All But Four of Lucia Crew Have Been Saved

Washington, Oct. 27.-All except four of the crew of the American steamer Lucia, torpedoed and sunk 1,200 miles from the American coast October 19, are reported to have been rescued, the Navy department announced tonight. Four men were killed by the explosion if the torpedo.

To Standardize Rates In West by Zone System

Washington, Oct. .- The rail road administration announced it and taken steps to standardize class rates in the west and south through proposals to the Interstate Commerce commission of a zoning system. This would tend to wipe out many regional differences in class rates dictated by state commissions and much discussion beore the Interstate Commerce commission is expected before the standardized system finally is adopted

GERMAN BORDER APPROACHED BY ALLIED ARMIES

With Crash in Army Personnel **Teuton Lines Crumble Along** All Fronts and Allies Advance.

By Associated Press.

A crash has come in the personnel of the German high command. Genral Ludendorff, reputed to be the brains of the German army-the man who promised the Germans he would crush Great Britain and France before the United States could get under way in a military sense-has resigned his position as first quartermaster general, and Emperor William has accepted his res-

Simultaneously, while the German line continues to crumble under the allied attacks, and the German border is slowly but gradually being approached by Germany's foes, comes a report that the reichstag by a large majority has passed a bil placing the military command under the control of the civil government Gain on All Fronts.

On the western battlefront, the British, French and Americans have continued to make further slight gains against the Germans; in the Italian theater both the British and Italians have scored successes while in Asiatic Turkey, the British have captured Aleppo in Syria and are driving ahead on both flanks of the Tigris in Mesopotamia, with the Turks unable to check them. The fall of Aleppo and the continued advance up the Tigris are moves of such strategic value that it is not unlikely Turkish opposition shortly will be entirely overcome, both in the Holy Land and Mesopotamia.

The French armies fighting on the 40-mile front between the Oise and Aisne rivers, are keeping up their offensive against the Germans and have made additional gains, taking several villages and compelling the enemy to fall back at various points. German Counter Fails.

In the region southeast of Valenciennes around Le Quesnoy the Germans have delivered violent counterattacks against the British. Their efforts to throw back Field Marshal Haig's men from the positions they hold were unsuccessful, and heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy by mathine gun and rifle fire.

The Americans have begun the second month of their operations in the region of Verdun by keeping up their attacks against the Germans from the Meuse to the wooded coun try north of Grand Pre.

Yanks Advance.

Some further progress has been made notwithstanding continued strong resistance from German machine gunners from behind the natural fortifications which abound throughout this district.

American airmen also are continuing their bombing operatons behind the German lines, their latest effort in this respect having been made against the territory around Briquenay, north of Grand Pre, in which 140 airplanes took part, 60 of

them being bombing machines. Since the Americans began their operations northwest of Verdun more than 45 villages have been libcrated, an advance to an average depth of 10 miles has been made and more than 20,000 Germans have been taken prisoner.

Steam Shovel Used to Dig

New York, Oct. 27.-A steam shovel was used in one of New York's cemeteries today to dig a trench in which to inter temporarily fluenza. This extraordinary proceedure was made necessary by a shortage of grave diggers, coupled with the large number of deaths. At another cemetery there were 400 unburied bodies and city labor-

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THE WEATHER:

NEW NOTE SAYS GERMANS WAIT WORD OF ARMISTICE

SOLF DECLARES HUNS ARE READY FOR JUST PEACE

Germany Declares Its New Government is Awaiting Proposals Which Will be First Step Looking to the End of the War; Note Says Military Powers Subject to People's Government.

BULLETIN.

By the American Press. Copenhagen, Oct. 27.—Germany's answer to President Wilson's latest communication says:

"The German government has taken cognizance of the answer of the president of the United States.

The President is aware of the far-reaching changes which have been carried out and are being carried out in the German constitutional structure, and that peace negotiations are being conducted by a people's government in whose hands rests, both actually and constitutionally, the power to make the deciding conclusions.

"The military powers are also subject to it.

"The German government now awaits proposals for an armistice, which shall be the first step toward a just peace, as the president has described it in his proclamation.

