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AUSTRIA HEDGING.

Her Negotiations are not for a Separate Peace. Turkey Acts Independently. Fifteen Thousand Austrian Troops Surrender to Allies. Hindenburg Plagiarises Lloyd George.

AUSTRIA AND PEACE.

BASEL, Oct. 29. A semi-official note issued at Vienna today on Austria's reply to President Wilson says, Austria was obliged to conform to the methods of President Wilson who has successfully applied to the three members of the triple alliance and act apart from her allies. The monarchy which has formally adopted President Wilson's line of action shares his opinion as was shown by the Emperor's manifesto to the peoples which in proclaiming the federalisation of the monarchy extended President Wilson's programme. However, the complete reorganization of Austria can only be carried out after an armistice. If Austria-Hungary has declared herself ready to enter into negotiations with other states that does not necessarily signify an offer of a separate peace. It means that she is ready to act separately in the interests of the re-establishment of peace.

AUSTRIAN NOTE RECEIVED.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29. The Austrian note asking for an armistice and peace terms, was received by cable today at the Swedish Legation for delivery to the State Department. The text is said to be identical with that cabled by the Associated Press from Basel, Switzerland, yesterday. Word of the arrival of the note came just as the Cabinet was assembling at the White House for the usual Tuesday meeting, at which both the Austrian plea and the latest German note were expected to be discussed.

BRITISH PRESS VIEW.

LONDON, Oct. 28. Austria's reply to President Wilson is viewed here as an unconditional surrender. Although recognized as an event of the greatest moment as denoting the breaking up of the Hapsburg power, the main interest in the situation lies in the effect it will inevitably have on the position of Germany.

FRENCH PRESS VIEW.

PARIS, Oct. 29. "The capitulation of Austria" is the prevailing caption with which the morning newspapers precede Count Felix Andrássy's note to President Wilson. The editorials of the newspapers, while accepting this conclusion, urge caution lest there be a hidden snare behind the Austrian offer.

BATTLE CONTINUES VICTORIOUSLY.

ROME, Oct. 29. The battle begun on the Piave River yesterday by Italian and Allied troops is continuing victoriously, the war office announced today. Italian troops stormed the heights of Val Dobbiaden. They also carried the heights of Montebelluna and entered Susegana. Numerous guns were captured. French infantry assaulted Mont-Pionar and captured it.

BRITISH CONTINUE ADVANCE ON ITALIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Oct. 29. The resistance of the Austrians against the British in the Italian theatre appears to be weakening, according to an official communication issued tonight. The text of the communication follows: The advance of our sixth army continues, according to plan. The enemy resistance appears to be weakening considerably. Early this morning the enemy was driving the line on the River Montebelluna with a number of machine guns. British cavalry and infantry forced a

passage of the river, northeast of Vanzola, making prisoners of several hundred of the enemy. The Porto Buffolo aerodrome is reported to be in flames. The British raided enemy trenches opposite Asiago, but found them unoccupied. The Italian armies operating north from the Montello are making good progress.

BIG BATTLE ON PIAVE FRONT.

VIENNA, Oct. 28. (Via London, Oct. 29.)—A great battle is raging on a front of thirty-seven miles east of the Brenta, according to the official statement today from Austro-Hungarian headquarters.

ALLIES SEIZURE AUSTRIAN DEFENCES.

WITH THE ALLIED FORCES ON THE PIAVE, Oct. 28. (By the A.P.)—The last lines of the Austro-Hungarian resistance on the central portions along the Piave River were broken today by the British, French and Italian forces.

IMPORTANT TOWNS TAKEN.

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Oct. 29.—Conegliano has been taken and the whole line has been advanced between that important railway and road center and Val Dobbiaden.

15,000 PRISONERS CAPTURED.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS ON THE PIAVE, Monday.—Fifteen thousand prisoners had been taken by British, Italians and French up to late today in their advance across the Piave which for the third time in one year is the scene of a desperate battle. This time, however, the tables are turned against the Austrians who are steadily being pressed back from the eastern bank of the river.

