

The Army of Austria-Hungary in Flight; Whole World Awaits Armistice Terms

AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARMISTICE TERMS EXPECTED VERY SOON

Until Versailles Conference Speaks Whole World Will Remain in Suspense -- Armies in Field Await Decision—Much Disorder in Austria, Which Now Wants Peace With Italy—New Czecho-Slovakian State Proclaimed at Prague, Bohemia.

(By Arthur S. Draper).

Special Cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. London, Oct. 30.—Until the Versailles conference speaks the whole world will remain in suspense. An announcement of the armistice terms is expected momentarily. It is believed that Germany will give a prompt reply and the world will know within a week whether there is to be a campaign in 1919.

The soldiers are awaiting the decision with the same interest as do civilians as their plans are dependent upon the events of the next few days. Until Foch and Greener, Ludendorff's successor, know the result of the diplomatic exchange they are doing little more than mark time.

Riots in Hungary.

Within Germany there is the same uncertainty and restlessness. Socialist papers publish a manifesto by workers' organizations throughout the Empire demanding peace and declaring that the workmen will oppose war by every means in their power.

The Dual Monarchy is in a state of mental unrest. Riots amounting almost to a general uprising have broken out in Budapest, where the Germans are helping in the effort to maintain order. The archducal power is in control, but students and crowds of workmen are parading the streets crying "Up with a republic."

Trouble in Montenegro.

Martial law has been proclaimed but it looks as if the people would get out of hand. Even in Montenegro there are riots. The Austro-Hungarian forces are retreating rapidly, but large numbers of prisoners are falling into the hands of the Italians, who are pressing forward at a wonderful pace. At some points the advance exceeds twelve miles. While the Italians are getting revenge for the defeat of a year ago the Turks are quietly withdrawing from Baku without a fight.

LOAN FIGURES.

Ottawa, Oct. 30.—Reports tonight brought Ottawa's Victory Loan total to \$1,238,400. Canada's 1918 Victory Loan is well on the way toward the hundred million mark. The total number of subscriptions officially reported up to midnight of the third day of the drive were \$68,497,500. These figures include a total to date from Ontario of \$46,614,000. Toronto subscriptions now stand at \$18,054,000 of which \$2,250,000 was subscribed today. Montreal subscribed \$6,581,150. The figures for the other provinces so far received are: British Columbia, \$2,707,200; Alberta, \$1,141,155; Saskatchewan, \$1,200,000; Quebec, \$8,127,500; New Brunswick, \$1,000,000; Nova Scotia, \$1,082,450; Prince Edward Island, \$109,800.

SERBIANS AT DANUBE.

Belgrade, Oct. 30.—Serbian cavalry have reached the Danube east of Semendria (34 miles southeast of Belgrade) and occupied Potharevats, headquarters announced today. London, Oct. 30.—Apart from outpost and artillery activity, there is nothing to report, says Field Marshal Haig's communication of tonight dealing with the operations of the British on the western battlefield.

THE AUSTRIAN REPLY.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The official text of the Austrian government's note to President Wilson renewing the plea for an armistice and peace was made public today by Secretary Lansing. It does not differ substantially from the unofficial version as transmitted by The Associated Presser from Vienna, Austria.

Austrian Ranks Broken By Entente Onslaught

It Is Not Unlikely That Many More Enemy Soldiers Are Doomed to Capture or Extermination Before They Reach Border of Their Own Country

(By The Associated Press.)

Over a front of some sixty miles from the Brenta River in Northern Italy to the vicinity of the Adriatic Sea, the Austro-Hungarians are being violently attacked by Italian, British, French and American troops. In the mountain region the enemy is retreating desperately and holding ground fairly well, but east of the Piave River he is in flight across the plains of Treviso, changing his course over the same territory through which he drove the Italians a year ago and reached the eastern edge of the plains of Veneto.

Already numerous towns have been liberated. 33,000 prisoners have been taken and large numbers of guns and machine guns and huge quantities of stores have fallen into the hands of the Allied forces. Far behind the lines Allied aviators are heavily bombing enemy columns in dense masses, which are in retreat over the badly congested roads leading eastward toward the Austrian frontier.

Enemy Front Broken.

