

AUSTRIAN RULER QUILTS WAR FIELD

Emperor Karl I. Gives Up Command of Carpathian Group of Armies

TAKES UP NEW DUTIES

New Emperor's Proclamation in Ascending Austrian Throne

I WILL continue to the completion of the late Emperor's work. I ascend the throne in stormy times. Our aim has not yet been reached and the aim of the enemy to crush my country and my allies has not yet been broken.

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LONDON, Nov. 23.—Emperor Karl Francis Joseph, of Austria, will immediately give up his command of the great group of armies operating against the Russians and Rumanians in order to devote all his time to affairs of State, according to a dispatch from Vienna today.

The twenty-nine-year-old Emperor of the Dual Monarchy, who is at present in Vienna, has already assumed his Imperial duties. A German general may succeed the Emperor as commander of the Carpathian troops.

Whether or not a new Government for Austria and Hungary will follow the change of rulers is not yet certain.

The body of the late Francis Joseph will be interred in a Capuchin mausoleum some time next week, probably on Thursday. On Monday the body will be removed from Schoenbrunn Palace to the Hofburg Chapel, where it will lie in state during Tuesday and Wednesday.

The reign of the new Emperor-King began without any ceremony other than the proclamation that he had become the ruling monarch through the death of the aged Francis Joseph. He was proclaimed "Kaiser and King Karl the First." It is possible that the coronation ceremony may be delayed for a considerable period—perhaps until the end of the war.

The Austro-Hungarian court has gone into mourning.

An Amsterdam dispatch says that the suggestion has been made in Vienna that memorial services for the late Emperor be held on all the fronts where Austro-Hungarian soldiers are fighting.

Bitter comment marked the editorials in British newspapers today on the death of Francis Joseph. The general trend of opinion is that the changes of Austro-Hungarian rulership will not change the war situation and that the influence of Germany over Austro-Hungarian affairs has been strengthened nearly to complete domination.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

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MEXICAN PEACE COMMISSION FAILS TO BREAK DEADLOCK

No Agreement Reached as to Withdrawal of Pershing

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 23.—The deadlock over plans for General Pershing's withdrawal and the working out of a plan for protection of the border remained unbroken when the American-Mexican Peace Commission went back to work today. If an ultimatum from President Wilson had been presented to the main envoys, Chairman Luis Cabrera was very cheerful about the situation.

Representatives of mining syndicates are here in consultation with the Carranza envoy, endeavoring to reach an understanding relative to production taxation which can be incorporated in the agreement which the American commissioners hope to put through before tomorrow night.

The American commissioners said the report that Chairman Cabrera had been ordered to resign as a means to the removal of his objections to the acceptance of the American plan was "stilly." Chairman Cabrera waved his hand when the matter was broached. "Not worth discussing," he said.

HOSPITAL SHIPS TO BE CONVOYED

Destruction of Britannic Prompts New Measure by Allies

ATHENS BLAMES U-BOAT

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Armed convoys from the British naval station at Malta probably will accompany Allied hospital ships plying in the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas as a result of the sinking of the 48,000-ton British hospital ship Britannic.

The Britannic was carrying no wounded when she was sunk in the Aegean Sea. This was officially announced by the British Admiralty today. It is understood that the Britannic carried 121 nurses and 390 officers and men of the Army Medical Corps.

Although the Admiralty states that the mighty vessel was destroyed by a mine or torpedo, unofficial dispatches from Athens declare that she was sunk by a submarine.

The Athens correspondent of the Chronicle telegraphs that two submarines were lying in wait for the Britannic off Zea Island, and that two torpedoes were fired at her from opposite sides. One missed, the dispatch says, but the other obtained a direct hit.

Press and public alike today unite in bitter condemnation of what was termed another example of German "frightfulness." Frequent reports from Germany have indicated consideration by the Government of resumption of an unlimited submarine warfare. It was pointed out here that there could be no mistaking the character of the Britannic. No submarine commander could have failed to identify the ship, not only from the fact that she carried the usual hospital emblems, but because she was the biggest ship of her kind in the world. That the vessel was, therefore, the victim of a deliberate attack was the verdict here.

The smallness of the loss of life—the Admiralty places it at about fifty—is attributed to the large number of lifeboats on board, the discipline of the crew and the complete absence of panic. The Britannic remained afloat nearly an hour after the explosion occurred early Tuesday morning.

The twenty-eight wounded are being cared for on Zea Island by members of the staff of 121 nurses carried by the Britannic. Some of the wounded are in such a serious condition they may die.

FLESH STRIPP'D FROM ARM

Autoist Injured in Effort to Avoid Hitting Pole

READING, Pa., Nov. 23.—David Hunsberger, well-known farmer of near Boyertown, was driving his automobile today, when the machine swerved. Thinking it would strike a pole, Hunsberger put out his arm, with the result that it was caught between the car and the pole. Flesh was stripped from his arm and he is in a serious condition.

