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## While the Austrians Seek a Quick Peace The Smashing of Enemy Lines Continues

### AUSTRIA-HUNGARY IS READY FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Sends Reply to President Wilson Agreeing to His Announced Principles.

#### ACCEPTS THE CZECH-SLOVAK PROGRAM

Vienna Asks President to Begin Overtures for An Armistice.

Basel, Oct. 28.—(By The Associated Press)—Austria-Hungary in notifying President Wilson that it is ready to enter upon peace negotiations and arrange an armistice, asks President Wilson, in its reply to him, to begin overtures on the subject.

The Austro-Hungarian foreign minister instructed the Austro-Hungarian minister at Stockholm yesterday to ask the Swedish government to send the following note to Washington government:

"In reply to the note of President Wilson of the 18, (19), of this month, addressed to the Austro-Hungarian government and giving the decision of the president to speak directly with the Austro-Hungarian government on the question of an armistice and of peace, the Austro-Hungarian government has the honor to declare that equally with the preceding pronouncements of the president, it adheres also to the same point of view contained in the last note upon the rights of the Austro-Hungarian people, especially of the Czechs, Slovaks and the Jug-Slavs.

"Consequently, Austro-Hungary accepting all the conditions, the president has laid down for the entry into negotiations for an armistice and peace, no obstacle exists, according to the judgment of the Austro-Hungarian government, to the beginning of these negotiations.

"The Austro-Hungarian government declares itself ready, in consequence, without awaiting the result of the negotiations, to enter into negotiations upon peace between Austro-Hungary and the states in the opposing group, and for an immediate armistice upon Austro-Hungarian fronts.

"It asks President Wilson to be so kind as to begin overtures on this subject."

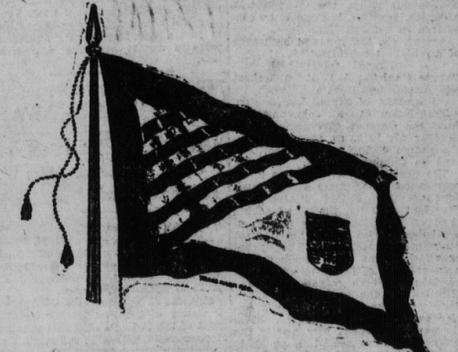
#### THE PEACE TALKS HURTS WAR WORK

Washington Hopes That Peace Developments Will Come to Decision Quickly.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Military men are hoping that peace developments will come to a decision quickly. They foresee today that if the peace talk is long continued it will have a demoralizing effect on war work. Symptoms of this have already become evident, as shown last week by the government appeal to non-essential industry workers to shift over to essential lines, regardless of peace talk. It was indicated at that time that the peace exchanges were tending to depress war work, because some laborers thought peace was at hand, and hence would not give up peace time jobs.

Military men say that it is a natural reaction to have war work hampered if peace talk is persistent. But they point out that thus far there is no assurance that Germany will accept armistice terms, and hence no reason for any American to believe that he can "let down."

### Let Us Win This Honor Flag



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### Austria's Reply Makes No Impression in Paris

According to its Phraseology Austro-German Alliance Has Been Broken Up—Andrassy Does Not Represent Austria Apparently..

Paris, Oct. 28.—As to the request of Austria-Hungary for a separate peace, it is pointed out generally by the Paris papers that Count Andrassy, the new Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, represents nothing but a nomination by the Austrian emperor.

"It," says the Journal Des Debats, "Secretary Lansing replies, which is not certain, it will be easy for him to say: 'There is no occasion to pursue the subject as neither Austria-Hungary nor a common minister of foreign affairs exists.'"

Referring to the phrase in the Aus-

#### MAINE MYSTERY EASILY SOLVED

Woman Whose Body Found on Road Not Murdered, But Was Kicked By Horse.

