

WILSON MAY PUT AUSTRIAN PLEA BEFORE ALLIES

Military Officials Believe Dual Empire's Surrender Would Bring World War's End Within Sight.

By Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 29.—In the absence of any official announcement there was a somewhat widespread impression here tonight that Austria's renewal appeal to President Wilson, for an immediate armistice and peace, would be transmitted to the allied governments before which Germany's request has been placed.

In some quarters, however, there was a disposition to accord different treatment to the Austrian plea, because of the complex problems arising from the new conditions that apparently have developed there since the president replied to Austria's original request.

The official text of the Austrian note was delivered to Secretary Lansing today by the Swedish minister soon after the regular Tuesday meeting of the cabinet, at which it was understood the unofficial version as transmitted by The Associated Press from Basel, Switzerland, was given consideration. If any definite conclusion was reached the fact was not revealed, officials stating they could not indicate what disposition would be made of the note in advance of a careful study of the official version.

Must Show Responsibility.

Those adhering to the opinion that different treatment should be accorded to the Austrian request than was given the plea of the German government, pointed to cable dispatches today reporting the establishment of the independent state of Hungary; of the recognition by that state of the independence of the Czechoslovak and Jugoslav provinces and also of German-Austria as suggesting the introduction of complex factors into the problem of settling with the dual empire. Even such of the many nationalities that make up that empire becomes independent before peace is arranged, it was said they still must bear their individual shares of the responsibility for the acts committed by the empire. Logically each might have to sue for a separate peace.

However, it is believed that the American government will not be diverted from the pursuit of its main object by the consideration of these individual uprisings in Austria-Hungary. It probably will follow consistently the course pursued in dealing with Germany, and insist on treating first the proposition for an armistice, which it regards as a purely military question, leaving to the final peace conference the adjustment of the claims to independent existence of the various oppressed nationalities in Austria-Hungary.

If that course is followed, then not only the remnant of the dual empire over which Emperor Charles still holds sway, but the separatist state of Hungary and even Bohemia and the Jugoslav sections, must accept the terms to be laid down by the supreme military council at Versailles. This, many observers said, probably would involve disarmament, demobilization, opening of the Austro-Hungarian front to the entente allies and guarantees in the shape of occupied fortresses to insure the safety of the entente armies against treacherous attacks in the rear if they advanced to strike Germany from the south.

Capitulation Offered.

Vienna's plea for an armistice is interpreted quite generally in military circles here as an offer to capitulate as completely as did Bulgaria. Military officials, both allied and American, believe the complete elimination of Austria-Hungary as a belligerent would bring the world war within sight of an end.

While there is doubt that it would be practical to attack Germany from the south, the best informed entente officers on duty here firmly believe that Germany would not attempt to fight on with Austria out of the war. The greatest fear the Germans have they say, is of invasion of German soil and in the end, they believe, Germany will capitulate rather than face that contingency.

Assessing the probable results of Austrian surrender, officers pointed out that it would release the Italian armies for operations elsewhere. Unless Turkey has also dropped out of the fight by that time it would seem logical, it was said, to expect that these forces would be turned at once to pressing the campaign against Constantinople. With Turkey also out, the two Italian divisions now in France could be quickly supplemented and another great army erected on that front to crush the wavering German lines.

One result of Austrian capitulation which cannot be gauged reliably in advance is the situation of the 30 or more German divisions in Russia. The German general staff is known to have reduced the German forces in Russia to what was regarded as the minimum of safety when the spring drive in France was prepared. Recently, however, it has been learned that some of the divisions left there had been brought hastily to the western line and several were hurried to the Danube front.

Lacking Austrian help in Russia, the situation of the German forces there would appear to be perilous and officers say it would become vitally necessary that they be so disposed as to rest upon the Russo-German frontier. That would mean a great curtailment of Russian territory they could police and complete evacuation of Russia by the Germans is regarded as the logical result.

Influenza Spreading In Fire Swept Area

St. Paul, Oct. 29.—An appeal for physicians and nurses to aid in checking the spread of Spanish influenza among the residents of fire-swept northeastern Minnesota was received shortly before midnight tonight by Governor Burroughs.

