

## Evening Telegram

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SATURDAY, October 12, 1918.

## Returning Home.

Who never to himself has said This is my own, my native land?"

The announcement in yesterday's dispatches from abroad that the Belgian authorities have ordered all Belgians in England to return to their naitve country, must, in the light of past events, be regarded as very significant. The importance and peremptoriness of this order may be this: taken to mean that Belgium will soon be relieved of the foot of the invader, and free to begin the restoration of her ruined towns and devastated farms and orchards. The tremendous and splendid successes of the Allies, during the week past, almost forecast the day when the last retreating Hun will be clear of the fair land of Belgium and her refugees in England and elsewhere free to return to their native soil. What this means to a people practically exiled for four years is more than tongue can express or pen portray. Though during their sojourn on the broad acres of English Counties they have been treated with every kindness, and received every attention, nevertheless their hearts yearn for their own land, their home land, and the order to repatriate themselves will be hailed with delight. They are returning home. That is sufficient to gladder their hearts. They return to lands made desolate and laid waste: to cities wrecked by the fire of huge guns: to homes razed to the ground: to farms and fields ploughed into mud by high explosive shells, and sodden with the blood of martyred thousands. But they are going home, a home that some of them, it may be, never expected to see again; a home that they left in fear and trembling, but to which they can now go back in absolute freedom, in full knowledge that never again will they be exposed to the dangers of invasion, of plunder, of rapine, at the hands

cultivation, her gardens will blossom

will resume their turnings, and from

the present abomination of desolation

will spring the plenteousness of har-

vest, for the earth will give its in-

crease, and the markets will once

more resound with the hum of re-

stored trade. There is another home-coming today: the home-coming of those who for the four years of war have been fighting for that which is now about to be accomplished—the relief of Belgium from the yoke of the Hun. Through their gallantry and heroism, with others in the fighting line, many of whom laid down their lives, it is help made possible for the subjects from the back yard into the kitchen, of King Albert to again return to the land of their birth. And no less have they contributed to the successes which are now crowning the Allied arms. To the soldiers of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, and to the ratings of the Royal Naval Reserve, who returned to Terra Nova and home to-day, some on well earned Levitz. Francis Kennedy, wharfinger of Franklin's, did not know where the offer a welcome back most hearty and sincere. They too after such a journed until 3 o'clock this afternoon. long period of war weariness will rejoice to be back among friends and loved ones. They do not return to scenes of destruction, as do the poor Belgians, but to homes untouched by war, where loved ones are ready and waiting to greet them with fond embrace. To this loving welcome we again add ours.

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## Notes and Comments

Give the boys of the Regiment and the Naval Reservists the best "welcome home" ever.

Remember that walking is a better precaution against Spanish "Flu" than "joy riding" on Sunday.

In Canada they call Sunday joy riders by the contemptuous name,

Few of the motorists who will rewill care to exchange places with the best. When you want Sausages, why get ELLIS; they're the best.

grets, and no apologies to make on

Detroit Free Press:-Just remembe those Yanks are driving those tanks on some of the gasolene you saved on Sunday.

Morning Chronicle:-After having died several times—in the despatches rom Amsterdam-Hindenburg is now enorted to have resigned. Dead or resigned, it's all the same; he has no nore winning tricks in the bag. It s back to the bush for him.

Canada for August show that enemy submarines on the Atlantic Coast may be said for Newfoundlanders.

By just reading the names in the war bulleting, the Germans may see the handwriting on the wall:

MaceDonia. SibEria. Flanders, SErbia, ChampAgne,

-Boston Globe "Breathes there a man with soul so ; If that doesn't suit them they might try this:

FLanders, SIberia. Champagne TurKey, PalEstine. MaceDonia.

Portland Press. In any case they are sure to

MaceDonia SiberiA. ChaMpagne, PalestiNe. TurkEy, FlanDers.

First Oyster: "Mum's the word." Second ditto: "I hope no body finds out what Atlantic port we enter."-

