

Austria and Turkey to Quit the Kaiser

BERLIN ADMITS THE LOSS OF THE NATION'S VASSALS

Turks and Austrians to Accept Terms; Germany In a Delicate Position

LONDON, Oct. 12.—(By United Press.)—Austria-Hungary and Turkey are expected immediately to announce the acceptance of President Wilson's armistice terms, says a Berlin dispatch, via Amsterdam.

Another Amsterdam dispatch states that Austria and Turkey have informed Germany they will accept Wilson's terms.

This leaves Germany in an extremely delicate position. She must either yield to the armistice program as outlined by the United States or suffer the loss of her vassals, say the military experts.

ALSACE-LORRAINE MAY HALT PEACE

Obstacle Indicated in Semi-Official Statement.

PARIS, Oct. 11.—(By United Press.)—German sources quote the Baden Press, the semi-official organ of Prince Maximilian of Baden, the Imperial Chancellor, as saying:

"If Germany is ready for sacrifice it must be understood that she is not ready to give up Alsace-Lorraine or a single meter of German commercial territory in the Orient. Neither question can be submitted to any discussion whatsoever."

The Kreuz Zeitung, of Berlin, the organ of the Prussian Junkers expresses bitter disappointment that German disappointment did not succeed in disrupting the entente coalition.

"Instead of asking for an armistice," it says, "we should have offered a separate peace with advantageous terms to one or two of the allies. Unfortunately it is too late now to take up again this idea, which should have remained the chief governing idea of any government truly German."

ROBERTS AGAIN CHIEF

Former La Grande Man Keeps Pendleton Straight.

The Pendleton council voted four to three to continue Al Roberts as chief of police. The vote closes for the present at least the effort of Councilman Penland to oust the chief of police from office for alleged failure to enforce the laws of the city.

The matter of removing Roberts from the office was brought up at the meeting a week ago by Penland and was held over for final action at last night's meeting.

When the motion was brought up last night Mayor Vaughan ruled it was a matter that under the charter could not be acted upon by motion, but would require a resolution, and to carry would require five votes.

WORK ON HIGHWAY BEGINS.

The State Highway Commission this week decided to construct as its own contractor the ten miles of highway from the end of the Sour Grass road to Hebo. Tillamook recently bid for the work at \$122,000, but owing to doubt as to whether this could legally be accepted, the state has taken the contract at the figures. Seventeen thousand five hundred dollars will be expended by the county in grading work and the remaining \$104,400 will be met on a 50-50 basis by the state and federal governments.

CALL FOR MEN CANCELLED.

The local war board announces that, due to the epidemic of Spanish influenza in Portland, because of which the Benson Polytechnic school has been temporarily closed, the five men to be selected this evening will leave October 25 rather than October 15, as previously scheduled.

THEATRE TAKES PRECAUTION

While no cases of influenza are in La Grande the Arcade theater has perfected an automatic fumigator and four times during each performance the interior of the theater undergoes a complete fumigation.

BASEL, Switzerland, Oct. 12.—(By United Press.)—The National Zeitung announces today that Germany's reply to President Wilson has been presented to the Swiss minister.

DOES GERMANY ACCEDE?

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 12.—(By United Press.)—Some of the German papers in their today's issues assert that the German reply to Wilson accedes fully to his demands. Others declare only far-reaching advances have been made.

TURKEY IS AFTER PEACE.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—(By United Press.)—Reuter's agency reports today that Turkey has approached President Wilson regarding peace negotiations.

PREMIERS RESIGN.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 12.—(By United Press.)—Vidua dispatches announce the resignation of Von Hussarek, Austria's premier, and Dr. Werkle, Hungarian premier.

STUBBORN FIGHT IS ON.

WITH THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY, Oct. 12.—(By United Press.)—The most stubborn fighting is progressing along the Aisne river at Grandpre and St. Juvin, where the Germans are counter attacking in great force. To the eastward the American center is progressing better.

