

AUSTRIAN ARMY ORDERED TO QUIT SOIL OF ITALY

Disaster Threatens Numerous Divisions of the Invading Forces.

LITTLE FIGHTING ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Apparently Austrian Forces Will Have Great Difficulty Getting Home.

(By The Associated Press.)

Disaster threatens the Austro-Hungarian armies from the Stelvio to the Adriatic as they prepare to evacuate Italian territory. All the Italian armies now have entered the great offensive against the Austrians and the Allied troops are advancing rapidly along the entire front from Lake Garda to the Adriatic.

Fighting activity on the western front remains at a virtual standstill. There have been only isolated actions at several points.

Shattered by the irresistible advance of the Italians, British and French across the Piave, the Austrians are fleeing rapidly across the Plains of Eastern Veneto toward the line of the Isonzo, from which they advanced one year ago. American troops are participating in the advance of the Italian tenth army which already has reached the outskirts of Sacile, fifteen miles east of the Piave. The total of Austrian prisoners is approaching forty thousand.

Americans Separate.

Apparently the Austrian forces which were along the Piave will have great difficulty in reaching the hills east of the Isonzo. They have been separated from the armies in the mountains west of the Piave and the Allies already threaten their rear from the region of Vittorio. Along the lower Piave the Italian third army has crossed the river and taken up the pursuit. In the centre the Italians have taken Oderzo, while further north they have advanced beyond Vittorio in the direction of Beleno.

In retreating across the plains over the fifty-five miles between the Piave and the Isonzo the Austrians rush backward as through a narrow hallway, walled in on the north by the Carnic Alps and on the south by the Adriatic. From the manner in which the Allies have driven in their wedge east of the Piave it is apparently the intention to outflank the Austrians on the north in the foothills of the Alps and crush them from both the north and the west.

In Serious Position.

The situation of the Austrians guarding the Trentino along the front from the west of Lake Garda to the Piave also is becoming serious. Between the Brenta and the Piave the fifteen Austrian divisions operating there have been cut off by the capture of Vadal Pass. Elsewhere on this front the Austrians must retreat northward through the Alps, with the Italians, British and French pressing hard at their heels. If, as reported, the Italians are attacking from Stelvio southward to Lake Garda as well as eastward from the lake, the Allies have begun the familiar pincer movement in the Trentino.

Austrian troops are also retreating from Serbia and the left wing already has crossed the Danube, Vienna announces. The Serbs have reached the Danube near Semendria and the fall of Belgrade and the complete liberation of Serbia would seem but a matter of a few days, if not hours. In western Serbia the Austrians also are marching north toward the Danube.

Austrians Withdraw.

London, Oct. 31.—The entire front is ablaze, a Central News despatch from Rome says. All the Italian armies now are in action.

Vienna, Oct. 30, via London, Oct. 31.—Austro-Hungarian forces on their eastern wing in Serbia are withdrawing from occupied territory and have completed the crossing of the Danube according to an official statement tonight from Austro-Hungarian headquarters. Elsewhere in Serbia the Austrian withdrawal continues.

Austrian troops fighting on Italian soil will be withdrawn, according to an official statement issued by the war office. The statement follows:—"Taking into account the resolve so often expressed to bring about a conclusion of an armistice and peace, putting an end to the struggle of nations, our troops fighting on Italian soil will evacuate occupied regions."

WEDS A CANADIAN.

Washington, Oct. 31.—News of the marriage of Mrs. Marjorie Wilson McLeod, of Brampton, Ontario, to Lieutenant Colonel Thomas H. Brown, U.S.M.C., has reached Washington. The ceremony took place on October 24th at Port Au Prince, Haiti. The bride was given away by the United States minister to Haiti. After the ceremony there was a reception, which was attended by the entire American colony.

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TEUTONIC ALLIANCE DEMOLISHED AND FIGHTING NEARS END

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The German masses still refuse to accept the inevitable, but Kaiserism is a lost cause. The Germans will quit just as humbly as have the Bulgars, Turks and Austrians because they have no alternative.

