



TURKEY SURRENDERS UNCONDITIONALLY; FIFTEEN AUSTRIAN DIVISIONS TRAPPED; VIENNA TO WITHDRAW FROM ALL ITALY

DUAL MONARCHY NOW IS FACING CRISIS OF WAR

Enemy Losses Described as Appalling With Armies in Full Flight

THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS ARE TAKEN BY THE ALLIES

Decisive Battle Being Waged Between Mountain Ranges With All Odds Now Favoring Gen. Diaz

AUSTRIA TO WITHDRAW

Vienna, Oct. 31.—Via London—Austrian troops fighting on Italian soil will be withdrawn, according to an official statement issued by the war office to-night. The statement reads:

"Taking into account the resolve so often expressed to bring about a conclusion of an armistice and peace, putting an end to the struggle of nations, our troops fighting on Italian soil will evacuate occupied regions."

Austro-Hungarian forces on their eastern wing in Serbia are withdrawing from occupied territory and have completed the crossing of the Danube, according to an official statement from Austro-Hungarian headquarters. Elsewhere in Serbia the Austrian withdrawal continues.

By Associated Press

London, Oct. 31.—The Austrian commander on the Italian front has applied to General Diaz, the Italian commander-in-chief for an armistice, the Exchange Telegraph Company states.

The application, the news agency adds, has been forwarded to the Versailles conference.

Washington, Oct. 31.—Fifteen Austrian divisions operating between the Brenta and the Piave on the Italian front have had their retreat cut off through the capture of the mountain pass of Vadal by Italians and Allied troops.

Official wireless dispatches from Rome to-day say the advantage is being pressed to the utmost and that a crisis is near. Enemy losses are described as appalling.

Exposed to Flanking Movement

Occupation of the valley of Quero by the Italian army corps operating north of Valdobbiadene threatens Feltr and exposes the Austrians in the Grappa region to a flanking movement, which it is said, will compel immediate retirement.

The Third Italian army on the lower Piave is reported advancing steadily in the face of desperate enemy resistance.

Whole Front Collapsing

In all, more than one thousand square kilometres of Italian territory was reconquered yesterday and apparently the whole front is being driven northward.

The dispatches flatly deny the Austrian claim that territory across the Piave is being evacuated voluntarily.

Disaster threatens the Austro-Hungarian armies from the St. Elvio to the Adriatic as they prepare to evacuate Italian territory. All the Italian armies now have entered the great offensive against the Austrians and the Allied troops are advancing rapidly along the entire front from Lake Garda to the Adriatic.

Fighting activity on the western front has been limited to isolated actions at several points.

40,000 Prisoners Taken

Shattered by the irresistible advance of the Italians, British and French across the Piave the Austrians are fleeing rapidly across the plains of Eastern Venetia toward the line of the Isonzo, from which they advanced one year ago. American troops are participating in the advance of the Italian Tenth army, which already has reached the outskirts of Sacile, fifteen miles east of the Piave. The total of Austrian prisoners is approaching 40,000.

Apparently the Austrian forces which were along the Piave will have great difficulty in reaching the hills east of the Isonzo. They have been separated from the armies in the mountains west of the Piave and the Allies already threaten their rear from the region of Vittorio. Along the lower Piave the Italian Third army has crossed the river and taken up the pursuit. In the center the Italians have taken Oderzo, while farther north they have advanced beyond Vittorio in the direction of Belluno.

Great Army Is Cut Off

In retreating across the plains over the 55 miles between the Piave and the Isonzo the Austrians rush backward as through a narrow hallway, walled in on the north by the Carnic Alps and on the south by the Adriatic. From the manner in which the

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The Part of Peace Terms They Might Be Allowed to Dictate



ROOSEVELT AND TAFT JOIN IN APPEAL FOR REPUBLICAN CONGRESS

Four Great Problems Facing Nation Can Be Better Solved by Body Representing Whole Nation, Say ex-Presidents

By Associated Press

New York, Oct. 31.—Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft issued here to-day a joint appeal for election of a Republican majority in Congress. The statement was said to be the first ever composed and signed by two former Presidents of the United States.