Skowhegan, Me., Oct. 28.—The lifeless body of Mrs. Susan (Goodrich) Fletcher, widow of Pethual Fletcher, was found about a quarter of a mile from her home on the Middle road close to a clump of woods during Thursday night, Oct. 24, by a searcher who had feared that some disaster had befallen the aged woman who lived alone. The conditions surrounding the body were unusual indeed and suggested several different opinions.

As the result of the autopsy per-

### LITTLE HOPE FOR SOPHIA'S PASSENGERS

Over 25 Craft Searching for Bodies of Victims of Disasterous Steamship Wreck—Everything Possible Being Done.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 28.—Captain J. W. Troup, master of the C. P. R. Coast Steamships was informed in a message from the C. P. R. agent at Juneau, this morning, that a shore patrol had been organized and Governor Riege, of Alaska, was giving every assistance having taken personal charge of the work of locating the bodies from the Princess Sophia. Over 25 craft are reported to be searching for victims.

"While no explanation has been given us for the cause of the stranding," said Captain Troup, in a statement on the disaster, "we can only conclude that the Sophia got slightly off her course in a snowstorm, winter weather having set in much earlier than usual this year.

"Instructions have been sent to have careful search of the beaches for possible survivors. The Princess Alice will be there today, and everything will be done that is possible under the distressing circumstances."

Official Statement. The following statement was made this morning by H. W. Brodie, general passenger agent of the C. P. R. "The deplorable loss of life, both of passengers and employees, occasioned by the sinking of the Princess Sophia, has cast a gloom over the entire personnel of the company, and especially those closely associated with the operation of the coast steamship services.

"The Princess Sophia was a favorite ship, well known to many, and thousands of passengers who have made many pleasant trips on this steamship will share our sorrow, because of the loss of so many dear people, so many of our faithful officers and crew, and the good ship itself."

Storm Terrible One. The storm which saw the end of the Princess Sophia and her precious load of human freight was terrible in its intensity. Details of the scenes which occurred aboard when the ship plunged into the depths during the rain-storm during the night, probably never will be known, as there is no hope of anyone surviving the disaster.

Many of the bodies picked up were on life rafts according to word received here, which indicates that a desperate attempt was made by many to get away from the sinking ship. Those who left the vessel on the rafts doubtless succumbed to exhaustion and exposure.

#### BRITISH ADVANCE.

London, Oct. 28.—The British troops on the Italian front advanced their line today south of Valenciennes, according to Field Marshal Haig's report from headquarters to the British War Office.

"As a result of a local operation carried out by us this morning south of Valenciennes, we advanced our line between the Rhonelle River and the Scheldt in the face of considerable opposition and captured more than 100 prisoners.

"On the remainder of the front there was nothing of special interest."

#### LESS INFLUENZA ON CAMPOBELLO ISLAND

Special to The Standard. Campobello, Oct. 28.—A few new cases of influenza appeared this week on the island, but there were no deaths. A despatch received from Boletstown, by Mr. and Mrs. Eleazer Patch announces the death there of their only daughter, Cora Allen, of Spanish influenza, leaving a husband and three small children. The funeral was held at Boletstown on Saturday morning, and was attended by Edward Patch, a brother of the deceased. She was 40 years of age.

#### MORE ROOM IN FRANCE

Campbellton Graphic: The residents of Oak Bay and surrounding places are expressing in no uncertain way what they think of certain Campbellton young men who every day go over to Oak Bay in motor boats and with high power rifles fire at the wild geese and ducks. The bullets frequently sing by and escapes from be-

### ENTENTE ARMIES MEET SUCCESS EVERYWHERE

#### Allies To Announce Peace Terms Soon

By ARTHUR S. DRAPER. (Special Cable to the N. Y. Tribune and the St. John Standard.)

London, Oct. 28.—Austria's application for an armistice reached the foreign office today. It was received by Lord Robert Cecil, acting in place of Balfour, who is attending the Paris conference. Many Allied ambassadors visited the foreign office today. I understand the announcement of the terms upon which the Allies are prepared to grant an armistice to Germany may be expected shortly.