FRENCH CLOSE IN ON GUISE.

PARIS, Oct. 29. General Debenedy's first army continues to close in on Guise, and has captured the German first line trenches and the barracks and hospital south of the Chateau in the town of Guise, according to the War Office statement today.

ONLY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Oct. 29. Artillery duels and patrol encounters were the only activity on the British front during the night, Field Marshal Haig reported in his official statement today.

FRENCH TAKE PRISONERS.

PARIS, Oct. 29. In an advance west of Banogne, northeast of Leon, the French today took 850 prisoners, according to the war office announcement tonight.

ENEMY MACHINES DESTROYED.

LONDON, Oct. 29. Thirty-two enemy machines were destroyed yesterday and ten were driven down out of control, says the British official communication. "Dealing with aerial operations" issued tonight.

APPEAL TO GERMAN ARMY.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTH WEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 29.—"Hold fast, an armistice has not yet been concluded," is the word sent to the German troops by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, chief of the general staff, according to a captured document now in the hands of the Americans. The commander's appeal reads: "German soldiers, be vigilant. The word armistice is current in the trenches and camps, but we have not yet reached that point. To some the word represents a certainty, to others

it is even a synonym of the peace so long desired. They believe we no longer depend on them, their vigilance is relaxed, their courage and their endurance as well as their spirit of defiance toward the enemy are diminished. "We have not yet reached our aim. The armistice has not been concluded. The war is still on the same ever, now more than ever you must be vigilant and hold fast. You are upon the enemy's soil and on the soil of Alsace-Lorraine, the bulwark of our country. In this grave hour the fatherland relies on you for its prosperity and for its safety."

ANOTHER GOVERNMENT.

PARIS, Oct. 29. The executive committee of the German parties in Austria has formed a provisional government, according to a despatch from Vienna, and has decided to send a separate note to President Wilson. The Arbeiter Zeitung of Vienna declares that Germany and Austria-Hungary will capitulate without delay.

WANT GERMAN TROOPS REMOVED.

PARIS, Oct. 29. In the course of an audience with Emperor Charles of Austria, asked that Austro-German troops be removed from their portions of the empire, and that Czech-Slovak regiments be returned according to a despatch from Vienna. It is said they made it clear to the Emperor that an internal revolution might ensue if the request was not granted.

INDEPENDENT HUNGARY.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 29. An independent and anti-dynastic state has been formed in Hungary, under the leadership of Count Michael Karolyi, in agreement with the Czechs and South Slavonians, according to Vienna reports received by the Politiken. In a speech at Budapest Karolyi declared he had presented his programme to Emperor Charles who refused to accept it. Karolyi thereupon put into effect his plan for an Independent State.

TURKEY MAKING SEPARATE PACE.

LONDON, Oct. 29. Turkey has independently presented peace proposals to the Entente nations, according to a report from Constantinople, forwarded by the correspondent at Copenhagen of the Exchange Telegraph Company. The negotiations are expected to end soon, it is added.

NEWFOUNDLAND CASUALTIES.

OTTAWA, Oct. 28. Casualty lists include, engineers, Burns F. Strowbridge, Fortune Bay, Nfld.; Cavalry, G. A. Pell, St. John's, N.F.

POINTS OF ARMISTICE AGREED ON.

LONDON, Oct. 29. The Versailles conference, according to the report circulated in London this afternoon, has agreed on the main points of the armistices, which will now be considered by the military commanders. The final peace terms it is stated, will be submitted to Germany simultaneously with the armistice terms.

AGITATION IN THE REICHSTAG.

PARIS, Oct. 29. Extremely important decisions were taken at the meeting of the Crown Council, held under the Presidency of Emperor William at Berlin on Saturday, says a despatch from Zurich to Le Journal. The greatest agitation prevails in the Reichstag where groups of deputies, the message adds, are sitting continuously. Considerable nervousness, it is stated, prevails in German military circles as a result of the decision reached at the Crown Council. The German Government, it is declared, is determined to resort to extreme measures.

FEDERAL COUNCIL APPROVES BILL.

