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GERMANY HAS CAPITULATED WILLIAM HAS ABDICATED?

Many Rumors In the Air of Collapse of Germany.

BIG GAINS MADE BY THE ALLIES

Notwithstanding Furious Efforts of
Huns, Americans and French Con-
tinue Their Advance in Cham-
pagne.

Unconfirmed rumors are in the air
that Germany has capitulated and
that Emperor William has abdicated.
The rumors emanated from Dutch
and Swiss sources but as yet the
German Government has not official-
ly informed either the Washington or
London governments of its intention
to accept in their entirety the condi-
tions for a cessation of hostilities as
laid down by President Wilson.

Meanwhile hostilities are proceed-
ing without cessation and as in days
past the forces of the Allies every-
where are defeating the enemy. In
Belgium Flanders the British, Bel-
gium and French troops under King
Albert are sweeping forward for
further material gains in the process
of driving the invaders from Bel-
gium soil. On the front in France
the British, French and Americans
are hard after the Germans and are
making progress, although slowly not-
withstanding the strenuous defense
which is being offered.

In the East.
Both in Serbia and Albania the
Entente troops are ridding the in-
vaded districts of the Austro-Hun-
garian and German contingents, in
Albania being well to the north of
Durazzo on the Adriatic sea and in
Serbia a considerable distance be-
yond Nish with the enemy falling
back toward the frontier of Austro-
Hungary.

In the Palestine theater the Brit-
ish cavalry has driven far to the
north and northwest of Damascus,
having reached Tripoli, near the Me-
diterranean coast, forty-five miles
north of Beirut, and Homs, eighty-
five miles north of Damascus. By
his maneuver there seemingly is
created for the Ottoman forces the
menace of again being caught be-
tween Gen. Allenby's armies and
rushed as was the case in the early
days of the offensive in the region
north of Jerusalem. The maneuver
also may forecast a new drive by
the British from the Bagdad region
to form a junction with Gen. Allen-
by at Aleppo and thus take the Holy
land in its entirety from the Turks.

Champagne Region.
In the Champagne region where
the French and Americans are driv-
ing their way northward further
good gains have been made notwith-
standing the furious efforts of the
Germans to hold their line.

COTTON SEED REDUCED.
The State Food Administration has
reduced the price of cotton seed one
dollar per ton on account of the fact
that the seed are not yielding as
much oil as expected.

SEND NAME OF SOLDIER OVERSEAS.

The name of each soldier
overseas from Abbeville
County should be sent to Jas.
S. Cochran, Chairman of the
Home Service Section of the
Red Cross, at once, so that
he may get the regulation
boxes furnished by the Red
Cross. If you expect to send
your boy a Christmas Box
attend to this before Oct. 20,
as the local chapter must
know by that date how many
boxes to order.

Influenza Epidemic In Abbeville

CITY DOING ALL IN ITS POWER
TO FIGHT THE DISEASE—DR.
E. B. GARRISON HERE.

The epidemic of Spanish Influenza
seems not yet to have reached the
crest in Abbeville. On last Friday
there were reported to the City Board
of Health 350 cases in this city. On
that day 48 new cases were reported.
On Saturday there were 33 new cas-
es, with 2 cases of pneumonia, on
Sunday there were again 33 cases,
and on Monday 37 new cases, with
no new cases of pneumonia for these
days. On Tuesday 59 new cases de-
veloped with 5 cases of pneumonia,
and on Wednesday there were 42
new cases, with 3 cases of pneu-
monia.

The Mayor and members of the
City Council and the local health of-
ficers have been active in fighting
the disease, while the local physi-
cians have been on the go almost
night and day.

As reported in our last issue Con-
gressman Dominick had wired the
Mayor offering to procure assistance
if necessary, and in response to a
telegram from Mayor Mars asking
such assistance Mr. Dominick suc-
ceeded in having Surgeon-General
Blue send Dr. B. E. Garrison here.
Dr. Garrison is from Kansas City,
Mo., and is an expert in treating the
disease. He is now attached to the
office of the Surgeon General, how-
ever. Mayor Mars also wired Con-
gressman Dominick that Dr. J. C.
Hill, now of Camp Greene, be de-
tailed here for thirty days to assist
the local doctors. The response
came directly that he had been de-
tailed for fifteen days and that this
would be extended an additional fif-
teen days if necessary.

