

TAFT APPEALS WITH ROOSEVELT FOR REPUBLICANS

Two Former Presidents View Wilson With Alarm as Possible Dictator—Attack Peace Platform Formulated in January—Say Republicans Most Capable Statesmen.

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 former presidents of the United States.

Seated at a table in the Union League club, they prepared the statement which 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.

Republicans "Best Qualified"

"The democratic administration after expending billions of treasure and exercising more absolute power than any 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. First, even as a minority party the republicans made a winning of the war possible by passing the original draft bill. Without this we could not have trained and landed the two millions of men now in France. As a minority party the republicans forced upon a reluctant president and secretary of state 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.

Fear One-Man Control

"The new senate must approve, by two-thirds vote, the terms of peace. Those terms should be settled not by one man alone. 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 declared as he might have done—three lines, that which the American people demand, an unconditional surrender. His change of notes with Germany has caused a deep concern among our people lest he may be wavering with her concede her a peace around a council table instead of a sentence from a court. The fourteen 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 president is without final power to bind the United States to these fourteen points, although his language does not suggest it. Still less has he power to bind our noble allies. We do not know that these points include all that our allies may justly demand, or do not concede something they may justly withhold. For what they have done for us, we owe our allies the highest good faith. It is of capital importance that we should now elect a senate which shall be independent enough to interpret and enforce the will of the American people in the matter of this world peace and not merely submit to the uncontrolled will of Mr. Wilson.

Fear Woodrow Wilson

"Nor can the attitude of the house of representatives be ignored in this peace. Every affirmative obligation binding the United States in that treaty must be performed by the house as part of congress. The present democratic majority in the house has been subservient to the will of the president in every respect except when critical issues in the conduct of the war have been involved. The president has not hesitated publicly to discipline those of his party who have disagreed with him and the lesson has had its effect. A new democratic congress with its old leaders thus chastened will offer no opposition to his will. In a democratic congress the American people will not have that service of an independent, courageous, co-ordinating branch of the government to moderate Mr. Wilson's uncontrolled will. It is not safe to



Dotted white line shows the Austrian front before the allies started their present drive. White line shows allied advances. The Austrians on the west have been cut off by the seizure of mountain passes.

entrust to one man such unlimited power. It is not in accord with the traditions of the republic.

"The republicans voted without objection billions to be expended by this administration. Six hundred and forty millions for aviation were given to the executive to build airplanes without a single limitation as to the manner or method of its expenditure. A senate committee has deplored the waste and failure in the use of that money. The debts which have been created by this war, the people will be paying to the third and fourth generation. They have a right to know how these enormous sums have been expended. Only a republican congress will have the courage to exact a detailed and accurate story of that stewardship.

Urge Republican Congress

"The work of reconstruction must not be done by one man, or finally formulated according to his academic theories and ideals. The president was not elected when such issues were before the people. His mandate of power was not given in the light of the momentous questions which will soon force themselves for solution. He was elected as a peace president and because he had 'kept us out of war.' The American people should therefore place in the branch of the government charged constitutionally with adopting policies of reconstruction, a congress which will not register the will of one man, but fresh from the people will enact the will of the people.

"We earnestly deprecate extending the unified uncontrolled leadership of a commander-in-chief to the making of a permanent treaty of peace or to the framing of those measures of reconstruction which must seriously affect the happiness and prosperity of the American people for a century. We urge all Americans who are Americans first, to vote for a republican congress.

Austrian Forces Cross Danube

VIENNA, Wednesday, Oct. 30.—Austro-Hungarian forces on their eastern wing in Serbia are withdrawing from occupied territory and have completed the crossing of the Danube, according to an official statement tonight from Austro-Hungarian headquarters. Elsewhere in Serbia the Austrian withdrawal continues.

TURKEY SURRENDERS.

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vanced to within less than 100 miles of Bagdad, but were defeated, retreated to Kut-el-Amara, where they were later forced to surrender. Early in 1917 the British renewed the offensive in Mesopotamia and have continued it successfully ever since until now they are within a few miles of Meant.

Turkey sent armies against the British in Egypt and against the Russians in the Caucasus. Both campaigns had a measure of success at first but the allies soon drove the Turks back beyond the Turkish frontiers. In Palestine the allied drive under General Allenby resulted a few days ago in the capture of the important base of Aleppo. The Russian campaign in the Caucasus was rendered fruitless by the rise of the Bolsheviks to power.

For several weeks after the United States declared war on Germany, Turkey took no action but on April 21, 1917, she severed diplomatic relations. However, there has never been a declaration of war either by the United States or Turkey.

15 DIVISIONS ISOLATED.

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throughout virtually the entire length of the objective assigned to me (the Earl of Cavan), British commander on the Piave by His Excellency, General Diaz, when he first laid his plans before me early in the days of October. The energy and determination of the infantry has been beyond praise.

The difficulties of bridging the Piave led at first to an inevitable shortage of supplies. In spite of

DO MOTHERS ERR?