Seated at a table in the Union League Club, they prepared the statement and discussed old times

at the capital while it was being typed. The appeal follows: "We approach this subject as Americans and only as Americans. When this war broke out we would have welcomed action by the President which would have eliminated all questions of party politics. It would have enabled us all to stand behind him to the end, without regard to anything except national considerations. Instead of this, partisan lines have been strictly drawn from the first and now the President announces that only Democrats can be entrusted with

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GOOD ROAD LOAN HAS SUPPORT OF STATE CHAMBER

Pennsylvania Commerce Body Gives Unqualified Approval to Road Improvements

The Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce directors have unanimously authorized the commitment of the Chamber in favor of the adoption by the voters next Tuesday of the Good Roads Amendment to the State Constitution. All Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade, civic and local improvement societies are urged to immediately interest their entire membership for the Good Roads Amendment.

The statement says: "The approval of this amendment No. 1 does not of itself increase the indebtedness of the state but is a mere piece of enabling legislation. Before any money could be borrowed for good roads the Legis-

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HORNER PREDICTS BIG MAJORITY FOR ALL REPUBLICANS

Letter to Voters Calls Attention to High Qualities of Heads of Ticket

William H. Horner, chairman, and Alex S. Cooper, secretary of the Dauphin County Republican Committee, to-day addressed a letter to Republicans of the city and county, calling attention to and laying stress upon the high quality of the Republican candidates. Senators Sproul and Beideman, for the two highest offices in the state.

Chairman Horner says the party was never more closely united in city and county than at present, and he looks for an exceptional y lame vote and an overwhelming Republican majority. The letter follows: "In these strenuous times we are

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TWO WOMEN SAY THEY ARE BRIDES OF JOHN E. SMITH

Wife No. 2 Says She Was Married to Middletown Man on October 8

Living within half a mile of each other in Middletown are two women, both of whom claim to be the lawful wife of John Edward Smith, now in jail awaiting a hearing before Alderman George A. Hovetter on a charge of bigamy. Agnes Slesser, of Hoffman avenue, Middletown, who is wife No. 2 in the case also is in jail on a perjury charge. She will be given a hearing to-morrow afternoon at the same time.

It was through the arrest of the Slesser woman, County Detective James T. Walters learned of the two weddings. Wife No. 1 was Miss Ella M. Couch, 115 Wood street, Middletown. She is residing there now and Smith was arrested yesterday in the Couch home by Mr. Walters.

She told the county official she and Smith were married August 2, 1917, by the Rev. Hugh McGill, near Marysville. They took out a marriage license at New Bloomfield, she said. A certificate of marriage signed by the minister and two witnesses of the ceremony has been turned over to the authorities.

The Slesser woman and Smith were married October 8 of this year at the office of Alderman Hovetter. She was arrested a few days ago charged with making contradictory statements in testifying in two criminal cases which were tried a few months ago.

Detective Walters unable to find Smith at the Slesser house went to the door he entered he said and found Smith and wife No. 1 together. According to the story told by the Couch family Smith had lived with them for eight years in Perry county, near Loyville and also when they moved to Lancaster county, where they lived until April 1, 1918, when they came to Middletown.

13 STATE MINES CLOSED

Washington, Oct. 31.—Following reports from inspectors, which showed they were either producing coal of so low a quality as to be worthless or that it was not being properly prepared by cleaning, thirteen Pennsylvania coal mines have been closed by order of the United States fuel administration.

ARMISTICE ENTERED INTO AT NOON WITH OTTOMAN'S EMPIRE SUING FOR PEACE

"SEVEN IN NAME; BUT ONE IN AIM"

The United War Work campaign of these societies is purely another indication of that unity of spirit as a nation that is making it possible for us to win the war. That spirit and the place which the work of these agencies has made for itself in the hearts of us, gives me confidence to believe that the united campaign will be crowned with abundant success.—WOODROW WILSON.

