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Senate Reading Room VOL. XXXVIII.—No. 13,823 TWO CENTS SENATE POSTTAWA A INVITES PEACE CONFEREN AMERICANS POUNDING METZ FORTRESS

WOMEN AND CHILDREN PERISH ON TORPEDOED BRITISH SHIP

The liner floated for two days in

The Central News' account of the

sinking says that one of the lifeboats

was driven by a stormy sea against the ship's propeller and smashed. One

of the steamer's passengers, the account adds, was Henry Burton, min-

ister of railways of the Union of

South Africa, who was saved, and

The Galway Castle was built in

Belfast in 1911. London was her port

Union Castle Mail Steamship Com-

Twenty-Seven Hours' Work.

for the American troops and their supporting French divisions to reduce the St. Mihiel salient. This was dis-

closed by General Pershing's com-

munique for yesterday received to-

night at the war department.

It required just twenty-seven hours

Steamer Galway Castle Sunk on Way to South Africa and 189, Including 120 Passengers, Are Missing-Ninety Women and Children Lost.

stormy sea.

TAKEN BY AMERICANS

Gen. Pershing's Army Advances Two to Three Miles on

Thirty-Three Mile Front, Engaging

London, Sept. 15 .- Gen Pershing's the Americans started the drive which

ramy, according to this afternoon's riped out the St. Miniel salient to raws, is making fine progress. Since more than 200.

Twenty-Seven Hours' Work

counter-attack launched chine guns and trench mortars."

Fortress of Metz.

Sept. 13. - The British ing vessels and by destroyers sent to Galway Castle of 7988 tons the spot. gross, bound for a South African port, torpedoed and sunk this morning. charge of the captain and volunteers.

The Galway Castle left port for had 749 persons on board, of South Africa on Tuesday last and the majority were women and was torpedoed on Thursday in a

without exception women and The bodies of three of the Major Rabuntine, a member of the who had died, were brought South African Parliament, who is The captain and several of missing. still on board the ship when she was of register. She was owned by the

The boats were picked up by escort- pany.

rem two to three miles on a 33-mile

ont, and the fortress guns of Metz

come into action against it.

line on the left bank of the Mo-

ir his communique for today, re-

River, in the St. Mihiel sector,

advanced from one to two

One to Two Mile Gain. Washington, Sept. 15 .- The Ameri-

BRITAIN'S KING TO U. S. PRESIDENT

Sends Congratulations on Victory Won by Americans in St. Mihiel Salient.

London, Sept. 15. — King George has sent a message of congratulations to President Wilson on the victory won by General Pershing in the St. Mihiei salient. The King's

message reads:
"On behalf of the British
Empire, I heartily congratulate
you on the brilliant achievement of the American and allied troops under the leader-ship of General Pershing in the St. Mihiel salient.

"The far-reaching results secured by these successful operations, which have marked the active intervention of the American army on a great scale under its own administration, are the happiest augury for the complete, and I hope, not far distant triumph of the al-

AUSTRIA AGAIN

General Tone of Comment in London Over Latest Overtures for Peace.

MANY CONFERENCES

German, Bulgarian and Turkish Magnates Have Been Hovering Round Vienna.

London, Sept. 15,-"Austria again is Germany's catspaw," was the com- Laffaux Mill Taken in Attack General Pershing said that besides and now includes the Towns of liberating 150 square miles of territory and Norroy, Gen. Pershing and taking 15,000 prisoners, the Amment generally heard in London today when the news of Austria's invitation ericans captured more than 100 guns to the belligerents "to confidential relved tonight at the war department. of all calibres and "hundreds of manon-binding discussions at a neutral Seventy-two guns abandened by the munition, telegraph and railroad maenemy in his hasty retreat were terials, rolling stock, clothing and brought in during the normal extension equipment were abandoned by the enefor Vienna since the carly days of

ailled monarchs. Week before last Admiral Von was there, and besides having a long put up a stiff resistance. The retaking Bulgaria on his way back to Sofia had progress. a conversation lasting an hour with pest and giving out interviews, de-

either side is now impossible.
It has been thought the Austrian emqueen of Holland, but he has gone no the Laffaux Mill.