## Police Court.

The hearing of one of the Prohibi-tion cases took place this morning, Judge Morris on the Bench. Simon Levitz was the defendant. A. B. Morgins, K.C., prosecuted, and Messrs. Higgins, K.C., and Hunt defended. F. M. Sterling, clerk of the Col. Secretary's Dept., was first called, to prove that the Prohibition Proclamation had been issued. Mr. D. Les Davies Cov. been issued. Mr. D. Jas. Davies, Government Analyst, came next, and testified to receiving samples which were over-proof. Sergt. Byrne deposed that on the 4th he received information which caused him to search S. Faour's shop, thence he went to 54 Alexander Street, and from there to S. Levitz's store; after that, he went to of plunder, of rapine, at the hands of Germany's legions. The fertile space, However, he had often stored goods in Tessier's store-house, and gave Levitz permission to store the forth into full bloom: her towns and cases there. Levitz then had them cities will arise Phoenix-like from hauled there. Faour did not know what was in them. Jacob Barrett, the carman who carted the cases,

which he was to put the kegs. He

did so. Wm. Ready, employee of Slat-tery's, testified to helping to pack casks into cases. Levitz told him to

break open the casks, and send home

stores, and he could have two or three gallons for himself. Did not do it,

but kept the three gallons. Thos. Cave, carman, took 4 oil barrels from

NEW FLOOR COVERINGS.

Reids Boats.

The Argyle left Placentia at 6.30 p.m. yesterday on western route.
The Clyde left Salvage at 3 p.m.

The Dundee left Herring Neck at

3.35 p.m. yesterday.

The Ethie left Bonne Bay at 5 a.

a. yesterday going north. The Home arrived at Lewisporte at

The Sagona is leaven.

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na is leaving St. John's on

A. J. Balfour, the British Foreign witnessed to taking them from the George St. entrance of W. A. Slattery's dry goods store. He did not know what was in them. Patk. Collins, employee of Slattery's, witnessed that Levitz had had furniture stored there for two months party also four there for two months past; also four barrels, which looked like kerosene oil barrels, which were taken away, having been packed in four ordinary packing cases by an employee of Le-vitz. James Lynch, employee of Levitz, testified to packing the barrels in the cases. Levitz had lived on Gower Street, at bottom of Flavin Street. He had left there in July, and went to board. He sent witness there and

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES. 11.00 A.M.

PACIFISTS AT WORK.

(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—
General Haig, on the 7th of October issued an army order calling the attention of officers and men to the report of false rumors, to the effect that peace was at hand, with the evident object of discouraging the troops and diverting them from the great task of overthrowing their enemies. General Haig told the troops to realize now, more than ever, that it was necessary submarines on the Atlantic Coast more than ever, that it was necessary to concentrate their energies on the Nova Scotia fishermen, and the same may be said for Newfoundlanders. cisive and happy result.

> GERMAN SOLDIERS SURPRISED. LONDON, Oct. 11. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).— The belief is current among the German soldiers that peace has al-ready been signed, and they profess surprise that we are still attacking. Four thousand civilians were liberated when Bohain was taken. They had been without food for three days, which was probably due to the miliary situation, rather than to any de-iberate intent. Fires in Cambrai have s dull and dry, and further heavy fighting is quite practicable.

> > ALL GERMANS ALIKE.

LONDON, Oct. 11. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency). — Up to the present there has been practically no German newspaper com-ment on President Wilson's reply to the German Peace Note, but there are Both vessels were carrying U. S. indications that the President's query troops. The weather was very bad as to who is really ruling Germany is forcing a big issue in Berlin. The well-formed Centreist newspaper, Germania, makes the significant observation that installing in the contract of the c servation that "nothing is more uncertain at this moment than the future and 239 men of the crew and 300 of the House of Hapsburg and also of United States soldiers and thirty another House." Maximilian Har-French sailors. They were landed at den in an interview, speaks of the a north Irish port; the Otranto driftnew Germany which will do penance ed on the Island of Islay. She be"not for its wrong doing, but for the acme a total wreck. Sixteen survivsins of the few." Swedish comment ors have been picked up at Islay. On President Wilson's reply is hopeful that it will force the issue in Gerdrowned, 335 United States soldiers, many and will end in peace. It dwells eleven officers and 85 men of the crew on the necessity of the new German including men with mercantile mar Government facing the issue involved ine ratings. The Kashimir reached in Pres. Wilson's query. General Ludendorff was to-day, summoned to without casualties

FORGIVING THEIR ENEMIES.

LONDON, Oct. 11 (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency) .-The Serbian Premier to-day told a representative of Reuter's that all Serbia needed was a very slight rectification of her frontier, to safe-guard the railways running to Rumania and Salonika, but Serbia and the other Balkan States were willing to forgive Bulgaria for oppressing

BURNING VILLAGES.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN advanced to the River Retourne, over most of its length, and took Savignyaon, are in flames.

AND BRUTES FOR ALWAYS. LONDON, Oct. 11.

