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**DECISION WITH ALLIES.**

**London Press Approve the President's Reply.**

**Meanwhile the German Armies are Being Severely Pounded.**

**Hungary in the Peace Queue --- Food Shortage in Vienna.**

**WAR REVIEW.**  
 On several of the most important fronts in France, in the region of Valenciennes, to the east of Le Cateau north of Laon, between the Oise and the Serre Rivers, and on the front from the Meuse River to the vicinity of Grand Pre, battles of sanguinary character are being fought, and the British, French and American troops everywhere are making progress against the stubbornly resisting Germans. In Belgium the Allied forces, owing to the rapid retreat of the enemy and the flooded condition of the lowlands, have not yet been able to come into full fighting contact with the Germans, but doubtless a few more days will see them again hard after their quarry and driving him further toward his own frontier.

South of Valenciennes, the British and Fourth armies with which Americans are co-operating, have continued successfully to press onward, with Mons and Maubeuge their objectives. Valenciennes is gradually being enveloped and soon is destined to be pinched out of the fighting line by turning movements from the north and south in the manner generally adopted in the present day tactics, when it is more desirable to envelop a strong point than to waste life and time in reaching the objective by a frontal attack. The Germans in this region continue to use numerous machine guns to retard the advance of Field Marshal Hatz's men, and the artillery of both sides is violently active. British aviators are materially aiding the offensive by dropping bombs behind the line or "flying" low and cutting troop formations to pieces with machine gun fire. South of the Oise River the French are making sharp thrusts against the enemy with the intention of clearing out the "entente triangle" between Flavigny and Mont-Cornet, and taking all the railroad lines within this region and eliminating the salient that still exists there. The Germans are strongly counter-attacking on all the fronts of attack, but the French have ward off their efforts to regain lost territory and have gained ground south of Mont-Cornet, one of the principal railway junctions in this region. North of Grand-Pre, and north of Verdun in the sector lying between the Meuse River and north of the Argonne Forest, the Americans have cut further and deeper into the enemy's line, despite the continued extremely heavy use of machine guns and artillery by the Germans.

**RELIEVES ALLIES WILL ACT.**  
 WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.  
 Germany's plea for armistice

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and peace now is before the Allied Governments which are to determine whether they are disposed to accept President Wilson's principles of settlement to which Germany subscribed and in accordance with the United States ask their military advisers and those of America to prepare the terms of an armistice which virtually will mean surrender by Germany. In various public utterances the premiers and other leaders of the Entente powers have repeatedly declared that President Wilson's statements in his addresses reflect their own views. Something more official and binding is required now. Although it is declared here as a foregone conclusion that this approval will be registered and the officers of the Supreme War Council will be invoked to prepare the fateful document which will define the conditions under which Germany may secure relief from the incessant hammering of the victorious Allied armies, no one here-to-day would undertake to forecast the probable time of a final decision of Germany's plea. It is known, however, that the Supreme War Council already has given the matter earnest consideration.

**HUNGARY SEEKS SEPARATE ARMISTICE.**

PARIS, Oct. 24.  
 Hungary intends to apply direct to the Entente Governments to ascertain on what terms they will grant an armistice and peace to Hungary, it is reported in political circles in Budapest, according to a Zurich despatch to the Journal. Austria-Hungary is already reconciled to the idea of unconditional capitulation, says a Vienna despatch to the Frankfort Zeitung, because Vienna is threatened with famine. The authorities are powerless and laws are no longer enforced.

**AUSTRIA MAY SURRENDER.**

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 24.  
 The speedy unconditional surrender of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy is probable, according to a Vienna despatch to the Frankfort Gazette.

**AUSTRIAN FOOD SITUATION.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.  
 A despatch from Holland to-day says Austrian newspapers declare it will be difficult to supply Vienna with food now that imports from Poland are shut off on account of the Hungarian situation, and the closing of the Bohemian and Moravian frontiers.

