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GERMAN CHANCELLOR RESIGNS THE KAISER DEFIES HIS PEOPLE

All of France, With Exception of Two Small Sections, Has Been Liberated By the Allies---French Advance Six Miles and Reach Meuse, South of Sedan

MAXIMILIAN QUILTS HIS POST BUT THE KAISER WILL STICK

William Will Not Voluntarily Give Up His Throne at the Moment of Peace---Chancellor Resigns Because of Altered Parliamentary Situation.

London, Nov. 8.—Prince Maximilian of Baden, the imperial German chancellor, has resigned, according to a wireless picked up here tonight.

GERMANS BEGIN WITHDRAWAL IN REGION SOUTH OF TOURNAI

British Push Forward Along Mons-Conde Canal---Take 18,000 Prisoners in Week---French Reach Meuse From Sedan to Mezieres.

London, Nov. 8.—Field-Marshal Haig's official communication tonight follows: "Despite the very difficult weather, our troops, advancing in a driving rain, have made substantial progress on the front south of Mons-Conde Canal."

"On the right we have captured Avesnes and have passed the line of the Avesnes-Maubeuge road, both north and south of the town. In the centre we have cleared Hautmont and are approaching the railway west of Maubeuge."

"On the left we have taken Maillaquet, Fayt-le-Franc, Dour and Thuilla, and are advancing along the Mons-Conde Canal."

"Further north, his flank threatened by our advance on this battlefield, the enemy has commenced to withdraw south of Tournai. We have captured Conde and, crossing the Scheldt Canal south of the Town of Antwerp, have taken La Plaigne and Belloy. We hold the western portion of Tournai."

"Since Nov. 1 we have captured about 18,000 prisoners and 700 guns." French Still Gain. Paris, Nov. 8.—The French communication follows: "Our troops continue to pursue the enemy rearguards. During the day we liberated a large zone of French territory and numerous inhabitants."

"On the left we accentuated our progress east of the Capelle-Avesnes road. We have advanced our lines near the fortress of Hirson. More to the east we have reached at numerous points the south bank of the Thon River. Between Origny and Liart we have established bridgeheads on the north bank."

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KAISER PRESIDES FOR LAST TIME AT CONFERENCE NOW BEING HELD

Extraordinary Meeting is in Session at German Headquarters Where Decision Must Be Made Whether Germany Will Surrender Immediately or Wait to Be Crushed Between Allied Armies on West Front and Revolution at Home.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The question of whether Germany will surrender immediately, or wait to be crushed between the advancing allied and American armies on the west front and revolution at home, rested tonight with an extraordinary conference at German great headquarters.

Marshal Foch has given until 11 o'clock Monday morning, Paris time, for the answer. At the conference the kaiser is reported to be, perhaps, appearing for the last time as supreme war lord and, according to German wireless reports, defying the civilians who are seeking thru submission to the inevitable to save something out of the wreck of an empire. A courier was due sometime during the night with the text of the allied armistice terms, handed to the German envoys behind the allied lines this morning by Marshal Foch. He carried the word, sent ahead by wireless, that the allied commander-in-chief had refused a provisional cessation of hostilities, and demanded an answer within 72 hours.

The American Government was advised from Paris late today of the reception of the Germans by Marshal Foch at 10.35 o'clock in the morning and its result. Later unofficial information of the movements of the German courier and knowledge of the difficult roads over which he must travel for one hundred miles after leaving the allied lines, led to the conclusion that he could not get back with a reply before tomorrow evening, if not kept waiting for a decision.

In the meantime the result is awaited here with entire confidence and calm. American and allied military men say the end must come quickly one way or the other; that if the Germans are unable to agree among themselves and accept the allied terms, the problem will be settled for them with no great delay. Some believe that acceptance is assured and will be hastened, now that a final effort to quibble with hostilities stopped is ended, on the theory that even the kaiser himself must realize that unless peace is made quickly there will be no government in Germany to make it.

Paris, Nov. 8.—Describing the arrival of the German envoys at the French line, The Intransigent says that the automobiles carried white flags and were preceded by a trumpeter. Some French soldiers under an officer approached them on the road just outside the lines. The delegates established their identity and showed their credentials. The eyes of the members of the German party were then blindfolded and the delegates proceeded to the place where they spent the night.

The company of German road menders which accompanied the envoys did not cross the lines. The party started early in the morning for the French headquarters. General Winterfeldt and General von Gruenell wore uniforms of the rank of general. Von Salow was in the uniform of an admiral of the fleet. Mathias Erzberger and Count von Oberdorff were in plain civilian dress.

An official note issued this afternoon says: "The German delegates arrived this morning at Marshal Foch's headquarters. They made a formal demand for an armistice. The text of the conditions of the allies was read and delivered to them. They asked a cessation of arms. It was refused them. The enemy has seventy-two hours to answer."

It was later announced that the German demand for a cessation of hostilities was for an immediate suspension. The German Message. "From the German plenipotentiaries for an armistice to the Imperial Chancellery and the German high command; Friday a.m. at allied general headquarters the plenipotentiaries received the conditions of an armistice, as well as a formal demand that they be accepted of at once within twenty-two hours, expiring on Monday morning at 11 o'clock, French time. The German proposal for an immediate conclusion and provisional suspension of hostilities was rejected by Marshal Foch."

