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## WILSON SILENT ON NOTE AT LEAST UNTIL TOMORROW

**Washington, However, Feels That Berlin Reply Brings Peace No Nearer—It Must Be Evacuation, Cessation of Outrages and Unconditional Surrender**

Washington, Oct. 22.—The official text of Germany's latest note to President Wilson was received by cable today at the Swiss legation. Frederick Oederling, the Swiss charge, arranged to deliver it to Secretary of State Lansing as soon as it could be decoded.

Indications were that no announcement of a decision by the president could be expected before tomorrow. Secretary Lansing was with him until noon and night last night discussing the wireless version, but there now must be further conferences and it is assumed there will be exchanges with the Allied capital.

A despatch to J. M. Robinson & Sons, St. John, today from New York says that Washington feels that Germany's note brings peace no nearer. No unconditional surrender, no armistice, until Germans are out of invaded territory and cease inhuman acts is feeling which prevails in the capital. Congressional leaders say reply should be based upon what Allies may enter into peace proposals. Maximilian Harden noted German editor, says Kaiser must conclude quick necessary peace, must withdraw German troops to empire frontiers.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Official comment continued to be withheld awaiting an indication of the president's views. Everyone expected him to decide very quickly, whether the note, with its promises in support of the plea for an armistice and its suggestion that the government at Berlin no longer is responsible to an arbitrary power, creates a new situation requiring action.

Informal opinion as to the probable attitude of the president covered a wide range, though it did not differ on the point that immediate peace is not at hand and that however sincere the German overtures may be, they will be met by a refusal to accept anything less than a complete surrender in the near future. If the Allies hold firm to the determination to accept nothing less, are guided by confidential diplomatic advice, purporting to be from the president, a real political revolution in Germany and that the people in power are ready to throw out the Kaiser and all his law lords to get peace.

It was learned today that a private despatch from Germany has been published in a Copenhagen newspaper, stating that the troops on leave are receiving secret orders not to return to the front and that to this extent demobilization has been begun. Military men, here, however, regard it as inconceivable that such orders would be given while desperate efforts are being made to hold the Americans and Allied troops at bay on certain points on the western front.

**MUCH TO BE MADE CLEAR**  
London, Oct. 21.—It has been learned by authoritative quarters regarding the question arising out of the German reply to President Wilson's note is as follows: The German note assumes that the president will demand the evacuation of occupied territory, and the Germans are still proceeding on that assumption. But that is not so, and this point should be made quite clear.

Freedom of the seas, as understood by the Germans, cannot be accepted by Great Britain at all. There are various other naval questions requiring elucidation.

Other points which have not yet been touched upon include questions of indemnities and reparations.

**In a Nutshell.**  
London, Oct. 22.—A monument of insincerity in the way the Times characterizes the German reply. It brusquely waives a detailed examination of the note, saying that the only important consideration is whether Germany intends to accept an armistice in accordance with the method dictated by President Wilson.

**DEATHS IN REICHSTAG.**  
Bern, Oct. 21.—(Havas Agency)—Prince Maximilian, German chancellor, will speak at a plenary meeting of the Reichstag on Tuesday, according to Berlin advices. Debate on general policies will last for two or three days.

**American Views.**  
New York, Oct. 21.—The New York Times, in its comments on Germany's reply, says: "The terms of peace will be just to the rest of the world, however harsh Germany and the German people may deem them to be. It remains for them not to choose the terms, but to accept whatever terms may be imposed. The armistice of Marshal Foch will give them no respite until they come to this conclusion."

**Camouflage.**  
London, Oct. 22.—The German reply to President Wilson is regarded here as "not business, but mere argument and procrastination." In government, diplomatic and political circles, the view is that it is not a reply. One highly confidential source here says: "The government has not considered the reply in detail, although Premier Lloyd George and his colleagues held protracted deliberations today."

## THE LANDOVERY CASTLE CASE IS ONE REPLY TO HUN

Also the Sinking of the Steamer Lydianna

**INSINCERITY OF PEACE NOTE**

**Denial by Germans Will Not Stand Investigation — Maria Insurance Circles Evidently Not Impressed By Berlin Promise**

London, Oct. 22.—With reference to the paragraph in the German note denying that the German navy is sinking ships ever purposely destroyed lifeboats with their passengers, it is pointed out in government circles that many cases could be quoted in reply to this denial. Two recent cases are the *Landoverly Castle*, a Canadian hospital ship sunk in the Atlantic, and the French steamer *Lydianna*, sunk off the north coast of Spain on July 16.

