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## AUSTRIANS IN COMPLETE ROUT AND FLEEING IN DISMAY EAST OF THE PIAVE

### Unconditional Surrender of Turkey May Mean Early Naval Battle in Black Sea

### Germany's Long Cherished Grip on the East Is Now Definitely Broken Forever

#### EARLY AIRCRAFT PROGRAM UNDER FIRE OF HUGHES

Report Made Public Yesterday Shows Delays and Many Wastes.

#### PROSECUTIONS URGED

Officers Transacted Business with Firms in Which They Had Interest.

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

Delays and wastes of the production program, the report declares, were due chiefly to "defective organization of the work of aircraft production and the serious lack of competent direction of that work by the responsible officers of the signal corps."

No fault is found with the management of aircraft affairs since the reorganization of last May which placed John D. Ryan in charge. The civilian personnel of the aircraft production board is exonerated of wrongdoing.

Attorney General Gregory, in a letter transmitting the report to President Wilson, says he is in "substantial accord" with the findings by Mr. Hughes.

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#### 50,000 PRISONERS FALL INTO HANDS OF ALLIED FORCES

##### WAR BULLETINS

LONDON, Oct. 31.—Sixty-four enemy machines were destroyed and fifteen others driven down out of control on the western front Wednesday, says an official communication issued tonight dealing with aerial operations.

**PLUCKY BELGIANS STILL ADVANCING**  
HAVRE, Oct. 31.—The Belgian war office communication issued this evening says:

"We are established on the west bank of the Canal de Derwallen de la Lys. We have taken Daalmen."

**1000 PRISONERS ARE RAGGED BY THE BRITISH**

LONDON, Oct. 31.—In the region east of Courtrai the British delivered an attack today against the Germans, gained all their objectives and took a thousand Germans prisoner, according to Field Marshal Haig's communication issued tonight.

The communication follows: "The British second army attacked this morning southwest of Audenarde capturing all its objectives and 1000 prisoners."

**AUSTRIAN SOLDIERS SEEK TO DISCUSS PEACE**

VIENNA, via LONDON, Oct. 31.—The Austrian deputation has been permitted to cross the fighting line for preliminary parleys with the Italian commander, according to the official announcement tonight.

**Enemy Masses Streaming in Confusion Down Mountain Valleys in Efforts to Reach Friendly Passes.**

**GREAT QUANTITIES OF MUNITIONS TAKEN**

**Mighty Heaps of Stores Practically Untouched Are in Hands of Allies.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—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. Czechoslovak 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 Asiago, the salient of Solaro, Mount Spinozia and Prassanolan, Asalone and Col Caprillo and Col Bonatto.

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."

"The enemy masses are streaming in confusion down the mountain valleys in an attempt to reach the passes on the Tagliamento. Prisoners, guns, war materials and storehouses, scarcely touched fell into our hands."

"The twelfth army after having completely taken possession of the height of Cegeme 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 have occupied the pass of Serravalle advancing toward the plain of Cansiglio, aiming at the plain of Pordenone. The tenth army has brought its front on the Livensa."

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

"In the Grappa region our troops renewed their attack and this morning succeeded in conquering Col Caprillo, Col Bonatto, Asalone, Mount Prassanolan, the salient of Solaro, Mount Spinozia, and the plateau of Asiago."

"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 now to over 50,000 and of the guns captured over 300 were counted."

##### SEEK KAISER'S GOAT

LONDON, Nov. 1.—Independent Socialists throughout Germany are about to start an agitation for the immediate abdication of Emperor William, the dismissal of Field Marshal von Hindenburg and the withdrawal of commands from the crown princes of Prussia and Bavaria, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company quoting the Volks Zeitung of Leipzig.

##### NEW GREAT ATTACK LAUNCHED IN BELGIUM

LONDON, Oct. 31.—(via Montreal)—French troops today began another big attack against the Germans in Belgium.

#### IMMENSE SLICE OF BELGIUM IS FRUIT OF DRIVE

Big New Smash of Allies Staged Yesterday Brings Speedy Results.

#### MANY TOWNS ARE FREED

American Troops Are Co-operating with Belgian, British and French.

(By The Associated Press)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Oct. 31.—(3 p. m.)—Another big slice of important territory was torn from the enemy today along a wide front in Belgium between Deynze on the north and Aveghem on the south by an allied force composed of Belgian, British, French and American troops. The American units were fighting with the French north of the British.

The attack was launched at 5:30 o'clock this morning and by noon the British jumped their way forward to a depth of some 4000 yards.

On their left their allies were battling for the high ground between Lys and Escart rivers. The reports indicated that here also things were going well for the assaulting troops.

Numerous towns and hamlets have been released by this drive, among them Bergwijk, Tierghem, Ansegem and Winterken.

#### Three Pounds of Sugar a Month to Each Person Rule that Starts Monday

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—The sugar allowance of two pounds monthly a person was increased to three pounds monthly today by Food Administrator Hoover, effective tomorrow. The sugar regulations are also revised to permit the purchase for the entire month's supply for a family at one time.

