

AUSTRIANS IN MAD ROUT FLEE ITALY

Armies Cut In Two and Over 50,000 Captured.

SEIZED GUNS EXCEED 300

Enemy Masses, Harassed by Airmen, Stream in Wild Confusion Down Valleys.

225,000 MEN ARE HEMMED IN

Mountain Passes Captured by Italians and Allies Block Retreat of Foe.

ROME, Oct. 31.—Prisoners taken by the allied forces in their offensive on the Piave River now number more than 50,000, the Italian War Office announced today. More than 300 guns have been captured. All the Italian armies now are in action.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Italian troops have reached Ponte Delle Albi, northeast of the city of Belluno, thus definitely dividing the Austrian armies, said an official wireless message received here tonight from Rome.

Foe in Full Flight.

An earlier dispatch says that the Austrians have been completely routed east of the Piave and with great difficulty are sustaining the incessant pressure of the Italian troops in the mountain region, on the plain and in the Alpine foothills of Venetia. Enemy masses are described as "streaming in confusion" down the mountain valleys in attempts to reach passes on the Tagliamento.

Prisoners, guns, war materials and storehouses, scarcely touched, fell into the hands of the Italians. Czecho-Slovak troops are operating with the third Italian army, which is pushing ahead, overwhelming and capturing the enemy.

In the Grappa region the Italians renewed the attack today and captured the plateau of Asigolo, the salient of Solaro, Mount Spinocchia and Prassolan, Asolone and Col Caprile and Col Bonatto.

Success Grows Hourly.

The total number of prisoners captured now exceeds 50,000, and of the guns captured more than 300 have been counted.

"The successes of our armies are becoming more and more stupendous," said the dispatch. "The enemy is completely routed east of the Piave and is with great difficulty sustaining the incessant pressure of our troops in the mountain region, in the plain and in the Alpine foothills of Venetia. Our armies are aiming irresistibly toward the objectives which have been designated."

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Enemy Is Overwhelmed.

"The 12th army, after having completely taken possession of the height of Cesemio, is fighting to conquer the pass of Quero. The eighth army has conquered the ridge between the valley of Follino and the valley of the Piave and has occupied the pass of Serravalle, advancing towards the plain of Cansiglio, aiming at the plain of Pordenone. The 10th army has brought its front on the Livizana."

"The third army is pushing ahead overwhelming and capturing the enemy, who offers bitter resistance. Czecho-Slovak troops are participating in the actions."

"In the Grappa region our troops renewed their attack on this morning succeeded in conquering Col Caprile, Col Bonatto, Asolone, Mount Prassolan, Mount Spinocchia and the plateau of Asigolo."

Aviators Do Good Work.

"In spite of bad weather conditions our aviators succeeded in bringing down two enemy airplanes and one observation balloon."

"The number of prisoners captured amounts to over 50,000, and of the guns captured over 300 were counted."

Fifteen Austrian divisions operating between the Brenta and the Piave on the Italian front have had their re-

ENTENTE FLEET SOON TO ENTER BLACK SEA

ARMISTICE WITH TURKEY WILL PERMIT PASSAGE.

Attack on German Naval Forces Near Constantinople Likely to Be Made Soon.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Announcement from London that an armistice with Turkey which permits passage of allied warships through the Dardanelles already is in operation led naval officers here to believe that an allied fleet, if it has not already started, will pass through the Black Sea to attack the German naval forces there.

These forces include ships of the Russian Black Sea fleet taken over by the Germans after the collapse of the provisional government in Russia. Official British reports revealed by Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, during his recent visit here, show that the Germans obtained one super-dreadnaught, several battleships of the pre-dreadnaught type and a score of fast destroyers.

The German battle cruiser Goeben also is in the Black Sea. This vessel was in the Mediterranean when the war began and escaped to the Bosphorus, where it was reported to have been "sold" to Turkey before that country entered the war.

The cruiser was badly damaged several times, but recent reports said it has been repaired again, taken over by the Germans and withdrawn to the Black Sea.

FORESTERS PROMISE FUEL

American Troops in France to Be Supplied With Wood.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Monday, October 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—American fighting units at the front are to keep warm this winter. The forestry section of the American expeditionary force has promised to deliver on the road ready to be hauled to the men at the front before the first of January 1,100,000 cubic meters of fuel wood. This is equivalent to a pile of wood a yard wide and a yard high stretching from Paris to Berlin.

