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SOURCES OF BRITISH EFFORT

PEACE WITH WAR LORDS

IMPOSSIBLE

Practical Ultimatum in Negotiations With U. S. Alone is Now on Way to Berlin—Up to Allies Now.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—No armistice, except under conditions of surrender. No peace with the Kaiser and his war lords, now or later.

Thus President Wilson has given in advance his own final decision in informing the special spokesman of Germany that he has acceded to their request that he take up with the allies their plea for an armistice and peace negotiations.

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Apparently the exchange which has been in progress between Washington and Berlin since the wireless version of the German communication was picked up Monday terminated late in the afternoon. The president is reported to have spent the night in reply to it.

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DISARMAMENT OF GERMAN WOULD BE UNGOOD PROBLEM

Washington Discussing Possible Effect of Final Note From Wilson and What Its Terms Will Mean.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Discussion centered here today on probable terms of an armistice which may be formulated by the allied and American military advisers after the allied government proposals transmitted by President Wilson.

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Handles Germans' Peace Feelers

DR. FREDERICK OEDERLIN

The Swiss legation in Washington, Germany's peace feelers and Wilson's refusal to accept them, is the subject of an article in this issue.

Hungary to Apply for Peace Direct to Allies

PARIS, Oct. 23.—Hungary intends to apply direct to the entente governments to accede to what terms they will grant an armistice and peace to Hungary.

Austria-Hungary already is reconciled to the idea of unconditional capitulation, says a Vienna dispatch to the Frankfurt Zeitung, because Vienna is threatened with famine, the authorities are powerless and laws are no longer enforced.

"FLU" BAN WILL NOT BE LIFTED

Conditions Still Improve, However, Says Official Report.

Despite improved influenza conditions, Dr. Neuman Taylor, superintendent of the city board of health, said Thursday that the city board would not lift the ban on the gathering of groups of more than six persons.

The board will continue its order keeping officers in full uniform and uniformed persons to move about and see that waiting rooms are properly ventilated.

Leads America's New Second Army

GENERAL BULLARD

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Official Report of Rome Tells of Sudden Attack of French, Penetrating Enemy Lines and Getting Captives.

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Oct. 24. (By the Associated Press.)—Hard fighting is in progress all along the front of the British attack.

On the battle front south of Valenciennes the night was marked by incessant artillery duels. The British gunners paid special attention to the roads in the rear of the German lines, which were crowded with eastbound traffic.

ROME, Oct. 24.—French forces today penetrated enemy positions, taking more than 700 prisoners, the Italian official statement today says.

BRITISH DRIVE RENEWED ALONG WHOLE OF FRONT

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The attack of the British all along the front between the Sambre and Meuse, and the Scheldt, was renewed this morning, according to a French official statement.

The statement further says that sharp fighting continued up to a late hour yesterday evening on the entire battle front south of Valenciennes, where the British opened their attack yesterday morning.

CASUALTY LIST

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Two army casualty lists, made public here today, contain a total of 766 names.

The first list, of 329 names, is divided into 16 killed in action, 125 wounded in action, 170 missing in action, 100 prisoners, 118 killed in action, 125 wounded in action, 170 missing in action, 100 prisoners.

OUTLINE TRAINING GIVE OBSERVERS

Ground Schooling Flights and Other Subjects Must Be Mastered.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—The course of instruction arranged for airplane and balloon observers, recently called in greater numbers by Gen. Pershing because of their very important function in the line of battle, was outlined today in an announcement by the war department.

The course will be concluded with a check of the epidemic, but health officials here are satisfied the state has passed the worst of the epidemic and they expect rapid improvement from now on.

GIST OF WAR NEWS

Field Marshal Haig's Third and Fourth armies, having smashed through the outer defenses of the strategically important German line south of Valenciennes, continue to hammer their way toward Maubeuge and Mons.

The British thrust undoubtedly has badly shaken the German defenses south of Valenciennes, which are so important to the security of the German line northward to the Dutch border and eastward to the Meuse.

