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**Military Developments on the Western Front Occupy Attention of Officials.**

(By John Edwin Nevin.)  
 Washington, Oct. 10.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson's inquiry to the German chancellor may remain unanswered for several days. The Reichstag will meet on Saturday. The speech of Chancellor Max and all of the developments therefrom are to be discussed, official advices reaching here today say. Because of this fact it was considered unlikely that a speedy reply could be expected.

Meanwhile all of the information reaching here indicates that the German political forces are aligning themselves for maneuvering to distract the attention of the populace from the American position. The military developments, however, may seriously interfere with any such plan.

**Center of Attention.**  
 As a matter of fact the military developments along the western front today occupied the exclusive attention of officials here. The wonderful work of the British Third and Fourth armies, assisted to a very material degree by the American forces, in routing the enemy on the twenty-five miles of the Cambrai-St. Quentin front has electrified officials here.

As was pointed out in these dispatches yesterday, it no longer is an orderly retreat of the Germans from the western line. Instead they are close to a rout. And the military experts emphasize that this will mean that they can hardly hope to retain their new defense lines sufficiently long to enable them to reform their shattered divisions. The overnight dispatches to the French and British war missions declared that the quantity of supplies of all sorts that have fallen into the hands of the allies is enormous.

**Torch Applied.**  
 In addition equally large quantities were put to the torch to keep them from being captured. And this means everything to a nation as badly in need of all kinds of supplies as is Germany at the present moment.

In official quarters here today attention was called to the wonderful manner in which the military arm is back-

**QUARTER OF MILLION HUNS IN FULL RETREAT**

Paris, Oct. 10.—A quarter of a million Germans now are in full retreat between Cambrai and St. Quentin, with the allies hot at their heels, according to the battle front reports that come in through the night. At some points the advance has exceeded fifteen miles in the last two days.

This forward movement of the allies is regarded as the first step in the great general retreat of the Germans which now seems inevitable, for it is doubtful whether Gen. Ludendorff has such fortified positions on the upper Oise and the Sambre canal as to permit him effectively to resist the exploitation of the victory of the last two days on the allied side.

ing up the allied position as announced by President Wilson. When Prince Max framed his peace note, the most of the Hindenburg and all of the Siegfried line was in possession of the Germans. Today both have been battered to pieces and the Germans in the north are vainly trying to reform along the so-called Le Chateau position.

**Situation in Turkey.**  
 The effect of these military reverses on the situation in Turkey and Austria-Hungary must be serious from the standpoint of the central powers. As a matter of fact, officials are watching with the deepest interest the developments in both countries. Reports that have reached Swiss sources declare that the new cabinet to be formed in Turkey has strong pro-ally leanings. The newly named grand vizier, reported to be Tewfik Pasha, is known to be anti-German in his beliefs.

Incidentally information reaching here today says that when the young Turk leaders decided that Turkey should declare war on Bulgaria for deserting the central powers, they were warned by the army commanders that such action would be followed by a military uprising, and the proposition was hastily abandoned.

There will be no surprise in diplomatic circles if word comes before the end of the day that Turkey has surrendered unconditionally to the allies. In any event, Turkish resistance no longer is a factor in the war.

The situation within Austria-Hungary is somewhat different. There the various elements are awaiting word from President Wilson on the peace overtures. It is assumed here that when the contents of the German note reach Vienna another crown council will be called to determine whether Austria shall make a further statement as to its position on the president's peace terms.

**COULD NOT BE IMPROVED**

Says Paris of Wilson's Reply—Affects

Paris, Oct. 10.—The note could not be improved upon; substitute Paris for Washington as the date line and the reply might have been dictated here. It is an epitome of French opinion as indicated by the popular reception of the presidential document.

Paris was on its way to luncheon when the newspapers containing the note came out and the people literally fought for copies of the edition. The note was re-produced in these journals in heavy black

**BULGARS WILL TURN ON TURKS, SAYS WHITEHAIR**

**Correspondent Just Back From the Far East Believes Decisive Blow May Yet Be Delivered in Balkans.**

(By A. E. Goldhoff, War Editor of the Newspaper Enterprise Association.)  
 Washington, D. C.—The collapse of Bulgaria and the imminence of an allied drive into Turkey will have a greater influence on the end of the war than the great allied offensive on the western front, is the view of Charles W. Whitehair, Newspaper Enterprise Association special correspondent, just returned from Palestine.

**Annihilation or Peace at Once.**  
 Whitehair, who is writing a series of articles on his experiences in Palestine for the newspapers served by the N. E. A., is now on a tour of the country on behalf of the fourth Liberty loan.

"The only hope Turkey has of avoiding annihilation," he told me, "is to make peace with the allies at once. I do not believe the entente will make peace with the porte until an allied army is in Constantinople."

The significant thing about the Bulgarian armistice is that the Bulgarian armies in the immediate future will be found fighting their old enemies, the Turks, side by side with their old allies, the Serbians and Greeks.

The Bulgars love the Turk like a dog loves a rattlesnake. He fought him for centuries to win his freedom. "And of all the soldiers in the Balkans, the Bulgarian is the best fighter. The Bulgars are the Bulgars. They dare not let them approach too close to Constantinople, and sooner than let them approach they will throw down their arms and sue for peace."

"I say the events in the Balkans are more important in their connection with the end of the war than those in France,"

type under big headlines. The significant passage in the note in which President Wilson refuses to entertain the possibility of a cessation of hostilities and demanding the immediate withdrawal of the German troops is interpreted in military circles as meaning that the allies will give the Germans no respite in their retreat.

**Expresses Socialist View.**  
 Deputy Marcel Sembat, in Le Hour, which expresses the socialist view, says: "The reply is not a brutal refusal, the door remains open for ultimate negotiations, after first accepting the fourteen points with complete guarantees."

The last paragraph of President Wilson's note made a deep impression on Parisians and caused much favorable comment, as it was taken by the population to directly concern the Hohenzollern family and the military party of Germany.

The general feeling is that the diplomatic tables have been turned on Germany, which tried to place the allies in a difficult position, and that Germany now finds herself face to face with a great problem which she attempted to force the allies to solve.

**U-BOAT SINKS VESSEL**

Large American Steamer Victim of Submarines.

An Atlantic Port, Oct. 10.—News of the sinking by a submarine of a large American steamship, with the probable loss of many of her crew, was brought here today by a British freighter. The British ship had aboard twenty survivors of the American vessel. The American steamship is said to have carried a large crew, was shelled and then torpedoed, according to officers of the rescue ship. The attack was made five days ago.

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