POWERFUL ONSETS MADE UPON METZ

Air Attacks Are Maintained Against Important German Railway Triangle.

BLOW AT STUTTGART

British Machines Bombard Daimler Works With Good Results.

missing.
"Tod... the Daimler works at Stutt-

girt were also attacked with good re-sults. During this raid 20 enemy aircraft were encountered and two were destroyed. Our machines all returned "The total weight of bombs dropped during the 24 hours was more than

ALLEMANT CARRIED

to the North of Soissons.

hear St. Hilaire at daybreak today was and trench information of the battle-castly repulsed and a number of prisfield, the American commander added, shows that great quantities of ambient and trench information of the battle-considered surprising that Austria Sept. 15 — General Mangin yesterday morning struck a new blow at the German sellent north of Solssons launch-man sellent north nort man salient north of Soissons, launch for Vienna since the carly days of ing at an early hour an attack by the September has been the scene of infantry with the support of tanks. of the American lines beyond Jaulny, my. This was in addition to the large many conferences of the statesmen of The French progress was so rapid that Gen. Pershing said. This brought the stores burned by the Germans during the central powers and of Teutonic at one point a German colonel and his total number of guns captured since their hasty retreat. the Laffaux mill was carried The holding of this point was of vital Hintze, the German foreign minister, importance for the Germans and they

conference with Baron Burian, the sents the gaining of a valuable porof the position by the French Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, tion of the Hindenburg line. The enewas received in audience by Emperor my employed his reserves in his effort. period. taptured Maissemy, northwest of St. night. The text of the statement Charles, Likewise King Ferdinand of but was unable to stop the French The war office communication last

"South of St. Quentin we advanced our lines as far as the outskirts of Fontaine-les Clercs, "Between the Oise and the Alsne

we proceeded at various points to carry out local attacks designed to "Local fighting has taken place on both sides of La Bassee Canal. Our both sides of La Bassee Canal. Our occupied the Village of Allemant and the Laffaux Mill. We also made fur-"The hostile artillery has been active further than to ask for a non-binding ther progress east of Sancy and with gas shells in the neighborhood of discussion and incidentally by sending northeast of Celles-sur-Aisne. The number of prisoners taken up to the present amounts to 2500.

The motorists of this city are

DISCUSSIONS TO PROCEED WITHOUT STOPPING WAR

Vienna Proposes to Have Confidential, Non-Binding Conversations in Some Neutral Place---To Send Notifications to Holy See With Other Non-Belligerents.

Amsterdam, Sept. 14.—The AustroHungarian Government today invited
all beligerent governments to enter
into non-binding discussions at some
neutral meeting place with a view to
he charged to make known to one anthe end hoped for.

"The grounds for this lay assuredly
in the situation at that time. In order
to maintain in their peoples the war
and candid explanations on all those
spirit, which was steadily declining,

London, Sept. 15.—Powerful air attacks are being continued around Metz, according to the statement issued by the air ministry tonight. The statement stations and tracks at Metz-Sablons and Courcelles have been attacked, as well as various enemy concentration points. The statement says:

"On the battlefront, in addition to the bombing reported in yesterday's communique, the following bombing operations were carried out:

"Two further attacks were made on Metz-Sablons in the late afternoon, and many direct hits were obtained on the railway triangle, on the workshops, the gaz works and the barracks. The Boulay airdrome was also attacked with good results.

"Heavy attacks were kept up thruout the night of Sept. 14-15 on Metz-Sablons, Courcelles, Ehrange, Saarbrucken, Kalserslautern and the airdromes at Frezcaty and Boulay, Many direct hits were obtained on the railway, especially at Metz-Sablons and

try and at a near date that would yet have to be agreed upon."

