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SURRENDER BY TURKEY IS LATEST OFFER TO ALLIES

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY PREPARES TO DEMOBILIZE ARMY

JUST TO REMIND YOU

HAIG PRESSES AHEAD BETWEEN TOURNAI AND VALENCIENNES

French Troops on the Serre Front GERMANY TO Southwest of Merle Capture the Town of Mortiers---Americans Repulse German Attacks East of the Meuse.

London, Oct. 26.—The British continue to press forward between Valenciennes and Tournai, Field Marshal Haig announces. They have captured the village of Maulde on the front north of Valenciennes. South of Valenciennes the British have gained new successes on the borders of the Murmal Forest, capturing Mount Dr. W. S. Solf Makes An-Carmel hill and Englefontaine.

British patrols have progressed north of the railway between Valenciennes and Le Quesney.

The text of the field marshal's statement reads:

"Early this morning we carried out a successful minor operation on the borders of the forest of Murmal, capturing the hill known as Mount Carmel and the village of Englefontaine, with a number of prisoners.'

Paris, Oct. 26.—On the Serre front, southwest of Merle, the French have captured the village of Mortiers, after violent fighting, the war office announces. Between the Oise and the Serre the French maintain contact with the enemy.

Between Sissonne and Chateau Porcien the French, breakin up the enemy resistance, carried their line forward on a front of tioned among President Wilson's four-4½ miles to a depth of 2 miles, through the positions prepared by the Germans in 1917. The statement follows:

'During the night there was heavy artillery fighting between the Reichstag on Thursday. (In the the Oise and the Serre. Contact was maintained with the enemy. all along the front reached yesterday.

"On the south bank of the Serre River, the French attacked the village of Mortiers, which fell into their hands after a violent be righted). fight, in which they took 167 prisoners."

AMERICANS REPULSE GERMAN ATTACKS EAST OF THE MEUSE

Washington, Oct. 26.—Heavy fighting on the Verdun front is ish and Belgian citizens, and Commis described in Gen. Pershing's communique for Friday. Strong Ger- sioner Van Bree of the Belgian relief man counter-attacks east of the Meuse were repulsed everywhere except in the Belleau Wood, where four successive assaults forced a partial withdrawal by the Americans. West of the Meuse the American lines were further advanced in the face of determined

SERBS OCCUPY KRALIEVO.

London, Oct. 26.—Kralievo, 60 miles east-northeast of Nish. has been occupied by the Serbian troops, says a Serbian official statement issued Friday. In the same region the Serbians have crossed the Tarnitsa River.

ALLIES TAKE BELGIAN VILLAGES.

London, Oct. 25.—Operations in Belgium continued to develop favorably, according to an official statement issued at the war office tonight, which says the French have carried Zulte, in spite of desperate resistance, while the British have occupied the villages of Ingoyheim and Oteghem, and are advancing toward the Scheldt River.

U. S. TROOPS HOLD GAINS.

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 26 .- The gains made Friday by the American troops east and west of the Meuse were maintained to day in spite of violent enemy opposition and a harrassing artillery fire against the American front lines and the areas in the rear. On the extreme left the Americans have strengthened their hold on the high ground in the southern part of the Bourgone wood.

RUSSIAN MAIDENS COMPELLED BY THE BOLSHEVIKI TO REGISTER AT THEIR GOVT. "BUREAU OF FREE LOVE"

Under Soviet Decree All Wom en From 18 to 50 Become the Property of the State-Law Claimed To Be Based Upon Previous "Ex cellent" Examples.

London, Oct. 21.—(British Wireless Service).—Russian maidens under the jurisdiction of certain provincial Bolsheviki soviets become the "property of the state" when they reach the age of 18 years, and are compelled to register at a Government "bureau of free love," according to the Official Gazette of the Vladimir soviet of workmen's and soldiers' deputies which recently published that soviet's decree on the subject.

Under the decree a woman having registered, "has the right to choose from among men between 19 and 50 a cohabitant husband." The consent of the man chosen is not necessary. The man chosen has no right to make any protest.

A similar privilege of choosing from A similar privilege of choosing from among the registered women is given every man between 19 and 50, "without the consent of the woman."

This provision is described as "in the interest of the state." Opportunities for choosing husbands and wives are to be presented once each month, the decree states. Children born of such marriages are to become the "property" After tonight the present schedularing spanning to the reversion to the old-time shafter tonight the present schedularing spanning to the reversion to the old-time shafter tonight the present schedularing the put in force.

