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GERMANY OFFERS PEACE TERMS
TO BELGIUM.

LONDON, Sept. 16.
Germany has made a definite peace
offer to Belgium, according to infor-
mation received here.
It is understood that the Govern-
ment has received the Austro-
Hungarian peace note, and also the
proposal previously referred to, that
all the Powers should withdraw their
troops from the Murman territory. It
is also learned that Germany has
made a peace offer to Belgium. The
terms of this proposal are as fol-
lows: That Belgium shall remain
neutral until the end of the war;
that thereafter the entire economic
and political independence of Bel-
gium shall be reconstituted; that the
pre-war commercial treaties between
Germany and Belgium shall again be
put into operation after the war for
an indefinite period; that Belgium
shall use her good offices to secure
the return of German colonies; that
the Flemish question shall be consid-
ered, and the Flemish minority which
aided the German invaders shall not
be penalized. The proposal contains
a most interesting separation of the
imperial and no admission that Ger-
many wronged Belgium.

NO FOR PEACE OVERSHADOWS
FOCH'S HAMMER BLOWS.

Overshadowing in interest Marshal
Foch's hammer blows against the
barred Germans, is the Teutonic bid
for peace, made through the Imper-
ial Government of Austria-Hungary.
Washington and the Allied capitals
lauded the call for a conference on
neutral soil as another German ruse
to get better terms than they might
expect when the war has been carried
across their line. They were con-
vinced that Austria, whose people
have been war-weary, had been call-
ing upon to bear the onus of making
peace overtures and thus save the
face of Germany.

PRISONERS TAKEN.

PARIS, Sept. 14.
The prisoners taken by the Ameri-
cans in the St. Mihiel operations num-
ber nearly 20,000, according to Mar-
shal Hutin, editor of the Echo de Paris,
Premier Clemenceau, who paid a brief
visit to Marshal Foch, Friday, Inform-
ing M. Hutin, that 2,100 inhabitants
were still in St. Mihiel when the
Franco-American troops entered that
town, and that the Germans had only
taken away 76 of the French, for the
rest part young persons, the night
before they evacuated. "I absolutely
refuse to give you any other con-
fession but this—Things will go very
well," said the Premier.

IN FRONT OF METZ.

LONDON, Sept. 15.
General Pershing's army, accord-
ing to this afternoon's news, is mak-
ing fine progress. Since yesterday
afternoon it has advanced from two
to three miles on a 33-mile front and
the fortress guns of Metz have come
into action against it.

FRENCH ADVANCE.

LONDON, Sept. 14.
The French reached the edge of the
Vally of the Aisne. The
French advanced for a distance of be-
tween one and two miles on an ele-
vated front. The attack was launch-
ed by the French at 5 o'clock this
morning. One division at an early
hour had taken one thousand prison-
ers, making a total of 18,000 Germans
captured on this front alone.

BRITISH MAKE PROGRESS.

LONDON, Sept. 15.
Further progress was made by the
British last night in the region north
of St. Quentin in the War Office
announcement to-day. Their lines were
advanced both north and south of
Wood in this area. German
attacks in the Trécault sector

south west of Cambrai were repulsed
as were similar thrusts in Flanders
near Labasse.

MORE VILLAGES TAKEN.

PARIS, Sept. 14.
Between the Oise and the
Aisne, we have captured the
village of Alloumont and the Neuville
Aisne. We made 2,500 prisoners.
This announcement was made in the
official communication from the war
office to-night.

LARASSE OCCUPIED.

LONDON, Sept. 14.
Field Marshal Haig's forces have
occupied Augry-Larasse, in the
Lys sector, according to the official
announcement to-day by the British
War Office.

BRITISH ADVANCE.

LONDON, Sept. 14.
As a result of the British progress
yesterday in the district northwest of
St. Quentin, the British line has been
established east of the villages of
Nesbecourt and Jeancourt.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, Sept. 14.
The official statement issued by the
French War Office this evening says,
in the course of the day we made pro-
gress between Savy and the Ham-St.
Quentin Road. South of the Ailette
River we advanced our positions to the
north of Nanteuil-La-Fosse. Two Ger-
man counter-attacks in the region of
Lafaux and Moisy Farm were repul-
sed.

GERMANS DIGGING IN.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN
LORRAINE, Sept. 15.—The Germans
gave further evidence to-day that they
intended to resist strongly on the line
to which they have fallen back. Above
the former St. Mihiel salient, a de-
tachment was digging in to-day about
Dommartin (four and a half miles
north of Thicourt), between La-
Chaussee (3 and a half miles north-
west of Dommartin) and at Dom-
martin squad trenches have been es-
tablished. German detachments also
were in the woods above Woel (four
miles north of Hattonville.)

