

WARS TO CONTINUE AS SWEEP ENEMY FROM BELGIUM AS FOE FIGHTS TO ESCAPE TRAP

Governor Sleepers Issues Proclamation Closing State Because of Influenza Spread

GERMANS WILL FALL BACK TO NEW WOTAN DEFENSE FOR STAND

NEXT LINE WILL PROBABLY EXTEND FROM AEWERP TO SEDAN.

FRENCH CAPTURE THIELT IN BIG ADVANCE DRIVE

All Available Reserves of Enemy North of Lys Have Been Engaged—Will Be Impossible to Pull Units From Other Fronts New.

PARIS, Oct. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The fighting in Champagne, and in Belgian Flanders, the French troops everywhere have made further progress, according to the French official communication, issued tonight.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The French have captured Thielt in Belgium (Flanders), west of Ghent, and have passed on 2,000 yards east of the town.

The enemy is still retreating strongly between Brusse and Cambrai, but is retreating slowly northeast of La Fere.

The Germans are preparing to invade the frontiers of Belgium and the Netherlands.

EXPECT GERMAN ANSWER TODAY

It is considered likely that the main bulk of the German armies, or rather what is left of the main bulk, in this section of the front is on its way to the Wotan III line, though it is quite possible it may try to make a stand somewhere on this side of those positions.

It is reported that the German army has been engaged recently and some have suffered from information reaching headquarters.

LAST WORD FROM WAR ZONE

By ASSOCIATED PRESS. The Belgian coast is again Belgian.

The Belgians have been evacuated by the enemy and his line from the Belgian frontier to the Meuse river, the entire line is under the attack of the British, French and American armies, which are demanding to be served with victory.

A haven of safety in a shorter and more compact line is being sought by the German army, which is being evacuated to the west.

In Belgium the enemy is giving ground steadily in order to bring his main force to the attack, but the menace there, but from the French frontier to the Meuse river is still fighting desperately to hold back the weaker force of the enemy.

At the moment it is being estimated that the German army is withdrawing toward Sedan.

In France, east of Lille, to Cambrai, the British slowly but surely are pressing forward, despite the brave efforts of the enemy to hold them, but they are the best of the allies.

BELGIANS WILD WITH JOY, MASS POSSES ON ARMY OF LIBERATION

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN BELGIUM, Oct. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The speed with which the German armies are retreating from Belgium and northern France makes it appear that they are twice as anxious to get out now as they were to do so in four years ago.

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YANKES GAIN NEW GROUND IN SURPRISE ATTACK NEAR VERDUN

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Americans spring another surprise over the Germans today.

The Americans pushed the German line back and machine gunners have been fighting that lasted all day.

Northwest of Grand Pre the Americans captured a large tank in the face of a still machine gun resistance.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Capture by the Americans of 1,000 additional prisoners in the fighting west of the Meuse was reported in Gen. Pershing's communication to the chief of staff.

"Section A—Severe fighting has continued on the front from the First Army. We have broken up center attack of the enemy in the face of Montigny and in the vicinity of Chimphenelle and the Bois de Boulogne.

60 U. S. PLANES BOMB FOE LINE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 18.—More than 60 American day bombing aircraft today attacked Bayonville, Busancy and other towns north of the American line at Grand Pre.

The fighting has been going on since the first of the war. The Americans have been able to cross the Meuse river near Sedan, where they have made more secure positions.

Learn George Shortland at the hotel, 115 West Third Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Oct. 19, 1918.

Belgians, Chosen Selections. Locals the Tailor, Coto Hotel Belg.

ENEMY DEFEAT FROM BELGIUM IS FIXED PLAN

EXPERTS BELIEVE MOVEMENT WELL ORDERED WITHDRAWAL ON PREPARED POSITIONS.

LINE OF ESTABLISHMENT IS STILL TO BE LEARNED

Freeing of Belgian Coast Will Have Little Effect Upon Submarine Situation, But May Furnish Alliance With New Patrol Boat Base.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—While the German retreat in Belgium has glittering possibilities, military opinion here is fixed to the conclusion that what is to happen is well planned and not unexpected.

The fact that reports from other portions of the front, notably from the Lille area, show a general retreat.

There are indications of general withdrawal, but as yet no definite information has come to the officials.

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LOAN CAMPAIGN CLOSES TONIGHT

G. R. \$423,881 OVER TOP FRIDAY; WANTS HALF MILLION TONIGHT.

ONE DAY LEFT

Grand Rapids quota in four Liberty loan campaign closed at 14,925,989 pledges previously reported.

