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Contains the Strongest Language Ever Addressed by the Head of One Nation to Another --- Any Further Proceedings Will be in the Hands of the Governments Interested---Believed That Germany's Allies Will Quit if War is Prolonged

London, Oct. 24—The popular comment of the president's note here is that it contains the strongest language ever addressed by the head of one great nation to another in modern times. The note is welcomed, first because it brings matters to a new state; further proceedings, if there are to be further proceedings, will be in the hands of all the governments interested; hitherto, so far as the public knows, the nations associated with the United States, and which have more at stake perhaps than has the United States, have been onlookers to the correspondence.

The note is welcomed secondly because it promises to bring the season of discussion to an end altogether, one way or the other. No one sees how the German chancellor, Prince Maximilian can fail either to accept President Wilson's platform or reject it. Acceptance will be taken to mean that the Germans regard their position as hopeless and that disaster is imminent. The general opinion is that Germany's military position is not so bad, but that their leaders will fight on, if only with the hope of creating divisions among the Allies, which has been Germany's reliance of late.

"Watch Germany's allies if she decides to go on with the war," is the suggestion among diplomats here.

Austria shows no intention of remaining the tail of the German kite. The Austrian premier said yesterday that the separate correspondence begun with President Wilson would be continued. Germany's course, there-

fore need have no effect upon Austria and it will be no surprise to Britain if Austria and Turkey both plow their own peace furrows if Germany persists in the war.

One report current today was that the associated nations would immediately form joint diplomatic staffs and that Colonel House would represent the United States. A majority of the newspapers have urged the government to announce its peace terms in common with the other allied powers and consider such an announcement overdue.

Up to German Government

The Westminster Gazette says: "Whether the German government accepts this proposition for an armistice will depend on its estimate of its military and internal situation and upon nothing else. All democratic nations will be grateful to the president for having forcibly projected the issue between free peoples and military despotism in the foreground at this stage of the war. But let it be said again that the choice rests with the German people. It is for them and not for us, to say how they shall be ruled. All that we can say is that according as they choose so we must act, and that is the president's last words. We can negotiate with a free people, but we must demand surrender from a military autocracy."

The Globe which would have preferred if the president had declined to make any reply, says, however, that his note "is quite uncompromising and altogether admirable."

**ALLIED TROOPS CONTINUE
TO DRIVE THE GERMANS**

New York, Oct. 24—The Associated Press tonight issued the following: On several of the most important sectors in France—from the region of Valenciennes to the east of Le Cateau north of Laon, between the Oise and the Serre Rivers, and on the front from the Meuse River to the vicinity of Grand Pre—battles of a sanguinary character are being fought. In these the British, French and American troops everywhere are making progress against the stubbornly resisting Germans.

In Belgium the allied forces, owing to the rapid retreat of the enemy and the flooded conditions of the lowlands have not yet been able to come into full fighting contact with the Germans but doubtless a few days more will see them again hard after their quarry and driving them farther toward his own frontier.

Mons and Maubeuge Objectives
South of Valenciennes the British Third and Fourth armies with which Americans are cooperating have con-

tinued successfully to press onward with Mons and Maubeuge their objectives. Valenciennes is gradually being enveloped and soon is destined to be pinched out of the fighting line by turning movements from the north and south in the manner generally adopted in the present day tactics when it is more desirable to envelope a strong position than to waste life and limb in reaching the objective by a frontal attack.

The Germans in this region continue to use numerous machine guns to retard the advance of Field Marshal Haig's men, and the artillery of both sides is violently active. British aviators are materially aiding the offensive by dropping bombs behind the line or flying low and cutting troop formations to pieces with machine gun fire.


To Clear Out Triangle

South of the Oise river the French are making sharp thrusts against the enemy with the intention of clearing out the entire triangle between Flavigny and Mont-Cornet and taking all the railroad lines within this region and also blotting out the salient that still exists there. The Germans are strongly counter-attacking on all fronts of attack but the French have ward off their efforts to regain lost territory and have gained ground to the south of Montcornet, one of the principal railway junctions in this region.

North of Grand Pre, and north of Verdun, in the sector lying between the Meuse river and north of the Argonne forest, the Americans have cut further, and deeply in the enemy's line despite the continued extremely heavy use of machine guns and artillery by the Germans. American aviators are dropping bombs behind the enemy lines, while enemy airmen are returning the compliment by bombing towns inside the American front.

Airmen Keep Busy

London, Oct. 24—The official statement dealing with the operations of the independent air forces says: "On Wednesday night we bombed railways at Burbach and Saarbrücken, chemical factories at Mannheim and railways at Coblenz, near Mainz and at Metz-Sablons."



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