

## OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED BY THE BRITISH ON YPRES FRONT

### Haig Renews Drive to Cut Off German Sub Base on Belgian Coast

#### FRANCE PREPARED TO CONSTITUTE SOCIETY OF NATIONS FOR PEACE

War Aims are Known, Though She Has Not Yet Replied to Pope.

#### PAINLEVE SPEAKS

New Premier Outlines Policy to be Followed by the Ministry.

#### ROOT OUT INTRIGUES

Only One Dissenter To Vote of Confidence in the Cabinet.

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Paris, Sept. 20.—Premier Painleve replying to-day in the Chamber of Deputies to interpellations by Deputy Frederic Brunet, who asked the Government to associate itself with President Wilson's refusal to treat with the German people so long as they were submissive to the military, caste and advocating a substitution of society of nations, said he had made effort to preserve collaboration with the Socialists.

"I failed and regret it," the premier said.  
After paying a tribute to Albert Thomas, the premier said the absence of Socialist ministers would make no change in his policy. He declared his determination to proceed energetically against all intrigues and certain foreign agents, and added that he did not intend to allow these scandals much publicity in the press, because they were picked up abroad and weakened the country's morale. This part of the premier's speech was interrupted, especially by the Left, as was his declaration that the cabinet was necessary and ought to be respected. The government, he said, hoped to remain in agreement with the press by appealing to the newspapers to maintain their own discipline.

The Chamber applauded the premier's addition to the society of nations and President Wilson's message as principles to which France fully adhered, thereby showing her abnegation and moral grandeur. Alexandre Ribot, Minister of Foreign Affairs, told the Chamber that all documents concerning France's agreements with the allies were ready and could be published tomorrow, but that the Entente Allied Nations must be consulted, saying: "The nearer we reached the end of the war the closer must be our unity with them."  
M. Ribot added that France could not reply to Pope Benedict's note without agreement with her allies, but our war aims are Entente. We are ready to constitute a society of nations when we have the necessary guarantees.

M. Ribot said that the Petrograd Government had asked him to defend the publication of the Franco-Russian agreement. He said that he considered that he ought to comply, owing to the difficult situation of their great ally. Pierre Renaudot said the Socialists would await Premier Painleve's acts before voting for him. He reproached the premier for forming his war committee of old men instead of young and ardent men. Confidence in the new ministry was then voted by the Chamber 374 to 1. The Socialists did not vote.

#### CRUSHED STONE UP

The price of crushed stone has advanced from 90 cents to \$1.00 per ton, according to information received to-day at the City Hall, from the Hagersville Crushed Stone Company.  
James A. McSloy, president of the Canada Haircloth Co., and W. J. Elliott, former well known jaccose player, manager of Whiteman and Barnes factory, of St. Catharines were appointed to the draft exemption board by Judge Campbell.

#### WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Sept. 20.—A few scattered showers have occurred in Ontario and Quebec, otherwise very fine weather has prevailed in the Canadian Provinces.  
Moderate winds, mostly northerly, with some brief showers, but partly fair to-day and on Friday, and turning a little cooler.



#### U. STROOPS WILL VOTE IN NOVEMBER

Preparation Now Under Way for Sending of Ballots Overseas.

By Courier Leased Wire.  
New York, Sept. 20.—Waterproof and unsinkable ballot boxes will be provided for New York soldiers who are abroad when the vote is cast in the November election, it was announced to-day. The state soldiers' vote will be so large, it was said, that it will probably be necessary to ask the federal government for a warship to convey the ballots to this side.  
Through the co-operation of the war and navy departments enrollment blanks have been forwarded to every part in the world where a land or sea soldier from this state is in the country's service. The state election authorities figure that in November there will be between 125,000 and 150,000 New York state voters serving with the fighting forces.

#### TO COMPLETE BRIDGE THIS AFTERNOON

Raising of Central Span of Quebec Cantilever Still Successful.

#### HIGH WIND BLOWING

Span Has Only Thirty Feet More of Ascent to Travel To-day.

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Quebec, Sept. 20.—A twenty-five mile an hour wind held up the operations in connection with the raising of the central span of the Quebec bridge, which had only thirty more feet to travel, when the engineers took their places at the raising jacks this morning. For several hours a careful watch was kept on the span to see if the wind caused it to swing, which would make it dangerous to continue lifting.  
It was computed by the engineers and it was decided to go on with the lifting at 9 o'clock. The jacks were started and found to be working smoothly, so that two hoists were taken in 28 minutes.  
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The span was put on its last hoisting link at 10.30, sixty four two-foot lifts having been made.

#### TEUTON REPLY TO POPE'S NOTE DELAYED

Germany Lied When Claiming Reply Had Been Sent To Rome; Entente Await Response of Central Powers Before Answering Pope.

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Rome, Sept. 20.—Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, to-day declared the reply of the Central Powers to Pope Benedict's peace proposals had not yet been received at the Vatican. This is taken to prove that the statement recently published that the reply had left Berlin on Sunday is untrue.

