

GERMANS ARE CARRYING AN ORDERLY RETREAT

French Have Captured Laon—The Battle Line in France Continues to Bend Under the Attacks of the Entente Allies—Since the Offensive Began 21,567 Germans Have Been Made Prisoners and 600 of Their Guns Captured—The Austro-Hungarians Are Slowly But Surely Being Driven Northward in Albania.

(By The Associated Press.) The German battle line in France continues to bend under the attacks of the Entente allies. But nowhere has it been broken. The enemy almost everywhere is in retreat toward new positions. But his retreat is orderly, and the British, French and American are being compelled to fight their way forward in the face of enemy machine gun detachments acting as rear guards.

150 Lives Lost in an Earthquake

Almost Every Town on the Island of Porto Rico Reports Fatalities.

San Juan, P. R., Saturday, Oct. 12.—(By The Associated Press.) One hundred and fifty lives were lost in yesterday's earthquake in Porto Rico, it was estimated by Governor Yager today. Almost every town in the island reports damaged property and scattering fatalities.

Condensed Telegrams

Cholera is reported spreading slowly in Berlin. Illinois raised 4,800,000 bushels of spring wheat this year. Lauren J. Drake, president of the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, died.

Five Fearful Forest Fires in Minnesota

More Than Five Hundred Persons Are Dead or Missing—12,000 Homeless.

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 12.—With probably 500 persons dead, thousands homeless and without clothing, and with property damage amounting far into millions of dollars, most sections of northern Wisconsin and Minnesota, timberland tonight are smoldering, fire-stricken areas, with only the charred ruins of abandoned, depopulated towns to accentuate the general desolation.

INDICATIONS ARE THERE WILL BE NO ARMISTICE

German Official Reply Has Not Reached Washington—Government Asks the American People to Withhold Their Judgment on Germany's Note Until President Wilson Has Received the Official Communication and Has Had an Opportunity to Consider it.

Washington, Oct. 12.—The government asks the American people to withhold their judgment on Germany's note until President Wilson has received the official communication, and has had opportunity to consider it. The official document had not been received in Washington tonight when the president returned from New York.

1,330 NAMES IN THREE ARMY CASUALTY LISTS

- Washington, Oct. 12.—The following casualties are reported by the Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces: Killed in action 180; missing in action 33; died from wounds 73; died from accident and other causes 9; died of disease 50; wounded slightly 8; wounded, degree undetermined 27; total 473.

NO LET-UP ON FIGHTING ON THE VERDUN FRONT

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 12, p. m.—(By The Associated Press.)—The synchronized crash of the big guns and the crackles of rifles and automatics on the greater part of the American front today reflected the attitude of the army as regards Germany's announcement that she is willing to accept President Wilson's peace terms.

EDITORIAL OPINION

DISTRUSTS GERMANY Providence Journal: The answer to any proposal for an armistice must come from military commanders, sword in hand. Philadelphia North American: We do not pretend to deny that Germany's answer to President Wilson's queries makes an early peace possible.

DO IT TODAY!

Six more days and the Liberty loan job must be finished and the goal must be reached. Don't be satisfied with looking on. "Get into the game!" The nation is calling upon you to do your share and it is time to do it.

FRENCH COMMENT ON GERMAN PEACE PLEA

Paris, Oct. 12.—The reply of the German government to President Wilson's questions is considered here to indicate that Germany's diplomatic front is as flexible as her military front.

COALITION OF OMSK AND HORVATH GOVERNMENTS

Vladivostok, Monday, Oct. 7.—(By The A. P.)—A coalition of the Omsk and Horvath governments is announced. In this coalition Lieutenant General Horvath will have charge of all dealings in the Far East.

VARIOUS TRANSLATIONS OF GERMANY'S REPLY

Paris, Oct. 12.—Various translations into French of the German text of the reply to President Wilson have been telegraphed from Switzerland. They are substantially the same except that the first phrase is read in some cases, "Germany's government."

FRENCH TAKE LAON WITHOUT A FIGHT

With the French Army in France, Oct. 12.—(Reuters.) Laon, the largest city of the group of natural obstacles forming the keystone of the German defense in France, has been taken without a fight.

DECIDED DECREASE IN DEATH RATE IN BOSTON

Boston, Oct. 12.—The health authorities of this city were greatly encouraged by the decided decrease in mortality today. In the 24 hours ended at 10 o'clock tonight there were 72 deaths from influenza and 13 from pneumonia, the total of 85 being 35 less than the previous day.

KAISER TO RENOUNCE THE RIGHT TO DECLARE WAR

Berne, Switzerland, Oct. 12.—The Frankfort Zeitung states that among the reforms the German emperor intends to announce is the right to declare war.

PRESIDENT POINCARÉ HONORS PREMIER OF AUSTRALIA

Paris, Oct. 12.—(Havas.)—President Poincaré today received William Morris Hughes, premier of Australia, and presented to him the insignia of a grand officer of the Legion of Honor, in appreciation of the friendly relations between France and Australia.

PORROS PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

Panama, Saturday, Oct. 12.—Bellcaro Porros first vice president of the republic, today assumed the office of president for the period of six months. He recently returned from Washington, where he served as minister from Panama. In his inaugural address the new president referred to the friendship of the United States toward Panama and expressed his gratitude for the assistance recently rendered in the settlement of the electoral disputes.

BULGARIA LIBERATES GREEKS AND SERBS

Sofia, Oct. 12.—(Via Base.)—The Bulgarian minister of war today has issued a decree liberating the Greek and Serbian subjects interned in concentration camps in Bulgaria and allowing them to return to their own country.

FINLAND ASKS GERMANY TO WITHDRAW TROOPS

Stockholm, Oct. 12.—The Finnish government has asked Germany to withdraw her troops from Finland. The request was recently delivered to General Von Goltz, the German high commander on Finnish territory.