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## GERMANS LOSE BELGIAN COAST AND RETREAT TOWARD ANTWERP

### FEDERATION ADVOCATED BY ROYAL RULER

EMPEROR CHARLES OF AUSTRIA  
PROCLAIMS THAT SUCH A  
MOVE IS UNDER WAY

### WILSON'S REPLY Baffles HUNS

German Expected to Make Objec-  
tions—Hindenburg Makes Special  
Trip to Berlin

Vienna, Oct. 18.—Steps for the organization of Austria on a federalized basis was proclaimed by Emperor Charles today. The plan does not include a union of Austrian Poland with "Independent Polish state." The city of Trieste and the Trieste region are to be treated separately, "in conformity with the wishes of the population."

Berne, Oct. 18.—President Wilson's reply to the German note has created a new state of affairs in diplomatic discussions, and the German reply is expected to make clear that the tone employed by the president was open to objections.

The reichstag has passionately discussed the president's reply but no line of policy has been determined upon, according to German sources. Von Hindenburg's presence at Berlin is believed to foreshadow the drafting of a reply.

Berne, Oct. 18.—Advices received from Berlin say that there is great activity in political circles in view of the German reply to President Wilson's note.

It is understood the note already has been drafted and that it is not a complete refusal of President Wilson's demands.

Washington, Oct. 18.—Signs multiplied today that Germany and Austria were hastening to rearrange their internal political affairs and their methods of warfare in the hope of meeting the peace requirements of President Wilson.

### GERMANS EVACUATE SECOND BELGIAN PORT

London, Oct. 18.—Zeebrugge, the port of Bruges and the second important submarine base on the Belgian coast, has been occupied by the allies. Bruges has been evacuated by the Germans.

### GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS ORDERED SHOT BY LENINE

Paris, Oct. 18.—A Russian wireless message in English, dated Tarskoe Selo 8:25 p. m. October 25, received here, reports the following information as having been received from Ekaterinburg:

"According to the official declarations of the soviet chiefs, Nicholas Romanoff has been tried and condemned to death. He will be shot during the night of the 16th."

The Nicholas Romanoff referred to is supposed to be Grand Duke Nicholas, the former commander-in-chief of the Russian army.

### OFFICIAL DENIAL REGARDING KAISER BILL'S ABDICATION

Amsterdam, Oct. 18.—Official denial that the kaiser has abdicated is contained in a dispatch from Berlin received here today.

### AWAITING ACTION OF BUNDESRATH

Many Peace Rumors Are Yet a Thick  
Mass—President Does Not At-  
tach Much Importance to Them

Washington, Oct. 18.—Through a maze of rumors, unofficial reports and some official data today, diplomats and government authorities read the signs of important events transpiring in Germany. Without direct word on the subject, Washington was expectant that a new move toward peace would mark the immediate future. All advices agree that the internal situation in the central powers is increasingly serious and that the liberal-conservative elements contemplate some action to prevent a Bolshevik movement within the empire.

Information, not regarded as official, reached the state department, that the bundesrath—the federal council of Germany—has approved a constitution amendment restricting the kaiser's power to declare war and make treaties—indicating a radical change in the German political system.

But officials said they would form no judgment until the information was more substantial and until the reichstag was shown to have approved the reported action of the bundesrath.

President Wilson was reported as extremely anxious that undue importance be not attached to the avalanche of rumors now coming out of Germany, until official advices are available.

There is strong conviction here that eventually the German people will force their government to comply with President Wilson's decision on the action necessary before peace can come—but they believe these measures scarcely have been taken yet.

### MORE QUESTIONNAIRES WILL SOON BE MAILED

Portland, Oct. 18.—To expedite the classification of all registrants of the September, 1918, class, Captain John E. Cullison, head of the selective service in Oregon today sent instructions to all local boards to mail questionnaires to registrants below the age of 19 and above the age of 36 as soon as they finished classifying those between the ages of 19 and 36, inclusive. The questionnaires will be mailed out at the rate of 10 per cent a day. These instructions were issued in accordance with a telegram from Provost Marshal General Crowder.

This does not mean that men below 19 and above 36 are liable to immediate induction. Men between 19 and 36, inclusive, will be the first called.

British and Canadian subjects are now amenable to the selective service regulations, the period of enlistment, as provided in the conventions between the United States and Great Britain and Canada, having expired October 12.

### WILL TAKE EXEMPTIONS FROM MANY SHIPWORKERS

All class 1 men who have been given deferred classification because of their connection with the Emergency Fleet corporation and who are fit for general military duty are to be deprived of their exemption and made available for army service except in such cases where the employing shipbuilders appear before the respective district draft boards and show that the men in question are absolutely necessary to the successful continuation of the shipbuilding industry.

