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YANKS CLOSE TO SEDAN

BRITISH CAPTURE 10,000 GERMANS IN SINGLE SCOOP ON 30-MILE FRONT IN FRANCE

Austria on Knees Cringes and Accepts Unconditional Surrender Terms of Allies

YANKS WIPE UP GERMANS

On Sedan Front Americans Take and Hold Firmly Wooded Heights Which Overlook Beaumont.

LAST HUN STRONGHOLD WEST OF MEUSE RIVER

Communications Between Metz and Sedan Will Be Smashed and Tenton Hold Destroyed There.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE SEDAN FRONT, Nov. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—In the face of stubborn opposition the Americans took and held firm the wooded heights south of Beaumont, the last German stronghold west of the Meuse. The advance carried the lines forward for an average gain of five kilometers.

The forces on the heights are now only about seven and one half miles from arisan on the Metz-Metz railroad and about nine miles from Sedan, bringing both places within range of the allied shell fire.

The days' work may be said to have been complete. It was the principal phase of the American operation since the neck of the German lateral communications between the armies to the north and west was narrowed to the straggling point.

The attacking forces to the right and left advanced with less speed than at the center, where an American division crashed through despite the most stubborn resistance offered by the Germans since the beginning of the offensive. The apex of the line was driven to the heights, which are vital, affording dominating positions for the artillery.

Patrols went into and beyond the town itself but its possession is unnecessary as long as the hills are held by the Americans. The Germans cannot fight over the terrain north-northeast because of the lack of communicating lines there. They must fall back as soon as the American artillery breaks up the remaining lines, even if the main lines from Sedan to Metz are not crushed flat.

The military authorities were overjoyed with the results of the day's fighting, declaring that it may even spell the end of the present operation and that any others to the north, westward or directly eastward would constitute entirely new operations.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE SEDAN FRONT, Nov. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—The German resistance encountered by the American troops on virtually all parts of the front was the feature of the fighting today. The opposition was especially stubborn on the right and left flanks where the enemy brought up reinforcements and defended himself with machine guns and artillery.

The American left wing pushed forward slowly, but doggedly. The Americans occupied Verrieres and Ochs. The right wing worked its way down the River Meuse and reached a line between Beaufort and Beaulair and north of Halles and Wiseppe. This flank met with the most stubborn resistance from the enemy who fought bitterly to prevent encroachment on the important town of Stenay.

American troops in mass made no effort to cross the River Meuse. Patrols encountered heavy machine gun and artillery fire at every at-

COUNCIL FIXES TERMS FOR HUN

ELECTION RETURNS TO BE ANNOUNCED BY THE STATESMAN

Election returns will be announced by megaphone from The Statesman office tonight as rapidly as they are received over the Associated Press wires from the nation and the state, and by special arrangement from the Marion county precincts. Because of the influenza epidemic the usual screen will not be used because it tends to congest the crowds more than the megaphone. The result of the election and whether the nation has gone Republican or Democratic will be known almost to a certainty by midnight. The polls are open from 8 o'clock a. m. to 8 p. m.

HUGE ORDERS OF PRUNES TO LEAVE SALEM

Embargo Is Lifted When British and American Governments Arrange for 28,000,000 Pound Shipments.

LONDON FRUIT MAN IS BANQUETED HERE

Consignments to Leave as Fast as Transportation Can Be Provided.

With the arrangements made yesterday through a representative of the allied provisions export committee of the British ministry of food for the shipment immediately of 18,000,000 pounds of dried prunes and receipt of an order from the United States government for 10,000,000 pounds of the fruit, the long-expired raising of the prune embargo in Salem has taken place.

J. S. Marple, who was formerly connected with one of the largest dried fruit houses in London before he was called into the service of the navy and army canteen board, was in the city over the week-end to complete arrangements for the British shipments, which will supply the army, navy and civilians and to some extent the Belgian population. Mr. Marple since early in February has had his headquarters in New York city, from which place he has done much of the British buying. He came west to arrange for the prune purchase and to secure other fruits in California.

Oregon is the only state from which dried prunes are to be shipped for the allies, as their flavor is considered superior to that of the California product. The visitor explained yesterday that no prunes are grown in his country, only plums, which are not cured. He has handled the Oregon brands ever since their exportation to Europe began and finds they are much in demand.

"One surprising thing about them," he said, "is their popularity with the

Arbiters of Germany's Fate at Versailles Offer Her Virtually Same Terms as Given to Austria

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—Terms on which Germany may obtain immediate armistice and the end of the war were completed and signed today in Paris. Secretary Lansing announced the fact tonight in a brief statement, adding only that complete diplomatic harmony had been achieved by allied and American conferees at Versailles.

It may be stated authoritatively that the terms, not yet given out for publication, follow closely those under which Austria-Hungary surrendered today and passed out of the war, leaving Germany to stand alone against the world.

Presumption in official circles here tonight was that the stipulations would be in the hands of the German government in less than 24 hours. If accepted, a reply settling the

300,000 AUSTRIANS AND 5000 GUNS TAKEN BY ITALIANS AS PRELUDE TO SURRENDER OF THE ILL-FATED DYNASTY OF THE HAPSBURGS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—Three hundred thousand Austrian soldiers and not less than 5000 guns had been captured by the victorious Italian armies before the armistice went into effect at 3 o'clock this afternoon, said an official dispatch tonight from Rome. This included all captures since the offensive began on October 24.

ABJECT SURRENDER OF AUSTRIA TAKES LAST GERMAN ALLY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—Austria-Hungary, the last and most powerful ally of Germany, passed out of the world war today under terms of abject surrender.

