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Peace May Be in Sight--and So May be Peace Profits. Save Now! DRIVING THE BEATEN ENEMY OUT OF BELGIUM AND FRANCE

On the Whole Front from the English Channel to Rheims and Verdun the Germans are Being Disastrously Defeated. Village After Village Has Been Captured and Haig's Army is Now Being Regrouped to Launch Another Big Offensive East of the Hindenburg Defence System. The Enemy is Everywhere Beaten and Retiring. Only at Few Points is Any Show of Resistance Made and Then it Does Not Last Long.

PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO HUN PEACE NOTE

He Wants to Know Who Inspired the Note and What it Means.

(Special to the Guardian)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—President Wilson today informed the German Government that before the United States can discuss an armistice German troops must withdraw from all invaded territory. He asked Chancellor Maximilian whether he represented the German people or the authorities of the Empire who are conducting the war. The President's message was not a reply but in this form of an enquiry. The Imperial German Government is asked whether it accepts the terms laid down by the President in his address to Congress January 8 and subsequent addresses the text of the communication handed to the Charge of Switzerland here follows:
"Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge on behalf of the President your note of October 6th enclosing the communication from the German Government to the President and I am instructed by the President to request you to make the following communication to the Imperial German Chancellor."
Before making reply to the request of the Imperial German Government and in order that that reply shall be as candid and straight forward as the momentous interests involved require, the President of the United States deems it necessary to assure himself of the exact meaning of the note of the Imperial Chancellor."
LONDON, Oct. 8.—In the view of authoritative quarters in London, it seems certain that President Wilson, through whom the peace offer of the Central Powers was addressed, will take the initiative in replying. The official attitude to be adopted by the Associated Governments can only be surmised but it is safe to assume that they cannot entertain in any form the proposal for an armistice.

ALBANIA IS ALSO BEING CLEANED UP

Berat Has Fallen into Hands of Italians. Many Prisoners and Rifles Have Been Captured.

(Special to the Guardian)
PARIS, Oct. 8.—The Italians are rapidly driving the Austrians out of Albania. Berat has again fallen into the hands of the Italians together with 2,000 rifles and large stores of ammunition. They are now advancing on Elbasan, the chief town of the interior.

AUSTRIANS RETREAT FROM CENTRAL SERBIA

Enemy's Retirement from Austria Has Become a Rout. Will Probably Make a Stand At Nish.

(Special to the Guardian)
MACEDONIA OCCUPIED BY GREEKS
The retreat of the Austrians from Central Serbia proceeds in disorder and it is probable that Serb and French cavalry find it difficult to get close enough to the retiring troops to take prisoners. The Austrians are now withdrawing in the direction of Nish, the ancient capital of Serbia, where the Orient Railway leaves the valley of the Moravia and runs southeasterly towards Sofia and Constantinople.
All of the southeastern Macedonia has been occupied by the Greeks who found that the Bulgars during their occupancy of Seres had treated the people with great cruelty. Out of a population in that town in the autumn of 1916 consisting of 24,000, eleven thousand have been deported, 2,000 have been forced to do road work for the Bulgars and about 5,000 have died of starvation. The Bulgars are evidently the Germans of the Balkans.

DELUDED GERMANS SHOUTED PEACE

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 8.—Excited crowds filled the streets of Berlin yesterday evening looking for special editions of the newspaper containing the speech of Prince Maximilian, the New Chancellor, from the hands of the newsboy. Everywhere shouts were heard "Peace has come, Peace at last."



AN OBSERVATION POST

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 8.—In an official elucidation of the peace offer of the Central Powers published in the Vienna newspapers it is explained that "our step is not to be final, as only a neutral could act as mediator. We approach President Wilson because the points formulated by him represent a basis on which we would negotiate."

CONDENSED SPECIALS

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say, N. B. 1818-10-9M11.

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for boys school. 7 other maids kept
Wages \$16. Apply Miss Heath,
Rothsay Collegiate School, Roth-
say, N. B. 1818-10-9M11.

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\$5 each or \$15 a pair when 6 weeks
old, also 2 sows, 6 months old. Apply
S. C. Stewart & Son, Dunstaffnage
1825-10-9mitpd

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Oct. 8.—There is a slackening of fighting activity all along that part of the front between the Belgian coast and the Oise. The threat of the enemy between the Lys and the Scarpe and the necessity thus imposed upon General Birdwoods Fifth Army and General Horn's First Army of bringing up and emplacing afresh their artillery may account for the relative calm on that sector south of the Scarpe. Sir Douglas Haig is almost certainly regrouping his armies for a plunge into the open country behind the Hindenburg line before the enemy has time to perfect the new system of defences upon which his engineers have been working.

