

AUSTRIA QUILTS WAR DOWN UPON HER KNEES

Last German Ally Accepts the Terms Which Impose Abject Surrender — Way Open to Reach Germany From South.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Austria-Hungary, the last and most powerful ally of Germany, passed out of the world war today under terms of abject surrender.

Not only have the armed forces of the once powerful Austro-Hungarian empire laid down their arms, to await the end of the war and peace terms dictated by the allies and the United States, but Austro-Hungarian territory is open for operations against Germany. Even the munitions of the former ally are to be used against the kaiser's army if refusal to accept conditions now being prepared for them make prolonged fighting necessary.

The terms which stopped the victorious advance on the Italian front were accepted by the Austrian commander-in-chief in the field in the name of the Vienna government, and their execution is guaranteed by the thorough beating already administered, which had converted the defeated army into a disorganized, fleeing horde.

Even the terms imposed previously upon Bulgaria and Turkey hardly were so drastic. In addition to all of the military precautions, the Austrians are compelled to retire from a wide strip of territory within the borders of their empire when the war began, surrendering all of the Italian Irredenta and thereby losing any advantage for argument over boundaries around a peace table.

Austria-Hungary's navy, which either must be delivered to the allies or disarmed under the terms of the armistice that country has signed, consists of approximately 251 ships, according to the latest official information reaching the navy department. These figures, Secretary Daniels announced today, were compiled without reference to recent reported losses of two Austrian battleships.

The total of submarines is placed at 45, with 15 battleships, an equal number of cruisers, 21 torpedo boat destroyers, 10 torpedo gunboats, 67 torpedo boats, 45 mine layers, 11 river monitors, seven patrol boats, six armed steamers, six scouts, one river torpedo boat and two trawlers.

A map of survey of the geographical lines fixed for Austrian evacuation shows that the area is even greater than that set by the Italians as the

HOW WE SHALL RAISE OUR QUOTA IN THE WAR WORK CAMPAIGN, NOV. 11-18

Now that the tide of victory has turned decidedly in our favor we people at home must do our full duty toward supporting the seven welfare organizations that are ministering to "our boys."

The quota for Nevada County is \$12,000.00, with a nurgent request for over-subscription. In order that the expense should be borne by each person according to his means, the executive committee of the campaign has listed every man in School District 14 and assigned to him a sum, which in their opinion he should contribute. This has been done honestly and fairly, but if a mistake has been made it will be cheerfully corrected.

We feel confident that all our people will be glad of the opportunity to do their full share and that no one of us will shift the responsibility and expect the other fellow to do our giving.

Chas. F. Pittman, County Chairman.

NO LOOPHOLE IS LEFT FOR HUNS TO ESCAPE FATE

Real Peace Conference Has Already Been Held By Allies in France—Hun Stands Alons Against the World.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Terms upon which Germany may obtain an immediate armistice and end the war were completed and signed today in Paris. Secretary Lansing announced the fact tonight in a brief statement, adding only that complete diplomatic harmony had been achieved by the allied and American conferees at Versailles.

It may be stated authoritatively that the terms, not yet given out for publication, follow closely those under which Austria-Hungary surrendered today and passed out of the war, leaving Germany to stand alone against the world.

The presumption in official circles here tonight was that the stipulations would be in the hands of the German government in less than 24 hours. If they are accepted, a reply settling the issue of peace or further fighting may also be received within that time. The uncertainty caused President Wilson to cancel tonight his proposed trip to New Jersey tomorrow to cast his vote in the congressional elections.

Although the complete text of the historic Versailles document probably is only now on the cables for Washington, its substance had been reported upon fully and approved by the president before the final draft was prepared.

Secretary Lansing announced the agreement tonight, saying that diplomatic unity has been completely achieved under conditions of utmost harmony.

Subjected to analysis by military officers here, both allied and Americans, the terms of the Austrian armistice, which are said to be no more drastic than those for Germany, are interpreted to mean absolute surrender. Nothing is left to the good faith of the vanquished and no restrictions or limitations are imposed upon the victors. These officers believe Germany, left alone, also must throw herself without reserve upon the mercy of the victors.

Final adjustment, territorial or peace conference, for which the cessation of hostilities paves the way. The German appeal for an armistice was submitted on the basis of acceptance of the peace terms already outlined by President Wilson, and when the discussion starts the allies and the United States will be in a position to dictate its results. In fact, the real peace conference has been sitting at Versailles. The judgment of army officers as to the situation on the western front in a military sense is that Germany must accept the armistice conditions or face a debacle of her armies.

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LAST GERMAN STRONGHOLD IS WIPED OUT

Americans Capture and Hold Wooded Heights South of the City of Beaumont—Sedan is Under Fire of Yankee Guns.

With the American Army on the Sedan Front, Nov. 4.—In the face of stubborn opposition the Americans took and held firmly, the wooded heights south of Beaumont, the last German stronghold west of the Meuse. The advance carried the lines forward for an average gain of five kilometers.

The forces on the heights are now only about seven and a half miles from Garignan, on the Mesieres-Metz railroad and about nine miles from Sedan, bringing both places within range of the allied shell fire.

The day's work may be said to cipal phase of the American operation have been complete. It was the principle the neck of the German lateral communications between the armies to the north and west was narrowed to the strangling point.

The attacking forces to the right and left advanced with less speed than at the center, where an American division crashed through despite the most stubborn opposition offered by the Germans since the beginning of the offensive. The apex of the line was driven to the heights which are vital, affording dominating positions for the artillery.

Patrols went into and beyond the town itself, but its possession is unnecessary as long as the hills are held by the Americans. The Germans cannot fight over the terrain north and northeast because of the lack of communicating lines there. They must fall back as soon as the American artillery breaks up the remaining railroads, even if the main lines from Sedan to Metz are not smashed first. The military authorities were overjoyed with the results of the day's fighting, declaring that it may even spell the end of the present operation, and that any others to the north, westward or directly eastward would constitute entirely new operations.

The German resistance encountered by the American troops on virtually all parts of the west was the feature of the fighting today. The opposition was especially stubborn on the right and left flanks, where the enemy brought up reinforcements and defended himself with machine guns and artillery.

ITALY EVENS SCORE AGAINST ANCIENT ENEMY

Took 300,000 Prisoners and 5000 Guns Before Armistice Went Into Effect—Austrian Front is Crushed.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Three hundred thousand Austrian soldiers and not less than 5,000 guns have been captured by the victorious Italian armies before the armistice went into effect at 3 o'clock this afternoon, said an official dispatch tonight from Rome. This included all captures since the offensive began October 24.

The soldiers of the once powerful Austrian army, the dispatch said, continued to flee in disorder. Since the offensive started, 63 Austro-Hungarian divisions were put out of combat by 51 Italian divisions, three British and two French divisions, with Czecho-Slovak units and an American regiment.

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