

WAR MAY COLLAPSE SOON; ENTENTE SWEEP IN ITALY

LONDON CAN SEE PEACE SHORTLY

Though Soldiers Are Still Battling Desperately Along the Wide Front Feeling Is That End Is in Sight—Ruling Heads of Germany and Austria-Hungary Likely To Be Displaced or Abdicate—All Eyes on Allied Conference at Paris.

Special cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Arthur S. Draper).

London, Oct. 29.—The war is dying almost as rapidly as it had developed. Though the soldiers are still battling desperately along the wide front, everyone feels that peace is around the next corner. The fear that clever Germans, sly Austrians and crafty Turks are trying to deceive us is disappearing and the news shows the rapidity of the dissolution of the central monarchies.

For the moment the chief interest is centred in the Allied leaders who are conferring at Paris about armistice terms, which will be announced either there or by Washington.

Vienna Expects Peace.

Unfortunate Carl has gone to Budapest, where as an apostate king he will probably ratify the separation of Hungary from Austria. Premier Andrássy has sent a new note to President Wilson which Vienna believes will make peace certain at an early date. The dual monarchy is a hotbed of unrest, rebellion and revolution. Asiatic Turkey is growing smaller daily as the British troops advance northward. Germany alone of the enemy countries has escaped serious disorder, but even there a revolution of bloodless character is bringing forth momentous changes. Whether the internal political situation of Germany can be arranged, or there will be a gigantic class war confined to middle eastern Europe, is a question that is worrying not only the German Junkers, but all others who feel certain that famine and the ravages of disease are coming.

Dangerous Situation.

The strain of sacrifices during the last few months is producing a dangerous situation. Rightly enough, the Allied leaders are pressing their military advantages without regard for the internal situation of the enemy, but they are studying it carefully nevertheless.

Perhaps the real reason for Ludendorff's retirement will remain a secret for months. He has returned to the general headquarters to bid farewell to the army which must feel disappointed over the going of a man who, though of humble birth, outstripped all rivals in promotion, having risen from powder to head of the German armistice.

Before the week is out, we may hear that both the Kaiser and Hindenburg have followed Ludendorff's retirement. When Ludendorff made a parade around Berlin, anything is possible, and the abdication of the Kaiser can be taken as a matter of course. It is felt here that German leaders have gone so far, whether with sincere intention, or to deceive their enemies, that they cannot now withdraw and that the next step means unconditional surrender to a responsible government.

Austrian Revolution.

The federal princes who meet on Wednesday to consider the question of the Kaiser's abdication will hear it with the warning of the independent Socialists who are now talking the language of Bolshevism.

Vienna is reported on the verge of a revolution, and the Anglo-Italian drive on the Piave may bring about an internal explosion that will destroy the Hapsburgs. No one can foresee the political developments in the enemy countries but from information at hand it is plain that everything is shaping toward an early peace.

FIX TERMS OF ARMISTICE

Versailles Conference Agrees on Main Points Which Will Now Be Considered by Commanders.

London, Oct. 29.—The Versailles conference, according to the report current in London this afternoon, has agreed on the main points of the armistice terms, 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. 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 today, but, he added, there have been attacks on other steamers during the past week.

EMILE J. POIRIER DIES AT REXTON

Victim of Influenza and Pneumonia Was Brother of Father Poirier and Nephew of Senator Poirier.

Special to The Standard. Rexton, Oct. 29.—Emile J. Poirier, manager of Z. Loyer's general store, passed away here today, after a week's illness of influenza and pneumonia. He was the youngest son of the late Fidele Poirier of Shediac and was born there 2 1/2 years ago. He was very popular and will be greatly missed. His mother and a brother, Rev. A. J. Poirier, of St. Mary, Kent Co., and formerly of St. John Co., survive. The body was taken to Shediac for burial.

The bodies of Paul Calvey and his wife, who was Miss Mary J. Coffey of this town, were brought from Newcastle today and taken to St. Anne's for burial. Both were victims of influenza. They leave two children, Mr. Calvey was 32 years of age and his wife 27.