Cardinal Gasparri believed that the reply of the Central Powers was held up when Emperor William went to Riga, and is not likely to reach the Vatican until next week.

The reply of the Entente Allies to the Pope's peace proposals must necessarily arrive after that of the Central Powers, because the Entente asked for some information of the Vatican, which in turn applied for it to the Central Powers, which notified the Holy See that the explanation asked for would be contained in their own reply to the papal note. On these explanations therefore, the answer of the Entente Allies, or at least that of Great Britain, will depend.

Berlin, Sept. 20, via London.—While the text of the German reply to Pope Benedict's peace proposals will not be announced before Saturday, the Berlin press and parliament circles concur in the prediction that the message will not contain specific declarations concerning Belgium.

The fate of that country just now is calling forth excessive pan-German frothing, due to current rumors that the government had definitely decided to abandon all intentions of permanent control in the occupied Belgian territory.

While these reports are said to have a basis in the "alleged trial balloon" sent out by England, they equally carry ear marks of an obvious artificial inspiration for the purpose of supporting the annexation-

hasty move.

#### BRITISH ON OFFENSIVE IN BELGIUM

Valuable Positions Captured by Haig's Man in Thrust Near Ypres.

#### DRIVE PROGRESSING

Plan To Cut Off Enemy Sub and Plane Bases on Coast.

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, Sept. 20.—The British forces on the Belgian front attacked the German positions at 5.30 o'clock this morning east of Ypres. Field Marshal Haig reports that satisfactory progress was made and that the British already have captured some valuable positions.

The text of the British official statement announcing that Field Marshal Haig had taken the offensive this morning, says: "We attacked at 5.40 o'clock this morning on a wide front east of Ypres. Satisfactory progress is reported. Our troops already have captured some valuable positions."

Field Marshal Haig's selection of this battle front to the east of Ypres in Belgium, as the scene of the latest offensive against the Germans, indicates that it is a continuation of the expressed purpose of the British commander-in-chief to force the armies of Crown Prince Rupprecht of the German army east of the coast of Belgium and to cut off the German submarine and airplane base on the North Sea from Zebruggen to Newport, including Ostend. The British drive apparently is being made in the direction of Roulers and Courtrai, from which Belgian towns, according to recent dispatches from the Dutch frontier, the German military installations have been evacuating the civilian population.

That the British offensive had been in preparation for several days was made known in recent statements of the German army headquarters staff. The Germans reported that the British were maintaining a violent and destructive fire against the Teutonic positions, the bombardment frequently reaching the intensity of drum fire.

The new British offensive, for which recent reports of heavy artillery bombardments, aerial activity and raids into the German lines had prepared the public, commenced at daylight this morning.

The attack was made on a wide front east of Ypres, and according to Field Marshal Haig's report, satisfactory progress was made and valuable positions were captured.

This attack apparently is a continuation of the earlier offensive which was brought to a stop by bad weather, and the necessity of bringing up guns for the assault which was made this morning.

Paris, Sept. 20.—Except for artillery activity, which was lively at various parts of the battle front in France last night, the official statement issued this afternoon by the French war office says there was nothing of importance to report. The text of the statement reads: "There was nothing to report except great activity of the artillery in the region south of the River Oise in the sectors of Comille and Mont Haut in the Champagne and on both banks of the River Meuse."

#### TURKS ARE FIGHTING ON CARSO

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Rome, Wednesday, Sept. 19 (Delayed).—Evacuation taken by the Italians on the Carso, which include several Turks, which proves, Italian army officers say, that Austria-Hungary is getting reserves from every possible quarter, in making a last desperate effort to stem the Italian advance.

#### SOLDIERS WRECKED I. W. W. HEADQUARTERS

Furniture and Windows Smashed and Other Damage Done in Los Angeles.

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Los Angeles, Sept. 20.—A crowd of soldiers from 200 to 400, wrecked the headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World here, furniture was broken windows smashed and moveables demolished. There were no reported casualties.  
The soldiers marched to the headquarters of the I. W. W. at 11th and Main streets and remained in line while three or four of their number stepped inside and told two or three inmates that they were going to "wreck the place."  
The soldiers then entered and methodically destroyed all the furniture, paper and equipment in the room and withdrew in an orderly manner.

#### TOTAL FORCE FROM U. S. OF TWO MILLION

Newton Baker, Secretary of War, and Officials Plan Huge Army.

#### ASK FOR \$480,000,000

Mobilization of First Major Increase of Army Proceeds Smoothly.

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Washington, Sept. 20.—While mobilization of the first major increase of the national army was proceeding throughout the country, Secretary of War Baker and the chief of the War department, prepared before the Senate appropriation committee to present requests for an additional \$487,216,000 with which to provide equipment for a total force of 2,000,000 men.  
Despatches from all parts of the country, indicated that mobilization was being carried forward smoothly and amid scenes of popular enthusiasm.

