

SAY BERLIN HAS GIVEN REPLY TO SWISS MINISTER

Reports on German Answer to Wilson Continue to Conflict.

STIFF NOTE, SAYS LONDON

Paris Hears Reply Will Assure Continuation of Peace Talk.

WASHINGTON ON FENCE

Officials Place Little Credence in Dispatches, Await Official Reply.

By Special Cable.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 20.—Berlin advices reaching here late this evening which must be taken with reserve because they are unofficial, state that Germany's reply to President Wilson was handed to the Swiss minister last night. Its contents are summed up as follows:

Germany makes a "provisional offer to cease unrestricted submarine warfare."

It offers to evacuate Belgium but says the evacuation would require several months.

It disputes the "right of foreign powers" to "meddle in Germany's internal affairs."

It denies the responsibility for the loss of women and children in sinkings by submarines.

It denies President Wilson's charges regarding cruelties and wanton destruction in northern France and Belgium.

May Be "Feeler."

In responsible quarters here considerable doubt is entertained regarding the authenticity of the reply.

The report may have been sent out merely as a "feeler," such as Wilhelmstrasse has been known in the past to indulge in.

It may be a correct outline of the German reply, and it may be entirely different from the actual text sent to Washington. If, indeed, it has been sent, some dispatches say it is uncertain whether the note has been dispatched and that the note may not be ready until Monday.

Say Ludendorff Dictates Reply.

Late this evening Berlin advices claim that the reply was practically dictated by General von Ludendorff, for the army and Admiral von Scheer, for the navy.

A private dispatch says the Kaiser visited the chancellor secretly at Potsdam yesterday, and that the route from Berlin to Potsdam was heavily guarded by police and troops, all for fear of demonstrations, and possibly assassination attempts.

Press comment in Germany is becoming more and more frank and irritated. The Muenchener Post, the Schweaebische Tagewacht (Socialist) and the Frankfurter Morgen Post all openly advocate the immediate abdication of the Kaiser and renunciation of the throne by the crown prince as the only possible solution.

These papers, asserting that Germany is "in the throes of a terrible crisis," urge the utmost speed in bringing about the solution they advocate.

PARIS GETS REPORT

Hears Reply Will Assure Continuation of Peace Discussion.

By Special Cable.

PARIS, Oct. 20.—In foreign office circles here, the German reply to President Wilson is not expected until late today or possibly Monday. It is CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE.

Spain Reports German Orders Recalling U-Boats

MADRID, October 20.—The Spanish government, according to the newspapers, has received an official communication from the German government stating that the German admiralty has ordered submarines to return immediately to their bases.

25,000,000 BUYERS PUT NATION'S LOAN BEYOND MARK SET

May Be Two Weeks Before Results in County Are Known.

ALBANY GETS \$16,166,000

The Capitol District Thousand Dollar Club Turns in \$284,000.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Probably 25,000,000 or more individuals bought bonds of the fourth Liberty loan, unofficial reports reaching Washington today showed. A large proportion of these filed their subscriptions during the last few days of the campaign, which ended last night. Consequently it will be a task of many days to count the number of pledges, and to compile reports from the entire country.

Local and district campaign managers fatigued with their arduous duties of the solicitation work, rested today and will not start until tomorrow to figure up the avalanche of last minute purchases.

Despite the total lack of definite information, officials were confident that the \$5,000,000,000 popular war credit had been over-subscribed.

Thanks have until next Thursday to tabulate their subscriptions and report to federal reserve banks. Treasury officials tonight declared it might be as much as two weeks before the results for the whole country are known, particularly if the number of subscribers runs as high as present estimates.

DISTRICT FILLS QUOTA

Pailades, Rockland County County Gets Forty-five Star Honor Flag.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—The Liberty loan committee for the New York federal reserve district announced tonight that it was unable to make public the sum subscribed by the district in the fourth campaign. Several days may be required before the final figures are compiled. Confidence was expressed, however, that New York had filed its \$1,500,000,000 allotment.

Among reports of over-subscriptions received from various communities was one from Pailades, a village in Rockland county, which claimed to have bought more bonds in proportion to its population of 300 than any place in the United States. With a quota of \$10,000 and subscriptions of \$239,000 the village is preparing to raise a honor flag with forty-four stars.

Loan Workers Place Albany Subscriptions at \$16,166,000

Hard working officials and members of Albany business houses and organizations were given the credit yesterday for valiant aid in putting Albany over the top in the fourth Liberty loan campaign with total subscriptions which said were still swamped with loan subscription which came in at the last minute. Several days will be required to tabulate the last minute subscriptions, before an accurate total can

CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR.

POLITICAL DRIVES WILL OPEN TODAY DESPITE EPIDEMIC

Leaders Hope Ban on Meetings Will Be Raised in Time for Final Spurts.

CANDIDATES WILL SPEAK

Present Plans Schedule Four Talks for Whitman Upstate, Five for Smith.

The most peculiar and perhaps the most intensive political campaign New York state has ever seen, will begin throughout the state today. Hampered by bans on public meetings, forced by the spreading of influenza, by an apparent lack of interest in politics, because of the greater interest in the doings of American troops in France, political leaders today will start campaigns upon which hinge the control of the state administration, of the legislature and the political complexion of New York's delegation in congress, as well as scores of local contests for office.