YANK PATROLS PENETRATE DEEP INTO ENEMY LINES

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 24. (By the Associated Press.)—American patrols early today penetrated deeply into the German lines in the sector of Grand Pre and north of Verdun.

The enemy has been using his artillery and machine guns freely along the front line. There has been little change in the situation since last night.

Aerial activity today was less than on Wednesday, when conditions were almost ideal. The bright moonlight last night enabled the American planes to bomb a large area behind the German lines.

BRITISH CABINET MEETS TO DISCUSS MESSAGE

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The British cabinet met this morning, presumably to discuss President Wilson's reply to Germany. The reply was received by the foreign office from the British embassy at Washington.

CALL NEGROES FOR WAR WORK SESSION

All negroes connected with the United States Army are called to take place in the Western division, which will include Memphis and Shelby counties. The meeting will be held at the auditorium, Friday, Oct. 25, at 2 o'clock.

I. C. C. ASSERTS RIGHT TO ALTER R. R. RATES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The Interstate Commerce commission today asserted its right to alter rates on freight rates initiated by Director-General McArdle, even without affirmative showing of a public interest in the rates. The commission also said that such rates are presumed to be right and just if necessary.

SHOE DEALERS CUT OUT COSTLY STYLE

The highest priced high shoe for men and boys will be a pair, and the highest priced low shoe will be \$11 a pair. Do not think for a moment that you will be able to purchase the same grade shoes that are being sold today for \$11, \$12, \$13 or \$14.

THE WEATHER

Tennessee—Rain, Friday fair to west, fair in east.

CENTENNIAL OF CHURCH OBSERVED IN KNOXVILLE

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 23. (Sp.)—The one hundredth anniversary of the Second Presbyterian church of Knoxville will be on Thursday. The church was organized when Knoxville was a village of approximately 500 population.

BRISTOL NOW HAS 30 TYPHOID FEVER CASES

BRISTOL, Tenn., Oct. 24. (Sp.)—With the peak of the influenza epidemic reached here and in Sullivan county, a number of cases of typhoid fever are appearing in the city. In one section of Bristol 30 cases were reported.

ACCIDENT IS FATAL TO JIMMIE CROWE

James R. Crowe, better known as "Jimmie," is dead in France. He was a lieutenant in the aviation service and was killed in the aviation accident, according to the news received by his mother, Mrs. Isabelle Crowe, of Florence, Ala., where she lives.

MAY CHANGE BONDS FOR HIGHER RATE

Holder of first and second convertible 4 per cent Liberty bonds must act quickly if they desire to convert them into bonds bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest. Local banks have received notices that exchanges must be made before the bonds of the district are to be redeemed.

INHERITANCE TAXES REPLACE ESTATE FEES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—In lieu of the taxes on estates proposed in the house war revenue bill, the senate finance committee, in its revision today, adopted a plan of taxing inheritance. The bill provides that the tax on estates shall be replaced by a tax on inheritance.

SLAYER OF REEDY VANCE IS DEAD OF INFLUENZA

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 23. (Sp.)—Rigid quarantines are still in effect all over Mississippi because of the influenza epidemic in check, but health officials here are satisfied the state has passed the worst of the epidemic and they expect rapid improvement from now on.

U. S. RED CROSS GIVEN PRAISE AT PARIS MEET

PARIS, Oct. 23.—The work of the American Red Cross in France was given recognition at a great demonstration at the amphitheater of the Sarbonne yesterday. Louis Barthou presided.

COOLER WEATHER AND MORE RAIN ON WAY

Mild drop in temperature is predicted by local United States weather forecasters who said Thursday two areas of high pressure centering over the Gulf of Mexico will bring cooler weather to Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

BODY OF MANAGER IS FOUND IN FIRE RUINS

FORT SMITH, Ark., Oct. 24.—A body identified as that of Tom Morrow, floor manager of the Fort Smith coffee company, was found Thursday in the ruins of the company's plant, wrecked by explosion and fire Tuesday afternoon. Morrow was a prominent business man.