

500 DEAD IN FOREST FIRE

Bodies of 75 Victims in Duluth Morgues—Hundreds Lie on Roads

1,200 ARE HOMELESS

Terrible Devastation by Flames in Woods of Wisconsin and Minnesota

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
 Duluth, Minn., Oct. 13.—With probably 500 persons dead, thousands homeless and without clothing, and with property damage amounting far into millions of dollars, whole sections of northern Wisconsin and Minnesota timberland to-night are smouldering, fire-stricken areas, with only the charred ruins of abandoned, depopulated towns to accentuate the general desolation.

The bodies of 75 victims lie in Duluth morgues. Hundreds more along the roads leading to Duluth and Superior lie where they fell when overtaken by the fire.

Twelve thousand homeless and penniless refugees, all in need, more or less, of medical attention, are in Duluth and Superior, in hospitals, schools, private homes and in the army here, while doctors and nurses sent from surrounding communities attend them and nearly every able-bodied man in the city has been conscripted to fight the flames, which now are reported to be dying away.

Enemy Agents Busy.

Reports that the holocaust resulted from the work of enemy agents were circulated here to-night. Definite confirmation was not available, but incendiaries were driven away from a local shipyard, when the fire in Duluth and Superior were burning at their height, according to F. J. Longren, Fire Marshal, and other city and State officials.

Reports reaching here by courier told of widespread destruction, but it was evident that in most cases the fury of the flames was spent. Duluth and Superior are in no further danger. Virginia is safe and Brainerd was untouched. However, peat bog fires now are said to menace the latter city. Bernhardt reported only a small loss.

Greatest loss of life and property damage is believed to have occurred in the Cloquet region, where a number of towns have been destroyed and all semi-rural settlements were wiped out.

A special train of 20 coaches brought 1,500 refugees from Colquet and Carleton. They confirmed reports that many persons lost their lives in those towns.

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 Men's kits for a platoon, or,
 Provide vaccine to inoculate 1,000 men against smallpox, or,
 Vaccine to inoculate 666 men against typhoid.

brought ashore on a stretcher and removed to a hospital.

Mr. Page was accompanied by his wife and their son, Major Frank C. Page, U.S.A., and Colonel Foster Bailey of the U.S.A. Medical Corps.

It was stated that two nights ago during a heavy gale, Mr. Page nearly succumbed from exhaustion. Major Page issued a statement in which he said:

"The Ambassador has been falling for several months with heart disease, which caused shortness of breath and alarming attacks of failure of respiration. Early in September he went to Scotland for a cure, but returned to London without having been materially benefited."

At the hospital yesterday afternoon it was stated by a member of the Page family that slight improvement had been evidenced in the Ambassador's condition and that it was believed the patient would recover.

OFFER OF THRONE NOT UNANIMOUS

Difficult Task Before Prince of Hesse as King of Finland

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 Stockholm, Oct. 13.—The Finnish Diet has elected Prince Friedrich Karl von Hesse as King of Finland. Before the election the Diet held a secret meeting, where it was decided by 64 votes against 41 to elect the Prince at a public meeting of the Diet.

The President of the Diet gave notice of the decision in the secret session, and the leader of the Agrarian party, M. Alkio, protested, and declared his party would abstain from voting and would not take any responsibility for the consequences. The Socialists, Paasivouri, made a similar declaration. Then M. Anttila put the proposition to elect the Prince, and when the President declared Prince Friedrich elected. All the members rose from their seats except the Agrarians and Socialists.

Axel Lille, sent to Stockholm as a Finnish propagandist, writes in a Stockholm paper:

"The question is now if the new monarch will accept the offer from the divided representation of Finland. If so it is evident that he is willing to bind his future to the Finnish State. His German birth and German relations will then no longer come into consideration, and his task will be to create a national Finnish monarchy based on the people itself. The new monarchy will have a difficult task to unite and discipline a divided people and obtain respect abroad for the new State."

Difficult Task.

"Threatening outer complications also occur. At the Eastern frontier stand the masses gathered and armed by the Entente. Any hostile passing of the frontier can, to Finland, mean the opening of a fight with great consequences. Our country must do its utmost to keep neutral, but it has both the right and the duty to defend itself."

"If the peace to come is dictated by the Entente, it is possible this will interfere in election of the German Prince as King. We must reckon with that. We have to show election, but that it has been a free choice on our side, and that the elected King has not connected any dynastic interests to his election, but accepts it on his own responsibility. Will the Entente accept that? At least have the right to hope so."

"If Friedrich does not accept the offer because it was not unanimous or for reasons caused by the present world situation, then the young Finnish State will be thrown out on a tempestuous sea, and its hope of reaching a quiet harbor are thrust far away."

ARE NOT DISPOSED TO QUIT FRANCE

Evacuation of Occupied Territories is Not Favored in Fatherland

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
 Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 13.—A despatch received here from Berlin says the Conservative party in the German Reichstag has published the following declaration concerning the German reply to President Wilson's questions:

"Our armies are still far in enemy country. Before an honorable peace can be made the Entente's territory is guaranteed an abandonment of German soil may be fatal, and is irreconcilable with German honor."