WAR WORKERS IMBUED WITH HIGH SPIRITS

Pledge Cards Go Out to 400 Who Will Give First Subscriptions

NEED OVERSUBSCRIPTION Rapid Growth of Army Means More Money For Comforts of Home

Inspired by the stirring address of George Braden, of Philadelphia, Y. M. C. A. athletic director who has seen seven months' active service at the front with the Italian army, the members of the special advisory committee of the United War Work Organization who met in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last night, are canvassing the city to-day with pledge cards and securing the subscriptions of citizens who are known to have con-

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School Directors to Name Opening Day; May Extend the Term

City school directors probably will take action to-morrow afternoon at the regular meeting fixing the opening date for all the schools. Under the state ruling approved by the city health bureau and council the closing ban will be lifted at noon next Tuesday. It is expected the directors also will plan to make up at least some of the time lost because of the quarantine. This suggestion will be made to them by Dr. F. E. Downes, city superintendent. John F. Dapp, appointed a member of the board a few days ago by the court, to succeed the Rev. William N. Yates, resigned, probably will be present and talk the oath of office. His term will continue until December, 1919.

Other minor business, has been listed for approval of the directors, including the removal of compensation insurance with the state. It is also planned to start evening commercial classes at the Central High school.

What U. S. Men Have Done in Six Weeks

Washington, Oct. 31.—In the six weeks since it became a tactical operation unit on the St. Mihiel, the record of the First American Army shows: 40,000 German prisoners. 200 or more German guns. 1,000 trench mortars and machine guns. 150,000 German soldiers killed or wounded. Liberation of several hundred square miles of France. Every American division remains in fighting trim. A dozen enemy divisions rendered unfit for service.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and cooler to-night, with lowest temperature about 42 degrees; Friday fair, continued cool. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and cooler to-night; Friday fair, cooler in southeast portion; fresh northwest winds. River The Susquehanna river and its principal tributaries will rise, except the upper portions of the North and West Branches of the Potomac, to about 10 to 15 feet in 24 hours. For Harrisburg: Friday morning, with a frost; a steady rain, with a maximum of about 6.5 feet, on Saturday.

Second of Kaiser's Allies to Give Up the Losing Struggle Reported in Brief Official Dispatches

London, Oct. 13.—Reuter's Agency has been informed that Great Britain has officially received definite peace proposals from Turkey which are regarded as tantamount to unconditional surrender.

The Turkish armistice took effect at noon to-day. The actual terms of Turkey's peace proposals had not yet reached London in the early afternoon.

Ismail Hakki, commanding the Turkish armies of the group operating in the Tigris region in Mesopotamia, has surrendered with one entire division and the

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AUSTRIA CREATES GERMAN STATE; TO NOTIFY WILSON

BERNE—THE GERMAN STATE OF AUSTRIA HAS BEEN CREATED BY ACT OF THE GERMAN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AUSTRIA AND A NOTE TO PRESIDENT WILSON NOTIFYING HIM OF THIS ACTION HAS BEEN DRAWN UP AND APPROVED AT A FULL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL. THE STATE CLAIMS ALL TERRITORY OF OLD AUSTRIA WHERE THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION IS GERMAN. A SUMMARY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE NOTE, WHICH WAS FIRST DRAFTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL, IS GIVEN BY THE OFFICIAL VIENNA CORRESPONDENCE BUREAU. THE NEWLY CREATED STATE, THE NOTE SETS FORTH, ACCORDING TO THIS SUMMARY, DEMANDS THAT ITS REPRESENTATIVES BE ADMITTED TO PARTICIPATION IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. THE NEW STATE RECOGNIZES THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUGO-SLAV AND CZECHO-SLAV STATES. IT CLAIMS FOR ITSELF MORAVIA AND SILESIA. IT APPEALS TO PRESIDENT WILSON TO GIVE THE GERMAN NATION THE RIGHT TO DISPOSE OF ITSELF.

BRITISH CAPTURE TURKISH FORCE OPPOSING ENGLISH ARMY

LONDON—THE ENTIRE TURKISH FORCE WHICH HAS BEEN OPPOSING THE BRITISH ON THE TIGRIS HAS BEEN CAPTURED, IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED TO-DAY.

AUSTRIANS ABANDON FUME

Basel—The city of Fume has been abandoned by the Austrian authorities to the Croatian troops and the town has been bedecked with the Italian colors.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Misses: Mrs. E. C. Cook, Misses: Walter, Nank and Gandy. Mrs. E. C. Cook, Misses: Walter, Nank and Gandy. Mrs. E. C. Cook, Misses: Walter, Nank and Gandy.