This relaxation of the restrictions placed on the use of sugar four months ago, was made possible, Mr. Hoover's statement said, through the rapid manufacture of the beet sugar crop in the west, the new cane crop in the south, reduction of consumptions in manufacturing, freer transportation conditions and patriotic conservation by the public.

#### Plenty of Work Building Ships-for Years to Come

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Shipbuilders in American yards who may fear their efforts to provide an emergency fleet are limited by the necessities of war are 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 ship workers that if Germany were not sincere in its peace overtures it would want nothing better than a slackening of effort by American shipbuilders.

"The present program 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 program until six times more work has been done."

#### Grandmother of Russian Revolution Shot to Death

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 Bolshevik regime.

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

Another thing, why doesn't somebody open a 6 and 11-cent store? They ought to do well.—Exchange.

#### PRESIDENT WILSON CLEANS UP TASKS AS INTERMEDIARY

Expected Allied Fleet Will Soon Pass Through Hellespont to Grapple with Vessels of Enemy.

#### OLD RUSSIAN NAVY IS BOTTLED THERE

German Battle Cruiser Goeben Also in Trap to Fall to Allied Guns.

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, soon will pass through to 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 reports revealed by Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, show during his recent visit here, show the Germans obtained one superdreadnaught, 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 had been repaired again taken over by the Germans and withdrawn to the Black sea.

(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, Oct. 31.—The representatives of the entente powers left Ver-

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Whole Question of How War May End Is Now Resting with the Allied Council at Versailles.

#### ALL NOTES HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO ALLIES

Believed Only Loophole for Hun Is to Follow Lead of Turk and Bulgar.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—President Wilson cleared up today his task as intermediary for armistice and peace pleas of the central powers just as press dispatches were bringing news of Turkey's surrender and of events foreshadowing an early collapse of Austro-Hungarian arms.

Formally, as well as actually, the question of conditions on which the war may end now is before the American and allied representatives in Paris. The next step probably will be the definition of those representatives on armistice terms, unless before this is reached, Austria follows the example of Bulgaria and Turkey and capitulates in the field before the great drive that is cutting her forces to pieces in Italy.

It may be stated that, while the armistice program which the Germans await may not differ essentially from predictions that it will include surrender of the German navy and submarines, disarmament of the German armies and occupation of German strongholds, the framing of the program has not been completed and any informal announcements are premature. Exchanges between the American and allied governments and discussions among the representatives in France are still in progress. It was intimated today purely military phases of the problem probably had been worked out in ad-

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#### STAGE SET FOR WAR COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS

Palace of Trianon Where Council to Meet Isolated by Soldiery.

#### HIGH LIGHTS SHOWN

To Debate under Shadow of Palace Where William I Crowned Hun Head.

(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, Oct. 31.—On the eve of the meeting of the supreme war council the very atmosphere of Versailles is surcharged with the importance of pending events. 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 this new order of world politics.

Automobiles glide over the asphalt and cobblestone streets of France's ancient seat of government, bearing world figures; some carry the highest army staffs 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 limousines with distinguished civilians rush by, claiming the right of way seemingly because of the high positions of the occupants in the world's affairs.

Trianon Palace has been isolated. The deliberations of the premiers, ministers and naval and military chiefs, will be conducted amidst the quietude of a woodland dell, retaining in all its beauty by the French government since the day 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 conference which will begin tomorrow, all traffic in its direction will be stopped. Guards of French soldiers, British, Americans and Italians, stand on duty at various points. When the council meets the guard about the palace will be considerably reinforced so as to prevent the slightest possibility of unauthorized persons approaching the grounds of the palace. Within a radius of many hundreds of yards the guards will patrol and nobody will be allowed to pass who is unable to produce the necessary official papers.

#### Piano Is Donated for Willamette Army Lads

A piano is the latest gift for the recreation room in the S. A. T. C. barracks at Willamette university, one having been loaned for the duration of the school year by Miss Norma Lee Harper, now in Portland, but formerly of Salem.

Miss Harper read of the efforts of the local War Mother's association to furnish the room and sent word that the piano could be had for the boys. Expenses of cartage were defrayed by a committee from the Red Cross auxiliary at the Methodist church. This is a permanent committee and will give its attention to the enlisted men at the university.

Already a number of records for the Grafanola given the barracks a few days ago have been donated, but more are needed, also a quantity of sheet music.

#### RIOTS RESULT FATAALLY

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 31.—One policeman was killed and six sailors were dangerously wounded here tonight in a street riot which resulted from efforts of policemen to arrest disorderly conduct. Naval guards and marines were called out and are rounding up all sailors on shore leave.

## Our Sales

from Jan. 1st, 1918, to Oct. 31st, 1918, exceed our sales for the entire year of 1917. That means that ten months' business this year was greater than twelve months' business last year.

One reason for the great increase in sales is because we have carried a very heavy stock of merchandise most of which was bought before the recent heavy advance in prices. This has enabled us to sell practically every item in the store at prices far below present market values.

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