Thousands of foresters now are busy in the French forests gathering and cutting the wood, which comes from dead wood, chief of all, in the forest. The fine trees, of which the French are so proud, are not being cut.

RUSH MUNITIONS, IS PLEA

Major-General Warns Workers Not to Slow Up Output.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—An appeal to munition workers not to slow up in their work as a result of peace talk was issued today by Major-General William, chief of ordnance.

"We are still at war," General Williams said. "Our boys in France are depending on us for guns and ammunition. The enemy is talking peace, but we of the ordnance department have nothing to do with peace talk. For us there is no peace; our business, our duty and our responsibility is war."

"If you and others should plan what you will do when peace comes, no welcome peace will ever come."

SAMUEL HILL OFF TO JAPAN

Survey of Railroads and Highways Will Be Made.

SEATTLE, Oct. 31.—Samuel Hill, Seattle, railroad builder and president of the Pacific Highway Association, sailed today to make a survey of Japan's railroad and highway situation. He left on the invitation of T. Nakahima, chief engineer of the Southern Manchuria Railway Company.

Several years ago Mr. Hill, at the request of the Russian government, investigated conditions on the railroad across Siberia and recommended many changes which were made.

"GAS MASK" DAY PROPOSED

Aim Is to Speed Up Gathering of Pits and Shells.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—The chemical warfare division of the Army today sent telegrams to the Governors of all states requesting that they designate by proclamation a day to be observed throughout the states as "gas-mask" day for the gathering of fruit pits and nut shells for making charcoal for gas masks.

It is requested that people be urged to save shells and pits for that day and in rural communities to organize nut-gathering expeditions.

RUSS REVOLUTIONIST SHOT

Madame Breshkovskaya Reported Executed October 27.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 31.—According to a Petrograd telegram, Madame Breshkovskaya, grandmother of the Russian revolution, was shot on October 27 on the charge of opposing the Bolshevik regime.

Special dispatches from London, on October 16, said that Madame Breshkovskaya was reported to have died in Russia September 14.

BERLIN-VIENNA LINE CUT

Czecho-Slovaks Sever Railway Communications, Paris Hears.

PARIS, Oct. 31.—Communication between Agram and Fiume, and Budapest and Vienna, has been totally interrupted.

The Czecho-Slovaks have cut the railroad between Berlin and Vienna near Bodenbach and German trains can go only as far as Schnadau, according to a Zurich dispatch to the Journal.

TURKS SURRENDER ARMISTICE SIGNED

Dardanelles Passage Open to Allied Fleets.

FORTS YIELDED TO ENTENTE

General Townshend Released by Moslems to Convey Peace Appeal.

ENVOYS MEET AT MUDROS

Vice-Admiral Calthrop Deals Direct With the Ottoman Plenipotentiaries.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—An armistice between the allies and Turkey has been signed by duly accredited plenipotentiaries and became effective at noon today.

The terms of the agreement include the free passage of the Dardanelles to the allied fleet, Sir George Cave, the Home Secretary, announced in the House of Commons today.

Other terms, it is learned, comprise the occupation of the forts of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus necessary to secure the passage of the allied warships through the Bosphorus to the Black Sea.

Prisoners to Be Released.

Another condition is the immediate repatriation of British war prisoners.

General Townshend, the British commander captured at Kut-el-Amara, was liberated several days ago by the Turks, the Home Secretary announced, in order to inform the British Admiral in command in the Aegean that the Turkish government asked that negotiations be opened immediately for an armistice.

Calthrop Signs for Allies.

A plea was sent that if the Turkish government sent fully accredited plenipotentiaries Vice-Admiral Calthrop, the British commander, was empowered to inform them of the conditions upon which the allies would agree to stop hostilities and could sign an armistice on these conditions in their behalf.

The Turkish plenipotentiaries arrived at Mudros, island of Lemnos, in the Aegean Sea, early this week, and an armistice was signed by Admiral

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APPEAL IS ISSUED BY TAFT AND ROOSEVELT

ELECTION OF REPUBLICAN CONGRESS URGED.