GERMANS LOST 100,000 MEN

Their Losses in Lys Campaign of Last Summer Fearful.

London, Oct. 29.—German losses in the abortive offensive on the Lys River valley last summer were 14,000 killed, 6,000 prisoners and about 80,000 wounded and missing, according to an authoritative calculation. The Germans in June prepared a great offensive and by the end of July had brought up enormous quantities of ammunition. The dumps extended to a depth of fifteen miles. In one area of five miles by three miles the Germans abandoned 1,500 tons of ammunition.

The Prince Edward I. Victory Loan Leader



Mr. C. B. H. Longworth, provincial chairman of the Victory Loan for the province of Prince Edward Island.

Possible Terms of Armistice

London, Oct. 29, (6:30 p. m.)—As the Evening News says it understands the Allied nations will insist upon 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. 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 agreements concerning prisoners of war. The home secretary declared that Germany ought to be made to pay for these violations.

HON. EUGENE HALE OF MAINE DEAD

Was United States Senator for Thirty Years—Home in Ellsworth.

Ellsworth, Me., Oct. 29.—Former United States Senator Eugene Hale, of Ellsworth, died in Washington on Sunday night. Senator Hale, who was 82 years old and who served 30 years in the Senate, had been in declining health for some months.

Eugene Hale was born in Turner, Oxford County, Me., June 9, 1836, and was admitted to the bar in 1867. He was county attorney for nine years. Representative in 1867 and 1869; Congressman from 1881 to 1911, a longer period of service than any senator in the Senate. He was made a member of National Monetary Commission, and was a delegate to Republican National Conventions in 1868, 1870 and 1880. In 1871 he married Mary Douglas, daughter of Zachariah Chandler, of Michigan.

TWO RUN DOWN BY JOY RIDERS

Trenton, N. S. Young Man Unconscious and Young Lady Suffering from Shock—Road Hogs Didn't Stop.

Special to The Standard. New Glasgow, Oct. 29.—A young man named Terry Snow, of Trenton, was in Aberdeen hospital in an unconscious condition, and a young lady named Miss Clara Gilts, of Trenton, is suffering from shock as a result of being struck by an auto on the Trenton road last night.

Mr. Snow and Miss Gilts were walking along the road in the vicinity of Evans Corner, when suddenly both were struck by an auto and dashed to the ground. Snow was so seriously injured that he was rushed to Aberdeen Hospital. The young lady recovered in a short time, but received quite a bad shaking up. The car which ran these people down never stopped to render aid, but beat right on its course.

Lord Beaverbrook Quits the Cabinet

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.

WALTER P. CROCKET KILLED IN ACTION

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Oct. 29.—J. Benson Rainford, of this city, who returned some time ago from overseas service, has been appointed preventive officer in the customs department and is to report for duty at Campbellton November first. He is a son of the late H. B. Rainford.

MISSING SOLDIER CAUSED A STIR

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Oct. 29.—Private J. Stackable, of the Military Hospital, has been missing. As the man has but one leg and is not able to look after himself it was feared that he had come to harm. On Tuesday last he hired a horse and carriage at Kitchener's livery stable here, stating that he intended to drive to his mother's home in the vicinity of Minto and spend some days. Harry Mount located the horse and carriage at Ripple's, which is between Fredericton and Minto.

AUTO IS WRECKED NEAR SACKVILLE

Four Men Turned Into Ditch and One Injured.

Sackville, Oct. 29.—A large seven-passenger automobile met with a bad accident this morning some hours before daylight, near the residence of A. E. Wry, Bridge street. The car was coming toward Sackville and leaving the road here turned over into the ditch, seven or eight feet low. There were four men in the car at the time, three of whom escaped without a scratch.

CHATHAM SOLDIER DIES OF WOUNDS

Special to The Standard. Chatham, Oct. 29.—Pte. Vincent Crombie, son of R. B. Crombie, a former manager of the Bank of Montreal here, is reported to have died of wounds at Chatham Hospital, France. He was 21 years of age. About a year ago Lieut. Charles Crombie, a brother, was killed in action. Joseph, another brother, is recovering from wounds in a London hospital.