The proposal says the conference would be one of "delegates who would took, on Dec. 12, 1916, for the bring-

from the Murman territory.

the German colonies.

PEACE OFFER TO BELGIUM

cial Treaties and Good Offices to Secure

Return of German Colonies.

That Belgium shall remain neutral until the end of the war.

That the Flemish question shall be considered, and the Flemish

The proposal contains no word respecting repartition nor indem-

FEELS WAR'S BLAS

One Towns in Wide

London, Sept. 15 .- Twenty-one im-

portant German towns have been

bombed by the British independent air

force during the month of August, ac-

cording to information from an au-

thoritative source. The objectives

other factories and blast furnaces.

and the towns included Frankfort,

Mannheim, Metz-Sablons, Saarburg,

Thionville, three times each; Burbach,

Coblenz, Cologne, Darmstadt, Karls-

ruhe, Luxembourg, Offenburg and

During the past three months the

The extensive damage done has been

were railway stations, chemical and

inority, which aided the Germans invaders, shall not be penalized.

Nearly Three Hundred and Fifty British Air Forces Bomb Twenty-

Treves.

gium. The terms of this proposal are as follows:

nities, no admission that Germany wronged Belgium.

bringing about peace. The Holy See points which need to be precisely de-and all neutral nations also will be fined." Vatican Notified.

The government announces that a note embodying its suggestions had been addressed to the various belligerent powers and that the Holy See had been apprised of the proposal in a special note. The governments of the neutral states also had been made

The government announces that a peace understanding was not properly prepared. The natural transition from the wildest war agitation to a condition of conciliation was lacking.

Peace Talk Kept Up. acquainted with the proposal. The text of the official communica-

"It would, however, be wrong to believe that the peace step we then took was entirely without result. Its fruits consist of something which is not to be overlooked—that the peace "An objective and conscientious examination of the situation of all the would show "whether those prerequisites. The Boulay airdrome was also also at acked with good results."

"Heavy attacks were kept up thrusout the night of Sept. 14-15 on Metz-Sablons, Courcelles, Ehrange, Saarbrucken, Kaiserslautern and the airdromes at Frescaty and Boulay, Many direct hits were obtained on the rail-way, especially at Metz-Sablons and Courcelles, and several fires were started at Metz, Kaiserslautern, the Saarbrucken station and the Frescaty airdrome. Three of our machines

would show "whether those prerequisites those prerequisites the beligerent states no longer leaves doubt that all peoples, on whiches the beligerent states no longer leaves doubt that all peoples, on whiches the beligerent states no longer leaves doubt that all peoples, on whiches the beligerent states no longer leaves doubt that all peoples, on whiches the beligerent states no longer leaves doubt that all peoples, on whiches the beligerent states no longer leaves doubt that all peoples, on whichest all peoples, on whiches the beligerent states no longer leaves doubt that all peoples, on whichest all peoples on whichest all peoples, on whichest all peoples on the discussions of the beligerent states no longer leaves all developed that all peoples on the states no longer leaves.

The Austrian proposal suggests that there be no interruption question has not since vanished from the order of the day. The discussions which have been carried on before the tribunal of public opinion have dis-closed proof of the not slight differ-ences which today still separate the warring powers in their constitute.

Saarbrucken station and the Frescaty alredome. Three of our machines falled to return.

This morning the railway triangle and many direct hits were obtained. Enemy scouts were active. Bombs were also dropped on the Buhl air-drome. Three of our machines are missing.

The proposal calls for all the belligerents to send delegates to a "confidential and unbinding discussion on the basic principles for the conclusion of peace, in a place in a neutral countries of our machines are missing.

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First Offers Failure.

The first step which Austria-Hunchronic are certainly not to be estimated lightly. sinning to penetrate into allied states, save for some exceptions in the case of blinded war agitators, which are certainly not to be estimated lightly.

To Restors Order Slowly.

To Restors Order Slowly.