COENHAGEN, Oct. 29. The German Federal Council has approved the bill amending the Imperial constitution in the form as adopted by the Reichstag, according to a Berlin telegram.

SOCIALISTS GETTING BOLD.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 28. Exciting scenes occurred in the Ger-

man Reichstag during the proceedings of the House on Friday and Saturday. "The question cannot longer be evaded," said Dr. Cothen, "War with the Hohenzollerns or peace without the Hohenzollerns. World revolution will follow on world imperialism and world militarism and we will overcome them. We extend our hand to our friends beyond the frontier in this struggle." Another socialist, Otto Kuhl, was called to order for declaring that the emperor must abdicate. He retorted, "a call to order won't save him from the criminal court." State Secretary Croeber, and War Minister Major-Gen. Scheuch, both declared that there was nothing in the reforms which would endanger the firm structure of the army, or the personal relationship between the Prussian King and the officers.

BEAVERBROOK RESIGNS.

LONDON, Oct. 29. Baron Beaverbrook, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and head of the propaganda department of the British government has resigned according to official announcement made today. In a letter to Premier Lloyd-George tendering his resignation, Baron Beaverbrook says it is due to ill-health and the necessity of undergoing an operation for enlarged glands. Baron Beaverbrook is a Canadian and as Sir Max Aitken was official witness with the Canadian troops on the front in France throughout 1915. In December 1916 King George conferred a peerage on him and he assumed the title of Baron Beaverbrook. He has been very close to the Lloyd-George government and has filled various offices under it. On February 10 last he was appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and head of the propaganda department.

URGE UNITY TILL ENEMY OVERTHROWN.

LONDON, Oct. 28. (British Service.) Resolutions unanimously passed at the recent conference of French, Italian, Belgian and British sections of the inter-allied parliamentary committee recommended that the nations now united in the fighting for liberty should maintain their close association until the dangers threatening them had been removed by the complete overthrow of the enemy powers.

RIOTERS ATTACK GERMANS.

ATHENS, Oct. 29. Rioting has broken out at Constantinople and Smyrna according to a despatch from Mytilene Island, or Lesbos, to the Patria. At both cities the despatch adds, Germans were attacked.

TO THE LAST FARTHING.

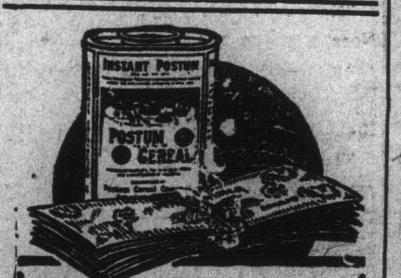
LONDON, Oct. 29. Sir George Cave, the British Home Secretary, today gave a long account in the House of Commons of Germany's ill treatment of British war prisoners, and her continued violation of agreement concerning prisoners of war. The Home Secretary declared that Germany ought to be made to pay for these violations.

A PROPER MEASURE.

LONDON, Oct. 29. As part of the terms of an armistice the Evening News says it understands the Allied nations will insist on the surrender of the German fleet including all the German submarines and upon the occupation by Allied forces of all the fortified towns on the Rhine.

SUBS. STILL WORKING.

LONDON, Oct. 29. For the time being there has been a cessation of U-boat attacks on passenger steamers, Andrew Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons



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to-day, but he added there have been attacks on other steamers during the past week.

DECLARED EXTRA DIVIDEND.
NEW YORK, Oct. 29. The United States Steel Corporation today declared an extra quarterly dividend of two per cent. on the common stock, together with the regular disbursements of 1/4 per cent. on the common and 1/4 per cent. on the preferred stocks.

STEFFANSON REPORTS.
OTTAWA, Oct. 29. After a period of five years spent in exploring the vast, previously unknown territory of the Arctic regions, Vilhjalmur Steffanson, Commander in Chief of the Polar Expedition which left Canada in June, 1913, arrived in Ottawa this morning and reported officially to Deputy Minister Desbarats of the Department of Naval Service. Mr. Steffanson's work has resulted in the collection of valuable scientific information and data.

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