Such is the effect of a telegram received by John H. Stevenson, branch officer of the industrial service section, from the Emergency Fleet corporation headquarters at Philadelphia.—Portland Telegram.

### HUN MILITARY MACHINE IS BELIEVED TOTTERING

Wild Scenes in Berlin—Independent Socialists Sing Mar-  
seillaise and Clash With Police—Crowd Beaten Back  
From Imperial Palace—Boche to Flood Lowlands

Paris, Oct. 18.—Germany has apparently lost the whole of the Belgian coast. The German troops in that region are virtually demoralized and are in full retreat toward Antwerp. As a whole, the Germans are fighting well and retreating with great skill, but the military machine is believed in danger of complete collapse at no distant date.

Amsterdam, Oct. 18.—There was a demonstration today by the German independent socialists in Unter Den Linden in Berlin, according to the Cologne Volkszeitung. The crowd sang the Marseillaise. The police prevented the demonstration from reaching the imperial palace. There was a clash, in which some of the crowd were slightly injured by police sabers.

London, Oct. 18.—The Germans are preparing to inundate the low lying lands south of the River Scheldt, in Eastern Belgium, according to Amsterdam reports. The inhabitants have been ordered to abandon their homes immediately.

London, Oct. 18.—The British naval forces withdraw from Ostend when the Germans, who were not yet clear of the town, began shelling the warships.

Paris, Oct. 18.—The Germans have begun a new retiring movement in the area between the Oise and Serre rivers and between Laon and Cambrai. The French are advancing from Archery and Choisy and are pursuing the German rear guards. The French captured Anguilecourt in the Arzonne and crossed the Aisne near Vouziers. Fighting continues in the region west of Grand Pre.

### M'ADOO MAKES FINAL APPEAL FOR THE LOAN

The Courier is in receipt of a telegram today from Secretary McAdoo, in which he is urging the people to speed up in raising the balance of the fourth loan. While Josephine county has raised her full quota of the loan—through the untiring efforts of one of the best soliciting committees ever appointed to accomplish a purpose—there may be a few people here who can increase their subscriptions, and others who have not taken any who will now be glad to purchase a bond. In closing his appeal to the public, Secretary McAdoo says:

"The continued victories of our armies in Europe, the certain defeat of our enemies, and the glorious triumph of the cause of liberty depend upon what the American people do in the remaining two days of the Fourth Liberty loan campaign."

### CAMP LEWIS WILL BE QUARANTINED SATURDAY

Camp Lewis, Oct. 18.—This camp will be placed in strict quarantine at reveille tomorrow morning, as a preventive measure against Spanish influenza.

London, Oct. 18.—The evacuation of the territory of Serbia, Albania and Montenegro, by the central powers has begun, according to Vienna dispatches.

London, Oct. 18.—The British have entered Turcoing, six miles north of Lille.

The Belgian cavalry is pursuing the retreating enemy in Flanders with the object of cutting off his retreat to Ghent. The allies have occupied Blankenberg, southwest of Zeebrugge.

London, Oct. 18.—If the war is brought to a quick conclusion it will be through political and moral factors, and not military, it is believed here.

The German position on the western front is not considered perilous, although at certain points the ever-changing front may render some small positions dangerous at times.

This view, which has been held by many experts for some time, has been strengthened by the German retreat to the Hunting line, which is declared one of the most successful retreats of the war from the enemy viewpoint.

With the Americans and French pushing hard on this front, the Germans doubtless were forced to retreat faster than they had planned, but they lost comparatively few prisoners and guns for such a large operation.

The view that the startling transformation of the whole military situation in the last few weeks has brought the German arms face to face with disaster was stated to be unjustified in point of fact.

### RUMORED HUN SOLDIERS TURNING ON LEADERS

Zurich, Oct. 18.—Official statements issued by the entente are no longer published in Germany. It is rumored that there has been outbreaks among the soldiers at the front. Abusive placards concerning the emperor, crown prince, von Hindenburg and Ludendorff have been posted in various railroad stations in Germany.

### "MACHINE GUNS NOT TYPE- WRITERS WILL WIN"—TEDDY

Providence, R. I., Oct. 18.—In a Liberty loan address last night Theodore Roosevelt declared the United States "will get peace with a machine gun, and not with a typewriter."

"We are going to see this war to a finish if it takes three years more, our bedrock dollars and the last man," declared the colonel. "We will accept no peace save the peace that follows unconditional surrender, and we will get that peace with the machine gun, and not with the typewriter."

"Germany need not bother about terms. She isn't going to be consulted. We will settle on terms with our allies. Germany's part will be limited to saying, 'Yes, sir.'"