"The Austro-Hungarian Government is aware that after the deep-reaching convulsions which have been caused in the life of the peoples by the devastating effects of the world war it will not be possible to re-establish order in the lottering world at a IS MADE BY GERMANY lish order in the tottering world at a single stroke. The path that leads to the restoration of peaceful relations between the peoples is cut by hatred and embitterment. It is toilsome and IN FRENCH ADVANCE Conditions Are Neutrality, Renewal of Pre-war Commerand if there are still such responsible factors as desire to overcome the upponent by military means and to force the will to victory upon him, there can, nevertheless, no longer be doubt that this aim, even assuming that it is attainable, would first necessitate a London, Sept. 15. — It is understood that the government has further sanguinary and protracted

most severe means, suppressed even

any discussion of the peace idea. And

ceived the Austro-Hungarian peace note and also the proposal, prestruggle. Fatal to Europe. viously referred to, that all the powers should withdraw their troops "But even a later victorious peace the consequences of such a policy-consequences which will be fatal to It is also learned that Germany has made a peace offer to Belall the states and peoples of Europe. The only peace which could righteously adjust the still divergent conceptions of the opponents would be a That thereafter the entire economic and political independence peace desired by all the peoples. With this consciousness and in its unswerving of Belgium 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 ing about a direct discussion between

the enemy powers.
"The earnest will to peace of wide classes of the population of all the That Belgium shall use her good offices to secure the return of states who are jointly suffering thru the war—the indisputable rapprochement in individual controversial questions-as well as the more conciliatory atmosphere that is general, seem to the Austro-Hungarian Government to give a certain guarantee that a fresh step in the interests of peace which also takes account of past experiences in this domain, might at the present moment offer the possibility of suc-

To Point Out Path.
"The Austro-Hungarian Govern-

ment has therefore resolved to point out to all the belligerents, friend and foe, a path considered practicable by it, and to propose to them jointly to examine in a free exchange of views whether those prerequisites exist which would make the speedy inauguration of peace negotiations appear promising. To this end the Austro-Hungarian Government has today invited the governments of all the ligerent states to a confidential and unbinding discussion at a neutral meeting place, and has addressed to them a note drawn up in this sense. "This step has been brought to the knowledge of the holy see in a special

note, and an appeal thereby made to the Pope's interest in peace. Furthermore, the governments of the neutral states have been acquainted with the step taken. "The constant close accord which exists between the four allied powers

warrants the assumption that the allies of Austria-Hungary, to whom the proposal is being sent out in the same independent air force has made 249 manner, share the views developed in aerial raids over German territory. the note." Text of Note.

The official telegram proceeds to say that the note has been drawn up "The peace offer which the powers approximately 250 miles in length. of the quadruple alliance addressed

Maissemy Taken by British

ventin, together with the trench reads: ystem to the southeast and east of "A h

The text of the statement reads: "By a successful minor operation carried out early this morning our troops captured Maissemy, northwest of St. Quentin, together with the ch system to the southeast and

"The hostile artillery has shown asiderable activity during the day a number of points along the batront south of the Arras-Cambrai

Further progress was made by the sitish last night in the region north-est of St. Quentin, the war office nced today. Their lines were vanced both north and south of n Wood in this area. German cal attacks in the Trescault sector, outhwest of Cambrai, were repulsed, were similar thrusts in Flanders ear La Bassee.

The text of the statement reads: "Northwest of St. Quentin our troops progress yesterday and last south and north of