Montreal, Oct. 26.-All through trains in Canada tonight will be held one hour after their usual departing time, owing to the reversion to the old-time system.

nouncement in Reichstag.

WILL CARRY OUT PROMISES

German Foreign Secretary Defends Soldiers Actions in Occupied Districts.

Amsterdam, Oct. 26 .- "As for Alsace-Lorraine, it is at once clear that, as these territories were expressly men teen points, we agree to regulation of these questions," said Dr. W. S. Solf. German foreign secretary, in addressing address referred to, President Wilson said that the "wrong done to France by Prussia in 1871 in the matter of Alsace-Lorraine, which has unsettled the peace of the world for nearly 50 years, should be righted." Moreover, having accepted President

"Moreover, having accepted President Wilson's program as the basis of the entire peace work," Dr. Solf continued: "We will loyally and in the sense of complete justice and fairness, fulfill the program in all directions and at all points"

Dr. W. S. Solf said that Spanish Minister Villa Lobar, representing British and Rolging attractions. thorities had done everything in their power to alleviate the condition of fuzitives and residents in bombarded towns.

Only men of military age had been removed forcibly, Dr. Solf asserted, and even then exceptions had been made in the cases of physicians, clergymen, firemen, policemen, and those engaged in supplying food.

Referring to questions asked on the previous day, the foreign secretary said the Government emphatically repudiated any doubt of its intention honestly to any doubt of its intention honestly to carry out the principles laid down by President Wilson. He added:
"Having in reply to the president taken its stand on his messages, the Government is resolved to act accordingly."

GERMANS USING

With the British Army in France and Flanders, Oct. 26.—The heavy losses which the Germans have sustained since the allied offensive began have forced the enemy to use raw troops brought from the eastern front. The enemy now has 195 divisions on the western front, of which 183 are German infantry divisions, excluding 31 divisions withdrawn after they had suffered severe casualties during the past two weeks, and 6 Austro-Hungarian divisions. There are only 12 enemy divisions available in reserve on this front, and none of these are fresh. The desperate situation which the enemy is now facing appears to be fully appreciated by many of the German people, according to letters captured along the front.

TEUTONS ORDERED TO HOLD THE IRON MINES REGION AT ALL COSTS

General Von Der Marwitz Issues Order To Armies.

Financial Times Declares Power Minister, While Vociferously Demanding the Stoppa co of Exportation of Electrieal Energy Has Privately Agreed to Vast and Prolonged Exportation.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Montreal, Oct. 26.—Information has reached the Financial Times from an apparently reliable source which, if correct, indicates that Sir Adam Beck, while in public maintaining a constant and vociferous demand for the stoppage of the exportation of electric energy to the United States, in private set his hand to an agreement whereby he bound the province to 33 years of continuous exportation of 60,000 horse-power generated on the Canadian side

Ing an agreement of sale between the hydro-electric power commission of Ontario Power Company, dated April 21, 1917. On that date the province professedly became the owner of the powerhouse at Niagara Falls, from which it had formerly been buying been when the power and the Ontario Power Company which it had formerly been buying sent power into New York State under annual licenses from the Dominion department of on the Canadian side. [Special to The Advertiser.]

of Niagara Falls in a plant formerly owned by private interests which was only permitted to contract for export licensees for a year at a time. An Extraordinary Pact.

This extraordinary agreement is contained in a document filed in the office of the attorney-general of Ontario, be-

power generated on the Canadian side | These licenses contain the following "This license, being only for one year, ry out if this license is not renewed."

That warning in the license was and is, he added, for all companies which ex-

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sioner Van Bree of the Belgian relief organization, visited Tournal, Valenciennes and Denain on October 18, and reported that the German military authorities had done everything in their VALENCIENNES TO THE MEUSE; GERMANS LOSING THOUSANDS

Enemy Has Had His Strength Reduced by 50,000 Effectives in Last Few Days-Three Large Engagements Now in Progress.

RAW TROOPS FROM

EASTERN FRONT

Heavy Losses Sustained By Foe Has Left No Alternative.

With the British Army in France and Flanders, Oct. 26.—The heavy losses which the Germans have sustained since

Paris, Oct. 26.—The battle has flamed up again and heavy fighting is now under way from Valenciennes to the Meuse. The Germans are fighting hard everywhere, but the Allies continue to make substantial headway in the task of driving back the enemy on the Meuse line.

Although the recent fighting has been marked by no sensational developments, it is having a cumulative effect which, apart from the ground gained, adds considerably to the wastage of men and material with which the Germans must reckon. In the last four days the enemy has lost well up towards 15,000 prisoners and 200 guns. His total losses of effectives cannot have been less than 50,000.