COMMENTI ALLA MORTE DI FRANCESCO GIUSEPPE

I Giornali Italiani, Francesi ed Inglese Ritengono Che Non Infuira' Sulla Guerra

ASPARE PAROLE DEL MATIN

Il Cattivo Tempo Imperversa Ancora su Tutta la Fronte di Battaglia Italiana

ROMA, 23 Novembre. Sebbene da tempo si facesse strada nel giornalismo la voce delle gravi condizioni nelle quali si trovava l'Impero d'Austria, la notizia della morte di Francesco Giuseppe ha destato impressioni in questi circoli. Naturalmente nei circoli politici e nei giornali se ne discute animatamente.

Il Giornale d'Italia insieme con altri giornali ritiene che il dominio politico e militare della Germania sull'Austria è ora completo, e fa notare che Francesco Giuseppe era non soltanto considerato altamente dall'elemento tedesco, ma era perfino popolare presso parecchi della nazione che formano l'Impero d'Austria-Ungheria. Su queste egli aveva potuto esercitare una fortissima influenza specialmente per guadagnare la loro reale partecipazione alla guerra.

La notizia della morte del vecchio imperatore fu comunicata al papa nelle prime ore della mattinata di ieri. Alle 5 era giunto al Vaticano un telegramma di monsignor Marchetti, nunzio papale a Vienna, che annunciava la morte.

Il papa conferì col suo segretario di Stato, cardinal Gasparri, ed istruzioni furono inviate subito a monsignor Marchetti e condoglianze all'arciduca Carlo Francesco.

Sebbene il papa abbia invitato la sua condoglianza, si crede che il servizio religioso, che ordinariamente si celebra nella Cappella Sistina otto giorni dopo la morte di un monarca cattolico, non sarà celebrato questa volta se non dopo la guerra.

I GIORNALI FRANCESI

Telegrammi da Parigi dicono che i commenti dei giornali francesi alla morte di Francesco Giuseppe non sono teneri. Alcuni giornali si domandano se il vecchio monarca ha vissuto troppo o troppo poco per sentire il castigo di suoi atti. Altri dicono che Francesco Giuseppe avrebbe il fatto che pensava sulla sua casa.

Il Temps dice che "in sua opera ultima sarà stata la distruzione dell'Austria-Ungheria," ed aggiunge che con i suoi errori egli ha preparato la distruzione del principio monarchico.

E' opinione generale che la morte del vecchio imperatore d'Austria avrà poco o nessun effetto sulla guerra. Il Matin scrive: "L'unico sintomo che per seicottant'anni ha portato la doppia corona sparisce troppo presto, nonostante i suoi ottantasei anni, di un uomo che ha fatto un grande nome."

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giacche' non aveva visto ancora l'avvicinarsi dell'ora dell'esplosione dei delitti di cui egli portera' nella storia una schiacciante responsabilita'. Ma lo spettro della punizione deve avere amareggiato i suoi ultimi giorni se quest'uomo, così mostruosamente indifferente, era accessibile ad un sentimento qualsiasi, quest'uomo che era stato testimonia freddo ed impassibile delle peggiori catastrofi che il fatto aveva gettato sulla sua famiglia e sul suo paese. Ironia del fato. Se egli fosse sparito dalla scena tra anni prima, il mondo avrebbe dimenticato la sua calcolata cordardia, il suo tereco egoismo, la sua ipocrisia, e si sarebbe ricordato soltanto delle disgrazie pubbliche e private che hanno offuscato gli anni del suo regno, senza riflettere che queste disgrazie erano meritate. Probabilmente egli sarebbe stato oggetto di compassione. Ma la giustizia non ha permesso che egli rubasse al mondo questo omaggio supremo. Ha tramutato l'omaggio in orrore e riprovazione."

Anche i giornali inglesi ritengono che la morte di Francesco Giuseppe avrà pochissimo peso sulla guerra e sulla situazione politica.

Ieri sera il Ministero della Guerra comunicava il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna sulla situazione alla fronte (Italia-Austria):

Sulla fronte del Trentino il nemico ha fatto deboli attacchi nella valle dell'Adige, attacchi che sono stati respinti.

Sulla fronte delle Alpi Giulie e aumentata l'attività dell'artiglieria. Il nemico ha fatto cadere bombe su Gorizia e Monfalcone.

Il cattivo tempo imperversa ancora su tutto il teatro delle operazioni. In alcune delle regioni più alte si hanno 24 gradi centigradi di sotto zero.

EMANITA' GERMANICA

Un sottomarino tedesco ed austriaco ha dato una nuovissima prova dei sentimenti di umanità che dominano negli imperi centrali. Ha salvato ed affondato nel Mare Egeo il più grande piroscafo del mondo, l'inglesa Britannica che spostava 50,000 tonnellate, ma che era adibito al servizio di nave ospedale e trasportava oltre 1500 soldati feriti ed ammalati provenienti dalla base di Salonico. Circa una cinquantina di questi ammalati e feriti sono ammassati in Germania.

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