The British demands are practically ready and they are certain to be very drastic. Those attending the Paris conference include Lloyd George, Milner, Balfour, Haig, Beatty, Clemenceau, Foch, Ligonette, House, Bliss and Benson.

Colonel House had a conference with Premier Clemenceau and Lord Milner, preliminary to the general meeting.

#### SPANISH STEAMER CHATTARO SUNK OFF BARNEGAT

Ship Strikes Mine in Night. But Crew Succeeded in Reaching Shore After Severe Experience.

Washington, Oct. 28.—The Spanish steamer Chattaro, bound from Cuba for New York, was sunk last night off the New Jersey coast. Her master and crew were landed in two boats. Reports to the Navy Department today indicate that the ship struck a mine or was sunk by an internal explosion.

Manahawok, N.J., Oct. 28.—A Spanish steamship loaded with sugar was sunk 10 miles off Barnegat, N.J., at 10 o'clock last night, and 23 men of the crew of 23 reached the shore early today, according to information received here by coast guards.

Eleven of the survivors were picked up near the light house at Barnegat, and twelve others at Forked River. They were scantily clad, and had suffered from exposure throughout the night.

It was said the vessel went down within five minutes. Persons on shore said they heard an explosion at 10 p.m.

#### RETURNED SOLDIER WEDS IN MONCTON

Dennis LeBlanc and Miss Sadie LeBlanc United.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Oct. 28.—The marriage of Dennis LeBlanc, a returned veteran, to Miss Sadie LeBlanc, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. LeBlanc, was solemnized this morning in L'Assomption Church, Father Leger officiating. The groom was a member of the 56th Battalion, being in active service, wounded and invalided home. They threatened to get their rifles out and shoot back. The law is against shooting with rifles and it should be enforced.

#### HUNGARIAN PREMIER SENDS RESIGNATION

Amsterdam, Oct. 28.—Emperor Karl has accepted the resignation of Hungarian Premier Wekerle, according to a Budapest despatch received here today.

A Budapest despatch to the Voelke-Zeitung says Count Karolyi, now head of the national council, will request the Emperor to appear before the Hungarian diet and proclaim Hungary's independence. Demonstrations occurred in the Hungarian parliament on Saturday, the police being forced to intervene. It is reported that shot are frequent. It has not to be so bad that when working in the fields, farmers have to quit as soon as the tide comes in. They threaten to get their rifles out and shoot back. The law is against shooting with rifles and it should be enforced.

### While Both Germany and Austria Are Seeking to Secure Cessation of Hostilities and Turkey Also is Favorably Disposed Towards Peace, the Allied Troops on All Battlefronts Are Giving No Heed to Peace Proposals.

(By The Associated Press.)

While both Germany and Austria are seeking to secure a cessation of hostilities and Turkey also is reported to be favorably disposed toward peace, the Entente Allied troops on all the battlefronts are giving no heed to peace proposals, but are continuing without mercy to drive their foes before them.

And in all the battle zones the Allies are meeting with marked success. In France the German battle line is slowly disintegrating under the violence of the Allied offensive; in Northern Italy the Austro-Hungarians are being forced back by the British, French and Italians with heavy losses in men killed, wounded or made prisoner; near the shores of the Mediterranean in Albania the Italians are driving the Austrians toward the Montenegrin frontier, while in Asiatic Turkey, both in Syria and Mesopotamia the British are fast clearing the Turks from their former strongholds.

### SIX MILLIONS IN MONTREAL

Travelers' Insurance Co. of Hartford Subscribes \$1,000,000 to Victory Loan—Many Other Large Contributions.

Montreal, Oct. 28.—Over five million dollars in large individual subscriptions apart from the amounts collected by the various teams represent the first day's contribution towards the fifth victory loan. Amounts collected by 25 male and 17 women's teams were announced tonight, and they carry the total of the first day's subscriptions well above the six million mark which was the amount of the first day's subscription last year. Day's total is all \$6,399,000.