Germans are offering strong machine gun resistance from the Boise forest. The enemy in its desperate struggle has thrown many divisions into the fight without regard to order. So tangled is the mass that few of the divisions can be identified.

PERSHING'S GREATEST FEAT.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—(By United Press.)—The capture of Vouziers, as the result of the American and French pressure on the western flank of the Argonne massif, is looked upon by the military experts as Pershing's most important success since he began operations to close the German exit from France via Luxembourg.

This places the allies in a position to begin encirclement of the Argonne's northern extension, which is delaying the advance toward Stenay, the main highway to Luxembourg that crosses the Meuse.

HUNS CONTINUE TO RUN.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—(By United Press.)—Germans continue their rapid retirement in Champagne and the French have made additional gains of three and four miles, said the afternoon's dispatches from the battlefield. British are shoving the Germans across the Senece canal, south of Douai, and expect to reach the outskirts of Douai tomorrow.

British Encircle Douai.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—(By United Press.)—General Haig announces today that the British are continuing their encircling movement of Douai, the great coal center, and have approached within a mile of the city from the west. Douai is practically surrounded.

British now occupy Guiney, Brederes and Hamel. The capture of Guiney, less than a mile west of Douai, represents a four-mile advance.

Running On 37-Mile Front.

PARIS, Oct. 12.—(By United Press.)—The war office announced today the the Germans are retreating on a thirty-seven mile front near Rheims with the French cavalry hotly pursuing.

The French have advanced over six miles at some points. The line

of German retreat extended north of the Suipe and Arnes rivers.

The French this morning entered Vouziers, the important town on the western edge of the Argonne forest.

"This morning the French entered Vouziers," says the communiqué. "We continue our progress on the whole Champagne front. We held to the general line Retourne and the road from Fauvres to Vouziers."

French Hotly Pursu Huns.

PARIS, Oct. 12.—(By United Press.)—The French are across the Retourne river in great force pursuing the Germans toward Rethel, an important enemy base on the Aisne. Cavalry and fast automobiles are carrying machine guns which harass the Germans, who

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GEN. OMAR BUNDY



Brig. Gen. Omar Bundy, who has been given command of an army corps in France.

SPARTA PROJECT TO BE DEVELOPED

DIVISION ENGINEER ACCEPTS
NEW POST—NO SUCCESSOR
APPOINTED

Rhea Luper, for the past two years engineer of Water Division Board No. 2, will leave the last of this week for Sparta, where he will assume charge of the irrigation project there. No successor has yet been appointed to the office which Mr. Luper is vacating.

To irrigate four thousand acres the Sparta project provides for the irrigation of 40,000 acres through the enlargement of the Sparta irrigation ditch, which branches from Eagle Creek. The work will be accomplished at a cost of \$500,000 to the district and will require about two years to complete. Mr. Luper has not yet made definite arrangements in regard to the work, although the survey will first be made.

ORDER IS NOT FROM OFFICIAL

SELLING OF GASOLINE AFTER
6 P.M. IN QUESTION

Source of Order Is Not Known By
Fuel Administrator,
It Is Announced.

PORTLAND, Ore., October 12.—No orders whatever have been issued by the state fuel administrator regarding the non-sale of gasoline between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. and on Sundays, regardless of the fact that dealers throughout the state have been receiving such orders purporting to come from the fuel administration. "Until such orders are issued," said Fred J. Holmes, State Fuel Administrator, "dealers are free to do as they choose in the matter, although D. M. Folsom, Pacific Coast Oil Director, has asked for voluntary co-operation in this matter."

It is not known who is responsible for the notices. In some instances they appear to be purely local, in other cases dealers for a certain company receive notices, while others do not.

Sometimes, closing stations may release man power, but often it only works hardship upon the dealer, who may do his biggest business in the evening, according to Mr. Holmes, who advises dealers to use their own discretion in the matter.