Which the Germans have sustained since

BLAMES TORONTO'S

EXIT, DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Washington, D. C., Oct. 26.—At 2 o'clock tomorrow morning the United States will complete its test of "daylight saving." At that hour clocks of the naval observatory nere, and other agencies by which time is regulated in this country will be stopped for one hour. At the same time trains on all railroads of the country will stop and remain motionless for one hour, then proceed on their way.

AUSTRIA PREPARING TO DEMOBILIZE HER

MAYOR AND PRESS

base hospital, Col. Clarke of the medical ests within a few months. services condemned the mayor of Toronto and the influences working with him, including a section of the press, as responsible for much of the trouble. He said Mayor Church and those at the back of him had done all they could to obstruct the military authorities at Toronto in combating the influenza epidemic there instead of helping with close co-operation as the mayor and all control of the contro ronto and the influences working with Paris, Oct. 26.—An order signed by the German Gen. von der Marwitz, dated October 1, which was taken from a German prisoner, warns the fifth German army, fighting east of the Meuse, that the enemy was about to attack with the object of cutting the Longuyon-Sedan rallroad, and making he exploitation by the Germans of the Briev iron mines impossible.

Basel, Oct. 26.—Vienna newspapers are publishing articles relative to preparations for demobilizing the army. One newspaper says that two infantry regiments and the fate of a great part of the western front and perhaps the empire depends on our armies holding them?

To DEMOBILIZE HER

ARMIES, SAY PAPERS

Vienna Press Publishing Reports of Revolts in Army.

Says Papers

Oct. 26.—Vienna newspapers are publishing articles relative to preparations for demobilizing the army. One newspaper says that two infantry regiments station at Karlowitz have revolted. Karlowitz is a village in Croatial with the military."

TURKEY OFFERS TO SURRENDER TO THE ALLIES

London, Oct. 26.-The German Gov ernment is not contemplating at the dispatch to the Daily Mail. resent time any further note to President Wilson, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. I s probable that the Government will nake a declaration in the Reichstag to the effect that Germany is awaiting the peace conditions of the Allies.

COAL SHORTAGE IS BECOMING MORE SERIOUS

Ilness of Miners Reducing the Output.

INFLUENZA TO

Ontario Fuel Administration Notifies All Coal Dealers of Critical Situation.

Toronto, Oct. 25.—Owing to the outbreak of Spanish influenza, which has demoralized labor conditions in the mining districts from which Ontario drzws its supply of fuel, there has been such an alarming curtailment in the production of anthracite of late that grave fears have arisen regarding our future supply. grave fears have arisen regarding our future supply.

Most discouraging reports have reached the Ontario fuel administration within the past few days, and these advices assume such a startling aspect this morning that the administration considered it necessary to notify by wire every coal dealer in the province that events had taken a critical turn, and that a serious fuel emergency exists in Ontario. It is now felt that the province will likely fall considerably short of the allotment originally allowed by the United States fuel administration, both in soft as well as hard coal. Fortunately at the moment there is a considerable quantity of bituminous available, and in the wire to dealers they are warned to secure a supply ors they are warned to secure a supply of this wherever available, and to im-press upon customers the necessity of taking and using this class of fuel

GOVT. TO TAKE OVER WINNIPEG COLLEGE AT A COST OF \$4,000,000

Minister of Militia Makes Announce ment on Trip Through West. [Special to The Advertiser.] Wininpeg, Oct. 25.—Major-Gen. C. S. Mewburn, minister of militia, went east tonight. Quarantine, due to Spanish influenza, interfered with an inspection of the military barracks. He informed the Government of Manitoba, after inspecting the site, that the Dominion would take over the Agricultural College for a seldiors, home at a cost of four for a soldiers' home, at a cost of four

OFFICIAL DENIAL MADE OF REPORT CONCERNING THE LONDON ADVERTISER

No Truth Whatever in Report That Newspaper Has Been Sold to the Toronto, Oct. 26.—Secretary Morrison of the United Farmers' Association states today that the majority of Ben Bowman, the association's candidate in Manitolin, who was elected at the bye Ottawa. Oct. 26.—Replying to the statements alleged to have been made by General Logic at the inquest in Toronto last night into the death of a cadet at the base hospital which was into the conditions surrounding the base hospital, Col. Clarke of the medical It is not often that al newspaper is

NOT Ottoman Minister to Switzerland Hands British and French Diplomats at Berne New Offer According to Dispatch From Switzerland's Capital to the London Mail.

