

FURTHER AUSTRIAN RETREAT MUST MEAN RETIREMENT OF WHOLE GERMAN LINE

Defeated Enemy Units Cannot Stand and Fight as the Separated Armies are Unable to Communicate With Each Other, and all Available Reserves are Used Up.

Petrograd, June 20.—With an average Austrian retirement of 25 miles over the entire Volhynian and Galician front, except in the immediate region of Tarnopol; with the Russian seizure of Czernowitz and the flight of the southern Austrian army toward the Carpathians and with the Russians closing in upon Lemberg from two directions, the operations on the south-western front have reached the crucial point where, it is believed here, the Austrian armies must either make a final stand or by their further retreat automatically compel a general retirement of the German army from positions which they have held against the Russians for nearly a year.

Such a stand, in the unanimous opinion of military officials here, will be an impossibility, as the separated Austrian armies are unable to communicate with each other, and all available troops and reserves have been called up, a quick rehabilitation of the crippled armies of the Austrians is manifestly unlikely.

The prevailing confidence in the speedy consummation of a Russian triumph over Austria is reflected in all the comments of the newspapers. The Petrograd Gazette says: "The thought we have all lived with since the beginning of the war—a final victory over Austria—now is at hand. Soon the last notes of the swan song of the Dual Monarchy will be heard."

The Austrians are concentrating their forces in an attempt to ward off a Russian advance on Lemberg, but according to the latest despatches the Russian troops pressing along the Dubno-Lemberg railway, with Zastavoff well in their rear, are close upon the Galician frontier town of Brody, which is nearly half way to Lemberg.

The other Russian advance on Lemberg is being directed from a point north of Buczacz toward Halicz, from which latter town the road to Lemberg is an easy one, and almost unfortified. The effect of the advance of these two lines is to place the Austrian centre near the



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CALLED OUT THE CHANCELLOR

Bitter, Wordy Warfare Between High German Officials.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Berlin, via London, June 20.—Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, who was criticized severely by the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, in a speech in the Reichstag on June 5, as among "the pirates of public opinion," owing to a pamphlet by Dr. Kapp, sharply attacking the chancellor's policy, now publishes a card showing that he tried to call Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg to account.

Dr. Kapp sent an agent to negotiate with an agent of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg. The Chancellor's behalf that he declined "to make the subject of personal explanations an action imposed by the duties of his office." The agent of Dr. Kapp thereupon declared that "Dr. Kapp would seek satisfaction at the moment when the chancellor no longer was under the protection of the war, his position and the muzzled press."

Dr. Wolfgang Kapp is one of the most prominent men in north Germany, and is closely allied with Herr Von Heydebrand, Count Von Westarp and other opponents of the Imperial Chancellor.

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GRAND EASTERN DEFENSIVE DUE IN ANOTHER MONTH

Correspondent at Saloniki
Thinks July Will See It.
SERB SOLDIERS WERE SICK
General Allied Offensive on All Fronts This Summer.

Saloniki, May 28 (correspondence of the Associated Press)—The allied offensive in Macedonia, originally scheduled for mid-May and postponed on account of the condition of the Serbian army on its arrival in Corfu, is now definitely anticipated towards the end of June, or at the latest, early in July.

Bulgars Are Active.
The activities of the Bulgarians east of the Struma the past week and gradually increase in extension of artillery operations have led to the assumption from time to time that General Sarrail's plans might be hastened and the allied attack begun at once. This is possible; but the general opinion is that the activities of the Bulgarians are merely in the nature of taking up the slack in their line and they will not precipitate an attack.

Cholera Among Serbs.
The outbreak of cholera among the Serbs on their arrival on Corfu proved a great disadvantage. It made their transport to Saloniki in May impossible. Moreover it reduced their numbers very materially; a great many more Serbs died than will ever be known, not simply of cholera, but from enteritis, malnutrition and sheer exhaustion.

The Serbian army was in far worse shape after its retreat through Albania than had been supposed. The entire force needed full re-equipment, and the recruits from Serbia, required drilling. Marshal Putnik was no longer physically able to command, and many of the leading officers were dead or too worn by their late hardships to continue active service and a new set of officers had to be chosen. All of this demanded time. The idea of any offensive from Saloniki in May was, therefore given up and the work of re-making the Serbian army was pushed as rapidly as possible.

Will A Strike Together.
This decision, however, entailed an alteration in the general plans of the allies. Instead of striking a first blow in the Balkans by driving off the German reserves from the west front, while a decisive action was being planned in France, it was decided to make a Macedonian offensive of the allies coincide with offensive on all fronts generally supposed to be scheduled for mid-summer.

Already in Macedonia.
The Serbs are now safely in Macedonia. Already they have begun to take up their positions on the frontiers of their native land, from the Vardar west to Lake Prespa.

SHOT TO DEATH.
Tragedy in Saskatoon and Neighbor Held on Serious Charge.
By Special Wire to the Courier.
Saskatoon, Sask., June 19.—Frank Hamilton, a well-known rancher of this locality, was shot to death at his home, and Edward Bereton, a neighbor, is held by the mounted police in connection with the shooting.

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NEW ITALIAN CABINET

Victor Emmanuel Has Signed Decree Authorizing It.
By Special Wire to the Courier.
Paris, June 20.—King Victor Emmanuel yesterday signed a decree finally constituting the new Italian cabinet, says a Havas despatch from Rome. The cabinet is made up as follows:

- Premier, Paolo Boselli; Foreign Affairs, Baron Sonnino; Colonies, Signor Colosimo; Interior, Vittorio Orlando; Justice, Signor Sacchi; Finances, Signor Meda; Treasury, Paolo Carcano; War, General Morone; Navy, Vice-Admiral Camillo Corsi; Public Instruction, Francesco Rufini; Public Works, Signor Bonomi; Transportation, Enrico Ariotta; Agriculture, Signor Raineri; Commerce and Labor, Signor Denava; Posts, Signor Fara.
- Ministers without portfolio, Leonida Bissolati-Bergamaschi and Signors Bianchi, Comandini and Scialoja.

Surgeon-General William C. Gorgas sailed for South America. As chairman of the Yellow Fever Commission of the Rockefeller Foundation, he will study the remaining sources of the disease and seek measures to eradicate it.

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Medical Association Endorses The Hospital By-Law

At the regular meeting of the Brant County Medical Association, held on Thursday, June 15th, it was moved by Dr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Wiley,

"That this Society hereby expresses its desire to go on record as entirely approving the action of the Board of Governors of the Brantford General Hospital, in proceeding with the construction and equipment of the additional wings and operating rooms at the Hospital, and to express the wish that the ratepayers of the city may see their way clear to pass by an unanimous vote the money by-law to be placed before them for their approval on the 26th inst., and thus relieve the institution of its large outstanding debt.

"The work of draughting the plans and supervising the construction was carried out by a special Building Committee, of which our representative on the Board, Dr. Bell, was a very active member, and we feel that the present high state of efficiency and usefulness of the institution is, in no small measure, directly the result of his energy, foresight and enthusiasm while on that committee. We know that the necessary expenditures were large, but we feel that good value was received for every dollar of outlay, and are confident that it was the part of wisdom to properly equip the institution for the work it had to do, thereby enabling us as a profession to thoroughly and efficiently carry out our duties in the care of the sick and attention to the injured of the community.

"The Hospital, as it stands to-day, is a public building of which every citizen can be justly proud, and to which he can turn, should the necessity arise, secure in the knowledge that within its walls he or his will be cared for by as competent a staff of nurses, and in as commodious and well-equipped surroundings as may be found in any similar building in the Dominion."

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