"SOLF." (Signed.)

WANT AN ARMISTICE.

London, Oct. 27 .- Germany's answer to President Wilson's latest communication declares that Germany is now awaiting proposals for an armistice.

LLOYD GEORGE IN FRANCE.

London, Oct. 27.—It is understood in authoritative quarters that the allied governments will not reveal their armistice terms until Germany has replied to President Wilson's note.

Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Secretary Balfour, accompanied by naval and military officers, have

CAUSES SENSATION.

Berne, Oct. 27.-The resignation of General von Ludendorff has caused a sensation throughout Switzerland and the central empires and is commented on as a sign that German militarism is really abdicating. Among the German and Austrian peoples anger and indignation is increasing over the fact that the military situation has been so long concealed or wrongly presented.

ASSUMES WAR CONTROL.

London, Oct. 27.—The German reichstag, by a great majority, has adopted a bill placing the military command under control of the civil government, according to an Exchange Telegraph Co. dispatch from Copenhagen.

AUSTRIA'S NEW NOTE.

Basel, Oct. 27.-Austria's rejoinder to President Wilson's note is ready, according to Vienna papers. It was submitted to authorized quarters today and will be sent this evening or tomorrow to Washington. It is couched in the most conciliatory terms.

ALLIES TALK ARMISTICE.

Washington, Oct. 27.-The unofficial text of Germany's reply to President Wilson was received tonight too late to be seen by President Wilson and other offi-

The question of an armistice and peace is already being considered by the allied governments. Col. E. M. House and Admiral E. S. Benson, ranking officer of the United States navy, recently arrived in France, the former to represent the president in discussions. Admiral Benson will represent the navy in matters relating to an armistice insofar as American naval forces

Chancellor is Responsible for Actions of the Kaiser

Amsterdam, Oct. 27 .- The Socialist Voerwaerts, (Ber-Graves for "Flu" Victims lin) prints the proposed text of the reform bill, which in- in the fall of 1914 as chief of staff cludes the following provisions:

"First: War can only be declared with the sanction of then a general in the operations the reichstag and bundesrath;

Second: The chancellor can only remain in power command in 1916, Ludendorff was while he possesses the confidence of the reichstag; Third: The chancellor will be responsible for the political action of the kaiser and the chancellor and ministry with you Hindenburg.

and bundesrath. Fourth: The appointment, and dismissal of officers of dorff began to be looked upon as cabinet. ers have been drafted to prepare the army and navy can only be effective by the signature the real "boss" of Germany and was graves. An increase in the number of the chancellor. The ministers of war will be held responsible for the same by the reichstag

Then the other nations would recognized as the representative of the chancellor. The ministers of war will be held responsible for the same by the reichstag

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Then the other nations would believe that we had a real democratic government in the United States, and not one with a hig D."

will be responsible for their tenure of office to the reichstag

Wilson's Appeal for Votes Insult to Every FOUR ORGANIZED Loyal Republican, Says Chairman Hays

Head of National Committee, greater unanimity than the members stands for unconditional surrender of his own party. Despite that fact, as well as for the United States and On Voters to Meet Challenge Squarely.

chairman of the republican national committee, in a statement tonight replied in behalf of his party to gress. In his statement Mr. Hays

the motives and fidelity of your reprepresentatives. You owe it to them, to the honor of your great party and to your own self-respect to meet that challenge squarely, not only as republicans, but as Ameriyou to do it.

Gives No Credit.

GROWING WORSE

Baneful Influence of Kaiser

Must Be Removed," Says

Socialist George Lebour

In Speech.

London, Oct. 27.-The resigna-

tion of General Ludendorff is pop-

ularly interpreted here as heralding

Germany's acceptance of the allies'

armistice terms. Whether this in-

terpretation is correct, the resig-

nation of the first quartermaster

Unofficial advices report the

situation in Germany is daily grow-

ing worse. There are persistent ru-

mors of riots in various parts of

the country, conflicts with the po-

lice and loss of life and that lack

of raw materials is seriously inter-

fering with the production of muni-

The socialist, George Lebour, is

"The baneful influence of the kai-

His speech was greeted by the

ser must be removed,' and advocat-

ing the abolition of the monarchal

socialists with crief of "Abdicate."

