

TEUTON MORALE IS SHATTERED BY REVERSES

Civilians In Germany Want Peace; Soldiers Join In Plea.

DESERTIONS COMMON PRISONERS DECLARE

[By The Associated Press.]
 With the British Army in France and Belgium, Oct. 25.—The consolidation of the positions won by the allies in Monday's attack was being rapidly completed today under a bright sun which is mitigating somewhat the difficulties of the work in the morass-like ground. Active artillery fire marked the night in the region to the east and north of Ypres.

The British big guns never have ceased to pour a big fire into the German positions along the Flanders battle front and the enemy has responded vigorously. Last night the Germans directed a heavy fire against the sector between the Ypres-Menin highway and the Ypres-Roulers railway and also concentrated on the Gravenstafel heights, which are on the Gravenstafel ridge, southwest of Passchendaele.

GERMAN ATTACK BLOCKED.
 Shortly before dark last evening the enemy launched a counter-attack against the British to the south of Houtholst forest, near the Junction with the French, but this was repulsed with machine gun and rifle fire. Both the French and British were holding their new positions in this difficult territory on the edge of the forest strongly.

The assertion in the German official statement that the British on Monday also attacked on both sides of Gheluvelt and were repulsed is entirely erroneous, as no such attack was made. The British offensive was confined to operations along a narrow front several miles north of Gheluvelt.

SOLDIERS KILL OFFICER.
 The report that British troops had found a German officer who had been executed by his own soldiers, the body having the hands bound behind the back, has been confirmed. The incident occurred at a redoubt south of Poelcapelle during the recent fighting. There were fourteen German soldiers and young officers holding this place. When the British troops stormed the redoubt the German soldiers surrendered and the British found the dead officer with five bullet wounds in his body. The reason for his execution was that the men desired to surrender, and he refused to give up his strong-hold without a struggle.

GERMAN MORALE SHATTERED.
 This affair is another link tending to substantiate statements made by prisoners that the German officers commanding certain bodies of troops along the Flanders front are losing control over their men. There is no doubt that there has been a very considerable deterioration in the morale of many of the German troops in this region. But the German fighting machine is recognized as still being a powerful one.

One non-commissioned officer belonging to the Tenth Bavarian division who was captured about the middle of October, asserted, as had other prisoners before, that the officers were losing their grip on the men. He said that desertions in the rear were very frequent and cited the case of thirteen men of his own company who had deserted a fortnight before, declaring that they were going home. Some of them were arrested on the way, but others actually reached their homes.

CIVILIANS WANT PEACE.
 Four of these men were brought back to their company as prisoners, but the officer did not know whether any of them had been punished. He added that this was not an exceptional case.

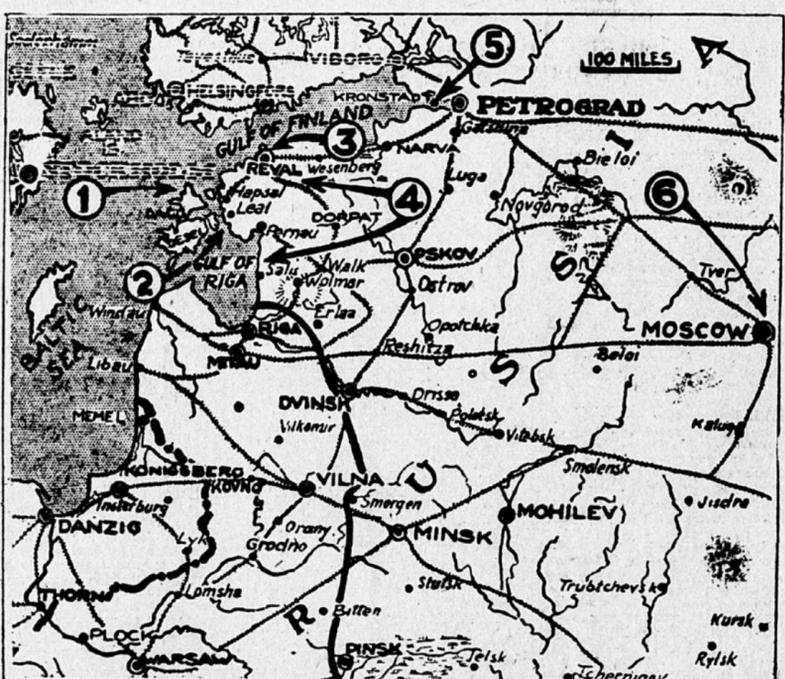
An equally interesting statement was made by a captured officer of the guard reserve division who had joined his regiment in the middle of October. He declared that the morale in Germany was very bad and that the civilians were raising an outcry as to why the war was being prolonged. Throughout the country, he said there was talk of an end of the Hohenzollerns and the establishment of a republic. The morale in his own division he characterized as bad, although formerly it had been good.