Political leaders are confident that the bans on public meetings will be lifted at least by next week, so that a last whirlwind week of a speaking campaign may be staged before the voters go to the polls November 3. Republican leaders appear to think that the inactivity of both Governor Whitman and Alfred E. Smith, his democratic opponent, in the up-state district will work in the interests of the Governor. They contend that it was upon a "Whirlwind" speaking campaign up-state with Mr. Smith to the fore that Democratic leaders hoped to turn the Republican tide in the rural districts so that the strength they expect to roll up for Smith in New York city would insure a chance for election.

Smith May Cancel. Governor Whitman has abandoned his up-state campaign trip and it appears likely that Mr. Smith will be forced to cancel his, because of the ban upon public meetings. His scheduled meeting in Hornell tonight has already been cancelled because the health authorities of the village placed a ban last week on public meetings.

Governor Whitman's only scheduled engagements, so far, include the mass meeting in Albany the night of October 21, and an earlier meeting the same day in Troy; a mass meeting in Schenectady the night of October 24, and a meeting in Tonawanda October 24.

The Democratic state committee has been able to save only four meetings from the wreck of their schedules caused by influenza quarantines, according to a statement last night in Syracuse by former Justice J. Augustus Kellogg, the Democratic state chairman.

The four meetings include the mass meeting scheduled for Albany Friday night and another meeting later the same night in Troy; a meeting in Ithaca Tuesday night and other meetings in Schenectady and Eliza Saturday. Further than that no plans have been made.

Speaking with Mr. Smith at the four meetings scheduled will be James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, and Miss Helen Todd of New York City.

Justice Kellogg last night in Syracuse denied statements attributed to Mr. Smith to the effect that "state headquarters had reliable information that the calling off of the Hornell meeting Friday night was dictated by the Republican machine." Justice Kellogg said he had no definite information, but that the "action of the Hornell authorities looked funny."

Glynn Is Confident.

Announcing that the Republican campaign would begin today throughout the state, George A. Glynn, chairman of the Republican state committee, in a statement issued last night, declared there is no question of the outcome. "The Republican state ticket will be elected by a decisive vote," declared Mr. Glynn. "A Republican legislature will be returned to Albany. The Republicans will retain in the present number of representatives in congress and make gains in a few districts."

Mr. Glynn declared that the registration, both in upstate and in New York

CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT.

PART OF A DAY'S BAG OF GERMAN PRISONERS OF THE SAME, CARRYING OWN WEAPONS



AMERICAN TROOPS ENJOY BASEBALL

Play "Pitch and Catch" While Paris Crowd Looks on With Approval.

SUGAR CAUSES ARGUMENT

Yankee Broziness Leads to Present Happiness of French People.

By ROBERT WELLES RITCHIE. By Special Cable to The Knickerbocker Press and Universal Service.

PARIS, Oct. 20.—The campaign drivers in American khaki, waiting for their cars to take a load from an American Red Cross office which happened to be moving its quarters, climbed down from their cars, dug two gloves and a baseball from some hidden recess under the seats and began to toss each other high ones. This occurred this morning on the Rue King George V, a street of exclusive and stately mansions just off the Champs Elysee, comparable, I should say, to New York's Madison avenue somewhere in the eighties.

A crowd gathered. Boys using tiny cars paused to admire the dexterity of the two lanky Americans; nurses bound with their charges to the leafy avenues of the Elysee halted them in the backward and forward flights of the ball. A French army officer, whose generous aside heard nearly covered the medals of honor on his shirt, snatched a little like a smoldering flame under the tight rim of his service cap. He wound himself up and delivered something leaving a trail of smoke. His companion caught it with one hand as it curved outward just at his knees.

"Look out for this one, Billy, I'm no-thing to put something on it," quoth the doughboy with the red hair showing like a smoldering flame under the tight rim of his service cap. He wound himself up and delivered something leaving a trail of smoke. His companion caught it with one hand as it curved outward just at his knees.

"But-lee, mon brave," shouted the French colonel and clapped his gloved hands. The doughboys grinned and continued their game with intense seriousness, pretending to ignore the admiring crowd of watchers. I went on

CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT.

BERLIN FOOD

Speculators and We Occupy Best Seats Eat "Garb"

By ALFRE

Copyright 1918, by The Ki

On the second morning after attracted to a magnificent turnout sleek and well fed; and carried real leather, and the carriage tattered vehicles drawn by bon a well dressed gentleman in a ci I was so impressed that I asked policeman if the equipage belonged a member of the royal family. "No," he grinned. "It belongs to of the best known 'hamsterburgers' Berlin."

"And what is a 'hamsterburger' inquired.

"Ah, you must be a stranger in many," retorted the policeman.

is a food speculator. The city is of them," he added, gritting his teeth.

The illicit sale of food by hoard at extortionate prices is so exten in Berlin that it is impossible to tain many kinds of supplies at ordi stores.

Berliners call such profiteering "hamsterburging" and the word is as com

100,000 GALLONS OF OIL SAVED

Schenectady Companies Estin Large Conservation for City Gasless Sundays.

More than 100,000 gallons of gas were saved in Schenectady during gasless Sunday period.

The Standard Oil company estimate the six gasless Sundays saved 2 gallons from its tanks; 12,000 gallons was saved by the Texas company, the Indian Refining company estimate saving at 5,000 and Olin Redn at 2,500.

The rest was saved by the dealers.