GERMANY LOST ALL ON MARNE.

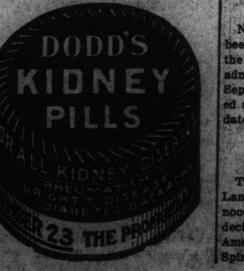
BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept.
14.—(By the A. P.)—Fighting along
the new British line in the Havrin-
court, Gouzeaucourt sector yesterday
was confined mainly to mopping up
operations which were being con-
tinued at various points by the ag-
gressors. Havrin-court village was be-
ing bombed by the German artillery,
however, and there were some indica-
tions that the enemy might make an
other thrust any time in an attempt
to regain possession about Havrin-
court which they had been ordered to
take at all costs. More than 1,200
prisoners were captured Thursday in
the attack as the British reached high
ground. Captured German officers
state that they had been ordered to
fight to the last ditch and that they
carried out their instructions at many
points. Some officers taken appear to
be very gloomy over the situation from
their standpoint. They state that the
German high command staked every-
thing on the battle of the Marne, which
failed so completely.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.

Austria is cracking and instead of
wasting time with worse than use-
less peace talk now is the time to
strike her hardest. This was the view
expressed in official quarters here to-
day when word came in press des-
patches from Amsterdam that Austria-
Hungary had proposed "non-binding"
peace discussions between the belliger-
ent nations on neutral ground. No
information concerning the latest
peace drive had reached the govern-
ment early to-day from any official
source, consequently there was no
formal comment, but it may be stated
authoritatively that any action which
may be taken by the United States and
the Allies will be in concert and after
complete joint deliberations.

THE PEACE DRIVE.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 14.
The Austro-Hungarian Government
to-day invited all the belligerent Gov-
ernments to enter into non-binding
discussions at some neutral meeting
place with a view to bringing about
peace. The Holy See and all neutral
nations also will be notified. An of-
ficial statement from Vienna making
the above announcement has been re-
ceived here. The Austrian proposal
suggests that there be no interrup-
tion of the war and that the discussions
would go only so far as is considered
by the participants to offer prospects
of success. The proposal calls for all
the belligerents to send delegates to a



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country and at a near date that would
yet have to be agreed upon. The pro-
posal says the conference would be
charged to make known to one another
the conception of their governments
regarding these principles and to re-
ceive analogous communications as
well as to request and give frank and
candid explanations on all these points
which need to be precisely defined.

RAINS HAMPERED AMERICANS.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN
FRANCE, Sept. 13.—(By the A. P.)—
Tanks were used in the drive on the
Saint Mihiel salient but not to any
great extent, the chief reason being
that it was unnecessary to call upon
them. The Germans in most cases re-
treated without waiting for the wiping
out machines to force them. The
rains that began shortly after the
heavy barrage that opened the battle
have continued at intervals since. The
narrow dirt roads that lead from the
main highway are mud now. It is
through these and over fields in which
wagons sink low that guns move. In
a majority of cases drawn by automo-
bile tractors. It was through such
fields that the infantry men slipped
and waded in pursuit of the retreating
enemy.

FIELD CASUALTY.

OTTAWA, Sept. 12.
Newfoundland name in the casualty
list—L. F. Keeping, St. John's.

NO WONDER.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 12.
The Kaiser looks grave and his hair
has become very grey, says an Essen
despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger of
Berlin, describing the appearance of
Emperor William on the occasion of
his speech at the Krupp munition
works.

BARQUE SANK TWO SUBS.

HAVANA, Sept. 13.
Two enemy submarines which were
encountered when 600 miles out from
its port of departure were sunk by an
American barque, according to a story
published here to-day. No details of
the encounter are given. The bar-
que with 129 passengers on board was
bound from an Atlantic port of the
United States for Central America
took refuge in a Cuban port this week.
A report in writing of the encounter
with the submarines was signed by
the passengers.

HONORS FOR FRENCH GENERAL.

PARIS, Sept. 14.
General Debény has been raised to
the dignity of Grand Officer of the
Legion of Honor. The citation was
made in recognition of brilliant ser-
vices in stopping the German drive to-
ward Amiens last March and the re-
capture of Mont Didier with 12,000
prisoners in August.

NO NEWS OF CONSUL.

LONDON, Sept. 13.
The Government is still without
news from Robert H. E. Lockhart,
Consul General at Moscow, and the
other British subjects held prisoners
in Russia, but indirect negotiations
for their release are continuing. The
latest information in official quarters
confirms the reports of the desperate
situation in Russia indicating the
breaking up of the Bolshevik regime.
Premier Lenine and War Minister
Trotsky, it is declared, made all pre-
parations a month ago to escape to
Switzerland.