FRANCO AMERICAN ADVANCE PROCEEDS STEADILY

The Franco-American advance in the region north and north east of Rheims proceeds steadily. The Germans admit the retirement of their forces to the line of the Sulpis River. The attacking troops, freed from the fear of a flanking movement by the Germans who were driven from the Plateau of Moronvillers on Saturday, are now rushing along the two great highways from Rheims to the north. The right wing is advancing astride the Rheims Rethel Road and is making remarkable progress. On the northern bank of the Sulpis, near Base Account which was reached yesterday morning, Gouards men are almost half way to Rether, one of the most important German supply depots in occupied France. The army of Berthelot which has been given the task of outflanking Laon and the German lines on the

heights of the Aisne and about Craonne is advancing along the Rheims Laon Road.

FRENCH CAPTURE BERRY AU BAC

It was announced last night that the French had forced their way across the Aisne on the line of this road and captured the important town of Berry Au Bac.

LAON ON FIRE

It was reported yesterday that fires of an incendiary nature had been observed in Laon. It would appear therefore that the Germans are making their customary preparations for evacuation.

Advancing through the forest of Apremont the Americans yesterday forced the enemy out of Chatel Chery and pushing forward in the face of stubborn resistance settled themselves on the commanding heights west of the River Aire.

The British line was advanced yesterday, by the capture of the villages of Buxche St. Vaast and Oppy together with more than a hundred prisoners and some machine guns.

DOUAI TO BE EVACUATED

The withdrawal of the Germans under pressure from Frensnoy and Aubencheu, where 400 prisoners were captured, Oppy and Bixese St. Vaust and the turning of Salumines nearer Lens where the enemy had many gun positions, can mean but one thing, the early evacuation of Douai.

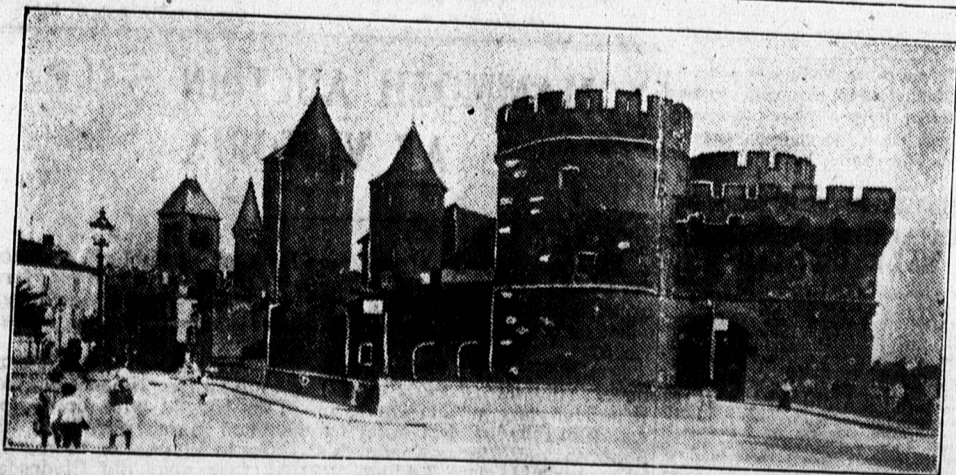
GERMANS EVACUATING BELGIAN COAST

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 8.—The evacuation by the Germans of the Belgian coast region is continuing. The frontier correspondent of the Telegraph reports the telephone lines between the Frontier and the coast were being taken yesterday and today. The stores of material at Knokke, near the coast five miles from the Dutch border, have been set on fire. The report states many factories have been undermined in preparation for their quick destruction.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—Shortly before dawn this morning British and American troops attacked between St. Quentin and Cambrai in spite of a heavy rain which commenced last night and is still continuing. The statement says satisfactory progress is being made. The battlefront between St. Quentin and Cambrai is about 252 miles long.

HINDENBURG RESIGNS AFTER ROW WITH KAISER

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Oct. 8.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has resigned as chief of the German general staff after a heated interview with the Emperor in which the filed marshal declared that a retreat on a large scale was impossible to avoid, according to a Central News despatch from Amsterdam today.
The correspondent based his despatch on reports from the frontier.