Echo De Paris says General Luden-

dorff resigned because of the im-

of the subordination of the military

to the civil power, but this will de-

made the people believe that the

France was imminent, now disap-

pears because he is beaten and des-

perate Germany is faced with capit-

Military Brain.

Copenhagen, Oct. 27.-General

in. In accepting his resignation

dorff long has been commander,

In the resignation of General Lu-

dendorff Germany loses what often

shall bear his name.

possibility of continuing the war.

The Matin says:

tung as saying in the reichstag:

general cannot fail to seriously.

In Vigorous Rejoinder, Calls he accuses them of having tried to Uncle San.' The democratic con-"That charge, as Mr. Taft declares not. There is the issue clear as the gress does not. Mr. Wilson does

in carefully measured words, is not noon day sun. The country will New York, Oct. 27-Will H. Hays, they tried to take control of the

replied in behalf of his party to You know it. A more ungracious, it better than democratic congressgress. He says so. No one knows more unjust, more wanton, more men. He calls for the defeat of nation to return a democratic conmendacious accusation was never pro-war republicans and the election made by the most reckless stump of anti-war democrats. He, as the "President Wilson has questioned orator, much less by a president of executive, is no longer satisfied to the United States, for partisan pur- be one branch of the government resentatives in congress. He has poses. It is an insult, not only to as provided by the constitution. Rethereby impugned their loyalty and denied their patriotism. His challenge is to you who elected these It fully merits the resentment which must be elected, as they would yield rightfully and surely will find ex- in everything. That is evidently pression at the polls.

Issue Is Clear.

"Mr. Wilson grudgingly admits free people.
he republicans have been 'pro-war.' "Republicans in congress have the republicans have been 'pro-war. cans. I, as your chairman, call upon Then why does he demand their de-Because they are still pro- they assented, as they did assent feat? Gives No Credit.

"Mr. Wilson accords the republicause they are for peace through, times against their best judgment, to cans no credit whatever for having not without, victory; because they his proposals. Republicans at home supported 'The war measures' pro- do not believe lasting peace can be have seemed to him good enough to posed by his administration, allobtained through negotiation; bestend fully a million of their sons though they have done so with cause they consider that 'U. S. (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

Day Now in Germany FRENCH FORCES Riots Common Every London, Oct. 27 .- (via Mon-

treal.)—It is persistently reported that riots of daily occurrence in various parts of Germany, resulting in conflicts with the police and loss of life. The lack of raw material, especially for explosives, is seriously hampering munition works. Krupps, it is said, have been compelled to dismiss many

U. S. PARTISAN GOVERNMENT ONLY ONE IN WAR

fect the morale of the German Cabinets of Other Allies All Include Members of Ali Parties Without Discrimination.

German government told us we penetrated the enemy positions. quoted by the Cologne Volks Zei- our charges that their government oners. is autocratic," declared Representative Luther W. Mott, of New York, in a statement today.

"But Germany would be right. We have a partisan government. Our cabinet is the only one of the allied cabinets which does not represent all parties. The other coun-Paris, via Montreal, Oct 27.—The tries had partisan cabinets at the beginning of the war but rapidly saw the advantage of having the opposition representated since they were "Germany will present the retire-ment of Ludendorff as a new proof and coalition cabinets were formed.

G. O. P. Last Resort. "Republicans have been called to places of responsibility, it is true. ceive no one. Ludendorff, who but they are not close to the president, and the republican leaders in fall of Paris and the surrender of congress are only consulted when their votes are needed on war measures where the president's own party is divided on the question of sup-

porting the administration. "Thus Congressman Kahn was called on to lead the fight for the administration's selective draft bill, Ludendorff, first quartermaster gen- after it was found that the ranking eral of the German army, has re- democrats on the military affairs signed, says a telegram from Ber- committee were opposed to it.