Campaign Statement Declares People, Not Wilson Alone, Should Run United States.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft issued here today a joint appeal for election of a Republican majority in Congress. The statement was said to be the first ever composed and signed by two ex-presidents of the United States. The statement follows:

"We approach this subject as Americans and only as Americans. When this war broke out we would have welcomed action by the President which would have eliminated all questions of party politics. Instead of this, partisan lines have been strictly drawn from the first and now the President announces that only Democrats can be entrusted with future power and only those Democrats who do his will. Because of the reflection on other patriotic Americans, we appeal for fair play."

"The next Congress will serve from March 4, 1919, to March 4, 1921. In that period, the war must be fought to unconditional surrender, unless this is achieved before."

"The terms of world peace must be settled. The Democratic Administration, after expending billions of treasure and exercising more absolute power than any other Administration in our history, must give an account of its stewardship."

"The change from war conditions to peace must be brought about with the least disturbance and the work of reconstruction must be broadly begun."

"A Republican Congress will be much better qualified than one controlled by Democrats to aid the country in adopting the measures needed for these four great tasks."

"Even as a minority party the Republicans made the winning of the war possible by passing the original draft bill. With that we could not have trained and landed the 2,000,000 of men now in France."

"As a minority party, the Republicans forced upon a reluctant President and Secretary of War after an injurious delay of four months the amended draft act, without which we could not put two more millions at the front next July. The Speaker, the leader and the chairman of the military committee of the Democratic House opposed the original draft with all the vigor possible."

"The new Senate must approve, by two-thirds vote, the terms of peace. Those terms should be settled, not by one man only. It is one man control we are fighting in this war to suppress. The peace treaty must be approved by the great body of the American people."

"The President has indicated a willingness to make a peace by negotiation. He has not demanded as he might have done in three lines, that which the American people demand, an unconditional surrender. His exchange of notes with Germany has caused a deep concern among our people lest he may, by his parleying with her, concede her a peace around a council table instead of a sentence from a court."

"The 14 points which the President and Germany assume that they have already agreed upon are so general and vague that such a peace would be no treaty at all, but only a protocol to an interminable discussion."

"The American people without final power

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MILLIONS WASTE IN AIRCRAFT BARE

Impressive Revelations In Hughes' Report.

COLONEL DEEDS ACCUSED

Secrecy Violation Charged and Recommendation of Court-Martial Is Made.

OTHER OFFICERS INVOLVED

No Actual "Graft" Found, but Conduct Regarded as Reprehensible.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—The long-awaited report on the aircraft investigation, conducted during the last five months by Charles Evans Hughes and Attorney-General Gregory, was placed before President Wilson today and made public.

Colonel E. A. Deeds, about whom raged most of the charges which brought on the investigation, the report recommends, should be brought before a court-martial for sending confidential War Department information on the aircraft situation to former business associates in Dayton, O., and for being sponsor last Friday for a grossly misleading statement to the effect that "first American-built battle planes are today en route to the front in France."

Three to Be Prosecuted.

Criminal prosecutions of three Army officers are recommended on the ground that they transacted business with corporations in which they were financially interested.

These officers are: Lieutenant-Colonel J. G. Vincent, former vice-president of the Packard Motor Car Company, now in charge of the airplane engineering division of the Aircraft Production Bureau; Lieutenant-Colonel George M. Mixer, a stockholder in the Curtiss Airplane & Motor Corporation, production manager of the Aircraft Bureau, and Second Lieutenant Samuel B. Vrooman, Jr., inspector of propeller lumber and stockholder in the S. B. Vrooman Company, of Philadelphia, which sold mahogany to the Government for airplanes.

Delays and waste of the production

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PEACE WILL NOT HALT SHIPYARD PROGRAMME

WORK WILL GO ON, HURLEY AND SCHWAB DECLARE.

Efficient Builders Are Assured All the Contracts They Can Handle for Years.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Shipbuilders in American yards who may fear their efforts to provide an emergency fleet are limited by the necessities of war were assured that there would be plenty of work for them for years to come, in statements addressed to them today by Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board and Director-General Schwab of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Every efficient yard will continue to have all the work it can do whether the war ends soon or not, Mr. Hurley said, while Mr. Schwab warned shipbuilders that if Germany were not sincere in her peace overtures it could mean nothing better than a slackening of efforts by American shipbuilders.