SHORTAGE OF HORSES.
 This officer further said that the authorities had already called up the 1920 class in Brunswick. Germany was suffering from a serious shortage of horses and there was a great scarcity of canvas, as a result of which the manufacture of tents had virtually ceased, huts being erected instead.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT HERE.
 Miss Grace Young, the new superintendent of Sunnyslope sanitarium, has arrived here to take up her duties, coming to Ottumwa from the superintendency of the Murphy Tubercular Sanitarium at Albuquerque, N. M. Miss Young was formerly at the Iowa State sanitarium at Oakdale, and comes highly recommended. Mrs. Rena Duke, who has been acting as superintendent temporarily, will remain at the Sunnyslope institution.

WELL! WELL! CHICAGO MAYOR BUYS BOND
 Chicago, Oct. 25.—Mayor William Hale Thompson announced today, he has subscribed for \$5,000 in Liberty Bonds.

Renewed Fighting Spirit Among Russ Armies Blocks German Invasion Plans



1—Germans are taking possession of Dago Island, south of the entrance to the Gulf of Finland.
 2—Moon Island and Moon Island have been evacuated by the Russians.
 3—Russians preparing to evacuate the powerful naval base at Revel.
 4—German seizure of islands and threat against Estonia outflanked entire Russian line north and east of Riga.
 5—Russians now are forcing the enemy to retreat.
 6—Civilians are evacuating Kronstadt, fortified port, protecting Petrograd.
 Official capital of Russia is being removed to Moscow.

ONE DAY'S PUSH NETS \$206,350

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reported, are shown on the chart as follows:

Chilliochee—George Jenkins, chairman, \$4,800.
 Blakesburg—Lester Jay, chairman, \$12,000.
 Kirkville—W. B. Nash, chairman, \$7,000.
 Eddyville—Frank Epperson, chairman, \$74,000.
 Agency—Watson Enyart, chairman, \$35,000.
 Pleasant Home—Walter Schoech, chairman, \$3,200.
 Highland—B. L. Denny, chairman, \$2,050.
 Salem—W. A. C. Brown, chairman, \$3,900.
 Eldon—H. R. Baker, chairman, \$16,900.
 Munterville—Alex Johnson, chairman, \$6,000.
 Columbia Church—L. J. Newquist, chairman, \$2,700.
 Christiansburg—S. C. Lewis, chairman, \$2,600.
 Bladensburg—G. C. Goudy, chairman, \$36,650.
 Farson—Dr. C. A. Henry, chairman, \$25,000.
 Dahlonga—Lineald Dimmitt, chairman, \$1,500.
 Ogg School House—Guiford Nulley, chairman, \$300.
 Union Chapter—Joe Schoech, chairman, \$7,000.

THE HONOR ROLL

The following names have been added to the list of subscriptions by the city committees in yesterday's drive:

Arnold Jewelry & Music Co., Otto Armstrong, Josephine Anderson, Mrs. Hazel Andrew, Lucius Andrew, Jr., P. C. Ackley, Wayne Arganbright.

Chas. W. Becker, Mittie Box, W. H. Bayne, Mrs. Nellie Boston, William H. Boston, Edith D. Brown, Rose L. Biederman, Chas. Brown, Jesse Burnett, Geo. H. Hulson, Theophilus Blake, Florida Baker, W. H. Brawley, Vernal R. Brown, E. P. Barton, Mrs. E. P. Barton, F. W. Borsersen, Joe Barmash, G. B. Baker, Dr. A. E. Easton, Ed Blake, H. E. Bishop, F. C. Brooks, Burdette E. Bowne, Thos. M. Drake, W. E. Blystone.

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A. J. Erskine, Laurence A. Elliott, Mark A. English, Geo. Evans, George H. Elliott, E. A. Ellis, Lilburn E. Esslinger.

W. H. Ferguson, Laura S. Fowler, E. D. Fowler, N. Friedman, Mrs. N. Friedman, Wm. Firman, Martin Fuqua, Carrie N. Friend, E. A. Faldberg, B. H. Fulton, Otto Fleer, Robert C. Fay, Nona Freitag, Chauncey H. E. Fay.

