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FAIR weather will continue tonight and Saturday, while the temperature will not change materially.

SINCE Japan furnished the allied armies with tea they have arranged to give an afternoon party for the Germans.

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SENTIMENT AGAINST STRIVING FOR PEACE AT THIS JUNCTURE

"Crush German Militarism First, Then Quit Fighting," say the Allies.

IS STRONG IN ALL COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY EUROPEAN WAR

RIVAL ARMIES IN FRANCE HOLD SAME RELATIVE POSITIONS AS WHEN THE SUN SANK LAST NIGHT

An official statement issued at Berlin says that the battle between the Oise and Meuse rivers continues with sure indications that the allies are falling back. It is declared that the French attempt to cut through the German right wing failed, and a sortie from Verdun on the right bank of the Meuse was repulsed. The German army is said to be advancing slowly but surely.

This statement evidently was issued late yesterday, as the substance of it was received in this country under date of September 17.

It was announced officially in Paris at 3 o'clock this afternoon that the allies had progressed somewhat. The western wing was declared to have repulsed a vigorous German offensive.

In proroguing parliament today King George said he was compelled to go to war for the protection of the public interests of the empire and that, fighting for a worthy purpose, Great Britain would not lay down her arms until that public interest had been fully achieved.

Austrian advices report that the Servians have evacuated Zemin, the town which they seized when they began their invasion of Hungary.

Servian reports are to the effect that their successes continue. The Germans, successful in driving the Russian invaders from east Prussia, are reported pushing the way into Russian Poland. The Austrian armies, following their disastrous clash with the Russians in Galicia, are believed to be attempting to reform at Cracow.

A dispatch from Cetinje says the Montenegrins have been received with enthusiasm by the inhabitants of the Austrian province of Bosnia.

Paris, Sept. 18.—The allies have progressed somewhat on their western wing and are repulsing a vigorous German offensive movement, according to an official announcement made this afternoon by the French war department. The communication follows: "The battle continued during the day of September 17 along the front from the river Oise to the Woevere without important changes in the situation at any point.

"First: On our left wing on the heights to the north of the River Alsne we have made slight progress against certain points. Three offensive counter-attacks undertaken by the Germans against the English army failed. From Craonne to Rheims we ourselves repulsed some very violent counter-attacks, executed during the night. The enemy tried in vain to take the offensive against Rheims.

"Second: On the center, from Rheims to the Argonne, the enemy has reinforced himself by constructing important fortifications and has adopted a purely defensive attitude. To the east of the Argonne to the Woevere district the situation is unchanged.

"On our right wing, in Lorraine and the Vosges, the enemy occupied positions organized on a defensive basis near Fronteras."

Germans Holding Ground
Berlin, Sept. 18.—(via London)—The following official announcement was made at the headquarters of the general staff the evening of September 17:

"No decision yet has been reached in the battle between the Oise and the Meuse, but certain signs indicate that the power of resistance of the enemy is relaxing.

"The endeavor of the French troops to break through the German right wing collapsed without any great efforts on the part of our troops.

"The center of the German army is gaining ground slowly but surely.

"On the right bank of the Meuse the allies from Verdun, have been easily repulsed."

"Didn't Exert Ourselves"
Berlin, Sept. 18, (via wireless to Soyville, L. I.)—The following official statement has been given out by the headquarters of the German general staff:

"The battle between the Oise and the Meuse rivers still is continuing, but

there are sure indications that the enemies' force is falling.

"The French attempt to cut through the German right wing was broken down without notable exertion on the German side.

"The German army is advancing slowly but surely.

"A sortie from Verdun on the right bank of the Meuse was most easily repulsed."

Airships "Deliver Goods"
Another official statement issued by the German general staff says that all the German airships came up to expectations after undergoing long and dangerous flights. Some of the air craft were damaged, but now all of them have been repaired. None has been destroyed or captured by the enemy.

Russians Tell of Triumph
New York, Sept. 18.—Colonel Golejewski, military attache of the Russian embassy, today gave out at the Russian consulate here the following official dispatch, which he said he had received from Petrograd:

"Along the whole of the front our pursuit of the Austrian rear guard is being successfully continued. We have taken Sandomir, (in Russian Poland, 51 miles southwest of Lublin.)

"The strongly fortified bridge at Krozeshow, on the San River, was taken by a dashing feat of our leading battalion. Keeping the retreating enemy on the run this crossed the bridge on the heels of the Austrians, and, entering the town simultaneously with them, took possession of it.

"Near Jaworow (in Galicia, 30 miles northeast of Przemysl) the Belgrade trains of the Sixth and Fourteenth Austrian corps with over 30 guns, 5,000 prisoners and enormous artillery stores were taken. In east Prussia only unimportant skirmishing was reported."