THE FORTS OF METZ

Here are some of the old forts of Metz, which was stolen from France in 1870, and which city is now under the fire of the French and American armies. The newer forts are declared by the Germans to be impregnable but this war has shown that nothing is impregnable to modern artillery.

"OVER HER AND "OVER THERE"

Look on this picture and on that. Over there in France the gallant Canadian is girding up his loins to battle. The thoughtless Canadian at home is cranking up his car for a "joy ride."

Motoring for pleasure is a luxury. It is unseemly for us to be pleasure-seeking and luxury-loving when our own flesh and blood in the battle-lines are at death-grips with the foe. We need to shape our lives these days on stern and simple lines.

This is no hour for extravagance. We must waste no gasoline. Our country needs it. We must waste no money on gasoline. Our country needs that, too—every dollar of it we can save.

So get out of the pleasure rut! Save Gasoline. Save money. Saving these, you save your own good name.

**THE WEATHER,
TEMPERATURE,
TIDE, MOON, ETC.**

The tide will be high this afternoon at 2.31 and tomorrow at 3.11; it will be high tomorrow morning at 12.40 and Friday at 2.07.

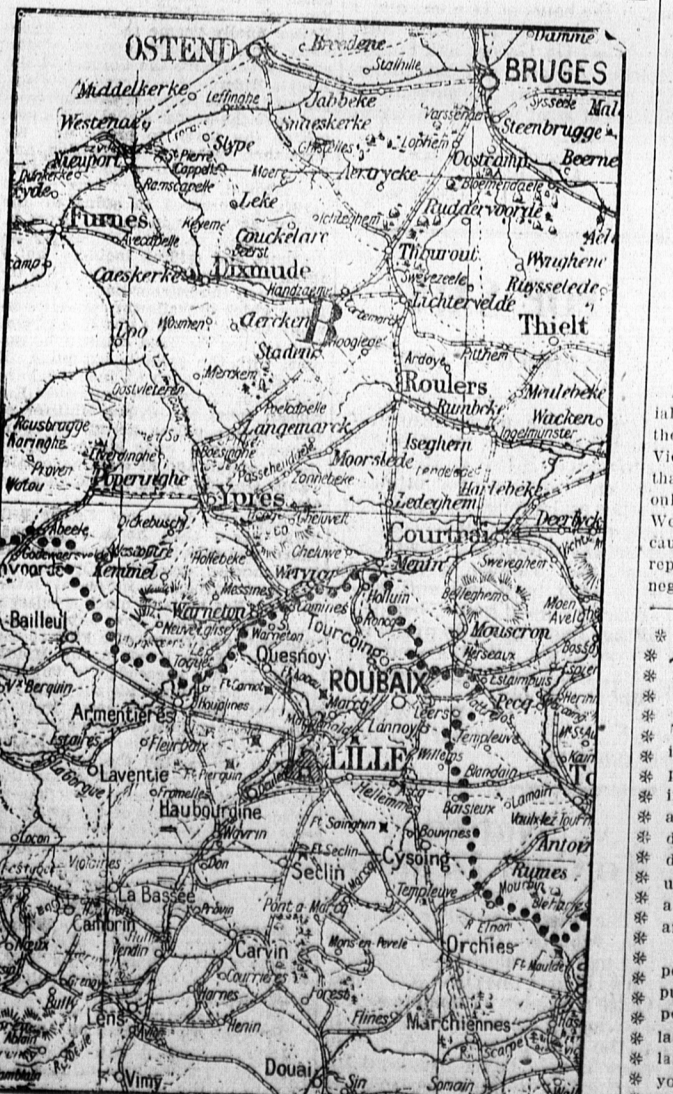
The sun sets this evening at 6.46 and tomorrow at 6.44; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.20 and Friday at 7.28.

The moon rises tonight at 9.01.

There was a new moon on Friday Oct. 4th at 6 p. m.

The first quarter of the moon will be on Sunday, Oct. 13th at 1 p. m.

The length of today will be eleven hours and twenty one minutes.



THE RESTORATION OF BELGIUM
The British and Belgian troops continue their victorious progress in Belgium, despite very bad weather and terrible road conditions. The Belgian front has reached Turcoing Menin and Roulers have been set on fire by the enemy; and the Allies are pressing on toward Courtrai. All the above points are shown on his map.