When we hear of so many school girls and girls in stores and offices who are often totally unfit to perform their daily duties because of some derangement peculiar to their sex, might this not have been prevented by the mother who, perhaps through neglect or carelessness, failed to get for that daughter the one great, real and herb remedy for such ailments, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound? This old-fashioned medicine is said to have alleviated more suffering of womanhood than any other remedy known to medicine.

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AUSTRIA FAST GOING TO PIECES AS STATES SECEDE

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received orders to hand over the administration to the Croatian national council, which he did immediately.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—Sanguinary fighting is going on at Agram, the capital of Croatia, Slavonia, according to a private message received at Amsterdam and forwarded here by the Central News agency correspondent. Some of the soldiers at Agram did not join the revolutionaries.

German Austria Quits

BERNE, Oct. 31.—The German state of Austria has been created by an act of the German national council of Austria, and a note to President Wilson notifying him of this action has been drawn up and approved at a full meeting of the council. The state claims all territory of old Austria where the majority of the population is German.

A summary of the contents of the note, which was first drafted by the executive committee of the council, is given by the official Vienna correspondence bureau. The newly created state, the note sets forth, according to this summary, demands that its representatives be admitted to participation in the peace negotiations.

The new state recognizes the independence of the Jugo-Slav and Czech-Slav states. It claims for itself Moravia and Silesia. It appeals to President Wilson to give the German nation the right to dispose of itself.

Finne Abandoned

BASEL, Switzerland, Oct. 31.—The city of Finne has been abandoned by the Austrian authorities to the Croatian troops and the town has been beset with the Italian colors.

The commander of the garrison at Finne intimated the abandonment by informing the governor that it was impossible to defend the town against attack. The governor thereupon deputed instructions from Vienna. He was told to leave the town to the Croatian soldiers, which was done, and the town was soon beleaguered with Italian bombing.

Odero Reached by Italians

ROME, Oct. 31.—Odero has been reached by allied troops advancing east of the Piave river and Serravalle has been taken, the war office announced tonight. The statement added: "Our armies are continuing to advance rapidly after the retreating enemy, who has attempted in vain to retard them. Heads of our columns have reached Serravalle, Orzago, Giancine and Odero."

"Cavalry divisions are advancing in the plains and some squadrons today entered Esacle."

Austria to Withdraw Troops

VIENNA, Wednesday, Oct. 30.—Austrian troops fighting on Italian soil will be withdrawn, according to an official statement issued by the war office tonight. The statement reads: "Taking into account the resolve so often expressed to bring about a conclusion of an armistice and peace, putting an end to the struggle of nations, our troops fighting on Italian soil will evacuate occupied regions."

"In the Italian theater there has been only minor fighting activity on the Tyrolian front. Between the Brenna and the Piave fresh and superior enemy forces attacked Monte Asolone and Monte Pertica. Our troops with unexampled and soldierly faithfulness brought all the enemy's efforts to naught."

"On the Venetian plains the British and Italians thrust further forward. By using all their fighting means they succeeded appreciably in extending the points at which they had broken thru north and south of Montello."

lacked of food and sleep and in the face of constant fighting the 37th Italian division and the Seventh and 23rd British divisions have advanced without relief to their final objective.

"The royal air force has again today done excellent work.

"British and Italian troops operating on the Asiago plateau have entered Comproverre (northwest of Asiago) and captured the heights of Mocatz. The number of prisoners taken by the Tenth army has increased to more than 12,000."

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ALLIED TERMS FOR ARMISTICE REACH BERLIN

Preliminary Conversations of Allied Allied Representatives End and More Important Discussions Begin—Washington Not Informed of Foch's Terms.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—Marshal Foch's armistice terms arrived in Berlin Tuesday night, the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin says it learns, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

Suggestions put forward by the British delegates, the Daily Express says in an editorial, probably will be adopted with some modifications by the rest of the allies. The proposals were put forward, it adds, with the definite idea of preventing Germany from resuming hostilities when once an armistice is granted and also of securing adequate guarantees for the signing of a peace treaty based on President Wilson's fourteen points.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—The preliminary conversations which lately have occupied the allied representatives in Paris, have been concluded and more important discussions now are beginning, according to reports reaching official quarters here. To take part in the discussions, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, went to France yesterday, crossing the channel in an airplane, as he had done on a previous occasion.

The scope of the deliberations of the allied representatives has not been announced, and although it is said from a reliable source some official declaration of armistice terms possibly may be made before the end of the present week, nothing definite is known about them.

Some commentators believe that the deliberations will be protracted beyond the time originally intended. Unofficial reports and speculations on the armistice terms continue to occupy a prominent place in the newspapers.

Washington Ignorant

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—No information had reached Washington today through either official or diplomatic channels to indicate that the American and allied military representatives in France had completed their work of framing terms upon which Germany might be granted an armistice. It was assumed that the report of the arrival of Marshal Foch's terms at Berlin Tuesday, referred to in a Copenhagen dispatch quoting the Berlin Vossische Zeitung, was based upon press dispatches of Tuesday from London purporting to outline what would be demanded of Germany.

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