Secretary, speaking at a luncheon no notion that what we call a change, is not so much a change in the formal purpose of the Government, as a change of heart, whereby that Government is to be directed and ani-mated." Mr. Balfour said the Ger-

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and as far as I can judge, brutes they remain at the present moment." The Foreign Secretary said that perhaps he spoke with a warmth and indignation unbefitting his position, but with the news of the Leinster outrage, he found it difficult to measure his epithet. "One would have thought," continued Mr. Balfour, "that these who brought in America to their own undoing by crimes of this sort, would have shrunk a little from repeating them at the moment their fate is to be decided by America, perhaps even more than by any other of the co-belligerents."

THE GERMANS AND WILSON'S NOTE.

The Wolff Bureau, the ser German News Agency has circulated a Frankfurter-Zeitung despatch from Berlin, stating that the German reply to President Wilson's note was sent last night, and that it is in a sense an acceptance.

CLOSING IN ON DUN-SUR-MEUSE.

PARIS, Oct. 12. The Americans are closing in on Dun-Sur-Meuse, while the left wing is within five miles of Buzancy, says is within five miles of Buzancy, says Macel Hutin in the Echo de Paris. Continuing, he says improvements which will change the entire face of things may have the entire face of things, may be expected in this part of the Woevre front.

TRANSPORTS COLLIDE.

LONDON, Oct. 12.

A British Admiralty statement says, the transport Otranto collided on Sunday with the transport Kashimir. The statement follows: At eleven o'clock n Sunday the armed mercantile cruiser Otranto, Acting Capt. Ernest Davidson in command, was in collision with the steamship Kashimir

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY HOST AGES SHOT.

AMSTERDAM, To-day. Petrograd newspapers received here report that two hundred and fifty hostages have been shot at Penza 130 miles north west of Saratova, as reprisal for the assassination of M Jogeroff, a member of the extraordin ary commission, and an attack on the prison wardens

RETREATING FROM NORTH OF CAMBRAI TO VERDUN.

PARIS, To-day (Havas)-The victory in the Can CHAMPAGNE, Oct. 11, (by the A.P.)

—Cavalry joined in the pursuit of the
Germans by General Gouraud's army
to-day, being the first to enter Laneuwedge driven into the German lines ville. The advance on the eastern to a depth of thirty kilometres, in fiv part of the battlefront was much ac- days, menaces the Douai Laon Massi to a depth of thirty kilometres, in five celerated, the French and American The Germans are in general retreat troops at some points gaining about from north of Cambrai to Verdun. In seven miles. The Americans, notwith-standing a heavy bombardment of the advance of the Eranco-British troops consequence of the extremely rapid region with mustard gas shells, took who have reached the open ground, Machault. General Gouraud's troops between the Oise and the Sensee, the advanced to the River Retourne, over situation of the German cuter becomes extremely critical. The more of plunder, of rapine, at the hands of Germany's legions. The fertile him store some cases on his premises, but he did not have the space. However, he had often stored full again be under the space. However, he had often stored full again be under the space of Belgium will again be under the space. However, he had often stored full again be under the space of Belgium will again be under the space. However, he had often stored full again be under the space of the space Dames and the Aisne, under the assaults of General Mangin's forces and the army operating north west of ims was shaken, despite energetic resistance, the enemy intending a costs to protect the retreat of his for-ces delayed on the Aisne. The enemy was obliged to abandon enormous booty in the Argonne.

REVOLUTION DIRECTED AGAINST YOUNG TURKS. ....

GENEVA. To-day. A grave movement of unrest is re-ported at Constantinople, of such magnitude that certain quarters call it the beginning of a revolution, directed against the Young Turks. mans had shown no material improvement in their disposition during The movement had its inception afthe four years of the war. "Brutes ter General Allenby's victory in they were, when they began the war Palestine and Bulgaria's surrender,

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and during the last few days, has founded the Germans, and it is plant rapidly increased in scope. It is rethat there is vacillation at grand Germans, that the Turkish representation of the Belgian coast aprapidly increased in scope. It is reported that the Turkish representative at Berlin, has forbidden the Turkish Legation at Berne to make any statement regarding the matter.

CONTINUANCE OF DAYLIGHT.

COTTAWA. To-day.

IT MAY BE SO.

Germany's military honor has al-eady been placed under civil con-

trol, in a complete and permanent fashion, so far as politics is concern-

Minister, had to be eliminated be-cause he had always worked against

a peace by understanding, the inter-

cessor, is said to be a man of Hberal

views and the first non-Prussian ever

to occupy the position. Two Com-manding Generals, Von Vieting Hoff

and Von Haemiset, have been re-

moved because they were consider

ed the embodiment of militarism. Al

decisions of commanding generals in

administrative functions, are made

dependent upon the approval of the

peal to General Scheuch and finally

to the Chancellor, who is legally responsible. Herr Von Berg, Chief of

Emperor William's Civilian Cabinet,

had to resign because he had inter-

fered during the formation of the new

Cabinet in a manner which aroused

the indignation of the majority par-ties of the Reichstag, Erzberger says that this makes it evident that militarism has been forever removed from Germany. Asked whether he

would promote the principles of a League of Nations, Erzberger replied,

That is just what I mean to do.