London, Oct. 26 .- The Turkish minister to Switzerland has handed the British and French ministers to that country an offer of peace virtually amounting to surrender, according to a Berne

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN ARMY PREPARING TO DEMOBILIZE

Amsterdam, Oct. 26 .- An official statement, according to which the demobilization of the Austro-Hungarian army is being prepared, is published in the newspapers of Vienna, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen says:

PEACE AT ANY PRICE IS WANTED IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Paris, Oct. 26.—In well-informed circles it is said that the nomination of Count Julius Andrassy as successor of Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, is, above all, important from the viewpoint of a conclusion of peace and an application of the "safety-first" principle in Austria. It is said that peace at any price is now popular at Vienna and Budapest.

The Zurich correspondent of the Journal says that the new BLAME foreign minister is understood to be a partisan of direct peace negotiations with the Entente. He says that the situation in Austria-Hungary is such that the monarchy will capitulate and throw itself on the mercy of the Allies.

The Czechs are now master of the situation at Prague. The Slovaks have decided to change the name of Presburg to Wilsonville. The Ruthenians of Galicia have declared for a separate Ukrainian state, comprising regions of Austria-Hungary inhabited by Ruthenians. It is reported that anarchy reigns in the ancient Danubian monarchy of Hungary. The correspondent says that in Austria no notice is being taken of decisions arrived at by Berlin.

FRENCH CHILDREN IN LIBERATED DISTRICTS EXTEND ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME TO CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Joy of People in Recaptured Territories Knows No Bounds -Ruin and Destruction Mark the Trail of the Defeated Hun.

With the Canadian Forces, October 24.
—(By J. F. B. Livesay, Canadian Press Correspondent).—To traverse the area recaptured by the Canadian Corps is to surrender oneself to tender emotions. Everywhere there are smiles and cries for less braves Canadiens. Children climb upon a car, careless of danger, clasping hands and scattering flowers Hardly was the last Boche out of sight, when, as if by magic, from some treasured stores there broke out the tricolor, that glorious emblem of liberty. The country here is flat, making an ideal field for manoeuvring all arms unto obstructed by wire or shell holes. It is virgin in its velvet beauty, and strikes home to the heart. It is well worth all our toils to have saved this to France. The chief features of the landscape are vast slag piles, marking the enternace to the mine shafts. They are termed fosses, and some of these have afforded strongholds to the enemy, but our motor machine gunners have made excellent use of their opportunities, often catching the enemy unawares from the rear. Many villages are brand new, bright with gay-colored brick. These are the miners' communities, such as are common enough around Lens, but here not one tile is out of place.

Trail of the Hun.

Only within is beastly and wanton ruin and filth by which everywhere the track of the defeated Hun can be followed. Such destruction of humble private property can have no military value. These peasants are not habituant and do not realize its

MILITARY CHAPLAIN IS VICTIM OF INFLUENZA

Contracted Disease While Administering to Dying Soldier.

out any foundation whatever. No negotiations have been carried on between the parties nor any suggestion made from either side as to the possibility of the purchase of The Advertiser. The story is cut from the whole cloth.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 64; lowest, 51.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 52; lowest, 49.

Hamilton, Oct. 26.—Rev. C. A. Sparling, Sufface C. A. Sparling, Tector of St. Mark's Church, Who had been acting as military chaplain at Detawaw, and later at Niagara Camp, where he contracted influenza while at tending a dying soldier, passed away at the city hospital this morning. Deceased was a graduate of Trinity served for a time as assistant curate at Grace Church, Toronto; then in charge of the missionary field at Grand Valley, and later as assistant to Archdeacon David-son at Guelph. He came to St. Mark's Church from Guelph.

Port Stanley. 62 50 Cloudy Kingston ... 64 53 Rain Toronto ... 60 53 Cloudy Kingston ... 54 Fair Montreal ... 56 56 Rain Quebec ... 56 52 Rain Cloudy was a graduate of Trinity served for a time as assistant curate at Grace Church, Toronto; then in charge of the missionary field at Grand Valley, and later as assistant to Archdeacon David-son and Quebec and in a few sections of the Western Provinces. Hamilton, Oct. 26 .- Rev. C. A. Spar-

THE WEATHER TOMORROW-SHOWERY.

Toronto, Oct. 26-8 a.m. Forecasts. Today—Northeast winds; cloudy. Sunday — Strong easterly wind showery.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 am. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather. Calgary ...
Port Arthur ... 38
Parry Sound ... 54
Port Stanley ... 62
Buffalo ... 64