### HUNGARIANS WANT SELF GOVERNMENT

Count Karolti Says "Our Fidelity to  
the German Alliance Has Its  
Limits"—Wants Peace

Basel, Oct. 18.—There were scenes of tumult in the Hungarian diet, during which demands for peace were made and it was announced that Austria was being organized on a federal basis. The feeling was that Hungary must have full autonomy.

Count Michael Karolti sharply criticized the foreign policy of Hungary and said, "Our fidelity to the alliance with Germany has its limits." He criticized the ruthless submarine warfare and said the main mistake of the central power was in underestimating America.

### CASUALTY LIST

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces for today:

Killed in action	53
Missing in action	34
Wounded severely	130
Died of wounds	12
Died of accident	2
Died of disease	15
Wounded, degree undetermined	104
Total	350

Killed in action—Private Arthur Vincet, Portland.

Slightly wounded, previously reported dead—Private Millard Gates, Hillsboro.

### GERMAN WARSHIPS TO PROTECT YOUNG TURKS

Geneva, Oct. 18.—A revolution has broken out in Constantinople against the Young Turks, the Tribune de Geneva reported today. The Germans are said to have rushed 20 warships from the Black sea to protect the adherents of Enver Pasha.

Turkey's friendship with Germany dates from the time the Young Turks came into power. Enver Pasha, was until recently, the Turkish war minister. He faithfully served the kaiser's interests in Constantinople.

The German warships in the Black sea are principally vessels taken from Russia. It has been stated that the Germans, determined to hold the Turks in the central alliance, announced they were ready to bombard Constantinople if necessary to halt any move against Germany.

### EXCITEMENT AS LOAN NEARS HOME STRETCH

Washington, Oct. 18.—The Fourth Liberty loan is nearing the home stretch with \$4,250,000,000 subscribed, leaving \$1,750,000,000 to be raised in two days.

### MORE HUNS ARE JAILED BY THE CUBANS

Havana, Oct. 18.—Cuban secret service officials have arrested eight of Havana's most prominent German merchants who were promptly interned with other enemy aliens.

### MANY BOOKS PLACED

More than three million books have been collected and distributed to soldiers by the American Library Association.

### FRENCH-YANK TROOPS HIT BOCHE CENTER

FOCH DELIVERS NEW BLOW AND  
BEATS ENEMY BACK TO THE  
MEUSE RIVER

### HUNS IN TACTICAL RETREAT

British and Americans Deliver Vio-  
lent Attack Near Bohain, and  
Meet Savage Resistance

London, Oct. 18.—Over a front of 40 miles, from the North sea in Belgium to Lille in northern France, the Germans are in retreat before the Belgian, French and British armies. Likewise the enemy is being forced to concede defeat by retrograde movements before the British and Americans southeast of Cambrai; under the attacks of the French in the pocket between the Oise and Serre rivers north of Laon, and by reason of continued strong attacks by the French and Americans in Champagne and along the Meuse river.

In Belgian Flanders the enemy's steps are being hastened by the swift drives into his line by the British at Lille, just south of the Belgian border, and by the French and Belgians farther north, which threaten to compel him to enter Dutch territory and face internment unless he is fleet enough to withdraw out of the entire pocket between the Scheldt river and the sea and reconstitute his line with its right wing resting on Antwerp.

Strong opposition is being offered on the Courtrai sector to prevent the allies from carrying out their maneuver to the full. More than a score of additional villages have been liberated and numerous guns and quantities of stores have been captured.

In their withdrawal from West Flanders the Germans are carrying out a tactical movement, which doubtless will end in a general falling back to their line in northern France and permit them to strengthen their resistance materially on a new and shorter front. This probably will be from Antwerp to Namur and Metz, and thence to the Swiss border, which would still leave the Germans 80 miles from their own border line, both at Antwerp and Namur. At present the center of the Flanders fighting is near Thielt, which is about 125 miles from Aix la Chapelle, on the German border.

Southeast of Cambrai over a front of 10 miles, between Le Cateau and Bohain, the British and Americans are delivering a violent attack against the Germans, and at last reports they had advanced two miles, although the Germans were savagely resisting with machine guns, infantry and artillery.

The greatest resistance of all, however, is still being imposed against the French and Americans in Champagne and along the Meuse river, where the holding of the line is essential to stave off a general retreat all the way from Belgium to the Swiss frontier. The French in Champagne are still fighting hard to capture Reims, but the Germans thus far have been able to hold this important position.

### INFLUENZA STILL THE RAGE IN SEATTLE

Seattle, Oct. 18.—Spanish influenza continues to take a heavy toll in Seattle. Nineteen deaths as the result of pneumonia contracted after influenza and 408 new cases of influenza were officially reported today.