"Republicans are given dollar-athe emperor has decreed that the year jobs where there is lots of ower Reinish infantry regiment, work and no pay, but where the big No. 39, of which General Luden- salaries go, as on the numerous commissions where the republicans do not get even fair minority representation, you will find the democrats signing the pay rolls unan- teau Porcien is more than 2,450, inimously

Chance in November.

has been described as her "military Secretary McAdoo calls Mr Vanderlip to help organize the won-Unknown before the war, General Ludendorff sprang into prominence derful system of selling War Savings stamps, and Mr. Vanderlip did it at a great sacrifice, but coming to Field Marshal von Hi fenburg, down to the little jobs so numerous against the Russians. When von in the internal revenue office there Hindenburg was given the chief are none but democrats on guard. The people in November can help correct the mistake of the appointed arst quartermaster genpresident in giving republicans no eral, but his position in reality has share in the government.

"A republican house and a republican senate could see that we did Soon after his appointment as not have entirely a partisan governfirst quartermaster general, Ludenment, even if we did have a partisan

"Then the other nations would

NE ENDTY MILES

Wants "Rubber Stamps."

"Mr. Wilson wants only rubber

stamps, his rubber stamps, in con-

his idea-the idea of an autocrat

calling himself the servant, but bid-

ding for the mastery of this great

From Oise to Serre, Taking Four Villages and Capturing Prisoners.

BULLETIN.

Paris, Oct. 27 .- A marked advance by the French troops in the sector between the Oise and Serre rivers is recorded in the official communication issued by the war ofice tonight. Numerous villages have been captured and at certain points the advance amounted to about five miles.

Paris, Oct. 27.-On the 40-mile front between the Oise and the Aisne the French maintain their pressure and on the left have made official statement today from the Washington, D. C., Oct. 27 .- four villages between the Oise and 'America would be indignant if the the Serre and along the Serre have were the only nation at war with a Porlen on October 25 and 26 the Between Sissone and Chateau partisan government, replying to French took more than 2,450 pris-

The statement reads: "During the night the first army Serre. The Germans, disorganized in the fighting yesterday, were compelled to fall back along the entire line toward the north. They abandoned the positions which they had occupied. The French conquered Mont d'Origny, Origny-Ste, Benoite, Courjumelles and Crevresis-Monasking and receiving its support, ceau and also a number of fortified points between these villages. On the right French units crossed the Peron river and progressed toward the northeast, capturing hill 117 and Sucrerie, 1,500 meters east of Richecourt. A number of prisoners has been taken in this action.

> Penetrate Trenches. "On the front of the Serre, the second army, supporting the movement of the first army, also made gains. We crossed the Serre east of Assiz-Sur-Serre and penetrated the German trenches. East of Sissone violent German counter-attacks in the region of the Maoquig

> lively on the front between Banogne and Nanteuil-Sur-Aisne. "The number of prisoners taken during the fighting of October 25 and 26 between Sissone and Chacluding 51 officers."

> ny farm were broken up by our fire.

Artillery fighting continued very

British Repel Attack.

London, Oct. 27 .- The British last night repulsed a determined German counter-attack against positions on the railway immediately northwest of Le Quesnoy, southeast of Valenciennes, says today's official war office statement. The attack, preceded by a heavy bombardment, was checked by British rifle and machine gun fire.

The statement reads: "After a heavy bombardment yes-

terday evening, the enemy delivered determined counter-attack in strength against our positions on the

TRENCH SYSTEMS **FORCED BY YANKS**

In First Major Offensive of War Americans, in the Face of Almost Insurmountable Difficulties, Free 165 Miles of Territory and Liberate 45 Villages.

BULLETIN.

Rome, Oct. 27.—Heavy fighting took place Saturday in the Monte Grappa area, the Italians repulsing Austrian attacks, the war office reports today. The Italians captured 514 prisoners in this region.

AFTER ELECTION

Hot Session Is Expected in captured more than 20,000 prison-Congress Monday Over President's Appeal for Democratic Congress.

is expected tomorrow to postpone all work until after the November elections. With many senators and Hindenburg line, the Hagen posi-Maintain Pressure on Foe representatives already absent in final congressional campaigns, leaders hope to put through a resolution ordering a fortnight's recess position, which has been reached at from Tuesday until November 12.