No Escapes.  
Boston, Sept. 20.—Several hundred names of men who have obtained immunity from service in the United States national army by declaring that they are British subjects, have been given over by the New England exemption boards to the British-Canadian recruiting mission.

#### MAXIMALIST FACTION THREATENS RUSSIA

Gaining Control in Soldiers' and Workmen's Councils, and Undermining Authority and Influence of Premier Kerensky.

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Odessa, Russia, Sept. 20.—An extraordinary demonstration of revolutionaries was held yesterday under the auspices of the local council of Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates. Soldiers and workmen marched in a monster parade, bearing banners inscribed "Long live the provisional government!" "Down with Korniloff!" "Long live the democratic Republic!"

MAXIMALISTS IN CONTROL.  
Petrograd, Sept. 20.—Some newspapers say that the Maximalists are gaining complete control of the Soldiers' and Workmen's delegates, and that the situation promises to reach a crisis when the Democratic congress meets.

The Russian Volkta declares that the friends of Premier Kerensky and Workmen's delegates are losing their influence, and that the premier, who is in close touch with the situation, has determined to address the congress himself, to consider the resignation of M. Tchernoff as having a serious influence on the congress.

Among the chief features of the program of the Moscow council of Soldiers' and Workmen's delegates are the abolition of private property in land without remuneration, workmen's control over production and distribution, nationalization of the chief branches of industry, avoiding all secret treaties, proposing to all belligerents a general democratic peace and the arming of workmen.

Steps looking to similar usurpation of power by the Councils of Soldiers' and Workmen's delegates in other cities is cited by M. Tchernoff, in a report prepared for the new cabinet and published to-day. He described the position along the front as satisfactory, and declares that the victory of the government over General Korniloff has strengthened the government abroad and throughout Russia, but added that anarchy was growing at Vladivostok, Tsaritsyn and Samara, where the soldiers and workmen's delegates

#### TRUE FRIENDS OF PEACE TODAY ARMIES OF ENTEENTE POWERS

British Press Sees Attempt By Germany to Create Peace Atmosphere.

#### STRONG OPPOSITION

No Armistice Until Militarism Is Crushed, Concensus of Opinion

#### SUB CAMPAIGN FAILS

Germany Despairs as Temporary Success of U-Boats Flags.

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, Sept. 20.—The attempt by the German press and officials to create an atmosphere of what is believed here to be another peace manoeuvre, again is given prominence in the morning newspapers, which are of the unanimous opinion that there can be no peace until Prussian militarism is crushed. The Daily Mail, under the caption "The Hun peace plot" declares:

"The true friends of peace are the allied armies of the governments which are striving to remove the cause of all this misery, unrest and bloodshed by this destroying Germany's military autocracy."

The Times says: "While the well disciplined German press affects to maintain an agitated discussion as to whether the forthcoming reply to the papal peace note does or does not contain an offer to evacuate Belgium upon terms which would leave her in the perpetual servitude of her oppressors, the answer of the allies to any such proposal at the same time from both sides of the Atlantic, France is bleeding from three years of the frightful struggle against a foe who thought to crush her by a treacherous onslaught. The United States are but entering the fray for the defense of right and liberty. But from both comes the same clear refusal of Wilhelm's strange for peace on terms of status quo. Status quo began the war; we will not revive it."

The Express asserts that the U-boat figures issued last night are the best commentary on Germany's desire for peace, adding: "They are the worst on record for Germany."

Continuing the Express says: "That peace on whatever terms will not and cannot be accepted, unless the terms insure the impossibility of a further German attempt to wreck the world," says the Chronicle, "which strove the hardest to preserve peace, entered the war for certain definite ends, and primarily to fulfill its obligations to history. If those aims are not achieved, the blood shed so lavishly for their fulfillment, will have been shed in vain. God forbid that we should be guilty of any such recency to our heroic dead."

The Post declared that it is only by means of combined economic action of the Entente Allies that Germany can be taught to what disabilities prolongation of the war will subject her.

Cronholm's Ailbi.  
Mexico City, Sept. 20.—Folke Cronholm, former attaché of the Swedish legation in a statement to the Associated Press to-day, denied that German minister, von Eckhardt, offered or promised him a decoration in a German order, or that he received any such decoration. Cronholm also denied that he had furnished the German minister with information gathered amongst the emigrants of his country in Mexico.

Previous to making this statement Cronholm had maintained silence regarding the despatch made public by the United States Secretary of State Lansing, in which Minister von Eckhardt recommended Cronholm for a decoration.

offer themselves for re-election at the coming meeting, making efforts in the meantime to ensure a full attendance.  
It is significant that the Moscow council of Soldiers' and Workmen's delegates yesterday also passed a program along practically the same lines as that of the Petrograd council, by the vote of 355 against 158 and demanded the resignation of the government commissioner, Kishkin, who is a constitutional Democrat.

The Petrograd executive committee, in announcing their resignation, declare themselves out of sympathy with the program, and (Continued on page 4)

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