Geo. M. Gillett, John A. Gustafson, Harold Gustafson, Catherine Gallagher, Gertrude Gilger, Louis Graham, Helen Graham, W. E. Gibbs, M. H. Greeley, Merrill C. Gilmore, Orval H. Galpin, Ed Garrett, John W. Gray, E. E. Gaston, D. E. Graham.

Wm. Hansell, L. G. Hood, Miriam V. Houke, M. H. Hartman, Helen D. Henderson, John W. Hughes, Fred B. Harwood, John M. Hiller, J. F. Harman, G. C. Harker, Wallace E. Harper, James H. Harper, H. H. Hartman, D. H. Miss Mary E. Harper, Carl Herborg, H. C. Harper, Mrs. Mary E. Harper, Geo. F. Hall, Mabel Hauch, T. K. Harlan, Francis C. Harkins, R. Hartman, John W. Hurler, F. H. Hartman, D. H. Houke, Rev. F. W. Hoppmann, Carl T. Haw, A. Hartley, John P. Hurd, R. T.

Hudson, Phoebe A. Harsh, E. V. Hoppe, Mrs. E. V. Hoppe, E. V. Hoppe & Co., E. S. Hall, Henry Hervey, E. H. Huttschiller.

Chas. A. Johnson, Abby R. Jacobs, Mrs. C. D. Jacobs, Rev. C. D. Jacobs, John E. Jones, David G. James, Jo R. Jaques, Mrs. Kate Jaques, Axel B. Johnson, Roy W. Johnston, W. W. Jolley, Mary Rose Joslin, Frank Jacobson, Sam Johnson, J. G. Johnson.

James Kerr, H. S. Kincaid, Sant Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Samuel M. Kittredge, M. A. Kind, Chas. M. Krane, C. G. Keyhoe, H. M. Kelly, Clara M. C. Kendall.

Mrs. Fred Lang, R. W. Lowe, E. Labowitz, J. Larson, Dr. W. B. LaForce, Wm. G. LaGrande, Fred W. Lang, La-Forgue Bros.

Mrs. J. G. Meek, Olive S. Merrick, Mrs. H. L. Mahon, Ira A. Myers, Mrs. Edward Mahon, Dr. W. P. Moore, H. M. Mischell, E. G. Moon, Samuel Mahon, III, John K. Mahon, Jr., Mary Murphy, Frank Mills, Mrs. J. H. Merrick, Ed Magnuson, R. F. Moroney, Mike Mier, C. L. Mikesh, J. H. Morrell, Cora A. Moore.

W. H. McKee, J. T. McCune, S. L. McGowan, W. T. McElroy, Geo. McCarty, Wm. G. Walker, C. W. McCarty, Mrs. C. W. McCarty, C. M. McCarty.

Dr. W. C. Newell, Mary D. Nelson, Nelson Cloak Co., Violet Nelson.

Maude O'Brian, F. G. Orelup, Ottumwa Railway & Light Co.

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Mrs. R. F. Rhys, Chas. Redman, Milo Reno, Jr., E. B. Reeves, Reuben Reeves, Margaret C. Rouch, Frank T. Roberts, Anna M. Rohrn, W. R. Rabens, A. S. Rubel, Harry Rice, Anna Rice, Guy Rutter, Roseman Bros., Henry Rufing, Mrs. Harry Riseman, Bertha Riseman, Zelma Redman, Elizabeth Thelma Redman, N. F. Reed, Mary R. Rheem, L. Range, Jr., Fred Riseman, Mrs. J. Redman.

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Lillian A. Trotter, Dorothy E. Trotter, Mrs. E. A. True, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Tisdale.

Vm. Van Vosburg, Otto von Schrader, Wm. Van Cleave, S. L. Vest, J. H. Vosburg.

Elizabeth Withrow, Joseph B. Wildman, H. C. Williams, Kate Weltsmith, Patrick Ward, Edna G. Wilson, Nellie Wall, Margaret Williams, C. W. Whitmore, Wapello County Suffrage association, R. J. Workman, V. L. Wilson, D. J. Wells, Fred W. Wilcox, A. M. Woodell, L. Westerman, C. M. Work, L. D. Wareham, John F. Webber, H. H. Winchel, John Wormhoudt, A. G. Wallace, Ed W. Wachtler.