The program involves postponement of action on the war revenue bill, the nation-wide wartime prohibition legislation and the investigation of brewers' activities.

the senate tomorrow by discussion fellow countrymen for election of a line of democratic congress. A sharp clash between republican and democratic senators is threatened.

The only formal business left betion by the senate of the conference munication from Germany into ocwar office. They have captured agreement on the \$6,000,000,000 miliimportant gains, according to the tary deficiency bill and formal an-

Roosevelt to Answer

onel Theodore Roosevelt celebrated as 150,000 daily. The guns used inredoubled their efforts along the en- his 60th birthday quietly today at cluded a great number of heavy ones, tire front between the Oise and the his home on Sagamore Hill, spend- and also some captured from the ing most of the time playing with his grandchildren and opening congratulatory telegrams and cables that poured in from all parts of the Only members of the family at

tended the birthday dinner. Colonel Roosevelt will open his filst year tomorrow with a speech in New York before the republican club, in which he is expected to attack President Wilson's appeal for the election of a democratic congress as a vote of confidence in the

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OMPETITION FREE TO ALL-UBMIT AS MANY ANSWERS AS

> Responses must be in by Oct. 30, and winners will be announced in The Sunday Bee of Nov. 3. Address: Slogan Contest The Omaha Bee.

By Associated Press. With the American Army North

west of Verdun, Oct. 27 .- In its first major operation against the Germans, considering the clearing out of the St. Mihiel salient as & local affair, the American army in less than a month has liberated more than 45 villages and advanced to an average depth of 10 miles, freeing 165 square miles of territory. In the offensive the Americans have

The Americans attacked on a front of 20 miles from the Argonne to the Meuse and the advance has been made in the face of almost insurmountable difficulties, due particularly to the nature of the ground Washington, Oct. 27.-Congress which is covered with hills, deep organized systems of trenches-the tion, the Volker position and the Krimhilde position. They have forced their way through all these lines. Ahead of them lies the Freva one point in the region of the

Bantheville. Advance Difficult.

The advance has been particularly difficult because the Germans have stubbornly resisted every foot of he way and have used more than A turbulent session is expected in 33 divisions on the 20-mile front. The enemy continues to make a formidable effort to hold this front in of President Wilson's appeal to his order to protect his great lateral through Hirson, Mezieres, Sedan, Montmedy and Longuyon. This line already is threatened and should the Germans lose it, they fore congress, however, is ratifica- will lose their main line of comcupied France.

In addition to the prisoners, Gennouncement of postponement of the eral Pershing's men have taken more revenue, prohibition and other legis- than 137 guns of large caliber, numerous machine guns and anti-tank guns, a great store of ammunition and much war material, including locomotives and railway cars.

Wilson's Appeal Today Since September 26 the Americans have fired more than 2,500,000 she'ls, Oyster Bay, N. Y., Oct. 27.—Col- have need more than 2,300,000 she is, the number at times reaching as high

> Aviators Keep Busy. American aviators and anti-air-

craft guns in the period since Sep-tember 27 have brought down 230 enemy machines and 23 enemy balloons, despite the adverse flying conditions and bad weather at times. Bombing airplanes dropped more than 40,000 kilograms of explosives on railroad centers, troop concentrations and other points behind the

One of the most difficult tasks has been the repairing of roads and the novement of supplies, men, ammuition and food to the front. More than 40,000 engineer troops are employed day and night in rebuilding shell shattered roads.

In the Argonne hundreds of yards (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Manning Reports Flu Cases Diminishing and City Winning Fight

Health Commissioner Manning is authority for the statement that General Flu is about ready to agree to an unconditional surrender. There is to be no armistice. He is going to give up the fight, having decided that Omaha is too strongly entrenched and fortified to hope

antine will be raised. The time will depend to a considerable extent es he developments within the two or three days,

or a capitulation of the city. The health commissioner nounces that there are few new cases of flu developing and that a majority of the people who are down with the disease are rapidly convalescing. The hospitals are rapidly turning out flu cases that have been in these institutions and the number of deaths is showing a considerable falling off. However, with the improved health conditions. he is unable to say when the quar-