**CLOSING IN ON CANAL BEND.**

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES, Oct. 23. (By J. F. Livesey, Canadian Press Correspondent).—Our troops occupied the line of the Scheidt Canal, immediately north of Valenciennes, have begun closing in the area contained within the sharp bend the Canal makes northwest of Condre. We are only a few miles from the Belgian boundary. Since we crossed the Canal De Senese, south of Douai, many of our troops have marched over thirty miles over almost impassible roads and in miserable weather. Today the sun was shining for the first time in ten days.

**MOBILIZING NEW RUSSIAN ARMY.**

VLADIVOSTOCK, Oct. 17. (By the A.P.).—General Ivanoff, War Minister of the Omsk Government, has arrived from that city to confer with the Allies in an attempt to systematize the mobilization of Russians here for the new army.

**FRENCH TAKE EPSON BRITISH.**

ROME, Oct. 24.  
 French forces to-day penetrated enemy positions taking more than seven hundred prisoners, the Italian official statement to-day says. The attack was made at Monte Sisemol on the Asiago plateau.

**CASUALTY LIST.**  
 OCTOBER 24.  
 To-day's casualty lists include—in-

fantry: Killed in action, R. C. Parmenter, St. John's, N.F.

**RAIMES FOREST CAPTURED.**

LONDON, Oct. 24.  
 The Raimes forest, northwest of Valenciennes, has been occupied by the British. North of the forest the British have captured the villages of Thiers, Hauterive and Thun.

**CIRCULATING WILSON'S REPLY.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.  
 President Wilson's reply to Germany was sent broadcast to the world from the Arlington naval radio towers last night after the official text had been put on the cables. If not picked up directly by the great German station at Nauzen, it undoubtedly was relayed from other points in Europe in time to reach Berlin this morning.

**DISCUSSES WILSON'S NOTE.**

LONDON, Oct. 24.  
 The British Cabinet met this morning presumably to discuss President Wilson's reply to Germany. The reply was received by the Foreign Office from the British Embassy at Washington.

**PRESS COMMENT ON WILSON'S REPLY.**

LONDON, Oct. 24.  
 The text of President Wilson's reply to Germany which reached London in the early hours of this morning, is given great prominence in the evening newspapers, which quote with satisfaction his decision to refer the question of an armistice to the Allies and his insistence that the only armistice must be one which will make a renewal of hostilities on the part of Germany impossible. The Globe which would have preferred if the President had declined to make any reply, said, however, that his note is quite uncompromising and altogether admirable. Marcel Sembat, in L'Heure (Paris) says, no reply of the President's in our opinion, has equalled the present one in frankness. To the carpenter in the United States who implored him not to reply, he turned a deaf ear. No better warning could be given Germany than that she has her fate in her own hands. Will she uncrown the Kaiser and become a free people or will she remain infatuated with the military imperialists? The choice is hers. We will treat her accordingly. The Westminster Gazette says, Whether the German Government accepts this proposition for an armistice will depend on its estimate of its military and internal situation, and upon nothing else. All Democratic nations will be grateful to the President for having forcibly projected the issue between free peoples and military despotism in the foreground at this stage of the war, but let it be said again that the choice rests with the German people. It is for them and not for us to say how they shall be ruled. All that we can say is that according as they choose so we must act, and that is the President's last words. We can negotiate with a free people, but we must demand surrender from a military autocracy.

**POPULAR COMMENT ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY.**

The popular comment on the President's reply here is that it contains the strongest language ever addressed by the head of any great nation to another in modern times. The note is welcomed first, because it brings matters to a new state. Further proceedings, if there are to be further proceedings, will be in the hands of the Governments interested. Hitherto, so far as the public knows, the nations associated with the United States, have been onlookers to the correspondence. The note is welcomed secondly, because it promises to bring the season of discussion to an end altogether one way or the other. No one sees how the German Chancellor, Prince Maximilian, can fail either to accept President Wilson's platform or reject it. Acceptance will be taken to mean that the German

regard their position as hopeless and that disaster is imminent. The general opinion is that Germany's military position is not so bad, but that her leaders will fight on if only with the hope of creating divisions among the Allies, which has been Germany's reliance of late.