Judging the situation from the rapid advance the Allies are making it would appear that the entire enemy front has been broken east of the Piave, and that with the cavalry operating far in advance of the foot troops the enemy is being driven southward to reform their battle line until the Austrian border is reached. It is not unlikely that many of the Austro-Hungarians are doomed to capture or extermination by the Allies.

On the western front in France and Belgium there has been a marked diminution in the intensity of the infantry action. Along the British line there have been only patrol en-

counters and reciprocal bombardments. The French, however, are engaged in another attack on a front of about seven and a half miles between St. Quentin-La-Petit and Herpy in the general direction of the enemy's communication lines running eastward from the old St. Quentin and Laon sectors and also with the purpose of driving a wedge into this part of the southern battle line and thereby cutting the enemy's rear just his front through Champagne to the Meuse.

Americans Active.

Around Grand Pré, north of the Argonne Forest, the Americans have materially bettered their positions in attacks against the Germans. The Bellefleur Farm, which for several days had been No Man's Land, now is virtually all held by the Americans. East of the Meuse Liege also has been considerable fighting, but it has resulted in no great change in positions. The big American guns are continuing to heavily shell German positions far behind the lines and bombing the enemy's communication lines. In air fighting the Americans Wednesday sent 21 German aviators crashing to the ground. Two of the American fliers are missing.

In both Serbia and Mesopotamia the Allied troops are still harassing the enemy. Serbian cavalry has arrived at Danube, a short distance southeast of Belgrade. In Mesopotamia the British advance has proceeded 150 miles up the Tigris River from Basra.

It is reported that Turkey has invited the Allies to send their fleets into the Dardanelles and also to land a small detachment of troops to supervise the demobilization of the Turkish army.

ALMOST 800 CASES OF "SPANISH GRIP" IN THE CITY NOW

Hon. Dr. Roberts Tells The Standard What Health Department is Actually Doing to Fight Disease.

The total number of influenza cases listed at the board of health yesterday was 776, including six reported from St. Martin's. A number of houses were released from quarantine, but the report of the inspector in this regard had not been filed with the board.

County Secretary J. King Kelley, yesterday stated that there was now available hospital accommodation for 150 influenza patients and the General Public Hospital would take in influenza patients if it became necessary.

Hon. Dr. Roberts was asked last night to state what had been done by the Department of Health up to the present time in dealing with the epidemic. In reply he stated that on the outbreak of the disease each parish in the province had been communicated with by letter and telephone and asked to report at once the situation.

As the reports were received they were filed, and any calling for special action were dealt with. In the case of an appeal for help an effort was immediately made to furnish what was needed. At Minto, where there was a serious state of affairs, the department had sent forward two detachments of nurses and had obtained the services of a military doctor, and a third detachment of nurses was expected to go forward inside of twenty-four hours. The department was also arranging for the opening of two hospitals to care for the sick, the biggest part of the expense of which would be borne by the mining companies.

So far as the Parks emergency hospital was concerned, that was under the local board of health, the department had nothing to do with it. In the matter of a temporary liquor inspector for the North End, fifth market had been taken up with Chief Inspector Wilson, and he believed that official was doing all he could to obtain a man to act in such a

capacity. Personally he did not think liquor was an essential in the treatment of influenza; there might be cases where brandy or whiskey might do good, but the majority of cases he did not think it needed.

A call had been received from the Bathurst Lumber Company for help. Asked about the Leary vaccine, Dr. Roberts stated that some of this had already arrived at the provincial laboratory, and Tufts College had been asked to manufacture enough to treat 20,000 people. Efforts had also been made to obtain vaccine from Toronto University, and he understood samples were now on the way here.

No request for help had been received from Wilson's Beach, and on enquiry yesterday the department was informed that the epidemic was passing and no help was needed. No request had been made to the city public works department to have the streets sprinkled with disinfectants. There had been a request made to have the streets kept sprinkled to keep down the dust.

Dr. Malvin last night received the following reports:—
Rothsay—Eleven cases.
St. Stephen—No new cases, all improving.
Dalhousie—Thirty-four new cases, total to date, 166 cases, 11 pneumonia, 5 deaths.
Harvey, Albert county—Thirty-four cases, one death, two pneumonias; cases mostly mild.
Debec Junction—Thirty-two cases, 6 pneumonias.
Moncton—Thirty-eight new cases since last Saturday; average cases for last week, 22.1 per day; for current week 9.1 per day; average deaths last week 3 per day; current week 1.2 per day.