The Mayor, at the suggestion of
the local doctors, also called on the
State Board of Health for assistance
with the result that Dr. Griffin, of
Greenville, has been sent here and is
now actively assisting with the work.

An order has been made that all
soda fountains and soft drink stands be
closed down, and that people in pub-
lic offices and places of business
where they come in contact with the
public be required to wear masks,
which order is being generally ob-
served.

So far there have been few deaths
from the disease in this vicinity
among either the whites or the ne-
groes. The local physicians have the
disease well in hand, if only it could
be stopped. There is nothing so im-
portant as that people keep away
from crowded places, and that they
do not allow themselves to get under
the weather. A little active medi-
cine, with attention to the throat
and nostrils twice a day, with a suit-
able spray, which may be had at the
drug store, will help to keep away
the disease. If it is contracted, the
person affected should immediately
go to bed and commence proper
treatment. Above all else take plen-
ty of active medicine, and keep it up,
is the advice of the physicians. It
is well to be prepared with mustard
for making plasters, and with Vick's
or Gowan's Pneumonia cure, or
some like remedy. The disease will
not wait for the doctor. The reme-
dies are simple and may be applied
while waiting for him.

SUPREME COURT RECESSES.

Chief Justice Eugene B. Gary is
home from Columbia, where he has
been attending the sessions of the
Supreme Court. The members of
the court decided that it was inad-
visable to cause lawyers to leave
home and expose themselves to the
dangers incident to doing so at this
time, and accordingly they took a
recess subject to the call of the
Chief Justice.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS MAKE ADVANCE

General Pershing's Men Enter the Town of Grand-Pre.

STRATEGIC VICTORY
OF GREATEST VALUE

Junction of Railways Feeding Great
Part of German Army Lies at Foot
of Valley Extending to Point
Where Germans Have Fought
Hard.

With the American Army North-
west of Verdun, Oct. 16, 6 p. m.—
The American troops today occupied
the town of Grand-Pre, on the north
bank of the Aire River north of the
Argonne forest.

Since early last night rain has fal-
len over the entire field of combat,
converting roads and trenches into
muddy canals.

Aviation was impossible today and
the artillery fire was directed entire-
ly by maps, except in rare instances
when direct fire was used.

Grand-Pre is only a village and
its normal population is less than
1,500, but the place is of great strate-
gic importance. It is the junction
of the railways feeding a great part
of the German army and lies at the
foot of the valley extending north-
ward, at the entrance of which the
Germans have fought so stubbornly.

After their long struggle for mas-
tery in the Argonne woods the Am-
ericans move several companies of
infantry over the Aire River which
cuts across the northern end of the
wood south of Grand-Pre and under
cover of heavy artillery fire moved
almost without stopping along the
eastern flank of the position and in-
to the town.

HELPING OUT.

Since the "Flu" took the town
many of the stores have lost much
of their help and the women have
come forward as helpers. Miss Mary
Hill Harris is at Bowden-Simpson's,
Miss Agnes Edwards is lending a
hand at McMurrays, Mrs. Herman
Benton is helping at the Farmers
Bank, and Mrs. John Evans is also
at McMurrays, while Mrs. W. D.
Barksdale is in charge of her hus-
band's store during his illness.

JOY RIDERS.

Dr. Neuffer has been untiring in
his attention to his patients and the
sick folk in town since the epidemic
and patient under the many difficul-
ties of short help. His enterprising
young sons, Hap and Frank, put the
acid test to his patience Wednesday
morning when they cranked up his
car and went joy riding, forcing the
Doctor to make his rounds in a big
five passenger.

DEATH OF MRS. M. M. MANN

St. Matthews, Oct. 16.—Mrs. Clau-
dia M. Mann, wife of M. M. Mann,
a prominent member of the St. Mat-
thews bar, died at 11:20 o'clock to-
day after a brief illness of a few
days with pneumonia. Mrs. Mann
was the daughter of the late Dr. J.
P. Mallard of St. George. She and
Mr. Mann were married on Novem-
ber 22, 1906. She is survived by her
husband and one son, Marvin M.
Mann, Jr.

DR. HILL ARRIVES.

