIENT GROWING DEEPER.

Moreover the sweeping advance of the allied infantry, preceded by a fan of French cavalry advancing rapidly, has left the entire area in which are the important city of Lille and the great mining and manufacturing districts of Turcoing, Roubaix and Tournai, in a salient which is growing deeper every hour and which the enemy cannot hope to hold.

The French cavalry, which is on the crest of the allied advance, has done marvelous work. Today it galloped forward more than 10 kilometers, frequently carrying upon isolated posts of enemy machine gunners which vainly attempted to hold up its advance. Some of these gunners, taken prisoner, said they were totally unable to understand why the war was going on and why they were called upon to continue fighting. One officer said: "We have offered all the terms in the world for peace; nobody seems willing to accept them."

RESISTANCE FIERCE IN PLACES.

Resistance, where it has been offered by the enemy, has been extraordinarily fierce, for in these places it obviously has been the purpose of the commanders of the fleeing Germans to gain time in which to remove their materials. Stubborn fighting has been reported, especially from the region of Thourout. The battle here has been from street to street and house to house, and large numbers of the enemy have been killed. Some Belgian forces have swept around the city in order to cut the roads at the rear and also assist in bottling up the enemy trying to hold out in the city itself.

Bolshevik Premier Shot by an Official Of Russian Soviet

Amsterdam, Oct. 16.—Another attempt has been made on the life of Lenin, the bolshevik premier, according to the Kiev correspondent of the Leipzig Abend Zeitung. Lenin received a bullet in the shoulder from a revolver in the hands of M. Dwanitzke, of the information bureau of the soviet. Dwanitzke was arrested.

The Germans had placed machine guns in the windows of houses and cellars and fired murderous streams of bullets into the advancing Belgians but were unable to stop them. The Belgians fought with a dogged determination such as only troops fighting to regain their outraged country could display. Nothing could stop them.

British Capture Linselles.

The British, following up the retreating Germans and overcoming the rear guards, are reported as reaching Quesnoy and as having captured Linselles, along the Lys. The Belgians at the time this dispatch was filed were reported to be past Keyem and to have reached positions on the other side of Cachten and Ardoye, both of which they captured. Northeast of Courtrai, Bavichove was stormed and taken and the Belgians were still going.

The Linselles position is most valuable for, the place being northwest of Turcoing, the allied troops are gradually outflanking the enemy. Linselles, from which there are further signs that the enemy is withdrawing. As a matter of fact, his troops in this salient are in an extremely precarious position. They must get out rapidly or face disastrous consequences. A thousand more prisoners and many more cannon have been captured.

Germans Surrendering Freely. The Germans at many places, especially in the northern part of the battle area, seem to be surrendering freely. Many more civilians have been rescued from the towns.

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