N. S. BOOSTS LOAN.

Halifax, Oct. 30.—The Halifax Victory Loan allotment will be considerably over-subscribed in the remaining days of the campaign. To date four districts in Nova Scotia have passed their objectives and have been awarded honor flags. These are Glace Bay, Kingston, Conquerall and the Dominion Steel Corporation employees. Reports from all other sections of the province are most encouraging.

Hundreds of Guns and Innumerable Machine Guns Have Been Taken.

MORE THAN HUNDRED VILLAGES REDEEMED

In Albania Italian Army is Rapidly Advancing on City of Scutari.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Thirty-three thousand Austro-Hungarian machine guns and innumerable machine guns have been captured by Italian and Allied forces on the Italian front, said an official despatch today from Rome. The 32nd American Infantry Regiment has some into action and the fighting now extends practically all along the course of the Piave River. The Austrians are retreating stubbornly, throwing in many new divisions, but have not been able to stop the advancing forces.

The despatch follows: "Our offensive is developing farther south" said the despatch, "and stretches practically all along the course of the Piave. The Third Army is now in action successfully. The line is strongly held by the greater part of the Italian army alongside of which is the Fourteenth Army Corps of British troops and a French division. The 32nd American Infantry Regiment is now also in action."

Enemy Stubborn.

"The enemy is retreating with exceptional stubbornness and is throwing in the fray new divisions with-out, however, being successful in holding back our troops. In the Orapija region the troops of the First Italian Army with the support of the 22nd Army have been successful in beating the enemy at Segusino and have conquered Mont Gessen. The Eighth Army has occupied the narrow pass of Follina and has already reached the town of Vittorio. The Tenth Army after having established solid bridgeheads over the Monticchio River has crossed the river and is advancing along the road Consigiano Orto. The Third Army after neutralizing the formidable artillery fire of the enemy has crossed the Piave at San Dona Di Pavenza and east of Zenson.

33,000 Prisoners.

"The number of prisoners captured up to the present moment amounts to 302 officers and 22,198 men, hundreds of guns have also been captured. It is impossible to calculate the number of machine guns which have fallen into our hands.

"In Albania our troops, after beating the rear-guard of the enemy, have occupied San Giovanni Di Meris, and are rapidly advancing on Scutari."

An earlier official despatch from Rome said that more than 100 villages and towns had been liberated in Italy since the offensive began.

Enemy in Disorder.

The Austrian army corps on the left wing has retired in disorder, leaving behind much war material and several hundred guns. The Sixth Army Corps is said to be in a very critical position, engaged in heavy defensive fighting on the hills between Valbobbiano and the Soligo River. Aviators are active, assisting the Italian operations by bombing railway transport wagons in retreat.

STEAMER GALIANO MAY HAVE SUNK

Anxiety for Safety of Government Vessel Expressed at Victoria, B. C.

Victoria, B.C., Oct. 30.—The naval authorities today received no word regarding the Dominion government steamer Galiano, which gives rise to anxiety for her safety. The vessel, which is in the lighthouse service, was en route from Triangle Island to Ikeda, Queen Charlotte Islands.

Turkey Is Anxious To Withdraw From War

Reported in Constantinople That Ottoman Empire Has Commenced Official Negotiations for Peace—Allies May Enter the Dardanelles.

Amsterdam, Oct. 30.—The Constantinople newspaper Ikdam on Sunday printed a statement from a "competent source" that Turkey has commenced official peace negotiations with the Entente, adding that delegates already had left the Turkish capital. In other quarters in Constantinople, however, it is declared the negotiations are unofficial.

Reports are current that Turkey under the peace negotiations has invited the Allied fleet to enter the Dardanelles. Troops are not to be landed, it is said, with the exception of a small detachment to supervise the demobilization of the Ottoman army.