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WIFE OF TRACTION MAGWATE GETS DIVORCE AND \$300,000

DETROIT, Oct. 18.—A decree of divorce carrying monthly alimony of \$1,000 in cash settlement of \$300,000 was granted in circuit court here today to Mrs. Elizabeth H. Moore against Guyton Moore.

THEATERS, CHURCHES AND LODGES ORDERED CLOSED UP AT ONCE

LANSING, Oct. 18.—Michigan's theaters, movies, churches, lodge meetings, political gatherings and all gatherings which can legitimately be construed as non-essential must close at once on account of the influenza.

The decision came after the members of the board, with the governor and other state officials had listened for over two hours to ideas from mayors and health officers of most of the cities in Michigan south of the Saginaw line.

Detroit, through Dr. Alderson, P. B. Dill, member of the state board, put up a plan for the closing of the theatres and places in that city, but was overruled and when the motion to close was made.

BOLSHEVIKI BEGIN TO ACT IN GERMANY AS IN RUSS RISING

By ARNO DOMINGUEZ, Pleurot New York World—Grand Rapids Herald War Service. COPENHAGEN, Oct. 18.—The Bolsheviki are beginning to act in Germany in a manner identical with that of the early part of the Russian revolution.

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MEASURE GOES THROUGH HOUSE WITHOUT A DIBSENTING VOTE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The \$5,000,000 military efficiency bill was passed today by the house without a dissenting vote and sent to the senate to practically the same form that it came from the appropriations committee.

Before the house took a final vote, several legislative sections were stricken out on points of order.

Make Many Provisions. Beyond providing sum for the purchase of uniforms for the army and navy, and the sum of \$10,000,000 for the purchase of uniforms for the army and navy.

To the Smoker: We list below prices of our leading brands of cigars now offered by the Dutch Masters Rumboldt, 150 straight Dutch Masters Rumboldt, 150 straight Dutch Masters Rumboldt, 150 straight Dutch Masters Rumboldt.

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BILLION TODAY IF NATION PUTS LOAN OVER TOP

TREASURY FIGURES LAST NIGHT PLACE TOTAL RAISED AT \$5,000,000,000.

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT IS FIRST TO OVERSUBSCRIBE

New York Passes Billion Dollar Mark and Expects to Complete its Task Before Night—Chicago Bill Lags.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The St. Louis federal reserve district is the first to over-subscribe its quota for the fourth Liberty loan.

The treasury late today officially recognized its claim of \$51,500,000 subscription more than its allotment of \$20,000,000.

The St. Louis district also was the first to go over in the third loan.

U. S. TRANSPORT FIGHTS U-BOAT

AN ATLANTIC POINT, Oct. 18.—The homeward bound transport Anphon had a two-hour running fight with a German submarine 800 miles off the Atlantic coast last Saturday morning in which eight men on the American ship were wounded, but fatally.

The transport arrived here today and reported that as far as those aboard could determine the submarine was not badly damaged, if at all.

The first ship carried away the Anphon's wireless and she was unable to call for help.

Wool Union Suits for BIG MEN \$2.39-\$3.20-\$4.00 HURRY to McCURDY 87 So. Division Ave.

IMPORTANT Banks Open Saturday All banks remain open Saturday, October 19, until 8:30 p. m. to receive and complete subscriptions for the Fourth Liberty Loan Go to your bank and finish the task you have started so well. This applies to those who VOLUNTEERED but have not yet made first payments at their banks, as well as new subscribers.

CZECHS MASTERS IN PRAGUE AND HOIST OWN FLAG

SLOVAK NATIONAL COUNCIL FORMALLY ANNOUNCES INDEPENDENCE OF AUSTRIA.

EMPEROR KARL PROCLAIMS NEW PLAN OF FEDERATION

Hungarian Diet in Uproar as Demands for Peace Are Made—Immediate Negotiations Were Instated Upon by Independents.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The British foreign office announced officially this evening there was no truth in the rumor that his majesty's government had been in touch with Austrian statesmen in Switzerland or elsewhere.

The Czecho-Slovak government had been in touch with Austrian statesmen in Switzerland or elsewhere.

VIENNA, Oct. 18.—Steps for the organization of Austria on a federalized basis were proclaimed by Emperor Charles today.

FOR SALE

One Cadillac Truck with panel body and one Ford Roadster. Both cars in excellent mechanical condition. Grand Rapids Wash. Works, Oakland Ave. and Wealthy St. Ask for Mr. Nordheim.

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