

How Hungary is Affected by the Russian Advance.

Parliament at Budapest Faced With Problem of Reassuring People on Account of Reverses.

(From the Christian Science Monitor) Budapest, Aug. 7.—The depression caused in Hungary by the recent reverses on the Russian front has been given expression in the Hungarian parliament by the leaders of the opposition, and although they emphatically demanded that the Prime Minister should find some means of reassuring the anxious population Count Tisza's reply was evasive and was not calculated to satisfy the public. It was stated by M. Stephen Rakovsky that over 100,000 Hungarian soldiers had fallen during the recent Russian advances and that the people, especially those in the capital, were very anxious as to the fate of the army as well as that of Transylvania. He demanded that the leaders of the army who were responsible for the debacle should be brought to account. No answer was, however, forthcoming from the Prime Minister on this subject either, and the independence members and other parties of the opposition decided to meet after the sitting was over to discuss the situation and to decide what was to be done in the future.

The fact is that those members of parliament who have been serving as officers and have taken part in the battles during the last six months in Italy and on the Russian front, have arrived home with most discouraging stories, and have stated that according to the officers of General Bothmer's army, it is estimated that the losses on both fronts during the last six weeks exceeded 500,000 men killed, wounded and missing. The great majority of losses have been amongst the Hungarians, for on the Italian front there are chiefly Hungarians and Croats. It was made quite clear that the Hungarians killed in the recent engagements numbered over 100,000, and when Count Tisza referred to the fighting as "merely a passing episode," the feeling of the independence members was strongly roused against the Premier for treating such a matter so lightly.

Austria Criticized.

M. Jusch interrupted the Premier's statement by remarking that it was a shame to allude to the event as an episode, and that it was doubtless owing to the brutality of the Austrian officers and their inclination to place the Hungarian soldiers in the most dangerous positions that such losses had been inflicted on them. M. Stumegli insisted that the Hungarians in the army were still being persecuted. We have, he added, to sacrifice our people to alien interests. All this anxiety is no doubt aggravated by the fear of a Russian invasion of Transylvania, for it is quite clearly recognized in Hungary that after the debacle of the Pflanzer-Baltin army in the Bukovina there is little hope that the Russian advance can be stopped by the passes of the Carpathians. In connection with the invasion of northern Transylvania the attitude of Roumania is once more being anxiously studied, for while the Roumanians have been and are constantly watching for an opportunity to intervene and thus to realize their national dreams of uniting the Roumanians outside their kingdom with the mother country, the fact that the Allies are at present gaining on almost every front, and that the time would seem to have arrived when the exhaustion of the monarchy in men and material will practically guarantee the success of Roumania if she chooses to intervene, makes the dread of this intervention loom large in the thoughts of the people of Hungary.

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Terrible Awakening. It has been a terrible awakening for the people in Hungary and Austria, and the daily bread riots and other minor troubles are beginning to develop into a temper of revolt

among the entire population and even the soldiers who are on leave or invalidated out of the army.

Until recently the false hopes with which they were buoyed up, together with military successes, enabled the population to put up with the unimaginable hardships imposed on them by the scarcity of foodstuffs and the dearth of living. Now, however, they have lost even this faith and there is nothing to alleviate their condition. The lower classes have had to suffer all along, but the effect of the Russian success is being felt by all, rich and poor alike. On the stock exchange, for instance, such depression has not been experienced since the outbreak of the war. Hungarian investments and even the war loan bonds have fallen to such an extent that many who were rich yesterday are poor to-day. Especially is this so with respect to Transylvanian concerns, among which there are many industrial and mineral companies which have gone under within a week's time, also showing that there is little hope in financial circles as to the fate of Transylvania. The oil fields of the Transylvanian highlands, which were well up in price have depreciated far below their face value, and the coal shares in Transylvanian mines have also fallen more than 50 per cent.

Another feature of the situation, probably the most characteristic of all, is that there has been no silver or copper in circulation for weeks and those who need copper and silver change in their business, such as the head-waiters in cafes, and banks, are buying copper and silver coins 30-40 per cent above their actual value. In one of the Hungarian papers a reporter who made some inquiries upon the situation says that the head-waiters give 12-14 kronen in paper for 10-12 kronen worth of copper and 11-12 kronen for silver worth 10 kronen. It seems to be a fact that the people are hiding the silver and even copper, fearing the depreciation of the paper currency. It is also stated to be a matter of common knowledge that when there is a collection being made for charity in the streets people prefer to give a two kronen-paper bill rather than part with one kronen silver coin, as they doubtless consider the latter more valuable.

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A headache always has a cause, usually in some other part of the body, although the eyes are often the cause. Of course a nervous shock, worry or some trouble may be the cause of the headache, which, while painful, is not necessarily alarming. But if a certain kind of headache recurs at frequent intervals, it is time not only to find a cure, but a cause.

One should not try headache remedies promiscuously without a doctor's advice, unless one knows what is in the dose, because headaches which show a tendency to become chronic are not properly headaches at all and cannot be reached by headache medicines, or at least permanently cured, as such headaches are sympathetic messengers from the brain recording a disturbance somewhere else in the body.

The trouble may of course be in the head, the ears, the eyes, the nerves, or adenoial growths—all cause headaches and the first symptom of an abscess in the inner ear is a headache. Kidney trouble is often indicated by a headache, and we all know that most of the ordinary headaches are directly due to the stomach.

Probably it is as well that such a forcible reminder tells us something is wrong if we are only wise enough to listen to the persistent hammering.

A headache is often due to an empty stomach or a stomach overloaded with indigestible food.

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