The *Landoverly Castle* was torpedoed and sunk off the Irish coast on the night of June 27 while returning from Halifax with no wounded aboard. The vessel carried 288 persons, including fourteen nurses, and only twenty-four were saved.

The *Lydianna* had been torpedoed, the whole boat and a raft were lowered, but the crew of the boat were killed. The German submarine rammed both boats, cutting them in two. After several fruitless attempts, the submarine succeeded in sinking the raft and then disappeared without helping the survivors. Nine men of the crew of forty were picked up after having clung to wreckage for more than a day. The second engineer of the *Lydianna* reported that the crew of the submarine had laughed at him when he accused them of deliberately trying to kill all on board.

**NO CHANGE IN MARINE RATES.**  
New York, Oct. 22.—The assertion in the German note that Germany has despatched orders to submarine commanders "preventing torpedoing of passenger ships" will have no substantial effect on marine war risk rates so insurance authorities declared here this morning.

**SAYS DEPORTED BELGIANS WILL BE GIVEN LIBERTY**

**Alleged Promise to Cardinal Mercier by German Political Chief at Brussels**

Rome, Oct. 21.—Baron Von Der Lancken, chief of the latest German department at Brussels, has informed Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Belgium, that when the Germans evacuated that country, the deported Belgians and political prisoners will be spontaneously released, according to the Observator Romano, the semi-official Vatican organ. He told Cardinal Mercier, it is said, that some of the Belgians who were deported would be free to return to their country on Monday.

**HUNDRED GERMAN SOLDIERS DROWNED WHEN HABSBOURG IS WRECKED BY MINE**

Stockholm, Oct. 21.—The Hamburg American steamer *Habsburg* struck a mine on last Wednesday, while on a voyage from Riga to Danzig, according to advices from Helmsing. One hundred German soldiers and four officers were drowned, owing to panic-stricken passengers making for the lifeboats, which were capsized.

**BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR WEEK 37,150**

London, Oct. 22.—British casualties reported for the week ended yesterday numbered 87,150 compared with 85,710 for the previous week. They are divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds—Officers, 517; men, 4,971. Wounded or missing—Officers, 1,464; men, 9,519.

## Some Fifty Cases To be Added to Roll

Situation Today in the Influenza Epidemic

**STATEMENT BY DR. ABRAMSON**

Provincial Bacteriologist Says Vaccine of Value Only in Prevention—Getting Parks Building Ready—Appeals For Doctors and Nurses

With possibly fifty names ready to be enrolled in the influenza epidemic today, according to the Board of Health figures, numbers 638 casa. Inspector McConnell at the hour of writing (2.30), was still gathering in reports.

Dr. Eickson, of the General Public Hospital, is down with influenza. Mrs. G. A. Rubing, of St. George's Goodspeed of the York county health board today asking for their women helpers. Volunteers now on duty with Mrs. Kuhn at 88 Sewell street, or phone 1088.

**VACCINE IS ONLY OF VALUE AS PREVENTIVE,** says Dr. Abramson. Dr. Abraham, bacteriologist of New Brunswick, spoke today about the vaccine in use in the epidemic. "This material," he said, "is not a serum but a vaccine analogous to the typhoid vaccine used by the army. It is of no value in treatment of the disease. It is only a preventive of the disease. It is of no value in treatment of the disease. It is only a preventive of the disease. It is of no value in treatment of the disease. It is only a preventive of the disease.

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## EMPEROR'S MIND SAID TO BE AFFECTED; KAISER PRAYING HOURS A DAY

London, Oct. 22.—A Christiania despatch to the Morning Post says the German Emperor is suffering from a serious mental disease, and the Kaiser after recent events is becoming more and more pious, praying many hours daily.

**CALLS ON PEOPLE TO PRAY**  
Pastor by German Archbishop—Public Prayers in Protestant Churches

Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 22.—(Havas Agency)—Cardinal Hartmann, Archbishop of Cologne, has issued a pastoral letter in which he says dark hours have come for Germany, threatened by an enemy superior in numbers and shapen to foundations of the state by internal changes. He calls upon his people to offer public prayers.

Deep discontent is spreading everywhere among the German people, the cardinal writes, and they not only give expression to their state of mind, but what they say, but write disheartening letters to the men at the front, impairing their courage and power of resistance. The cardinal invites all Catholics to rally around the emperor.