German Forces Retreat
Paris, Sept. 18.—It is announced at the Russian capital, according to a dispatch to the Havas news agency from Petrograd, that the Germans who were campaigning in the Kielce province of Russian Poland, on learning of the Austrian defeat from Karasnik to Mascoff, retreated rapidly to the southward with the intention of rallying the routed army.

Meager News Received
London, Sept. 18.—As has been the

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KING GIVES HIS CONSENT TO BILLS

IRISH HOME RULE MEASURE IS GIVEN APPROVAL OF ENGLISH MONARCH

CHURCH DISESTABLISHMENT

THE WELSH PEOPLE WILL GET LEGISLATION THEY HAVE LONG SOUGHT

ALL FACTIONS JOIN IN CHEER

NATIONALISTS AND LIBERALS SHOUT WHEN GEORGE'S MESSAGE IS READ

London, Sept. 18.—Enthusiasm unusual in the staid legislative chambers of Westminster palace was displayed today when the two houses of parliament were prorogued.

While King George was absent inspecting the troops, his speech was read in the house of lords by Viscount Haldane, the lord high chancellor, and in the house of commons by John H. Whitley, the deputy speaker.

When the announcement was made in the house of lords that the royal assent had been given to the Irish home rule and the Welsh church disestablishment suspended bill, and a number of emergency measures, cheers were given for the passing of the Irish and the Welsh bills.

On the announcement of the passing of the Irish home rule bill, in the house of commons, the nationalists and liberals broke into loud cheers, which were repeated again and again. Parliament will sit again October 27.

Mr. Redmond, who was the recipient of many warm congratulations in the lobbies of the house after parliament adjourned, left later in the day for Ireland, where he will take part in the recruiting campaign.

MIGHT AS WELL GET ON THE WATERWAGON

DEMOCRATIC WAR REVENUE BILL WILL MAKE DRINKS COST MORE

Washington, Sept. 18.—The house ways and means committee today decided to increase the tax on dry wines to 14 cents a gallon, the argument being that the original proposal of 12 cents was too low as compared with a tax of 20 cents on sweet wines.

More protests were lodged today with democrats of the committee against the tax on domestic wines in the revenue bill. Chairman Underwood announced there was no disposition to change the plan of taxing sweet wines 20 cents a gallon.

Representatives from California wine growers are in Washington, but so far have not had a formal hearing.

NEW GAME WARDEN

Santa Fe, Sept. 18.—Game Warden T. C. de Baca today appointed James A. Merchant of Madrid, southern Santa Fe county, a deputy game and fish warden.

KAISER'S AMBASSADOR DECLARES FATHERLAND WILL NEVER SUBMIT TO LOSS OF INCH OF TERRITORY

Washington, Sept. 18.—President Wilson sees little prospect of peace in Europe reflected in the official exchanges which American ambassadors have been conducting with Great Britain, Germany, France and Russia. This was learned today at the White House. Until something more tangible and more definite in the way of overtures comes from the belligerents, the president feels that his hands are virtually tied.

To undertake to elicit terms from Great Britain, France and Russia, as Germany suggested, would place the president in a delicate position, in view of what Sir Edward Grey has told Ambassador Page. The British foreign secretary recently took the position that the war had been forced on Great Britain; that the neutrality of Belgium had been disregarded and that it would be necessary to crush German militarism before the allies could feel safe against new attacks and before a treaty of peace could be worth a "scrap of paper."

The president, it is understood, feels that in view of the neutral position of the American government it would be unwise to press either side to make overtures to the other. He hopes, however, that as the war progresses, one side or the other will make known its terms in some form, so that the American government may act.

Germany is Resolute

New York, Sept. 18.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, discussed today the possibility of peace in Europe and the efforts of President Wilson to bring it about.

"Talk of peace was started by the people of the United States," said the ambassador. "Its continuance after the answer sent by the German government through Ambassador Gerard, depends on the attitude of the allies.

"As long as they talk of crushing and dismembering Germany, there is absolutely no possibility of peace. I am quoting Premier Asquith and other Englishmen. I have no idea that Germany could be crushed or dismembered.

"No lasting peace would be possible if a square inch of German territory was given up. That applies to the colonies of Germany as well as the German empire itself. It is perfectly clear that if any territory was taken Germany would again arm to the teeth."

Count von Bernstorff was asked if it was possible that peace in Europe might lead to general disarmament.

"That," he replied, "would depend on the sentiment with which peace was entered into by the allies.

Count von Bernstorff said that undoubtedly the German emperor had been informed of the talk but not Minister Gerard and the Imperial German chancellor, and that the answer given had been first submitted to the emperor. He added that it should be emphatically understood that from a military viewpoint Germany was not seeking peace at this time, any more than before."