Turkey has finished fighting and the Ottoman government has concluded an armistice with the British Vice-Admiral Calhorne at Saloniki. The forces in Mesopotamia have surrendered as did those in Palestine and Syria. The developments followed an exchange of notes between Turkey and the Allies, culminating in the visit to Saloniki by General Townshend, who bore the Turkish government's application for an armistice. British prisoners will be released without delay. Allied troops will occupy Constantinople. The Dardanelles will be opened immediately for the entrance of British ships.

Complete Defeat.

Turkey's exit from the war is similar to Bulgaria's. She admits her complete defeat and throws herself upon the Allies. The terms of surrender will be settled at the peace conference but the Entente is under no obligation.

The fear that it would be necessary to conclude an arrangement by which Turkey should remain in possession of Armenia is without foundation as should Germany decide to continue fighting, Great Britain could now transfer her troops from the eastern to the western front via Constantinople.

All the ships of the Black Sea now come into the possession of the Allies who will now come into close touch with Southern Russia. For two days the German press has been preparing the public for stern demands on the part of the Allies. They are doing

this by emphasizing the seriousness of the German position, now that Austria is out. They have told the people that it will be necessary to give military guarantees of an extraordinary character.

A Bitter Pill.

All reports from Germany through the neutrals indicate that the government fears the people will consider an armistice a bitter pill and though they will swallow it they are likely to vent their rage on their erstwhile leaders. The internal situation in the dual monarchy is almost as chaotic as that on the Venetian plains where the armies are completely routed and the battle little more than the pursuit of a demoralized mob.

The movement to establish a republic in Hungary is gaining ground and though comparatively little blood has been spilled thus far the revolution is assuming threatening proportions. The Versailles conference is likely to continue in session until an armistice is concluded with all belligerents.

calmly awaiting the result of the exchange with Germany before celebrating. Though civilians are absolutely confident that the war is in its last stages, the soldiers on the west front continue alert and are preparing for even greater efforts than they have made in the past. The public has no fear that the Allied soldiers and statesmen can be outwitted by the enemy. The people believe that Germany is backed into a corner with no escape so they refuse to be frightened.

OTTOMAN EMPIRE OUT OF THE WAR

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signed by Admiral Calhorne, on behalf of the Allied governments last night. It came into operation at noon today. Great Britain, whose troops have taken a major part in the overthrow of the Ottoman forces, naturally is most interested, but it is expected the

proposals will be submitted to those Allied nations who are at war with Turkey before a reply is sent.

It is expected, however, that the terms will be much on the lines of those given Bulgaria, which amounted to unconditional surrender, leaving territorial questions to the peace conference.

Some uneasiness is expressed by the newspapers over a report that the Allies are prepared to make a bargain with Turkey by which that country would be left in possession of Armenia in return for a free passage of the Dardanelles to enable the Allies to deal with the German-controlled Black Sea fleet. However, it is most probable that a free passage of the Straits will be demanded unconditionally.

III AttacWk Germans.

Washington, Oct. 31.—Announcement from London that an armistice with Turkey which permits passage of Allied warships through the Dardanelles already is in operation led

naval officers here to believe that an Allied fleet, if it has not already entered, soon will pass through to the Black Sea to attack the German naval forces there. These forces include ships of the Russian Black Sea fleet taken over by the Tsarists after the collapse of the provisional government in Russia. Official British reports revealed by Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, during his recent visit here, show that the Germans obtained one super-dreadnought battleship, of the pre-dreadnought type, and a score of fast destroyers.

The German battle cruiser Goeben also is in the Black Sea. This vessel was in the Mediterranean when the war began and escaped to the Bosphorus, where it was reported to have been "sold" to Turkey before that country entered the war. The cruiser was badly damaged several times, but recent reports said it has been repaired again, taken over by the Germans and withdrawn to the Black Sea.

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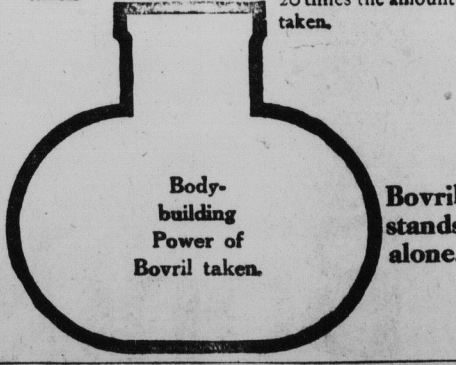
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