States must altogether desist from the application of force in the settle-

TWO MORE VILLAGES.

British forces last night continued

their advance north of the Seine Riv-

er, Field Marshal Haig announced to-

day. The advance is in the direction of Douai. The villages of Hamel, less

than three milse from Douai, and Cuiney and Brebieres, less than two

miles from Douai have been captured.

EARTHQUAKE IN PORTO RICO.

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the interior of Germany, concerning

General Scheuch, his suc-

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demoralizing effect a retreat on a large scale would have, in the interior, or with the idea that the more territory remains, the stronger will be depressed. Should the Bill passed by the U. senate, providing for the continuant force of the daylight saving law after October 27, become law it is practically certain that the Dominion be Germany's positions in its conver sations with Washington. In the meantime, General Ludendorff is letlovernment will take similar action. ting Prussia's time slip by, for which he will repent sooner or later.

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COMMON ACTION BY ALLIES. LONDON, Oct. 12. The Ministers of the Allied Govern ments, says the Express, have dis-cussed the German peace overtures and agreed upon a line of common action. The British, French and Italian Ministers first conferred and reached a decision, after which the British and French Cabinets confirm ed the conclusions

LITTLE WILLIE ON THE RUN. PARIS, Oct. 12. Orders found on prisoners, says Hutin, show that the enemy was instructed to resist on the Suippe River front until the thirteenth, at least, in order to save all the material possible, and to enable the adjacent armies to conduct an orderly retreat. General Gourad's attack upset this plan. Although the Germans had twenty-five divisions in the Cham-pagne sector, twelve of which were fresh, the fear of them being rushed caused them to decline battle. The Crown Prince has moved his headquarters from Mezieres in hot haste.

HOW TRUE IS THIS! BASEL, Switzerland, Oct. 11. Vienna newspapers received here state that Germany and Austria are in perfect accord regarding the evacuin ation of occupied territory, and that pour parlers followed immediately the receipt of President Wilson's Twenty Deputies have been in-

vited to a conference at the Imperial Palac of Emperor Charles, the papers

BUT NOT ON GERMAN TERMS.

COPENHAGEN, To-day.

The Nord Deutsche Allemague Zeit. ung, says that the German answer to President Wilson's Note of Inquiry is ready, and believes that it was handed to the Swiss Government to-day. The newspaper understands that "the answer will make far reaching advances and it is hoped that the discussion between Germany and President Wilson will bring forth a durable peace for the whole world."

MORE FRENCH PROGRESS.
PARIS, To-day.
Continued progress was made last Continued progress was made last night by the French troops along the entire Champagne front, the War Office announced to-day. The French have penetrated the important railway town of Vouziers, and this morning were holding the general line of the Retourne and the Road from Pauvers to Vouziers. Widespread damage has been caused by an earthquake in Porto Rico, according to an unconfirmed report received here from Santiago de Cuba. Many buildings are said to have been destroyed. The report fixes no definite locality, and no loss of lives is mentioned. Cable communication between Cuba and Porto Rico is badly damaged. vres to Vouziers.

THE REASON. THE HEASON.
BELFAST. To-day,
The Telegram states that it was in
obedience to orders from the Otranto,
which was the flagship of the convoy,
that the steamer Kashimir after the
collision, proceeded without attempting to rescue any one from the Otranto.

ove at 4 p.m. yesterday, NEARING THE BRINK. NEARING THE BRINK.

PARIS, To-day.

To?day finds Germany a little nearer the brink of disaster. Marshal Foch's broom applied in the Champagne this time has swept the enemy back from a wider section of the front than ever before. General Ludendorff is now reaping the results of the Cambrai error he made, in thinking that the Allied offensives were bound to be spaced at wide intervals, like his own. The continuity of the attacks of the Allies has literally dumb-WEATHER REPORT.—The west her across country is calm and dull, emperature 40 to 59 above.