Gifts of American Tobacco Lure Landwehr Into Trap

With the American Forces Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 29.—Americans now count among their prisoners 51 members of the Second German Landwehr, who are the most sadly disillusioned men from the German emperor's army. The men still are convinced they were played a shabby trick in being taken prisoner, though they are quickly becoming reconciled to their lot by generous rations of food and tobacco.

The Germans for several days had been coming unarmored out of their trenches, creeping forward to a point midway between the two lines where they had been given bread and tobacco by the Americans. Their donors, they told an American intelligence officer today, wore crosses on their shoulders.

The other day when they came over they were told that the next time each would receive five sacks of tobacco instead of one sack. The opportunity was too good to be lost and instead of groups of three, four and five, as heretofore, 51 men came in a group eager for the tobacco and food.

GERMANS TO GET ALL TERMS FROM ALLIES AT ONCE

(Continued from Page One.) semi-official note issued at Vienna today on Austria's reply to President Wilson says:

"Austria was obliged to conform to the methods of President Wilson, who had successively replied to three members of the triple alliance and act apart from its allies. The monarchy, which has formally adopted President Wilson's line of action, shares his opinion, as was shown by the emperor's manifesto to the peoples, which in proclaiming the federalization of the monarchy, exceeded President Wilson's program.

"However, the complete reorganization of Austria can only be carried out after an armistice. If Austria-Hungary has declared itself ready to enter into negotiations for an armistice and for peace, without awaiting the result of negotiations of other states, that does not necessarily signify an offer of a separate peace. It means that it is ready to act separately in the interests of the re-establishment of peace."

Federal Council Approves.

Copenhagen, Oct. 29.—The German federal council has approved the bill amending the imperial constitution in the form as adopted by the Reichstag, according to a Berlin telegram.

The Reichstag on Saturday amended the constitution by placing the military authorities under the control of the civil government. The measure was adopted by a large majority. The retirement of General Ludendorff has been reported as having been due to the passage of the measure by the Reichstag.

Shadow Reforms.

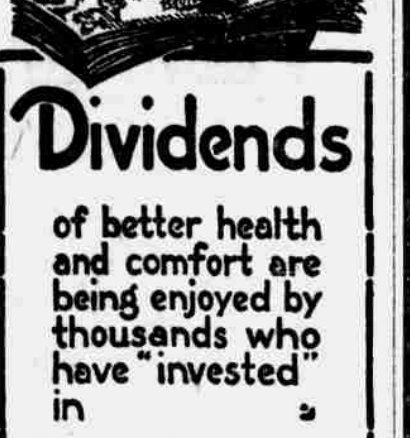
Amsterdam, Oct. 29.—The Berlin Vorwaerts, the socialist organ, in an account of Saturday's meeting of the Reichstag, says Eduard Bernstein, the independent socialist leader, complained that the government proposals constituted only half way reforms because in giving a voice to the Bundesrath in questions of war, peace and treaties the people were deprived of being able to render the decision.

Harrison County Visted By Heavy Rains Last Week

Logan, Ia., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—Harrison county was visited by a heavy rainfall in the past few days. The government gauge here shows 4.10 inches of rain fell in Logan since Friday; 3.75 inches in Harrison Grove; 3.50 inches at Beebeetown; 4.00 inches at Magnolia and 5.00 inches at other places. The winter wheat, pasture lands, meadows, orchards and all farm lands including water supplies in wells and creeks were helped.

Flyer Killed in Field.

San Diego, Cal., Oct. 29.—Second Lt. James Kinnear of Newman, Cal., an army aviator, was instantly killed today when his plane fell to the ground at Rockwell field, North Island.



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SMASHING BLOW DEALT ENEMY ON ITALIAN FRONT

Fifteen Thousand Prisoners Taken by Allies in Advance Across Piave, Which Reaches Vayolla.

With the Allied Forces on the Piave, Oct. 29.—(By Associated Press.)—The last lines of the Austro-Hungarian resistance on the central positions along the Piave river were broken today by the British, French and Italian forces. The Austrians were dealt a smashing blow. It resulted in the allies' making new advances, pushing forward as far as Vayolla, which was taken by the victorious Italians notwithstanding desperate resistance.

Yankees in Italy. Italian Headquarters in the Piave, Oct. 29.—(By Associated Press.)—American soldiers are in reserve along the Piave fighting zone. The correspondent saw an American battalion going through its "setting up" exercises this morning near the river. Fifteen thousand prisoners had been taken by the British, Italians and French up to late today in the advance across the Piave, which for the third time in one year is the scene of a desperate battle.

