

BELGIAN FLAG RAPIDLY ADVANCING

HUNS' DAYS IN BELGIUM TO END

PARIS, Oct. 16.—A high German functionary in Belgium declared, on October 8, that German occupation of Brussels would end at the latest within fifteen days, according to reliable information received in London, says the correspondent of the Echo de Paris.

PARIS, Oct. 16.—French forces last night captured the village of Acy Romance, within a mile of the important railway junction of Rethel in the Champagne, the war office announced today.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The Belgian army under King Albert is advancing rapidly along the Cortemarck-Thourout road. The fall of the Belgian town of Thourout, whose capture was prematurely announced unofficially yesterday, is expected almost immediately.

PARIS, Oct. 16.—British patrols entered the southwestern suburbs of Lille this morning.

BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FLANDERS, Oct. 16, Reuter's.—Belgian cavalry this morning was reported to be within a mile of the important railway center of Ghent. That town is only about fifteen miles southwest of Ghent.

German Right Wing Threatened. PARIS, Oct. 16.—The German extreme right wing is being threatened more and more as the allied wedge in Flanders is driven deeper.

Rome Reports Fighting. ROME, Tuesday, Oct. 15.—The text of the official statement issued at the war office today reads: "There has been considerable local fighting from Lake Garda to the Brenta valley. Our artillery has carried out effective bombardments in the Lagarina valley and the Aras valley. Patrol encounters favorable to us have been fought at Concalaghi and in the Arsa valley."

British Gain Ground. LONDON, Oct. 15.—Gains of ground by British patrols during last night in the Douai-Lille sector are reported by Field Marshal Haig in his official statement today.

Germany Not to Blame for Loss of the Leinster. LONDON, Oct. 16.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from the Hague quotes Matthias Erzberger, minister without portfolio in the German government, as expressing regret over the sinking of the Irish mail steamer Leinster, but declaring that it was the hand of fate, for which Germany could not be held responsible.

MADRID GUARANTEES. MADRID, Tuesday, Oct. 15.—Constitutional guarantees have been re-established by the cabinet. There has been a modification of the rules of censorship by the government. The cabinet has authorized the floating of a loan of 200,000,000 pesetas.

CENTRAL POWERS WITHOUT HOPE

Baron Burian Sees No Use in Further Bloodshed—Approves League of Nations.

BASEL, Switzerland, Oct. 16.—The Central powers found themselves no longer able to hope for a military decision in their favor and Bulgaria's demand for peace only hastened the presentation of their peace propositions, Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, declared in a recent statement to the foreign affairs committee of the Hungarian delegation at Vienna.

"Although the Central powers have been able to face the new military situation," the foreign minister said, "it must be stated that we cannot hope any longer for a decisive success by arms, while our adversaries are not sure of their power to crush our resistance. Hence further bloodshed is useless."

Baron Burian said that a sentiment of humanity always pervades President Wilson's ideas of the solution of world problems "even when he joined our adversaries and laid down certain principles directed against us. His declarations therefore never remained without influence amongst us and were never rejected by us in principle."

The foreign minister expressed the view that the creation of a league of nations constituted a preliminary condition for the establishment of a peace of impartial justice "such as President Wilson and we desire." "Such a league," he added, "would form the frame work of the new world. It is upon it that the various states will build up their reciprocal relations."

Opening of German Reichstag Has Been Postponed

BASEL, Switzerland, Oct. 15.—Advices from Berlin say that the president of the reichstag has postponed the sitting of the reichstag which was to have begun tomorrow, reserving to himself the right to summon the legislative body at a later date.

According to Berlin dispatches received here the German Socialists have decided, in view of the general political situation, not to oppose Prince Maximilian of Baden retaining his post of imperial chancellor.

LIEUT. LAMONT MADE CHIEF. WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Lieutenant Robert P. Lamont has been appointed chief of the procurement division of the army ordnance department to succeed Brigadier-General Samuel McRoberts who will join General Pershing's staff.

TROOPS FIGHTING IN RAIN AND MUD

Storm Ahead in Belgium, Sinking in to Knees in Sticky Ooze.

SCENES AT ROULERS

Germans Remove Spanish and American Rations for Civilians on Leaving City.

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN BELGIUM, Tuesday, Oct. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—9 p. m.—Mein has fallen. Allied troops are a mile east of Roulers and advanced patrols are, according to latest reports, within a mile of Courtrai. The Lys river has been crossed between Comines, which has been captured, and Warneton. Reports indicate that another crossing of the Lys has been effected at Wervicq.

South of the zone where the mud-splattered allied troops are fighting their way forward through the rain and the mist and over sticky ground, the enemy has begun a withdrawal. His troops are being moved backward from Pont-a-Vennin and Beclan and from the Rolleghem fronts. Here it is that patrols have reached the outskirts of Neurichem.

Everywhere the Germans are fighting rear guard actions with large numbers of men involved. The battle is being fought in a continuous rain, which makes the fighting increasingly difficult. Troops storming ahead lose their footing in the ooze, some sinking in as far as their knees. The wounded returning from the front are plastered with mud.

Cuene has been stormed and taken and the Belgians have captured Bevern station. They are east and north of the Bevern canal and are before Iseghem.