TRAIN MOVEMENTS. Thursday's outgoing express arrived at Port aux Basques on time yes MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES

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> Here and Then ZYLEX for Salt Rheum

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a great success. LEAVES TO-DAY.—The S.S. f Devon. Capt. Carter. leaves for Cook Harbor service this aftern taking a large freight and the foll ing first class passengers:—Miller, Rendell, Kennedy, and T. McGinn

C. C. C. BAND DANCE. C. C. C. Band Monthly I takes place in the C. C. C. N Hall on Thursday night, 0 17th. Music by full band. I ets-Double, \$1.00; Ladies',

EXPRESS PASSENGERS. following first class passengers on the incoming express which ed, according to an interview with Mathias Erzberger. The centrist Mathias Erzberger. The centrist leader of the Reichstag sent tout by the German Government wireless service this interview and it is being published with the evident intention of influencing public opinion abroad. General Von Stein, the Prussian War. General Von Stein, the Prussian War.

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On Oct. 10th, of injuries from motor car, John Jeans, aged years. Funeral on Sunday, at 3 pl from his late residence, 68 Coch

In loving memory of our dear's Q. M. S. Gordon Clarence Bash

who was killed in action "Somew in France," Oct. 11th, 1916, age Yet again we hope to meet thee. When the day of life has fied There in heaven with joy to gree

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new enterprise, which he hope have the wholehearted suppo

Union men and their families, sident P. Bennett congrams Chairman Whitty and his able a mittee who have accomplished as deal for the betterment of the ing classes. Besides the N. I. W.

members present there was a gathering of citizens. The stor-ing opened, the honor of making first purchase was extended in

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THE REVIEW SHEETS DIRECT

Austria

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TURKEY ACCEPTS WIL SON'S TERMS.

(Bulletin). - Turkey announces that she accepts Wilson's terms and has notified Germany.

WAR REVIEW.

On the wings of necessity the Gernans are flying east from their old hattle positions from Douai to La Fere and northward from La Fere to the Meuse River. Their flight is towards some haven of safety from the talons of the Allied hawks, which everywhere are menacing them. Meanwhile there have been sent broadcast further reports that Austria-Hungary and Turkey, seeing that the trend of vents spells ultimate defeat, have inmed Germany that they will accept esident Wilson's peace terms. Notwithstanding the advantages that are being achieved over the common enemy on the battlefront's and the peace feelers in the air, President Wilson, Secretary of State Lansing, Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo and in fact all the high officials of the Government are warning the American citizens that the situation still is critical, and that everyone should rally to the support of the Fourth Liberty Loan. All along the battlefront the Allied oops are advancing. From the south of Douai to the east of Laon the enemy everywhere is giving ground east-The famous Chemin-dessames, the ridge which the Germans and believed to be an insuperable barrier to an advance northward from Soissons, is being evacuated while in Champagne and along the Meuse River farther eastward the French and American troops are pushing further forward northward their lines in the great converging movement which is fast driving the enemy from Belgium and the greater portion of invaded France towards his own border. Douai now is completely

outflanked by the latest operations of the British, while between Cambrai and St. Quentin the British and Americans are still chasing the enemy To the south of St. Quentin the French over a wide front have crossed the Oise River, and in conjunction with he retirement of the enemy from the Chemin-des-Dames are forcing the Germans to give up the great St. Gobain forest, the bastion at the bend of the line where it turns eastward, and also the stronghold of Laon, the keystone of the entire southern German While from the war maps it would appear to the casual observer that the Germans in this bend of the elbow are likely to be cut off, it seems more probable that they will be able to use the railways and high roads leading in all directions from Laon like the main branches of a spider's web, and effect their escape without great losses in prisoners. Nevertheless the retrograde movement here of necessity must have a strong bearing on the stability of whatever new line the Germans may choose to stand upon, and on their still relatively strong front in Belgium and from Verdun to the Swiss border. The Italians are taking a great part in driving the enemy from the Chemin-des-Dames. East of Rheims the Suippe River has been crossed by the French at numerous places. West of the Argonne for-

est, which now is held by the French and Americans, the Germans are in retreat, and a number of additional llages and towns have been taken by the French and American forces. ast of the Argonne and along the Meuse valley the Americans are still progressing satisfactorily. The retreat of the enemy along the 35 miles of the western line from Douai to the outheast of St. Quentin, is still too ast, except on isolated sectors, for the foot troops of the British, American and French to keep in contact ith him. The cavalry and tanks on he plains and through the wooded rs, however, are taking a terrible If from the rearguards, while still her back Allied airmen are cutng to pieces the columns of the bered foe as they try to make their ay to their next defence line. Virtuy no infantry opposition is being

their main forces retire. IN HEADLONG FLIGHT. VITH THE ANGLO-AMERICAN ES SOUTH EAST OF CAMBRAI 11. (By the A.P.)—The only re-

tered, the machine guns seemly are being chiefly depended upon the Germans to hold back the foe

m the enemy machine gunners.