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FRATERNITY CUTS OUT ALL FESTIVITY

Wadesboro, S. C., Oct. 25.—With hundreds of its members in the service of the United States and many others preparing to go, the general council of the Phi Delta Theta college fraternity has decided to dispense with all entertainment features at its annual convention in December, the national president, Fred J. Cox, announced here today. Instead of the usual week of festivities and business, the convention will meet for one day only, December 31, and it will be strictly a business session. To further facilitate matters and hold the expense down to the minimum, the meeting place has been changed from Atlanta, Ga., to a more centrally located city, Indianapolis, Ind.

GERMANY IS AIDING HER LAGGING ALLY

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TEST FOR CADORNA.
 [Associated Press Summary.]
 General Cadorna's skill and strategy which made possible his capture

of the heights on the eastern bank of the Isonzo is being put to the test by a strong Austro-German offensive on the front from Flitsch to the Bainsizza plateau, northeast of Gorizia. The first blow has been struck, apparently with good success for the attackers.

Austria's army could do little against the Italians who were pressing forward steadily and breaking the moraine of the Austrian army. The Chiapavano valley already had been entered and soon the Austrian forces would have been cut in two. Trieste was threatened seriously and Pola, the great Austrian port, was in danger. The Italian efforts were having their effect.

GERMANY HELPS ALLY.

Germany, which up to this time has sent little of men or munitions to this front, has come to the help of the losing Austrians, and German soldiers and German munitions and guns are thundering against Cadorna's defenses along the Isonzo.

After a heavy bombardment the Austro-German infantry was thrown forward against the Italian positions near Flitsch, near Tolmino and on the northern part of the Bainsizza plateau a front of twenty-five miles. The first blow brought no great gains, the Austro-Germans, by their own report gaining only the foremost Italian defenses at these points.

Generally the Italians have some advantage in terrain, but the Austrians and Germans hold many high mountain positions near the Italian lines. The Italians also are fighting with their backs to the Isonzo river.

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WILSON URGES NATION TO GIVE WOMEN BALLOT

Answers Plea of New York Suffragists By Issuing Definite Appeal.

SPEAKS AS PARTY LEADER AND CITIZEN

Washington, D. C., Oct. 25.—Speaking as a party leader and as an individual, President Wilson today urged the woman suffrage issue upon the voters of all states. He told a delegation of 100 members of the New York state woman suffrage party, that he hoped their campaign would be successful and urged men of all parties, in New York particularly, to vote for suffrage.

A delegation of 100 officers and members of the New York state woman suffrage party, headed by Mrs. Norman de R. Whitehouse, chairman, conferred with President Wilson on the suffrage situation in New York state. His announcement followed this meeting.

In presenting the delegation, Mrs. Whitehouse told the president that the party wholeheartedly supported the administration and its war policy and was ready to co-operate with it in any manner.

WOMEN PLEDGE LOYALTY.

"May we not take this occasion to tell you," said she, "that our organization has pledged its support to you in this war against Germany and that all its resources are at the disposal of our country in whatever way they may be of use? And furthermore, may we not express to you our personal appreciation of all you are doing for the cause of world democracy, which is being fought out on European battlefields?"

The suffrage campaign in New York, the president was told, is being conducted as a referendum to amend the state constitution, in accordance with recommendations of the republican and democratic parties that the question should be decided by state action.

Mrs. Whitehouse said that while the war had brought suffrage to the women of Canada and Russia and the assurance of it to the women of Great Britain and France, opponents in the United States were using war as a reason for withholding the franchise from American women.

ASKS WILSON'S SUPPORT.

Almost without exception, she said, 1,013,800 women enrolled for suffrage have been engaged in serving their country, canvassing from house to house to sell Liberty Bonds, enrolling for the Red Cross and even going into the factories to take the places of men.

The president was urgently requested to address a message to the voters of New York state, asking them to place women on an equal footing with the men of the allies when the question is put to them on election day.

SEEK EQUAL FOOTING.

"Mr. President," Mrs. Whitehouse said, "we have come to you as the leader of our country's struggle for democracy, as the leader of this government founded on the principles of democracy—on principles which do not fulfill their meaning as long as women are excluded from the franchise. We have come to you to ask you to send to the voters of New York state a message so urgent and so clear that on election day they cannot fail as patriotic men to place the women of their state on an equal footing with the men to advance the cause of democracy at home as they are ready to fight for it abroad."

LEONARD KNOCKS OUT RAMSER

Cleveland, O., Oct. 25.—Benny Leonard knocked out Toughy Ramser of Loraine in the seventh round of what was scheduled to be a ten round bout, at the Cleveland Athletic club last night.

BERLIN SILENT ON MICHAELIS

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 25.—"Do your Christmas shipping early."