"A German courier, bearing the text of the conditions of the armistice has been sent to Spa, no other means of communication being practicable. Please acknowledge receipt and send back courier as soon as possible with your latest instructions. Sending of fresh delegates is not necessary for the moment."

Spa apparently is the headquarters of the German high command. The town is in Belgium, seven miles southeast of Liege, and near the border of Prussia. Spa is about 100 miles northeast of La Capelle, near where the German emissaries entered the French lines.

Leaders of the various parties in the reichstag will meet tonight to determine the course to be taken on the conditions of the armistice, says a dispatch from Berlin to Berna, printed in The Paris Temps this afternoon. The French Wireless Service has given out a despatch sent by General Winterfeldt of the German armistice delegation, to the German high command, announcing that a courier, Captain Heiderich, will cross within twenty-two hours, expiring on Monday morning at 11 o'clock, French time. The German proposal for an immediate conclusion and provisional suspension of hostilities was rejected by Marshal Foch. "A German courier, bearing the text of the conditions of the armistice has been sent to Spa, no other means of communication being practicable. Please acknowledge receipt and send back courier as soon as possible with your latest instructions. Sending of fresh delegates is not necessary for the moment."

ERZBERGER PROVES BIG PROPAGANDIST

Head of German Truce Envoys Fosters Defeatism in France.

New York, Nov. 8.—Dr. Mathias Erzberger, head of the German delegation sent to confer with Marshal Foch on the armistice terms, "belongs to the same old gang" that tried to put over German defeatist propaganda in Italy and France, according to a statement tonight by Alfred L. Becker, deputy state attorney-general. The statement dealt with testimony taken here by the French Government in the treason cases of Bolo Pasha and Senator Humbert of France.

Becker asserted that, altho Germany is loudly proclaiming her "democratization," she has sent on the present important mission "the great propagandist who, with Von Jagow, former German foreign minister, arranged for the disbursement of funds in Italy and France," to purchase newspapers and influence political leaders.

Erzberger was in Rome, prior to Italy's entrance into the war, consulting with Cavallini. "Another scheme of Erzberger's was to buy The Paris Journal, Senator Humbert's paper," said Mr. Becker. TO GUARD AUSTRALIA.

Melbourne, Nov. 8.—W. M. Hughes, prime minister of Australia, who is now in London, has notified his constituency that he will remain in London at the request of his colleagues to safeguard the interests of the commonwealth during the peace negotiations.

THE KAISER SAYS HE WON'T QUIT SHOVE HIM OUT WITH VICTORY BONDS

AT THE CENTRAL. Inmates, The Not Prisoners, Take Many Bonds.

"I canvassed the Central Prison today and got a fine sum of money," stated Captain Pearson of district B. "From the staff or the inmates," asked someone standing by. "Almost entirely from the inmates," said the captain with a solemn countenance. (In Central Prison 48 housed the mechanical section of the Royal Air Force.)

TORONTO TOTALS. District. Amount. A \$48,600 B 688,500 C 1,063,700 D 681,100 E 1,087,500

Team totals \$3,955,850 Specials 10,200,000 Total for Friday, \$14,185,350 Previously \$5,219,600 Total to date, \$19,404,950 High man in Toronto, T. A. Case, district C, with \$205,000.

Nursery Rhymes. Old King Cole was a merry old soul. And a merry old soul was he. He mortgaged his house and he went in the hole. To buy for Liberty.

AN EYELASH AHEAD. "Montreal is only an eyelash ahead of us," said J. W. Mitchell last night. Montreal was in the hole, and Toronto has \$35,455,450.

HEAVY CAPTURES BY BRITISH ARMY

Two Hundred Thousand Prisoners Taken Since January.

London, Nov. 8.—Two hundred thousand prisoners were taken by the British on the western front from Jan. 1 to Nov. 8, inclusive, according to an official announcement made in the house of commons last night. In the same period the French captured 140,000, the Americans 50,000, and the Belgians 15,000.

REPUBLICAN LEAD IN U. S. SENATE

Returns Assure Two of Majority in Upper House.

Washington, Nov. 8.—A Republican majority in the next congress of at least two in the senate and of not less than 43 in the house was assured from returns today from the scattering doubtful districts of last Tuesday's elections.

Word from Detroit of election in Michigan, upon almost complete unofficial returns, of Truman H. Newberry, Republican candidate for the senate, over Henry Ford, Democrat, increased the Republican senate roll to 43—a bare majority. The Democrats have 46 with the Idaho contest between Senator Nugent, Democrat, and former Governor Gooding still in doubt. On the face of almost complete unofficial returns, Nugent has a majority of nearly 500, but Gooding has demanded an official count which will be made Nov. 15.

On the face of now complete unofficial returns the political line-up of the next house is as follows: Repub. 233; Democrats, 194; Independent, 1. SOCIALIST. BUY ANOTHER.

WITTELSBACH DYNASTY DEPOSED IN BAVARIA. Basle, Nov. 8.—During the sitting at the diet palace today a decree was passed deposing the Wittelsbach dynasty, according to a despatch received here tonight from Munich, Bavaria. Ludwig III, King of Bavaria, is head of the house of Wittelsbach. Prince Rupprecht, the crown prince, has been one of the leading Teutonic allied generals on the western front during the war.

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