**LIEBKNECHT RELEASED.**

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 24.  
 Frederich Ebrt, the Socialist leader in the German Reichstag, informed the Reichstag to-day that Dr. Karl Liebknecht, former Socialist member of the Reichstag, had been released from prison, where he was serving a sentence for attempted treason.

**AIR WORK.**

LONDON, Oct. 24.  
 The official statement dealing with the operations of the Independent Air Forces says: "On Wednesday night we bombed railways at Burbach and Saarbrucken, chemical factories at Mannheim and railways at Coblenz, near Mainz, and at Metz Sablon's."

**ROOSEVELT SPEAKS.**

OYSTER BAY, N.Y., Oct. 24.  
 Theodore Roosevelt sent duplicate telegrams to-night to United States Senators Lodge, Poinsette and Johnson, in which he characterized as "thoroughly mischievous" the four-team principles by President Wilson, if they are to be made the basis of peace.

**BULGAR TREATMENT OF SERBIAN PRISONERS.**

LONDON, Oct. 24.  
 Liberated British prisoners passing through Sofia on their way to Salonika, according to a despatch to the Mail, said that although the British and French prisoners endured much

hardship, the Serbians were regularly beaten by their Bulgarian captors and often shot without warning. One British prisoner said, according to the despatch, "the poor devils were thrashed, worked to death or slain in a way that no civilized country would allow a dog to be treated."

**THE POPE'S HOPE.**

ROME, Oct. 23.  
 In an apostolic letter to Dr. Alexander Kakowski, Archbishop of Warsaw, the Pope expresses the hope that the people of Poland may enjoy the privilege of choosing their own form of government. The communication ends by saying that the Pontiff desiring to show his good will toward Poland, proposes to make Dr. Kakowski a Cardinal at the next consistory.

**Another Hun "Dud."**

(From the New York Herald.)  
 With their usual cunning, which is not cunning at all as the fox sees it, the Huns have launched their second drive against the Fourth Liberty Loan. This is the absurd tale, based on a "report from Sweden," that the Kaiser has abdicated. The old and over-worked legend that Hindenburg had resigned after a fierce squabble with the All Highest hardly had been well spread when along came the big shell of the German attack on the loan—"The Kaiser has quit!" The point of all these stupid tales is so obvious that it is not necessary to mention it. There is one response—Buy another bond! Also remember—The Hohenzollerns never resign. Once in a while one dies—but not on the battlefield.

**Nfld. Scotch Cured Herring.**

Since the supply of Newfoundland Scotch cured herring has been comparatively small this year, it is the opinion of many that there will be a clean up of all stocks here probably before winter weather sets in. At the same time it may be expected that prices will advance as a result of the demand and limited supply from which to meet it. Large factors in New York have been holding their goods at \$7 since last reports, and it is understood that sales have been made at this figure in many quarters. Inferior goods have been bringing up to \$23@24 per barrel, but the market has been materially strengthened since last reports, and a lighter level of prices is to be looked for in the opinion of merchants. What is yet to come forward from this source can hardly be determined, but it is known that most of the packers have entirely sold out and that there is little herring now available in St. John's. With the fall season approaching New York merchants and importers are naturally making plans for securing supplies for the coming spring and summer. While there has been strong competition against Newfoundland herring this year, particularly by producers of Scotch style herring on Cape Cod, the trade has continued to indicate a preference for Newfoundland herring. Even the splendid herring from Alaska last season failed to take the market away from Newfoundland Scotch pack. It is probable that the demand in the coming season will exceed that of any period of the past.—N. Y. Fishing Gazette, Oct. 12.

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