BOLSHEVIKI ASK ALLIES TO QUIT

Amsterdam, Oct. 30.—Russian foreign minister Ptukhovich addressed a note to President Wilson on October 24, according to Petrograd newspapers, saying:

"As a condition of the armistice during which peace negotiations shall be begun, you in your note to Germany demanded the evacuation of occupied territories. We are ready, Mr. President, to conclude an armistice on this condition, and request you to inform us when you intend to withdraw your troops from the Murman, Archangel and Siberia."

London, Oct. 30.—Count Andraszy, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, has resolved to initiate direct peace negotiations with Italy. "Austria's sole antagonist," according to a Vienna telegram received in Copenhagen and transmitted by the Central News Agency.

CANADIANS STILL AT VALENCIENNES

Have Not Entered City, But Remain in Western Outskirts—Troops Well Billeted.

With the Canadian Forces, Oct. 26, via London, Oct. 30.—(By J. F. B. Livesey, Canadian Press correspondent)—As reported several days ago the Canadian troops are in the western outskirts of Valenciennes, but that is far from being in the city itself, for the Boches have now flooded the canal system and there is a wide water waste between us. Some adventurous spirits among the Canadians sought to cross into the city from the south by boat but returned with their boats' sides riddled with machine gun bullets. German engineers certainly know their job. All through these operations they have skillfully made the most of the opportunities provided by the canal system for flooding the country. Apparently now they have dammed across the Scheldt and the Canal De Conde in the neighborhood of Conde backing the water up well south of Valenciennes.

Saving City.

So we sit opposite one another sniping and machine gun firing with an occasional duel of artillery, though we are scrupulously careful not to damage the city or villages, concentrating our fire on communications and areas of support, take a look at the map of Scheldt.

After passing in a northeasterly direction through Valenciennes, if the Canadians perfectly safe from attack other than artillery concentration. They may chafe at inaction but there they are in the loop from Chateau L'Abbaye on the north to De-nain on the south.

The British division to the south of us has now advanced up to the Valenciennes-Avesnes Railway and have captured Maing, which the enemy held stoutly. He, however, still controls the dominating heights east and south-

POSTPONEMENT OF HALL CASE

Because of Influenza Court Postpones Trial of Minister Until January.

Saco, Me., Oct. 30.—Chief Justice Corliss of the Supreme Court has ordered another continuance of the trial of Rev. Henry A. Hall of Wells, under indictment charging him with the murder of his wife, Minnie O. S. Hall, at Wells on the night of June 11 last. Hall was indicted at the September terms of the court held in Alfred and the trial set for Monday, Nov. 4, at Alfred. Justice Corliss, on account of the influenza epidemic, decided that it would be unwise to hold the trial at that time and ordered it continued to the January term of court in this city.

This case attracts much attention in York county and the State. On the night of June 11, Hall and his wife left their home to go berrying along the Boston & Maine right of way. About 7:30 that evening Hall stopped a section man, passing along, the road on a motor car, and asked him to assist in removing Mrs. Hall from a brook. He said that his wife had fallen from the bridge. Mrs. Hall was brought to a local hospital where she died during the night.

Later an investigation was instituted by the county authorities and early in August Hall was arrested on the charge of murder. At the preliminary hearing in Kennebec, it was testified that on the night preceding the alleged crime and during that day the Halls had quarreled violently.

George L. Emery, of Biddeford, counsel for Hall, has just returned from a trip to Arlington, Washington county, where the Halls formerly lived, and where they were married. It is understood that the defense will call 60 witnesses when the case comes to trial.

W. A. McQUEEN OF DORCHESTER DEAD

Son of Former Sheriff Had Been Ill of Influenza and Pneumonia—Wife, Daughter of Late Hon. H. R. Emmerston.

Dorchester, Oct. 30.—(Special.)—W. A. McQueen, only son of former Sheriff Joseph A. McQueen, died at 11 o'clock tonight of pneumonia. He had been ill of the disease since Tuesday, following an attack of influenza. The deceased was well known in Westmorland County and was popular. He was 36 years of age, and is survived by a wife, formerly Miss Ber-nice Emmerston, daughter of the late Hon. Henry R. Emmerston. They were married last July.

east of Valenciennes within front of him the flooded area. Pressure from either the north or the south may make him fall back any day to what seems his prepared strong line between Mons and Maubeuge, or to other words between the water basins of the Scheldt and the Sambre. Meanwhile the Canadian corps is better billeted than ever before in its history.