Today's gains have further turned the German line both north and south of the area under attack and the enemy retirement reported from the southward is the result. Further withdrawals on a broad scale may be expected unless the weather continues so bad as to prevent further advance. The enemy is showing signs of great nervousness and more fires and explosions are reported.

Elsewhere along the front other British forces are gaining but their progress has been merely to straighten the lines and to carry out consolidating operations. Enemy defenses of great strength were encountered during the day by the British. There were wire entanglements of great depth and innumerable pill boxes which had been reduced.

There was an impressive scene at Roulers when the place was taken. A French major gathered the rescued civilians and German prisoners around a battered piano in the square and as the shells screamed overhead, he played the "Marseillaise."

"Did you ever hear that before?" he asked the people of the city.

The civilians cheered themselves hoarse. Elsewhere was in good condition after the German retirement. East of the city, the Ingelmuister road has been crossed. It appears that the enemy withdrawal southward of the area under attack will involve the whole Lille salient. Definite information has been received that the Germans removed Spanish and American rations worth 45,000 francs before abandoning Roulers. The civilians there ceased rejoicing over their liberation long enough to show the French troops where there were some enemy mines which were designed to destroy a large part of the town. They also revealed the hiding places of some Germans.

Tonight's reports indicate that the French have managed to get through the German lines. It is said they have reached Lichtervelde, and now are probably beyond that place.

War Workers Wear Masks on Streets And at Work

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Many of Washington's army of young women war workers appeared today on crowded street cars and at their desks with their faces muffled in gauze shields as protection against influenza, a practice specifically advocated by some bureau chiefs who feared utter demoralization of their war operations.

Congressmen Weds At Midnight and Dies in Morning

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 16.—Congressman Jacob E. Meeker died here this morning of Spanish influenza after his marriage at midnight last night to his private secretary.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 16.—The commanding officer at Fort Omaha reported eleven deaths caused by Spanish influenza at Fort Omaha during the past twenty-four hours. The number of new cases is daily decreasing, the report shows.

HOPING TO HOLD TURKEY

Baron Burian Confident Ottomans Will Remain Faithful.

BASEL, Switzerland, Oct. 16.—Confidence that Turkey would remain faithful to the Teutonic alliance was expressed by Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, in the course of a statement to the foreign affairs committee of the Hungarian delegation, according to Vienna advices. The foreign minister also reasserted Austria-Hungary's fidelity to Germany.

"We shall enter upon the negotiations," he said, "closely united with our faithful German ally and with Turkey."

PARIS PRINTS NOTE IN ENGLISH

Wilson Answer Appears in Temps in American Text—Unprecedented Incident.

GREAT DECLARATION

Hungarian Premier Hints He Will Resign His Position in Speech.

PARIS, Oct. 16.—The English text of President Wilson's reply to the German note was presented by the Temps yesterday. This is the first instance in which such a thing has been done by a French newspaper.

DAILY NEWS COMMENT.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The Daily News comment on the Wilson note says: "President Wilson's reply goes with shattering force and directness to the heart of the business. Kaiserism has made the earth a shambles and kaiserism must go. That is the core of the reply."

"It is the most momentous declaration of world policy ever uttered and has behind the embattled strength of civilization and the sanction of democracy in every land. No more kings in shining armor must be tolerated on this planet."

HUNGARIAN PREMIER TO RESIGN

AMSTERDAM, Tuesday, Oct. 15.—(Continued on Page 4.)

REVOLT OPENS IN PRAGUE

Martial Law Proclaimed and German and Austrian Troops Called.

PARIS, Oct. 16.—Meetings called by the Czecho-Slovak council at Prague to protest against the export of food-stuffs from Bohemia resulted in a general strike which is developing into a revolt, according to dispatches from Zurich to today's Paris newspapers. Martial law has been proclaimed throughout the country and German and Hungarian troops are occupying Prague, Pilsen, Plsek and Tabor.

The dispatches report that the movement has spread to Moravia and that there has been fighting at Brunn.

PANIC UPSETS BERLIN

Wilson's Reply Creates Sensation in Banks and Exchange.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—President Wilson's reply to the German peace "produced a most unfavorable impression," in Berlin, says a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam today. The publication of the reply, it adds, was followed by a panic in Berlin banking circles and on the stock exchange.

The German supreme command, the advices state, will come to Berlin at the end of the present week "to deliberate on mobilization, concentration of the national strength and the raising of the military age."

A WARNING: I Am Public Opinion! All men fear me! I declare that Uncle Sam shall not go to his knees to beg you to buy his bonds. That is no position for a fighting man. But if you have the money to buy, and do not buy, I will make this No Man's Land for you! I will judge you not by an allegiance expressed in mere words. I will judge you not by your mad cheers as our boys march away to whatever Fate may have in store for them. I will judge you not by the warmth of the tears you shed over the lists of the dead and the injured that come to us from time to time. I will judge you not by your uncovered head and solemn mein as our maimed in battle return to our shores for loving care. But, as wise as I am just, I will judge you by the material aid you give to the fighting men who are facing death that you may live and move and have your being in a world made safe. I warn you—don't talk patriotism over here, unless your money is talking victory Over There. I am Public Opinion! As I judge, all men stand or fall! All Subscriptions to the Fourth Liberty Loan are a matter of record. The Liberty Loan Committee have investigated your ability to buy. Do you want to be listed as a slacker?