

During the eight months of travel 140

During the eight months of travel 140 children died of starvation and exposure and fifty adulte perished. Weeping, frantic and desperate women and children and old women besieged the Red Cross workers, who were able to promise and deliver bread, meat and clocking to every refugee. clothing to every refugee. The treatment which had been accord-

The treatment which had been accord-ed these unfortunates was scandalous. They were the victims of red tape by various relief organizations and govern-ments. Once they were promised a large estate in Russia to be colonized. As they were about to settle there another government interfered. They were then ordered to proceed to Viadivostok and thence to Serbia via America.

thence to Serbia via America. Meanwhile their eighty-three box cars into which they were packed, often sleeping on three rows of wooden shelves without blankets, were shoved from victually unscheduled

sleeping on three rows of wooden shelves without blankets, were shoved from town to town, virtually unscheduled. Sometimes they were sidetracked for days when no food was available. Now the French and American Gov-ernments are considered the ultimate destination of these people after their arrival at Vladivostok. It is proposed to send them to Shanghai and thence to France or Manila, where the gover-nor general has already promised them refuge. According to American engineers who have just returned from the interior the Emperor's manifesto to the peo-ples, which, in proclaiming the fed-eration of the monarchy, exceeded

eration of the monthrchy, exceeded President Wilson's program. "However, the complete reorganiza-tion 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 sepa-rate peace. It means that she is have just returned from the interior this is only a sample of the kind of destitution from Harbin to the Urals.

## **Prague Yields to Czech** Committee

retaary Lansing asking the secretary to intervene with the Prosident is re-ceived. The unofficial text of the An-drassy communication as transmitted ceived. The unomicial text of the An-frassy communication as transmitted from Vienna via Basel, Switzerland, by the Associated Press, was received yesterday and was read by officials with undisguised interest.

No less intersting was the report from Vienna, also received today, that Austro-Hungarian Government transmitted to London, Paris.

vations and sorrows of war. "This is why I address you directly, Mr. Secretary of State, praying that you will have the goodness to inter-vene with the President of the United States in order that the interest of humanity, as in the interest of all those who live in Austria-Hungary, an immediate armistice may be concluded on all fronts and for an overture that immediate negotiations for peace will follow."

follow." The Austro-Hungarian Government has communicated its latest note to the French. British. Japanese and Italian Governments, begging the ap proval and support of these nations.

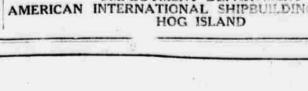
Italian Governments, begging the approval and support of these nations, Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 30.—A semi-official note issued at Vienna yester-day on Austria's reply to President Wilson says: "Austria was obliged to conform to the methods of President Wilson, who had successively replied to the three members of the Triple Alliance and act apart from her allies. The mon-archy, which has formally adopted President Wilson's line of action, shares his opinion, as was shown by the Emperor's manifesto to the peoenemy is rash enough to refuse them, events will move on to their appointed climax.

climax. Throughout the French army there is not the faintest danger that the desire for peace, keen as it is, will interfere with the relentless prosecution of operations. From Foch to the second-class pollu, all are filled with the iron deter-mination to drive Germany to the bitter end unless unqualified capitulation saves

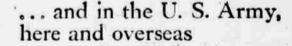
end unless unqualified capitulation saves them the trouble. As I write Debeney's troops are bat-tering at the old castle fortress whose subterranean passages, strengthened with a system of trenches and barbed wire, form the last bastion of the Guise defense. During the fighting heavy evaluations in the German lines were explosions in the German lines were signaled, and it is probable that the evacuation of the city is already in

progress. This desperate struggle typifies the at-

ent, Says Germans Fear Yanks George Pattullo, war correspondent, home on a short furlougn, is confident



A fact:



From all accounts, the most eagerly sought-for ciga-rette among American soldiers abroad is Fatima. Exact figures to prove this are not available; but, in view of Fatima's known popularity with both officers and men still in training on this side of the water, it would seem to be correct. Below are printed a few typical reports on training camps and army posts, received from our salesmen last month:

FORTRESS MONROE, Old Point Comfert, Va. 1 "Fatima leads in sales" WIST POINT, Officers' Club: "More Fatimus smoked than any other cigarette" ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Rock Island, Ill. : "Fatima is second best seller" CAMP MERBITT, Dumont, N. J., Officers' Club: Fatima is largest-selling cigarette' CAMP ZACHARY TAYLOR, Louisville, Ky. : 'Fatima is most popular high-grade brand" CAMP UPTON, Yaphank, N. Y.: "Fatima is called here 'the officers' cigarette"" CAMP GORDON, Atlanta, Ga.: 'Fatima is one of the best sellers among the better brands" CAMP SHERMAN, Chillicothe, Ohio: "Fatima is second biggest-selling cigarette" CAMP MORGAN, Mobile Bay: "Fatima is leading seller here in its clars" FORT WADSWORTH, N. Y "Most officers smoke Fatimas; very popular dao among the men" FORT SILL, Oklahoma, "School of Fire": "Fatima is second in point of sales" CAMP SHERIDAN, Montgomery, Ala.: "Fatima outsells all other high-class brands"



SEES PEACE BY CHRISTMAS George Pattullo, War Correspond-

gotiations. These moves by the Austro-Hun-garian Government and its new for-eign secretary were wholly unexpect-ed and were viewed in some quarters as emphasizing the seriousness of the situation confronting Emperor the sector of Charles at home. Unquestionably this rather unusual diplomatic proceedure was expectd to cause exchanges be-tween Washington and the Entente chancellories before a final decision h

made by the President.

## Second Note Puzzles

Second Note Fuzzles In the light of these moves and the Austrian note to the President, dip-lomatic observers found it difficult to understand the purpose of the semi-official note, as reported in cable dis-patches last night from Vienna, as-serting that the note to the President does not necessarily signify that Aus-tria seeks a separate peace. There were some who rgarded this as de-signed for the consumption of the conservative elements at home and conservative elements at home and for the German people. Interest in official circles today,

Interest in official circles today, however, was not altogether centered in the Austrian peace efforts. What-soever the decision as to the Austrian peace, the final outcome of all peace discussions will hinge on the pro-nouncements of the supreme war council at Versailles, which reports from London say already has agreed upon the terms of an armistice and presented them to the military ad-visers. Such speedy action by the council was accepted generally as in-dicating the unanimity of the views



