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## Albania Becomes New Theatre of the War

Heavy Fighting on East Front, Vienna Admitting That Austrian Advanced Posts Have Withdrawn To Their Main Positions-May Be Big Offensive.
(War lead without date by The Associated Press). Italian forces operating on the extreme left wing o tions along the Voyusa (Vojutsa) river, which flows into the Adriatic about twenty miles north of the town of Avlo-
na, one of the most important places in southern Albania. na, one of the most important places in southern Albania
Vienna admits that the Austrian "advanced posts have been withdrawn to their main positions." This report from Aus-
trian headquarters probably refers to the action mentioned in trian headguarters probably refers to the action mentioned in
the French official statement on Sunday night. It was sair the French official statement on Sunday night. It
by the war office at Paris that French and Italian forces had seized heights in western Albania and had held them agains counter-attacks.

Although the movement is as yet not fully developed it may be that a serious offensive operation has been initiat
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CHAVIGNY FARM IS OCCUPIED Brow Enemy Airplanes of Action.


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## Austrians Lost 20,000 In Retreat From Venice

Latest Repulse, Due in Large Measure To Gallant Work of Italy's Naval Men-Saves Venice and Great Arsenal There--Venice Was Only 22, 000 Yards Distant.

Special Cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Hilaire Belloc)
London, July 8-Interest in the Italian advance across
Pinve delta is manifold.' In the frst the Piave delta is manifold. In the first place it puts the
main obstacle between the hills and behind our allies,so that when an advance becomes possible in this sector there will be no difficult land in front of it.

It was a consideration of this sort which caused the Austrians in their great advance after Capore to make certain of the Piave delta region which they held from that day until July 6. In the second place the occupation of the Piave delta shows that the Italian forces are now in a position to attack the ground which is specially favorable to the de-
fense. The

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this been the case they would have done so in the general etreat.
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We note the technical point that the clearing of the
ole delta removes the threat to the arsenal at Venice. The distance from the Venice arsenal to the nearest point reached by the Austrians is only 22,000 yards, well within the range of heavy modern guns.


## ASSASSIN ATION FOLLOW ED BY HEAVY FIGHTING IN MOSCOW

When German Ambassador Was Slain Attempt Was Made To Accomplish Counter Revolution in Russian Capital, But It Was Suppressed After the Letting of Much Blood.
Russian Situation More Complicated Than Ever and Great Interest Is Manifested Everywhere In Europe In Germany's Probable Action Mighty Problems For Both Sides At War.
Special Cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Arthur S. Draper).
London, July 8-Although Mirbach's assassination oc cupies the chief interest at the present moment, its political importance is difficult to gauge. All reports from Berlin indicate that Wilhelmstrasse intends to make great capital oul f the murder of the German representative at Moscow, the ke. take. The

The Russian delegates to Berlin are under strict polico around the Russian embassy as demonstrators collectCount's around he Rerio
Two alternatives seem ope
ent; first, to acept Lenine's and Trotzky's apologies on he cround thathe miturder was committed by ordinary criminals; secondly, make the assassination an excuse for urther armed penetraion into Russia. The first scheme night strengthen Germany with the Bolsheviki; the second would undoubtedly mean another reconsideration and reorganization of Ludendorff's plans.

By way of neutral countries come despatches of a conuparts of the city. Thase reports need to be taken cautiously because most of them are of German origin and intended to give the enemy further excuse for a change of policy to-
wards Russia. In some quarters it is believed that the assaswards Russia. In some quarters it is believed that the assas-
sins were social revolutionaries who took this as their first step in a campaign to overthrow the Bolsheviks.

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