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EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER—PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1918

AUSTRIA'S SURRENDER
READS GERMANY'S DOOM

The Unparalleled Finality of Diaz's Armistice Terms Strikes to the Heart of Tyranny

AUSTRIA, as Turkey and Bulgaria, trembles under the lash of Justice. The sentence of a hand shamed by centuries of ignoble bullying is about to fall.

The word nation is impotent in this connection. Austria-Hungary is an entity to defend. Its metamorphosis into realms whose frontiers will reflect racial boundaries is a matter for difficult future adjustment. The present role of that unwieldy amalgam of which the dethroned King was once Emperor and King is one of inaneities destined to be his companion. His status is less than that of a neutral, for much logically it has ceased to be a belligerent; its enjoyment of a non-belligerent's autonomy rights is drastically denied. It is at once out of the war and yet completely in the hands of war-waiters.

The terms of this present-shaking armistice imposed by General Diaz, presumably with the most scrupulous thoroughness of the Allied War Council, entitles conspicuously the much more modest meaning of "unconditional surrender." This was not so long since when they drew your arms and confess yourself vanquished seemed the essence of that popular phrase. The stupendous stipulations binding the Austro-Hungarian, the Austrian navy, the Austrian population in one all that is bound within the limits of what was called the Dual Monarchy, inundated a new era of definition.

The aristocracy retains the fact that "unconditional surrender" far from being condonable, may verily incite to arms. The Allies rightly participated Austria's part is less defined. In the graphic language of Theodore Roosevelt, her part is confined to saying "Yes, sir?"

In a sense, however, it is possible to discern a balance of forces. Austria gains what before all else she sought most—suspense from armed strife. This much is yielded her. Its price is absolute agreement to every conceivable mandate which can render her magnate as a feeble and helpless tool to the victors.

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Secretary Baker, the Republican candidate, says Sprague will easily defeat him. Senator Clark, the Democratic State chairman, claims the election of Mr. Sprague is 200,000.

Lieutenant Governor McHugh says that Mr. Sprague will be elected by a plurality of 25,000.

Secretary Baker, of the Republican State Committee, says Sprague will carry Philadelphia by 125,000 and Senator Clark by 200,000.

Senator Clark, the Democratic State chairman, claims the election of Mr. Sprague is 200,000.

If Mr. Baker is right he is only a little more so than Mr. McClain and Mr. Clark.

If Mr. McClain is right no one will be surprised than him.

On the other side, we went to bed last night in awe of what the Italian national anthem was to do to us.

THE GOVERNOR AND PROHIBITION

WE DO NOT suppose our voters will

call their ballots today for a candidate

for the governorship under the impression

that the government can prevent or secure

the adoption of the prohibition amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Every voter knows that amendments to

the Federal Constitution are ratified or

rejected by the General Assembly, and

that the governor has no power to veto

such actions. The man who tries to do

so is a traitor to his state.

And so it goes. We are told that the

newspapers are full of stories of

the Italian general election.

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