To provide coal to meet the nation's requirements in the conduct of the war, U.S. Fuel Administrator H. A. Garfield has adopted the weekly mine quota plan, by which each mine is to produce a stipulated tonnage, to be decided upon by the district managers in consultation with local mine committees, weekly until March 31. An increase of 16 1/2 per cent bituminous and 1-3 per cent anthracite coal over last year must be mined to meet the demands.

LOSS ON THE OTRANTO IS ABOUT 150

COLLISION WITH STEAMSHIP
KASHMI WAS CAUSE OF
THE DISASTER

OTRANTO DASHED HER- SELF TO PIECES

Men Jumped Into Raging Sea As Their Ship Sank—Many Were Crushed In Endeavor to Rescue By British Destroyer That Was Near the Scene—Heroic Attempt at Rescue.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—(By United Press.)—A conservative estimate places the number of soldiers lost when the British steamer Otranto, which was acting as an American transport ship, was in a collision with the steamship Kashmir, at one hundred and fifty.

The Otranto, after the collision, was dashed to pieces on the rocks off the Scottish coast, with the loss of 150. Three hundred and twelve men were taken to Belfast by the British destroyer Mounsey, the only ship attempting a rescue in the terrific gale. With the Kashmir, another vessel in the convoy rammed the Otranto.

The Otranto and the other vessels of the convoy were battling with the heavy seas and high winds Sunday morning. The storm was so severe and visibility so bad the Kashmir, a former Peninsular and Oriental liner, crashed into the Otranto squarely amidships.

The Kashmir backed away badly damaged, but was able to make port. As the bow of the Kashmir was pulled from the great hole in the Otranto, the water rushed in, but for a time it did not stop the engines. The Otranto tried to proceed but made no headway against the gale in her crippled condition.

In a short time the water put out her fires and the Otranto drifted helplessly toward the rocky coast of Islay Island, where most of the Tuscania victims met their death.

Thirty minutes after the crash, the British destroyer Mounsey, herself damaged by heavy seas, appeared out of the haze in answer to distress calls of the Otranto. When the destroyer maneuvered to get alongside, Captain Davidson, of the Otranto, warned Lieutenant Craven, commanding the destroyer, not to make the attempt.

When it was seen Craven would make the attempt anyway, the men were ordered to remove their shoes and heavy clothing and try to save themselves as best they could.

The destroyer stood off about 100 feet and gradually came nearer de-

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OVERFLOW MEETING AT THE M. E. CHURCH

REGISTERED MEN FROM EN-
TIRE COUNTY ORDERED
TO SCHOOL

An overflow meeting has been arranged to be held in the Methodist Church this evening at the same hour as that in the L.D.S. Tabernacle. The same speakers will appear on the program as previously arranged.

Stores will not be closed save by individual arrangements of the proprietors. According to the orders of the Provost Marshal General, however, clerks, barbers and those engaged in similar non-essential occupations or any engaged in essential occupations which do not require their attention during the hour and a half of the meeting, must appear.

Only registered men will be admitted to the meeting.

No Acceptance In View.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(By United Press.)—The European neutral press sarcastically views the possibilities of Germany accepting Wilson's terms, according to tentative advices.

READY FOR BOMBING RAID



A group of 17 British bombing planes with their pilots in their places, ready to take the air. Bombing squadrons are kept ready for instant service in front of their aerodromes so that they can take to the air at the instant a call is received from signal planes, from troops or from convoys at road terminals or villages.

COAL PRODUCTION BIG

United States Breaks All Records
In Past Six Months.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(By United Press.)—The fuel administration announced today that the coal production in the United States in the past six months had broken all records. It was 12 per cent over the record-breaking production in the same period in 1917.

INFLUENZA HAS NO FOOTHOLD YET

According to latest advices from doctors of the town no case of influenza has yet been reported. Dr. Ray Logan is chairman of the committee handling the work of preventing the epidemic here.

BODEAU IS LABOR HEAD.