Germans Reputsed. "Local hostile attacks were repulsed

"The hostile artillery has been ac-

London, Sept. 15 .- The British have lage, Field Marshal Haig reported last

that place. Field Marshal Haig makes pulsed this morning in the Gouzeau-this announcement in his night recourt sector. In the Havrincourt sector our troops have pushed forward and have established new posts in the pest and giving our internet lines can be seen to have set and giving our internet lines can be seen to have established new posts in the pest and giving our internet lines as Fontaine in the pest and giving our internet lines as Fontaine in the pest and giving our internet lines as Fontaine in the pest and giving our internet lines as Fontaine in the pest and giving our internet lines as Fontaine in the pest and giving our internet lines as Fontaine in the pest and giving our internet lines as Fontaine in the pest and giving our internet lines as Fontaine in the pest and giving our internet lines as Fontaine in the pest and giving our internet lines as Fontaine in the pest and giving our internet lines as Fontaine in the pest and giving our internet lines as Fontaine in the pest and giving our internet lines as Fontaine in the pest and giving our internet lines as Fontaine in the pest and giving our internet lines are pest and giving our internet lines as Fontaine in the pest and giving our internet lines are pest and giving giving our internet lines are pest and giving giving given lines are pest and giving giving given lines are pest and giving giving given lines are pest and giving giving giving giving given lines are pest and giving giving giving giving giving giving giving giving giving trench lines east and north of the claring that a military victory by

village.

"A hostile raid was successfully re-

troops have made progress and have either by the king of Spain or the

cast of the village. One hundred prisoners and a number of machine guns were taken by us. "On the remainder of the front a lew prisoners have been brought in by our patrolk in different sectors." "The hostile artillery has been active further than to ask for a non-binding discussion and incidentally by sending a note to the Pope to endeavor to selew prisoners have been brought in the neighborhood of by the enemy last night in this sectors. Vessel With Canadians Target For Submarine

Five Shells Fired at Ship Bringing Home Canadian Officers, But She Made Her Escape.

miles off the American coast earlier

tive during the night in the Roisel.

Five shots were fired by the sub- ahead and the liner leaped away into marine at the steamship, which is in the murk. The U-boat then ceased marine at the steamship, which is in the murk. The U-boat then ceased the transport service and was bring-firing. the transport service and was bringing home 96 wounded Canadian offiing home 96 wo

An Atlantic Port, Sept. 15 .- A Bri- stantly the captain altered his course tish passenger steamship, which ar- and slowed down. The second missile rived here today, reported she was passed over the port bow, and the shelled by a German submarine eighty next three struck the waves astern. Tho the ship was armed, the captain in the day. Five shots were coned by ordered the gun crew not to respond the U-boat. None took effect. The to the fire, determining to rely on In the Trescault and La Bassee sec- steamship fled without returning the speed and the low visibility for essubmarine's fire and escaped in the cape. As soon as the shells began to fall behind he rang for full speed

fulness of their response yesterday to the fuel controller's appeal to eliminate all unnecessary motoring. Toronto's streets and favorite motoring roads have not been so empty of motors since the gasoline vehicle first came to stay. For as long as fifteen minutes at a time not a single motor passed the corner of King and Yonge streets. It is estimated that less than five per cent, of the city's motors were in use, and most of these must have been on necessary errands. The saving effected has been computed at 22,000 gallons of "gas" and pro-

MAGNIFICENT RESPONSE

to be heartily commended for the bably \$12,000 in money, Toronto's motorists have well stood the test

GROVELLA POSITION ZONE ALONG RHINE TAKEN BY ITALIANS "South of the Aisne, near Merval we made progress. About 200 prisoners fell into our hands."

Material Captured. Rome, Sept. 15 .- A war office comnunication issued today follows: "Infantry and artillery parties after short, but effective, artillery bomhardment, and assisted by low-"ving

Prisoners Taken-War

irplanes, yesterday morning attacked and captured the whole of an enemy defensive system on the Grovella, southward of Corte. The prisoners taken numbered 343 and included 12 officers. A number of machine guns, hundreds of rifles and abundant war-material were captured." CANADIAN PROMOTIONS.

London, Sept. 15 .- Major C. D. Mc-Pherson is gazetted to the command of a battalion. Lieut. I. A. Goods is confirmed by photographs in many commissioned to a Quebec hattalion. cases. The German territory thus Capt. C. G. Williams, Royal Canadian brought definitely into the war zone in French and runs as follows: Artillery, reported wounded, belongs represents a belt in the Rhine valley