Central Powers Confident of Success of Peace Negotiations at Brest-Litovsk; Japan Worried About Russ Situation; Will Be Responsible for Condi-

tions in Far East; Teutons Withdraw

From Venetian Plains.

(By Associated Press.)

Peace negotiations between Austria-Hungary and Russia, on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities, will be continued and, in the opinion of Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian J. Phipps, of the royal British flying foreign minister, peace between the two nations can be assured corps, enroute from Fort Worth to if Russia maintains the same attitude.

TEUTONS CONFIDENT.

This declaration, coupled with the allegiance to its alliance with Great The last 60 miles of the flight were state ent by Chancellor von Hert. Britain and the other allies has been made with Major Rhinehardt lying exling before the main committee of made by Count Terauchi, the Japanese the Reichstag yesterday that Ger- premier. In an address at the opening of the many, too, hopes to reach a "good conclusion" with the Russian dele-Diet, the premier declared that Japan held itself responsible for the maingates at Brest-Litovsk indicates comtenance of peace in the far east. Japs Worry About Russia. plete confidence on the part of the central powers as to the final success

of their separate Russian plans.

Raise Question of Policy. In view of the demands of the Ger-man delegates that Courland and the Baltic provinces be given up by Rus-sia, and the declaration of Count Czemin that the dual monarchy will demand no annexations and no indemnities, a question of policy is raised that enshrouds further nego-tiations at Brest-Litovsk in doubt.

On the question of a general peace Count Czernin is quoted as having told the Reichsrath that he considered President Wilson's latest peace propositions as an approach to the Austro-Hungarian point of view.

While there were several points in common, Ccunt Czernin said, yet there remained the fact that Austria-Hungary, as the ally of Germany, would fight to the bitter end in defense of its alliance.

Force General Peace.

He expressed the opinion that once the central powers have reached peace with Russia that the entente nations would be forced to conclude a general peace, despite the efforts of their statesmen to the contrary. Before the main committee of the

Reichstag yesterday Chancellor von Hertling also discussed peace with Russia, but without making mention of the reported demands of the German delegates for the annexation of Courland and other territory. Renewal of assurances of Japan's and he expressed the hope that a stable government could be established without further loss of time.

Abandonment of the plan to overrun the Venetian plains seems to have been decided upon by the Austro-German armies and is indicated in the retirement from the Piave river westward due to the constantly harassing attacks by the Italians and their French and British allies.

On other fronts intensive bombardments are reported from several sectors and infantry and air raids continue on an extensive scale.

Von Luckner Captured by British in South Pacific

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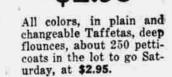
authorities after he escaped from his companions after a two weeks' chase internment camp. near Auckland, N. on the ocean, the information said. The Germans took to sea in an open here Thursday by the master of a boat and traveled nearly 500 miles, steamship which arrived from the enduring great suffering.

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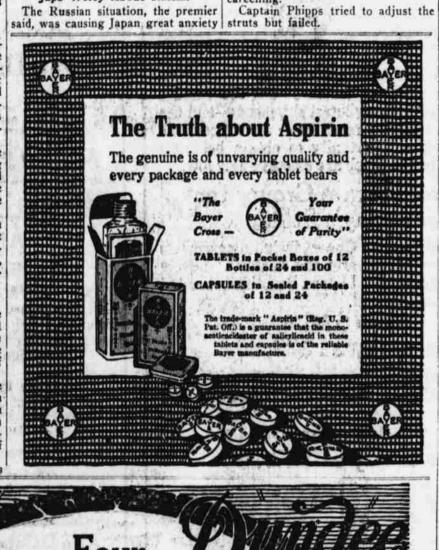
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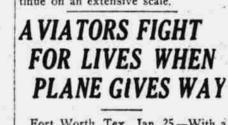
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