"Numerous patriotic societies await with us a declaration from the German Government saying it will know to-day upon these points. Let German people be resolved to defend the sacred soil of their country to the last man."

The trend of feeling in certain quarters in Berlin is indicated by articles appearing in the Lokal Anzeiger and the Deutsche Tages Zeitung. Both these papers assert that Germany is in a position to evacuate conquered territory without compensation.

NO PEACE MADE WITH KAISER

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what his answer must be. . . . The German will for peace is growing by geometrical progression."

Must Answer Vital Query.

New York Journal of Commerce: "It is perfectly safe to assume that the President will not advance one step further until he can get an answer to the vital query: whether he is dealing with the legally constituted representatives of the German people. Germany will be driven to her knees before any such will be forthcoming."

Boston Post: "Let Germany recall its submarine fleet and surrender it as well. Let it permit the Allies to occupy Heligoland and Kiel, evacuate and surrender Metz and the whole string of forts along the Rhine. With guarantees similar to these it would be safe to suggest an armistice. Without them an armistice is unsafe."

New York Herald (Germany): "Germany has her reply ready; draft rather surprising quickness, truly a step forward against former times when she was wont to delay, sometimes in a manner which would be safe to suggest an armistice. Without them an armistice is unsafe."

Philadelphia North American: "We do not pretend to deny Germany's answer to President Wilson's queries makes an early peace possible. But if there is any sanctity in the world-wide demand for a peace of justice and permanency, if there is any need for the final overthrow of militarism and the destruction of its military power, then civilization was never nearer to the abyss of disaster than it is at this hour."

Baltimore Sun: "If Germany is acting in good faith in its answer to President Wilson, then, as Secretary McAdoo says, her acceptance of the President's demands amounts to unconditional surrender. If so, the war is won. It is not worth while to go on fighting for anything we already possess. Obviously the thing to do in the circumstances is to find out whether she is acting in good faith, if what she means by acceptance of the President's terms and what we mean by it are one and the same thing."

Arms Must be Stocked.

Louisville Courier-Journal: "The man in the White House must draft the program of civilization in its future dealings with the despoiler; that he and his colleagues of the allied Governments will permit the Hun to retire to his bloody lair still a belligerent is unthinkable. . . . The arms of Germany and must be stocked on the battlefield. . . . Wait for him (the President) before you talk or even think peace."

Detroit Free Press: "It is from being an unconditional surrender. . . . There is no certainty that Berlin is not more immediately eager for an armistice than it is for peace terms. . . . But the Chancellor is making a plain bid for an armistice pending evacuation. Such a concession is not to be thought of in dealing with so disreputable and perfidious an enemy as Germany."

Pittsburgh Gazette-Times: "Surrender to Entente and enter a conference with all the allies' points conceded is the message that should be flashed to Berlin. . . . The Germans are trying to escape without paying the penalty of surrender of their armies. Clear the air to-day, Mr. Wilson, so we can get on with the war."

Mistake of Hun.

Providence Journal: "The answer to any proposal for an armistice must come from military commanders, sword in hand. Germany, retreating to her own borders on the Western front and facing overwhelming military defeat and the capture of immense quantities of supplies and ammunition, accepts what? A proposition she believes to have been made to her that she retire unimpeded to her own territory, there to wage the war in any way she see fit. It is vital that Washington disabuse Germany's mind of this belief at the earliest possible moment."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "We have repeatedly warned ourselves to be eternally on guard against just such a trick as may be contained in the armistice and evacuation program. Now, if ever in the history of the world, is the time for caution and for wise counsel."

No Armistice.

Chicago Tribune: "While the German army is still in formidable being, to enter into discussion is to invite disaster. An armistice purchased at the price of a mere evacuation of invaded territories would be an excellent bargain for Germany from the point of view of the present perilous German military situation. We should be foolish indeed to grant it."

Philadelphia Inquirer: "There can be no peace that does not bring to the bar of justice a man or a nation—the criminal who has committed such fearful crimes against humanity and in utter violation of international law. . . . On the face of the note to the President, the Entente requirements are met. And yet no confidence whatever is to be placed in the German Government's promises. That is what makes the situation so difficult."

AIM OF GERMANY IS TO GAIN TIME

Should be No Delay at Front Unless Enemy Gives Guarantees

(Copyright in Canada, 1918. Special Cable to The Globe and The New York Times.)
 London, Oct. 13.—The interpretation of the German note to President Wilson at the hour of cabling is necessarily hurried. The first comment is as follows:

Germany's immediate aim is to secure an armistice. Its compliance with the propositions of the President in regard to evacuation is definitely stated to be for the purpose of bringing about an armistice. Henry Spencer Wilkinson, Chichele Professor of Oxford, says: "Since July 18 the Germans have been on the defensive. The object of a defensive is to gain time, and time, it will be remembered, is always on the side of the defense. Every delay in the attack is therefore favorable to the defense, and it has always been sound policy for an army which is acting on the defensive to obtain, if it can, a suspension of hostilities, in other words, a period of free time in which to order and reorganize its forces and its measures. That is the meaning of the asking for an armistice. Accordingly, the practice of all good Generals is to refuse an armistice except in return for guarantees. No victorious General in his senses suspends his operations unless and until the enemy has consented to give the victorious troops advantages at least equivalent to those which they might expect to have obtained if the fighting had continued."