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## Continue To Drive Them

**British Press Back Enemy to Within Mile of Tournai—Further Signs That Enemy is Preparing to Leave Brussels**

Paris, Oct. 22.—Further progress was made last night by the French on the Sene front. They reached the railway northeast of Asail-Sur-Sene and also the St. Jacques Farm, northwest of Clatandry. "None of the Oss the night was characterized by great activity on the part of the German artillery. On the plateau east of Vouster the battle diminished in intensity last night. It is confirmed that the attacks made yesterday by the Germans were very violent. We have identified elements belonging to sixteen divisions. This morning a German attack against La Pardenne Farm was repulsed completely.

In the Vosges French patrols took prisoners in the region of Col Bon Homme. A MILE FROM TOURNAI.  
London, Oct. 22.—The British have advanced their line to the left bank of the Beaulon river, and have captured the western part of the village of Thiant, five miles southwest of Valenciennes. This is announced officially.

Further progress has been made by our troops between Valenciennes and Tournai. The enemy's resistance on this front is increasing. In the Tournai sector as a result of sharp fighting during the night we drove the enemy out of the village of Oreg and the woods in the neighborhood of Froyenne. Our troops are now within less than a mile of Tournai.

**GET READY TO LEAVE BRUSSELS.**  
Amsterdam, Oct. 21.—German forces at Brussels are working incessantly to remove war material from that city, according to the Rosensdal correspondent of the Handelsblad. He says that many regiments of German troops are leaving the city and that there is much excitement among the people there. On the other hand Antwerp is very calm and has not been affected by recent events.

The same newspaper's correspondent at Boermond says that hundreds of refugees from northern France are arriving here. These people, who are of all ages, have been on the road for three weeks. They were given only two hours notice to collect their belongings by German officers at Douai, Cambrai and other cities in the war zone.

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## MIDDEKERKE IS LIKE POMPEII

Belgian Town Completely Wrecked and Others Almost as Bad

Dover, Oct. 21.—British officers returning from Belgium say that while Ostend has not been badly damaged other towns have been completely wrecked. Middelerke is likened to Pompeii. "It has been deliberately smashed to pieces," said one of the officers. "The place has by reason of its military importance suffered more than any other town outside the firing zone. It was hit by an earthquake struck it. Just as Dunkirk and Nieuport are almost as bad. Dunkirk has suffered from more than 400 air raids and has been terribly smashed up."

**EFFECT OF RETREAT ON GERMAN ARMY.**  
With the French Army in France and Belgium, Oct. 21.—(By the Associated Press)—The retreat of the Germans to the line of the Meuse, if such a retreat can be accomplished successfully, will, without taking account of prisoners they may still lose in the operation, enable the Allies to economize about one-third of their total forces in line, according to the best information obtainable. The retreat will shorten the line about twenty miles, whether it be prolonged to the frontier of France to Antwerp by way of Brussels, or to the Holland frontier along the line of the Meuse in Belgium.

The Germans are supposed to have about thirty divisions in reserve. With the release of troops from the shortened line, their reserves would be more than doubled, less the losses sustained in the meantime. Besides these reserves behind the front, it is supposed that the 1920 contingent remains, while the number of wounded actually recuperating for immediate service on the new line is estimated at about 150,000. The forces for operations after the retreat would, on this basis, approach, if not exceed, a million men.

**IN DOUAL.**  
London, Oct. 22.—Not one of several hundred houses in Douai inspected by the correspondent of the Daily Mail at British headquarters is in a livable condition. Apparently the inhabitants were removed so that the Germans killed in the town could have a free hand over the houses and their contents. The south and east side of the Grande Place were blown to the ground. Houses in the southern part of the town were burned apparently out of sheer caprice. The handsome city hall was stripped of its candles and the archives there were thrown about in confusion.

**A Broken Promise.**  
Rome, Oct. 22.—An appeal was made to Prince Maximilian, German chancellor, by the Holy See, asking that the Germans refrain from devastating and burning those parts of Belgium through which they are retreating, according to the Observator Romano, semi-official Vatican organ. A reply was received on Oct. 18 giving assurances that categorical instructions have been issued by the German general staff that localities should be preserved and respected in every way possible.

**RETURNS TO POST**  
O. M. Sergt. Major Stegman, chief clerk of Military District No. 4 has returned to the city and has resumed his duties after an absence of two months. Sergt. Stegman was away on a well-merited vacation and during his absence visited Boston, New York, Toronto and Ottawa. In the last mentioned place he met his wife and daughter, who were there visiting Mrs. Stegman's relatives, and they returned here together.