The battle now has been going on for five days and has been marked by desperate resistance. The allies not only have had to battle against the swift river, but also to contend with the renewal of the pontoons and footbridges damaged by the Austrians.

Once across the river the allies have had to overcome strong Austrian trench positions and machine gun posts. Austrian prisoners declare they know nothing of the political situation at home and the efforts of their government to arrange an armistice. The Austrian army post-office is said to have stopped the delivery of mail some time ago.

The whole allied line between Conegliano, which is an important railway and road center, and Val Dobbiadendo has been advanced. It is reported that Archduke Joseph Ferdinand has replaced General Boroewic as the Austrian commander on the front along the Piave.

Battle Continues Victoriously.

Rome, Oct. 29.—The battle begun on the Piave river Sunday by Italian and allied troops is continuing victoriously, the war office announced today. Italian troops stormed the heights of Val Dobbiadendo. They also carried the heights of Colofosto and entered Susegana. Numerous guns were captured. French infantry assaulted Mont Pionar and captured it. Of the prisoners taken yesterday the allies more than 4,000 have reached concentration camps and have been counted.

British Continue Advance.

London, Oct. 29.—The resistance of the Austrians against the British in the Italian theater appears to be weakening, according to an official communication issued tonight. The British tenth army continues its advance east of the Piave river.

Pioneer Resident of Iowa Dies in Webster City

Webster City, Ia., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—Alex Bossert, aged 61 years, who lived in Webster City since he was 2 years old, died last evening. He had never married and made his home with an unmarried sister. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon.

Spruce Price Continued.

Washington, Oct. 29.—The price fixing committee of the war industries board today continued existing prices for New England spruce lumber until December 1, abandoning, because of the influenza, the usual meeting with the industry to agree on prices for three months.



Mabel C. Johnson Non-Partisan Candidate for Superintendent of Schools for Douglas County

I am a candidate for Superintendent of Schools and solicit your support for the coming election. I hold a first grade teacher's certificate. I have taught in the schools of this county for fourteen years, and I am thoroughly acquainted with the needs and requirements of the schools. I was born and raised in this county, and my family has paid taxes here for fifty years. With these facts before you, I am asking you for your support.

Facts the Public Should Know

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Campaign Expenses Of Republicans Less Than Half Million

Washington, Oct. 29.—The republican committee's detailed report on pre-election expenses, filed tonight, showed total receipts of \$492,345, and expenditures of \$469,096, most of which was sent to aid in the various state campaigns. The senatorial and congressional national campaign committees received \$35,000 each.

The largest contributions were \$5,000 each by J. Ogden Armour and J. H. Taylor of Chicago, and Alfred J. Sweet of Auburn, Me. James A. Patten, Chicago, gave \$3,500; Will H. Crocker, San Francisco, \$2,000; C. M. Warner, New York, \$2,500; E. J. Baughton, Chicago, \$2,000; Samuel P. Colt, New York, \$1,500. Mrs. L. W. James, Baltimore, gave \$3,000 and Ethel Crocker, San Francisco, \$1,000.

Among the many contributors of \$1,000 were John D. Rockefeller, sr., John D. Rockefeller, jr., Larz Anderson, Mortimer Schiff, Coleman Dupont, James Deering, Charles Deering, Robert H. McCormick, John D. Spreckles, Dan R. Hanna, R. T. Crane and George W. Perkins.

James Harrison of Omaha Buried in Logan Sunday

Logan, Ia., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—The body of James Harrison was brought to Logan from Omaha yesterday and interred in the Logan cemetery. Mr. Harrison was a former resident of Logan; he died of Spanish influenza.

Advertisement for Arrow Collars, featuring an image of a collar and text: MARLEY 2 1/2 IN DEVON 2 1/4 IN. ARROW COLLARS. Values up to 75c, Wednesday, 40c each. Linen Section.

Advertisement for Hartmann Trunk, featuring an image of a trunk and text: No Trunk like a Wardrobe Trunk — No Wardrobe Trunk like a HARTMANN. In a class by itself. Sturdy in construction; compact in arrangement; complete in every detail. \$35 to \$165. FRELING & STEINLE 1803 Farnam Street.

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