Lieut. J. C. Hill, of the army medi-
cal corps, arrived in the city Thurs-
day morning to take up the fight
against the "flu". He is looking well,
though he has been very busy at
Camp Greene where there are hun-
dreds of cases of the disease. His
experience in treating the disease
there will be of assistance in the
fight which is being waged here.

LIBERTY LOAN IS GOING TOO SLOW

Fourth Liberty Loan Little More Than Half Raised Yesterday.

ONLY SHORT TIME
REMAINS FOR WORK

McAdoo Urges American People to
Match Patriotic Spirit of Navy by
Subscribing Necessary Billion
Dollars a Day For Remain-
ing Period.

Washington, Oct. 16.—In the face
of figures still showing the Fourth
Liberty Loan only a little more than
half raised—up to \$3,269,001,500—
the chief source of hope tonight lay
in assurances of campaign managers
for each of the 12 districts that their
respective fields would prove up
when final returns are counted.

Supporting this attitude was the
addition of \$315,000,000 today to
the total, the biggest single day's
subscription. This still left \$2,730,-
000,000 to be gathered tomorrow,
Friday and Saturday—three days—
\$900,000,000 a day. Officials do not
expect that big ratio to appear in
official at least until Saturday. They
believe a billion or more will be
counted up after the campaign has
closed Saturday night from the flood
of last minute subscriptions. But
they fear that unless the officially
tabulated total runs considerable
above the \$4,000,000,000 mark on
the latest reports Saturday the loan
may fail to reach its goal.

PERCY LEACH TO THE FRONT.

Percy J. Leach, Jr., has been ad-
mitted to Camp Gordon in the offi-
cers training school. He left Mon-
day afternoon to commence work.
He has been a student at Clemson
College for sometime, and his mili-
tary training there will be of great
assistance to him in preparing him-
self for army work.

MISS JANE EVANS ILL.

Mrs. Frank B. Gary was called to
Florence Tuesday on account of the
serious illness of her sister, Miss
Jane Evans. Miss Evans is well
known in Abbeville where she was
the leader in forming the Service
League, an organization for war
work. Abbeville people will hear
with regret of her illness.

ALWAYS A HIGH FLYER.

News has come to Abbeville that
our erstwhile young editor, Leslie
Swope, has received his call for ser-
vice, and will train as an aviator at
Minneapolis, Minn.

The Swope family has had the
"Flu" since going to Richmond but
all are recovering now.

HOODED TERRORS.

The moving picture show was clos-
ed down at the very beginning of the
epidemic and the future presidents
around town have missed several in-
stallments of the Hooded Terror.
There were plenty of Hooded Ter-
rors on the streets Wednesday how-
ever, after the face masks were given
out and people put them on.

DEATH OF INFANT.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. McCombs
have the sympathy of their friends
in the loss of their infant son, which
took place on October 3rd. The fun-
eral services were conducted by Rev.
M. R. Plaxco, and the interment was
at Melrose.

OUR SON BILL.

Our son Bill has been a victim of
the Spanish Influenza for the past
week and Frank Neuffer has been
delivering the Evening Index for
him. Bill says "its no polite feeling"
to have a big mustard plaster on you.

GREAT EVENTS ARE CASTING SHADOWS BEFORE THEM

Autocracy Must Go Declares President

WILSON'S ANSWER FULFILLS
EXPECTATIONS OF SUPPORT-
ERS AND DOUBTERS.

Washington, Oct. 14.—President Wil-
son has answered Germany's peace
proposal with a decision which not
only fulfills the expectations of sup-
porters of his diplomacy but also dis-
pels the fears of those who predicted
he would substitute victories at arms
with feats at diplomacy.

No peace with kaiserism, autocra-
cy must go, no armistice can ever
be thought of while Germany con-
tinues her atrocities on land and sea,
one can not be considered unless it is
fully dictated by the allied command-
ers in the field in such terms as ab-
solutely provide safeguards and guar-
antees that Germany's part will not
be a scrap of paper.

This in a few words is the Presi-
dent's answer.

If it does not bring a capitulation
which may be more than an uncondi-
tional surrender, allied diplomats and
American officials believe it may
cause a revolution in Germany.

Beyond question it speaks for the
entente allies as well as the United
States.

The dispatch of the president's
reply was followed by the issue of
this formal statement at the White
House by Secretary Tumulty:

"The government will continue to
send over 250,000 men with their
supplies every month and there will
be no relaxation of any kind."