Not only have the armed forces of the once powerful Austro-Hungarian empire laid down their arms to await the end of the war and peace terms dictated by the allies and the United States, but Austro-Hungarian territory is open for operations against Germany. Even the munitions of the former ally are to be used against the kaiser's armies if refusal to accept conditions now being prepared for them make prolonged fighting necessary.

The terms which stopped the victorious advance on the Italian front were accepted by the Austrian commander-in-chief in the field in the name of the Vienna government and their execution is guaranteed by the thorough beating already administered which has converted the defeated army into a disorganized fleeing horde. Even the terms imposed previously upon Bulgaria and Turkey hardly were so drastic. In addition to all of the military precautions, the Austrians are compelled to retire from a wide strip of territory within the borders of their empire when the war began, surrendering all of Italia Irredentia and thereby losing any advantage for argument over boundaries around a peace table.

A map survey of the geographical lines fixed for Austrian evacuation shows the area is greater than that set by the Italians as goal of their ambition when they entered the war. At that time Italian leaders carefully outlined on their war maps territory along their borders which they deemed it necessary they acquire for racial and sentimental reasons and also to insure security of their frontiers.

In decreeing Austria's surrender terms, the supreme war council at Versailles has followed this outline closely, but have enlarged on it. Right of occupation of these vacated provinces is stipulated, but it is to be noted that for the time being civil government is to be administered by existing local civil authorities in cooperation with occupying garrisons. This means the whole question of final disposition of the territory involved is left to be settled at a peace table.

Italian military officers here thrilled with pride tonight over evidence of final victory contained in the armistice program.

"It is a triumph," said General Gugliemotti, military attache at the Italian embassy, "which hardly ten days ago seemed far distant, but in which Italy and her soldiers have always had unshakable faith, even in the saddest moments of last year when they were compelled to give

VIENNA WILD WITH JOY AS ARMISTICE NEWS IS ANNOUNCED

(By The Associated Press) GENEVA, Nov. 4.—Vienna was delirious with joy when it was learned that an armistice had been declared. The streets were soon crowded with men and women and children, crying and embracing each other.

The general opinion is that food will follow peace. The report that Emperor Charles had abdicated aroused little interest. The Austrian press is emphasizing the fact that the armistice terms are most severe and involve great sacrifices.

OBJECTION MADE TO APPOINTMENT OF MRS. SHANK

Council Fails to Ratify and Name of Mrs. Lela Lynch Is Introduced.

VOTE STANDS 5 TO 5

Moore's Committee Says Park Board Is Spending Too Much Money.

Whether Salem is to have a police matron or not still remains an undecided question, the city council last night failing to ratify the appointment of Mrs. Myra L. Shank. Following the reading of the recommendation of Mrs. Shank by Chief of Police J. A. Folland, the name of Mrs. Lela Lynch was put up and a 5 to 5 vote cast. An ordinance would be required to do away with a matron for the remainder of the year, no other action could be taken and the matter was held over until the next meeting.

A. H. Moore reported unfavorably on the money asked for by the park board, explaining to the committee, of which he is chairman, that he found the bills are already too heavy. "The board apparently has not worked in harmony and has not called on the third member at all," he said. "Our objection is to paying a man \$5 an hour to operate the fountain in Willson park when any person could learn to do it; also to paying a man who works 21 days in a month 14 hours a day at \$5 a week an hour. There is no service to that. Neither do we want to pay for bridge a horse one hour a day and having a man go after it and take it home. We also object to having one plumber do all of the city's work."

The council voted to accept an offer from the Portland Railway, Light & Power company extending its contract from January 1 to June 1.

Among the motions which passed was one instructing the street committee to investigate the reported need of sidewalks at the crossings near the Wittenberg-King plant. The Portland Railway Light & Power company is to be requested to place a street light at the corner of Sumner and Chemeketa streets. A request that the fire department be supplied with an American-La France rectifier for recharging batteries and automobile pumps met with favor, as did another for the rereading of five tires for the automobile trucks.

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G. O. P. IS TO CARRY ELECTION

Will H. Hayes, Republican Chairman, Declares Six Votes Will Be Gained in the Senate and Twenty-Six in the House by Party.

LAST MINUTE REPORTS LEAD TO OPTIMISM

Democrats Also Claim that They Will Win at Polls Today—Republican Leaders Are Confident.

Republicans of Oregon Certain of Success

PORTLAND, Nov. 4.—Republican managers tonight strongly claimed a prospective clean sweep in the Oregon congressional election tomorrow and the return of Representative W. C. Hawley, first district, who is opposed only by a Socialist; N. J. Sinnott, second district, and C. H. McArthur, third district. For United States senator, long term, C. L. McNary, Republican incumbent, is opposed by ex-Governor Oswald West, Democrat; and each side tonight professed confidence of victory. On the state ticket several Republican candidates are unopposed by Democrats. The principal contest is that for governor between James Withycombe, Republican incumbent, and Walter M. Pierce, Democrat.

Pre-election pledges by candidates insure election of a legislature that will ratify the national prohibition amendment.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—After conferring with Frank H. Hitchcock, Charles D. Hillier and William R. Wilcox, former national chairmen, Will H. Hayes, chairman of the Republican national committee, tonight issued the following statement: "Last minute reports received tonight from every contested state confirm our advice of yesterday that the Republicans will carry both the senate and the house."

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KELLER CLEAR BELIEF HERE

Parole Officer Understood Not to Be Connected with Irregularities.

Although Attorney General Brown refuses to make any statement until the time when he shall have completed fully the marshalling of testimony and evidence in this state penitentiary investigation, it is generally understood here that the investigation in no way implicates State Parole Officer Joe Keller in any irregularity in the conduct of his office. It is understood that the investigation will show that Keller's work as state official has been absolutely without blemish. Democratic newspapers, in fighting Governor Withycombe, have sought to make it appear that Keller has been implicated in graft at the prison relative to granting paroles.

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