ALLIED VICTORIES SCARE FINLAND

Germany Asked to Withdraw Troops and Pro-Entente Agitation Begun

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
 Stockholm, Oct. 13.—The Finnish Government has asked Germany to withdraw her troops from Finland. The request was recently delivered to General von der Goltz, the German High Commander on Finnish territory.

The Republican and Socialist papers of Finland have begun an agitation in favor of an approach by Finland to the Entente, alleging that the recent policy of the Government in connection with Germany has been unneutral.

U-BOATS TO GO ON LAST DRIVE

Sir Eric Geddes Says Enemy Plans Are Known by Allies

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
 Washington, Oct. 13.—Another great effort by Germany's submarines is impending.

Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the British Admiralty, in a statement last night paying tribute to the part played in the war by the American navy, disclosed that plans of the enemy for what may be the final intensified U-boat campaign of ruthlessness are known, and that the allies are prepared to meet it.

No details were given by Sir Eric, nor was further information to be obtained by the Navy Department as to what the American and allied naval chiefs have learned. There were suggestions that Germany, in the midst of a peace offensive, and with her soldiers being driven back to their own borders, hoped to strengthen her diplomatic drive for a peace by negotiation by sending her submarines on a desperate campaign of destruction, regardless of measures of caution heretofore taken for the safety of U-boats and their crews.

Warm praise was given by the British First Admiralty Lord to the American naval units of all classes, including the air contingents, operating in the war zone.

OTTAWA DEATH RATE FROM 'FLU' APPALLING

BOARD OF HEALTH ASKS ALL LIVING WITHIN MILE OF WORK TO WALK

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
 Ottawa, Oct. 13.—A further precaution against the spread of influenza the Ottawa Board of Health has ordered the immediate closing of all pool-rooms, billiard parlors and bowling alleys. Theatres and churches are already closed.

The situation here is no better than on Saturday as regards the spread of the disease, and the death rate is appalling, forty persons having died of pneumonia since Saturday noon.

The Board of Health has also considered restriction of the street car traffic in order to avoid crowding in the cars. Various plans have been suggested, and action may be taken shortly. In the meantime the board is urging at least one mile of walking within a mile of their work to walk.

Peace by Going on With War

New York, Oct. 13.—Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the British Admiralty, when told last night of Germany's reply to President Wilson, declared: "Peace will be got by going on with the war now, and the best way to finish the job is to buy Liberty bonds."

AIMS REACHED ON BOTH BANKS

Americans Northwest of Verdun Obtain Objectives on Meuse

(Associated Press Despatch.)
 With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 13.—The American troops on both sides of the Meuse have obtained their objectives, was the official characterization last night of the day's operations.

The total prisoners taken since September 26 is 17,669.

On both sides of the Meuse violent counter-attacks and desperate resistance have failed to stem the advance of French and American divisions.

"We have taken Mollerville Farm north of Bois de Consenvoye. Our troops have passed through the Bois de Forêt and are before the villages of Landres et St. George and St. Juvin, which is in flames."

"An American army corps operating with the British has fought its way more than ten miles through the enemy's defensive system, and has captured over 1,000 prisoners since October 5. To-day this corps took the villages of Escauport, St. Benin and St. Souplet."

Of the 8,000 prisoners captured by the First American Army since October 8, French units have taken over 2,300."

AUSTRIA IS VICTIM OF HUN DESERTION

Geneva, Oct. 13.—The tone of the German press is quite optimistic, as compared with the Austrian, which considers that Germany is working for her own salvation and seeking a separate peace through the United States in order to protect her own interests. Turkey not being officially at war with America.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

The name of the late undergraduate of Queen's University in whose memory the Saturday's issue "Eric Horsey May" should, of course, have read "Eric Horsey of Ottawa have founded a scholarship, was by an error printed as 'Eric Horsey May'."

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TURKISH PREMIER HAS RESIGNED

War Minister Also Out—Report is Officially Confirmed

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
 London, Oct. 13.—The Turkish Embassy in Berlin officially confirms the reports that Talaat Pasha, the Turkish Premier, and Enver Pasha, the War Minister, have resigned, says a Central News despatch from Amstcrdam. It does not, however, confirm the reported appointment of Tawfik Pasha, former Ambassador to London, as Premier, stating that he, with Iszet Pasha, former Turkish Commander-in-Chief, has been mentioned for the Premiership.

U.S.A. AMBASSADOR IS CRITICALLY ILL

Walter Hines Page Carried Ashore on a Stretcher

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
 New York, Oct. 13.—Walter Hines Page, retiring United States Ambassador to Great Britain, arrived here yesterday from England, critically ill. He is suffering from heart disease. From a steamship he was

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