This is the new slogan for everyone with a personal as well as patriotic interest in American sailors and soldiers at home or abroad, as insisted upon by W. H. Denning, general superintendent of the railway mail service. The yuletide is just two months distant. To make certain that packages will reach the boys in France, November 15 is given as the last day for mailing, and even this leaves room for the chance that the shipment will arrive after Christmas has passed. It is better to ship even earlier, Mr. Denning said today. Shipments for cantonments should have at least ten days for transmission.

FOE OF CRIMINALS IS DEAD IN LONDON

London, Oct. 25.—Sir William James Herschel, discoverer and developer of the system of identification by finger prints, died yesterday. Sir William James Herschel was born in 1832 and served in the civil service in India from 1855 to 1878. He discovered the use of finger prints in 1859, and in 1878 initiated this means of identification for civil purposes in Bengal. He was the author of "The Origin of Finger Printing."

GRAND DADS BUYING BONDS

SUBSCRIBE \$7,150 TO LIBERTY LOAN FOR GRANDCHILDREN IN UNION CHAPEL.

Grandparents bought Liberty Bonds for their grandchildren in the Union Chapel district of Adams' township where \$7,150 was raised at a booster bond meeting last night.

The committee working that portion of the township is jubilant over the success of the meeting and is working today just as hard as ever. The speakers Senator C. W. Whitmore, G. F. Spry and C. S. Harper who went out from Ottumwa to the meeting are also pleased with the success of the gathering and the enthusiasm.

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Excessive court expenses, additional burdens to drain the poor fund and the state-wide movement for better roads and extensive bridge building are given by County Auditor Bissell and County Treasurer Warren as the cause for this condition, which they say, has been approaching for years.

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SLAV TRAITORS HELPED ENEMY

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BOXES FOR SOLDIERS MUST BE SHIPPED LONG BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS.

The county poor fund, which includes the expenses of managing the county home, the handling of widows' pensions and tuberculosis treatment carried a levy of two mills producing about \$20,000. It is estimated by the treasurer that it would require about five mills to carry this fund without getting into debt.

The bridge fund of five mills brings in about \$6,000 to the mill. Last year the county ran behind \$24,000 on this part of the work and about the same condition prevailed the year before.

The condition seems to be that the board is compelled to build bridges faster than the levy will provide the expenses. Scores of wooden bridges have been replaced with modern steel and concrete structures during the past two or three years and there are now two which need immediate replacement.

Funding bonds, to take care of outstanding warrants against the bridge fund, has already been issued up to the legal limit.

The state insane fund is another which has run ahead of its levies.

It produces about \$15,000 a year and has never more than broken even. Now the state institutions have increased their fee \$2 a month for each patient. This will mean a further drain on this fund.

PROMINENT G. A. R. LEADER DIES IN IOWA

Davenport, Oct. 25.—A. W. Crans, formerly junior vice-commander of the department of Iowa, G. A. R., died here early this morning. He was 75 years old.

Mrs. W. G. Dingeman, 719 West Second street, and Mrs. Milton Myers, 913 Sheffield street, left Wednesday for Chicago to attend the L. A. to O. R. C. convention.

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SEND YULETIDE GIFTS EARLY

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 25.—"Do your Christmas shipping early."

This is the new slogan for everyone with a personal as well as patriotic interest in American sailors and soldiers at home or abroad, as insisted upon by W. H. Denning, general superintendent of the railway mail service. The yuletide is just two months distant. To make certain that packages will reach the boys in France, November 15 is given as the last day for mailing, and even this leaves room for the chance that the shipment will arrive after Christmas has passed. It is better to ship even earlier, Mr. Denning said today. Shipments for cantonments should have at least ten days for transmission.

BOXES FOR SOLDIERS MUST BE SHIPPED LONG BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS.

The county poor fund, which includes the expenses of managing the county home, the handling of widows' pensions and tuberculosis treatment carried a levy of two mills producing about \$20,000. It is estimated by the treasurer that it would require about five mills to carry this fund without getting into debt.

The bridge fund of five mills brings in about \$6,000 to the mill. Last year the county ran behind \$24,000 on this part of the work and about the same condition prevailed the year before.

The condition seems to be that the board is compelled to build bridges faster than the levy will provide the expenses. Scores of wooden bridges have been replaced with modern steel and concrete structures during the past two or three years and there are now two which need immediate replacement.

Funding bonds, to take care of outstanding warrants against the bridge fund, has already been issued up to the legal limit.

The state insane fund is another which has run ahead of its levies.

It produces about \$15,000 a year and has never more than broken even.