Germans Protected Louvain

Berlin, Sept. 18, (via London)—The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung publishes official dispatches from the

VERA CRUZ SOON WILL BE GIVEN OVER

TRANSFER OF MEXICAN TROOPS IS BEING PLANNED BY GENERAL FUNSTON

WEAPONS ARE DISTRIBUTED

ARMS TAKEN FROM CIVILIANS LAST APRIL RETURNED TO THEIR OWNERS

GENERAL VILLA IS PLEASED

SENDS TELEGRAMS TO PRESIDENT WILSON CONVEYING CONGRATULATIONS

Vera Cruz, Sept. 18.—Brigadier General Funston, commander in chief of the army of occupation, probably will send an emissary to Tembladeras, a point just beyond the American lines, to receive and to escort into town a representative of General Aguilar, the constitutionalist commander, in order to confer regarding the transfer of the government of Vera Cruz.

General Aguilar is holding some 3,000 men just outside the American lines.

The American authorities on shore here today began returning to their owners the thousands of arms, with the exception of rifles, which were taken by them from the residents of Vera Cruz at the time of the American occupation last April.

Villa is Pleased

Washington, Sept. 18.—This was General Villa's telegram dated at Chihuahua yesterday:

"I have received with supreme pleasure and great satisfaction the information that the American forces now stationed at Vera Cruz will shortly leave that port; and I am impelled to present to you, in my name and that of the Mexican people, our most cordial congratulations for this action, which, as have all these dictated by the American government of which you are the distinguished head, respecting all matters connected with our country, so faithfully interpreted the sentiments and aspirations of the patriotic Mexican people, and I respectfully salute you as the general in chief of the division of the north. (Signed) FRANCISCO VILLA"

Will Detain Officers

Brigadier General Funston's recommendations that the evacuation of Vera Cruz be postponed to October 10 was forwarded today to Secretary Garrison at Seabright, N. J. It probably will be adopted, as transports cannot reach Vera Cruz for several days.

Brigadier General Bliss, commanding the border patrol, is completing arrangements to return to Mexican territory the 5,000 Mexican soldiers and camp followers interned at Fort Wingate, N. M., and Rosencrans, Cal., since their escape to the United States after the defeat by constitutionalists.

All enlisted men and civilians will be released but the officers will be detained for the present.

A telegram from Captain Joyce saying that 500 priests and nuns were destitute and would be in danger after the departure of the American troops and asking that the government transport them from Vera Cruz to Galveston was to be taken to the

OPERATORS WILL OPPOSE PEACE PLAN

COLORADO MINE OWNERS SEND A DELEGATION TO SEE PRESIDENT

STRIKE MAY NOT BE ENDED

EMPLOYERS SAY THEY WILL NOT ADOPT SUGGESTION ACCEPTED BY MINERS

OBJECT TO PIT COMMITTEES

DO NOT WISH THE MEN TO BE REPRESENTED BY GRIEVANCE BOARDS

Washington, Sept. 18.—The Colorado coal operators today asked President Wilson to receive their next Wednesday to discuss the tentative basis for settlement of the strike already accepted by the miners. The president wired his consent at once.

Opposition is Strong

Denver, Colo., Sept. 18.—The selection of a delegation of Colorado coal mine operators to go to Washington and present arguments against certain features of the strike truce proposal drafted by the federal mediation committee and endorsed by President Wilson will be made, it is expected, at a meeting of operators to be held here tomorrow. The individual replies of the various companies are being prepared for forwarding to the president.

Opposition of the Colorado coal mine operators to various sections of the truce proposal will, it is believed, center around the provisions for re-employment of strikers and for the appointment of grievance committees and an arbitration commission.

It has been pointed out in behalf of the operators that the peace proposal provides for re-employment of "all striking miners who have not been found guilty of violation of the law." As a matter of fact, there have been few convictions, while a large number of strikers are now under indictment. It is expected that the operators will tell the president that strict compliance with the proposed agreement would require them to re-employ the indicted men, most of whom probably will not be placed on trial for several months.

Grievance or "pit" committees generally have been opposed by the Colorado operators. During the recent congressional investigation of the strike, testimony was introduced purporting to show that under union conditions the "pit" committee exercised arbitrary power over the mine management, resulting in serious losses. Furthermore, it is stated unofficially that the operators will object to the final arbitration of disputes by the committee.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE FALLS

New York, Sept. 18.—Another sharp decline in foreign exchange was recorded today, cables and demand sterling on London being quoted at 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 cent under yesterday's highest rates. This reflects in part the foreign demand for the city notes.

White House today by Rev. Louis O'Hearn of the Catholic university. He received assurances that the president would consider it.