Principal amounts are: Travelers' Insurance Company of Connecticut, per Senator George G. Foster, \$1,000,000; Anglo-American Leather Company, \$600,000; Montreal Light, Heat and Power, Montreal Cottons Co., Ltd., with \$500,000 each; Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien, \$300,000; Davis Shipbuilding and Repairing Co., Ltd., \$250,000. J. Robert Adair made the largest individual subscription with \$250,000; Lord Shaghnessy gave \$175,000 and another \$25,000 on behalf of his son, Captain, The Hon. W. J. Shaghnessy.

Further south, from the Oise River to the region of Reims, the French have gained a signal victory by forcing a retreat of the enemy in the salient north of Laon, and are threatening to cause the collapse of the entire German line eastward through a fast turning movement. American troops have been thrown into the line near Reims and have advanced rapidly a mile, and then numerous prisoners. The success of the thrust of the French between the Oise and Serre Rivers, and says that the German lines were withdrawn Sunday night to a front west of Guise and east of Crecy.

The Americans. In connection with this general movement the Americans northwest of Verdun have begun an operation which possibly may have important results. For the first time since the Americans entered the war they have opened fire against the back lines of the enemy with their new long range guns, and are heavily bombarding Longnyon, some fifteen miles distant from the American first line positions. It is over the territory through which the Americans' guns are throwing their shells that the Germans have been reinforcing their lines eastward and should the blasting process prove effective in blinding a trail along the Meuse for a quick advance by the Americans, it is not improbable that a German retreat from the region east reported numbered 400.

#### SAILORS NURSE THE SICK IN MONTREAL

Total of Seventy-Four Deaths from Influenza and 460 New Cases There Yesterday

Montreal, Oct. 28.—Plucky sailors of ships in port have undertaken to supply the nursing assistance required for dock hospitals handling influenza cases. The men work while their ships are here and are replaced by new arrivals when they have to depart. Deaths from influenza this morning were 74 and new cases reported numbered 460.

#### Allies Consider Peace Requests

(Special Cable to the New York Tribune and St. John Standard.) London, Oct. 28.—Lord Robert Cecil, under-secretary of state for foreign affairs and spokesman for the British government, says: "I imagine that what will happen next is that the Allies will consider the correspondence transmitted by President Wilson and will then decide upon what reply to make to the German government's request for an armistice, after consultation with military advisors.

"Whether the reply will take the form of a joint declaration or whether it will be sent through President Wilson, I am unable to say."

Asked whether there was any danger of disagreement between the British and American governments over the note, Lord Robert said: "I cannot conceive of such a possibility and I refuse to contemplate anything so disastrous."

To the question of what would be the position of Russia if peace were concluded with Germany, Lord Robert said: "The British government never admitted that a state of war existed with the Bolshevik government. We are helping those Russians who are fighting against the Germans. In this we came into conflict with those Bolsheviks who were helping the Germans."

#### British Took 327,416 Prisoners.

London, Oct. 28.—(Canadian Press Despatch from Reuter's, Limited)—It was announced in the House of Commons today that since the commencement of the war British troops have taken 327,416 enemy combatant prisoners, including 264,242 Germans. There are, it was also stated, 97,000 German combatant prisoners in the United Kingdom at the present time.

London, Oct. 28.—When the British armored cars and cavalry came in sight of Aleppo, the Syrian city captured by General Allenby on Saturday, Field Marshal Liman von Sanders, the German commander of the Turkish forces, withdrew 10,000 of his 12,000 troops, and retired toward Kassa.

A Turkish rearguard was left at Aleppo, but it put up slight resistance. Before retiring the Turkish rearguard burned the railway station and most of the railroad stock. The retiring Turks are now being pursued by the British cavalry.

Berlin, Oct. 28.—(Via London)—The German lines between the Oise and the Serre were withdrawn Saturday night to a line west of Guise, and east of Crecy, German General Headquarters reports today. In the heights east of the River Meuse, the German general staff says, American attacks in Consvoivre Wood and Ormont Wood were repulsed.