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Will Represent All.
It was intimated in other official quarters today that this government has been and now is engaged in exchanging communications and views with the associated governments in the latest German communication. Whatever answer is made by President Wilson will represent the views of all.

Reading the text of the decision announced in the last communication of President Wilson with the authoritative statement this morning that nothing has been presented to change the decision led to the conclusion today among officials that the Germans will be referred to Marshal Foch for further discussion of terms of an armistice.

Sentiment of Country.
Since the first version of the German note was given publicity, nothing has been heard in the talk around Washington, or, indeed, echoed in the public press of the country generally, but the fervent hope expressed that the armistice would be considered satisfactory to the maintenance of the present military supremacy of the allied armies, and that the terms would turn out to be the course pursued by the President, it will assuredly meet with wide public approval, judging from the general and private life everywhere.

Public Is Impatient.
It was realized that the American executive would feel impelled to confer with and collaborate with the allies, since no one takes the position that President Wilson or the United States is fighting this war alone, but the public is very impatient of anything more than the most reasonable and perfunctory delay in making the announcement of adherence to the decision.

STEAMER ST. JOHNS SUNK FOLLOWING A COLLISION

Former Excursion Boat, Now Operated by Navy Department, in Accident Near Norfolk.
The steamer St. Johns, plying for years between Washington and Colonial Beach, and recently chartered by the Navy Department, was sunk yesterday morning in a collision with the steamer Princess Anne, owned by the Old Dominion Steamship Company, off Lambert's point, near Norfolk, Va.

TEUTONIC ALLIANCE COLLAPSE EXPECTED
The latest German note, an official dispatch from Rome today says, strengthens the belief there in accounts of the wretched internal situation in Germany and that complete dismemberment of the German empire is at hand at the moment when the entente allies are bound more solidly together.

Opposition in Germany Admitted.
Prince Maximilian said that he would not deny that heavy opposition in Germany must be conquered before the ideal league of nations could be established.

such a step will not become effective until after the war, and when a league of nations is in practical operation.

COPENHAGEN, October 23.—Peace conversations between Berlin and Washington have reached a critical point, according to Prince Maximilian, the German imperial chancellor, speaking before the reichstag yesterday. In the course of his address he urged that debate on the situation arising on the exchange of notes between himself and President Wilson be restricted as much as possible.

Would Prepare for Eventualities.
"Today, therefore, I am going to say only this regarding the internal situation: The President's first answer to the move of the German government has in all countries brought the questions of a peace of justice or a peace of violence to the fore," he continues.

Refers to Problem of Future.
"There is also another possibility. The German people must not be blindly brought to the conference table. The German people today has the right to ask if peace is realized on the basis of President Wilson's conditions which they mean for our future."

Discusses League of Nations.
"The essence of President Wilson's program for a league of nations cannot be achieved when all people have not the right of national self-determination. This realization of community law means the abandonment of part of the unequalled independence which hitherto has been the indication of sovereignty, both by us and other nations."

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THINK INFLUENZA IS RECEDING HERE

Health Authorities Report Fewer Deaths and Decrease in New Cases.

CAUTION IS STILL NEEDED

Only forty-five deaths from influenza were reported to the District health department in the twenty-four-hour period ending at noon today, which led officials to believe that the epidemic has passed its peak here. This was a decline of twenty-six from the seventy-one reported for the preceding twenty-four hours.

Appeals to Motorists.
Lieut. Howard S. Fisk, in charge of transporting nurses to the homes of the sick, appealed to the motorists today not to let up in their volunteer work. While the disease is under control, every agency should keep up its relief work in order to stamp it out completely.

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GERMANS IN AUSTRIA FORM SEPARATE STATE

Action of Teutonic Deputies in Reichsrath Held Due to Desire to Insure Close Unity With Kaiser's Empire.

By the Associated Press.
BASEL, Switzerland, October 22.—The German-Austrian deputies in the Austrian Reichsrath have formed an assembly for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the Teutonic people in Austria, and have issued a declaration announcing the creation of the "German state of Austria."

To Seek Access to Adriatic.
The "German state of Austria" will seek access to the Adriatic sea, in agreement with other nations. Pending the establishment of a constitution according to this program, the people will be represented by the Reichsrath deputies constituted as a provisional national assembly.

consist of twenty members, who will have power to contract state debts and administer interior affairs. "We are able and must act in favor of peace," said Herr Bolts in taking the presidency. "We must do all possible to lessen the misery of the German-Austrian people. The new German-Austria for which we will lay the foundation will be constituted in conformity with the free will expressed by the German-Austrian people."

Deputy Waldner, in opening the assembly, announced that he has been commissioned by the German deputies in the Austrian Reichsrath to convene the assembly as the representative assembly of the German-Austrians. The organization would have the right of free speech and would proclaim solemnly independent political state for German-Austria.

President Guided by Allied Opinion.
He Calls in His Chiefs for Consultation.

By DAVID LAWRENCE.
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President Wilson was not yet ready today to take the public into his confidence as to the next demands which he will make upon Germany. He listened to many suggestions from his cabinet yesterday and went into conference at noon today with the heads of the Army and Navy.

Commission Will Investigate Crowding of War Workers in United States.
The Department of Labor has announced the creation of a commission to make a survey of living conditions among war workers at congested cities, including the District of Columbia.

Points of View Developed.
Two distinct points of view have developed since the beginning of the war, each starting from a different premise, but seeks to arrive at the same result. The first contemplates the German as a partial but not a complete foe, and that if the allies continue to show a united front and insist upon a literal compliance with the terms of President Wilson's "decision," the whole German resistance, political and military, will soon collapse and bring surrender and peace.

NOLAN BILL ACTION ASKED.
Representatives of various organizations of the civil service employees today visited senators in the interests of the Nolan minimum wage bill, asking that early action be taken on it.

Four Members Named.
Four of the five members of the commission are J. Horace McFarland of Harrisburg, Pa., president of the American Civic Association; John L. Richards of Chicago, director of recreation and playgrounds of the local public schools already is thoroughly organized in the work of providing recreation for war workers. It is known that the commission will include Washington in its study to determine if anything is needed to improve conditions.

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WITH THE ALLIED FRANCE AND BELGIU 22.—British troops were way into the center of V early today. They were strong enemy machine the tactics of the Sc which flows through the North of Valenciennes have, since the German the Raimes forest. Along front between Valenciennes had recent rains have been slowed up.

HUNS QUIT UNDER FIE
By the Associated Press.
WITH THE AMERIC NORTHWEST OF VERDU 22.—The town of Verdu western bank of the Meuse, been stubbornly defended t man, has been given up by this is the latest point American have driven a the German defenses, despi that the enemy resistance strong as formerly. The Germans set fire to late Tuesday, and Americ early today reported that

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