"The present programme calls for 15,000,000 tons of merchant ships," said Mr. Schwab in his statement. "Today we have built only about 2,500,000 tons and we will not have completed our programme until six times as much work has been done."

Mr. Hurley pointed out that the ending of the war could not bring an end to the world's need for ships "nor prevent us from carrying out our programme to a successful conclusion."

STEAMER BREAKS IN TWO

Divers Investigate Wreck of Sophia in Lynn Canal.

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 31.—Divers who have investigated the wreck of the Canadian Pacific Railway steamer Princess Sophia, lying on Vanderbilt Reef, Lynn Canal, reported today that the vessel had broken in two and the after portion had slid off into deep water.

In the grinding action on the rocks which preceded the steamer's foundering in the storm, with her loss of 340 lives, the divers said her whole bottom had been torn away. Salvage will be impossible.

LUDENDORFF BUREAU OUT

Department Created by Quartermaster-General Suppressed.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 31.—The Cologne Gazette announces that the political department of the supreme headquarters has suppressed the department created by General Ludendorff, former First Quartermaster-General, for the purpose of holding the reins in his own hands.

Flyer Burned to Death.

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 31.—Walter H. Brickley, of Philadelphia, a student aviator, was burned to death here today when his airplane caught fire from a cause unknown.

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FUTURE OF WORLD IN BALANCE TODAY

Deliberations of Supreme War Council Begins.

ALL EYES ON VERSAILLES

Premiers, Army and Navy Chiefs to Reach Armistice, Peace Decisions.

TRIANON IS MEETING PLACE

Historic French Palace Now Be Scene of History-Making Sessions.

PARIS, Oct. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—With the formal deliberations of the supreme war council formally begun, the very atmosphere of Versailles is surcharged with the importance of pending events.

The representatives of the entente powers left Versailles after their first formal meeting today, visibly content with the results that had been achieved. They have not finished their work, but they have reached a substantial accord.

The presence of numerous uniformed officials of the allied nations, with Councillors, Prime Ministers and personages of high estate, lends to the scene a dignity which reflects the nature of the colossal questions to be decided, directing the destiny of the new order of world politics.

World Celebrities on Scene.

Automobiles glide over the asphalt and cobblestone streets of France's ancient seat of government, bearing world figures; some carry the highest army staff in dazzling uniforms; others bear naval chiefs in their black uniforms variegated with gold stripes in profusion and patterned according to their country's orders, while now and then luminous with distinguished civilians rush by, claiming the right of way seemingly because of the high positions of the occupants in the world's affairs.

Historic Quarters Occupied.

Trianon Palace has been isolated. The deliberations of the Premiers, Ministers and naval and military chiefs, will be conducted amidst the quiet of a woodland dell, retained in all its beauty by the French government since the days of Louis XIV, and used afterwards by successive sovereigns, including Napoleon.

Trianon palace, nestling in clusters of giant trees, surrounded by a picturesque park and resplendent with flower gardens and serpentine walks, stands within the very shadow of the Louis XIV palace, in the north wing of which, in the "Galerie Des Glaces," Wilhelm I, grandfather of the present German Emperor and then King of Prussia, was proclaimed first German Emperor in 1871.

To make more secure the isolation of the palace for the conferences, all traffic in its direction has been stopped. Guards of French soldiers, British, Americans and Italians stand on duty at various posts.

When the council meets the guard

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OREGONIAN ELECTION NEWS.

Unless the ban on assembling of crowds is lifted by next Tuesday, election day. The Oregonian will not flash bulletins of the returns that night, as has been its custom. For the same reason visitors will not be admitted that night to the Oregonian's editorial rooms. The Oregonian regrets these restrictions, but they are unavoidable in the present unusual circumstances.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company has requested the public not to telephone for election news, as the influenza epidemic has cut down its working force and all available facilities are required under present conditions for emergency calls. As regards the Home Telephone Company, the situation is different, because of its automatic service, and the Oregonian will give out election news on the Home system. As the polls do not close until 3 P. M., it is unlikely that any figures on the results in Portland will be available before 3:30 o'clock. Returns from the state at large will not be received before 11 o'clock.