PROVIDING THE GRAIN.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.
Nearly 50 per cent. more grain has
been loaded so far this year than in
the same period last year. A railroad
administration report shows up to
Sept. 7th, 295,000 cars had been load-
ed as compared with 205,000 on that
date a year ago.

SPINNERS' STRIKE.

LONDON, Sept. 14.
The spinners in the Yorkshire and
Lancashire cotton mills quit work at
noon to-day in accordance with the
decision reached a week ago by the
Amalgamated Association of Cotton
Spinners to strike for the abolition of

the Rota system, the Central News
states this afternoon. The Associa-
tion has a membership of 20,000. In-
directly the strike is expected to af-
fect 300,000 operatives in the cotton
industry.

KING GEORGE'S CONGRATULA-
TIONS.

LONDON, Sept. 14.
King George has sent a message of
congratulation to President Wilson on
the victory won by General Pershing
in the St. Mihiel salient. The King's
message reads: "On behalf of the
British Empire I heartily congratu-
late you on the brilliant achievement
of the American and Allied troops
under the leadership of General Per-
shing in the St. Mihiel salient. The
far-reaching results secured by these
successful operations which has
marked the active intervention of the
American army on a great scale un-
der its own administration are the
happiest augury for the complete and,
I hope, not far distant triumph of the
Allied cause."

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, Sept. 13.
The British steamer Galway Castle,
of 7,383 tons gross, was torpedoed and
sunk this morning. She had 960 per-
sons on board, of whom more than
850 were saved. The passengers in-
cluded 300 women and children. The
bodies of 3 of the children who had
died were brought ashore. The captain
and several of the officers are report-
ed to have been still on board when
she was last seen and sinking. The
missing from the torpedoed Galway
Castle number 189; they include 120
passengers, 36 naval and military
officers and men and 83 of the crew;
90 third class passengers lost were
without exception women and chil-
dren. The liner floated for two days
in charge of the captain and volun-
teers. The Galway Castle left port
for South Africa on Tuesday last and
was torpedoed on Thursday in a heavy
sea. The Central News account of
the sinking says that one of the life-
boats was driven by a stormy sea
against the ship's propeller and
smashed. One of the steamer's pas-
sengers, the account adds, was Henry
Burton, Minister of Railways of the
Union of South Africa, who was sav-
ed, and Major Rabuntina, member of
the South African Parliament, who is
missing. The Galway Castle was
built at Belfast in 1911. London was
her port of register. She was owned
by the Union Castle Mail Steamship
Company.

ENEMY RAIDS REPULSED.

LONDON, Sept. 14.
A hostile raid was successfully re-
pulsed this morning in the Gouzeau-
court sector. In the Havrin-court sec-
tor troops have pushed forward and
have established new posts in the
trench lines east and north of the
village. Local fighting has taken
place. On both sides of LaBassoe
Canal our troops have made progress
and have made some prisoners. The
hostile artillery has been active with
gas shells in the north of Neuve Chap-
elle. A raid attempted by the enemy
last night in this sector was driven
off.

SPANISH STEAMER FIRED ON.

PARIS, Sept. 14.
That a Spanish steamer was fired
upon by a German submarine near
the Canary Islands, is confirmed by
despatches received here.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Sept. 14.
Casualties among the British forces
reported for the week ending to-
day, totalled 21,445, compared with
an aggregate of 20,264* in the previous
week. The casualties were divided as
follows: Killed or died of wounds,
officers 562, men 3,514; wounded or
missing, officers 1,702, men 15,666.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY
MISSING.

LONDON, Sept. 15.
One hundred and twenty passen-
gers from the torpedoed British
steamer Galway Castle, are missing,
the Press Association reports to-day.

SHELLED BY SUBMARINE.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Sept. 15.—A
British passenger steamer which ar-
rived here to-day reported she was
shelled by a German submarine 80
miles off the American coast, earlier
in the day. Five shots were fired by
the U-boat none of which took effect.
The steamship fled and escaped in the
fog. The steamship which is in the
transport service, was bringing home
96 wounded Canadian officers. The
first shot screamed across the star-
board bow, struck the water beyond,
and exploded harmlessly. Instantly
the captain altered the course and
slowed down, the second missing,
passed over the port bow and the
next three struck the waves astern.
Though the ship was armed, the cap-
tain ordered the gunners not to re-
spond to the fire, determining to rely
on speed and the low visibility for
escape. As soon as the shells began
to fall behind her he rang for full
speed ahead and the liner leaped away
into the murk. The U-boat then
ceased firing. During the shelling
perfect discipline was maintained. The
steamer after the fog closed around
her, continued her voyage with no
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