TURKISH RIOTING.

Athens, Oct. 29. (Havas)—Rioting has broken out in Constantinople and Smyrna, according to a despatch from Mytilene, island of Lesbos, to the Patrie. At both cities, the despatch adds, Germans were attacked.

THE AUSTRIANS RECEIVE MANY HEAVY BLOWS

Italians Storm and Capture Heights of Val Dobbiadende, Colfosto and Susegana.

MORE THAN 15,000 PRISONERS TAKEN

French Take Mont Pionar—Conegliano Falls and Allied Line Advances.

Rome, Oct. 29.—The battle begun on the Piave River Sunday by Italian and Allied troops is continuing victoriously, the war office announced today. Italian troops stormed the heights of Val Dobbiadende. They also carried the heights of Colfosto and entered Susegana. Numerous guns were captured. French infantry assaulted Mont Pionar and captured it. The text of the statement reads: "The battle begun on the Piave Sunday is continuing victoriously. In two days of glorious fighting on the heights along the Treviso-Ordara Railway we and our Allies have taken possession of the left bank of the river. The Seventh Army has taken the heights of Val Dobbiadende. French Take Mont Pionar. "French infantry has taken in assault Mont Pionar. The plain of Conegliano is in our possession. We have carried the heights of Colfosto and entered Susegana. Advance squadrons pushed to the left at the Monticchio. "Numerous guns have been captured. Four thousand of the prisoners taken yesterday have reached our concentration places. Others still are on the left bank of the Piave. On the left bank of the Orto-River we have occupied the village of Alano Di Piave, taking several hundred prisoners. "Aircraft daringly carried supplies to our advanced troops on the left bank of the Piave. "Italian Headquarters, Oct. 29.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuters Ltd.—Conegliano has been taken and the whole line has been advanced between that important railway and the road center and Val Dobbiadende. "Walter P. Crockett, son of Walter Crockett of Somerville, Mass., is reported killed in action. He is a nephew of the late Dr. William Crockett, an oculist in Boston with the 86th Kiltie Battalion. "W. J. Reek, deputy minister of agriculture, is ill with influenza.

MIGHTY ITALIAN BATTLE-RAGING

On Front of Nearly Forty Miles from the Brenta to the Piave British, Italian and French Armies Are Developing With Marked Success an Offensive Which is Driving Distracted Austrian Army Back Towards His Frontier.

(By The Associated Press).

In the Italian theatre, over a front of nearly forty miles, from the Brenta to the middle reaches of the Piave river the British, French and Italian armies are developing with success an offensive against the Austro-Hungarians and are swiftly driving them from the mountain passes toward the Austrian frontier and across the plains east of the Piave in northern Italy. American reserves are behind the lines prepared to aid the Allies when the opportune moment arrives.

On all the other battlefronts, the Allied arms continue to be served. In Belgium there has been little fighting except by the artillery wings of the opposing armies, while in the region around Valenciennes the engagements between the British and the Germans have savored more of outpost encounters than pitched battles.

TEUTONS TO CAPITULATE

Arbeiter Zeitung of Vienna Makes This Prediction—New Pan-German Government in Austria.

Paris, Oct. 29.—(Havas)—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. 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 had successively replied to the three members of the Triple Alliance and acted 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 people, which is proclaiming the federalization of the monarchy, exceeded President Wilson's program. "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 for an armistice and for peace, without awaiting the result of 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."

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JOHN KILBURN LOW.

Fredericton, Oct. 29.—John Kilburn, the well known lumberman, suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home this morning, and now is in a state of coma. He is in his 76th year, and his condition is such that recovery is hardly hoped for.

NEW VIENNA NOTE.

Vienna, via Basel, Oct. 29.—Austria Hungary, through her new foreign minister, Count Andrássy, has sent a note to Secretary of State Lansing, requesting the secretary's intervention with President Wilson for an immediate armistice on all fronts, and for the commencement of peace negotiations.