Will Handle Work In Baker County

The local office of the Federal Employment agency will probably be established here next week, when the state director, Wilfred Smith of Portland, is expected to be here. Charles Bodeau, named by the local committee to take charge of the office, has been confirmed as the appointee by the Department of Labor, having received official notice from Washington of his appointment, says the Baker Herald.

Mr. Bodeau has entered into negotiations for a building to use for labor headquarters, and it is probable that quarters in the Knights of Pythias building will be secured.

WHEAT REPORT WITHHELD.

Secretary Houston Declines To
Make Public Statement.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—Secretary Houston, in a reply to a House resolution, today declined to give cut his report to President Wilson regarding the price of wheat. He said his report was given in an advisory capacity for the President's information and that he did not believe he was at liberty to disclose it.

He said he had received no official communication from the agricultural advisory committee on the price of wheat, the report of which also was asked for by the resolution.

ALBANY TAKES PRECAUTIONS.

Albany—All public meeting places, save schools, have been closed as a precautionary measure, in avoiding the Spanish influenza, by proclamation of Mayor Carl this week.

MARSHFIELD COAL MINE AGAIN OPENED

The old Klondike coal mines of Beaver Hill near Marshfield in Coos county, was opened for the first time in 20 years and 100,000 tons of coal was found still in the tunnel. The output will go to the government for fuel in engines used in hauling logs from the Boutin tract of spruce.

MORE ROOM FOR THE RED CROSS WORK

STEADILY INCREASING VOL-
UME DEMANDS ADDITIONAL
QUARTERS.

ELKS LODGE PERFECTS LEASE ON HONAN HALL

Both Buildings Will Be Used As
Needed—Elks Finance And Pay
Expenses Of Additional Quarters
For War Work—Much Of Work
Will Continue In Elks Temple—
Room For All Work Now.

With the fast expanding work of the Red Cross in La Grande it has for some time been apparent that sufficient room was not available in the Elks Temple although that order had given up its banquet hall, its ladies' reception and rest room and a good portion of the lobby. It was, therefore, needful to adjust the matter and secure additional quarters so that war work would not be impeded and that the ladies who are giving their time to the cause could work under the easiest possible conditions.

When the whole matter was placed before the Elks Lodge the usual big-heartedness and generosity of that patriotic order asserted itself and for a time it seemed that nothing would do the Elks but to adjourn their lodge from their own building and turn the structure over to the Red Cross.

This, of course, was not a practical thing to do when there are other buildings in the city that can be used to relieve the congestion. After careful deliberation it was unanimously decided that the Elks should lease Honan hall as an additional room for the Red Cross work and pay the rent. In addition to that the Elks insisted on providing fuel for the annex and the extra expense which would be required for janitor service over and above what the Red Cross society is now paying its housekeeper.

It was found by measuring the floor space in Honan hall that the upper floor of that building contains a third more square feet of space than all the room now occupied by the Red Cross in the Elks home. This, with the basement, will give ample room in conjunction with what is available at the present quarters in the Elks building, to take care of all departments of the Red Cross and give excellent working conditions.

The ladies of St. Peter's Guild arose to the occasion in a magnificent manner. When the Elks committee approached them for a lease, stating the purpose of such lease, they held a meeting and decided instantly that a reduced rental should be given. Instead of demanding \$50 a month, which would have been a reasonable rental for Honan hall, they leased the entire building for \$25 a month for this patriotic work, and at the same time insisted they be allowed to put the building in first-class condition before the Red Cross moves in, which will be next Tuesday.

Raincoats For Army.

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 12.—(By United Press.)—The quartermaster general has notified all procurement depot quartermasters to instruct all manufacturers and wholesalers to immediately cease delivery of raincoats to the civilian trade until the army stocks can be surveyed.

The state board of control has appointed Mrs. E. T. Moores, of Salem, as superintendent of the Oregon school for the blind. Mrs. Moores is the widow of the late superintendent of the institution.

J. D. Brown, who was certified as the nominee of the National party for representative in congress for the third district has filed notice of his withdrawal with Secretary of State Olcott.