Quite outside of the formal phrases
of a diplomatic document, that was
President Wilson's word to the world
that he had no thought of stopping
the fighting at this stage.

The senate chamber rang with the
applause of senators as the presi-
dent's answer was read a few min-
utes after it had been announced at
the state department. Senator Lodge,
the president's chief critic in his
course, until today, issued a state-
ment expressing his gratification at
the president's decision. Opinion at
the capitol and throughout official
Washington was unanimously in ap-
proval.

The official note which will convey
the president's answer to the Ger-
man government and more import-
ant, the German people, was deliv-
ered today by Secretary Lansing to
the charge of the Swiss legation who
has been acting as the intermediary.
It was given out publicly by Mr.
Lansing at the state department at
6 o'clock this afternoon in full. It
follows:

"Sir: In reply to the communica-
tion of the German government dated
the 12th instant, which you hand-
ed me today, I have the honor to re-
quest you to transmit the following
answer:

The text of the president's answer
follows:

"The unqualified acceptance by the
present German government and by a
large majority of the reichstag of the
terms laid down by the president
of the United States of America in
his address to the congress of the
United States on the 8th of January,
1918, and in his subsequent address-
es justifies the president in making
a frank and direct statement of his
decision, with regard to the com-
munications of the German govern-
ment of the 8th and 12th of October,
1918.

"It must be clearly understood
that the process of evacuation and
the conditions of an armistice are
matters which must be left to the
judgment and advice of the military
advisers of the government of the
United States and the allies' govern-
ments and the president feels it his
duty to say that no arrangements can
be accepted by the government of the
United States which does not
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Reports Say Berlin Will Accept Terms—No Official News.

PEACE SITUATION
NOT FULLY CLEAR

Stories From London, Paris and Hol-
land Say President Wilson's Terms
Have Been Accepted—Not Yet
Confirmed.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Tonight's
news of Germany is everywhere re-
garded here as the shadow of great
events being cast before them.

There is in Washington no official
word that the kaiser has abdicated;
or that he has been overthrown; or
that Germany is ready to accept all
of President Wilson's terms. Officials
and diplomatists, cautious and con-
servative by nature and practice re-
gard with incredulity the intimations
that one or all of these things has
happened. Of course, they all hope
they have; they all know that one or
all of them are inevitable.

The official opinion in the capital
tonight is that coming of these things
is timed only by the unknown degree
to which the German military power
has been broken. There may be more
information on that point in the chan-
celleries of England, France and
Italy than there is in Washington.

When President Wilson's reply to
the German peace proffer went forth
Monday night it was predicted here
that if it did not bring a complete
and unconditional surrender of the
military autocracy the German peo-
ple themselves would force one.
President Wilson's words were a
plain invitation to the German peo-
ple to take such a step and intimated
that there would be no peace with
kaiserism.

The coming hours will show how
the heaven has worked. The intima-
tions in today's dispatches from Lon-
don, Paris and Holland suggest the
progress of the ferment. Most sig-
nificant of all is regarded the report
from Holland by way of London that
Germany will immediately reply to
President Wilson accepting all his
terms and asking only guarantees
for the interests of Germany and the
German people. When the reply
does come President Wilson's only
course will be to forward it to the
co-belligerents. The guarantees for
the interests of Germany and the
German people do not intervene as
an obstacle if guarantees are thought
of in sincere terms. If they are put
forth as another vehicle for a quib-
ble, an opportunity for diplomatic
evasion and trickery, or a negotiated
peace they will meet only one reply.

CITY SCHOOLS SUBSCRIBE.

The following resolution was adopt-
ed at a meeting of the Board of
Trustees of the City Schools on
Thursday afternoon:

Resolved: That the Farmers Bank
as the fiscal agent for this school
district, be requested by the Chair-
man of this board to subscribe for
five thousand dollars in bonds of the
Fourth Liberty Loan, investing in
these bonds all moneys now on hand
and not invested. If a sufficient
amount is not now on hands, that the
said agent be requested to collect
the balance from those persons ow-
ing the sinking fund, who have not
subscribed to this Liberty Loan, un-
less they can satisfy the said agent
that they are financially unable to
do so.

The town of Due West has gone
over the top, and the territory in
that vicinity is still climbing. The
county seat must keep up with the
seat of learning, or else the county
seat might be moved.