

CENTRAL POWERS GETTING THEIR HOUSES IN ORDER

Hastening to Rearrange Their Internal Affairs AND METHODS OF WARFARE Apparently Hope to Meet Wilson's Requirements; German Note Made More Certain.

Amsterdam, Oct. 17. (By the Associated Press).—According to the Courant the German newspapers this evening were to publish the following communication: "The German army command has brought military measures into accord with the steps taken for the conclusion of peace. The German armies have received orders to cease all devastation of places, unless they are absolutely forced to follow this course by the military situation for defensive reasons. Nevertheless, it is to be expected that in the gradual retreat property will be lost which is irreplaceable by money—that is to say, in so far as such devastation is inherent in the conduct of the war itself, and especial-

ly in the bombardment of German positions by enemy artillery." Washington, Oct. 17.—Signs multiplied today that Germany and Austria are hastening to rearrange their internal political affairs and their methods of warfare in the hope of meeting the requirements laid down by President Wilson in his reply to Germany's peace proffer. There was no indication today when the German answer would come, but that one would be dispatched was made more certain by the statements of Baron Burian, the Austrian foreign minister, before the foreign affairs committee of the Austrian parliament.

Following closely the radical changes in the German government structure as recorded in cable dispatches from Amsterdam and Rotterdam, information came to the state department today that the Austrian emperor has announced to the foreign affairs committee of parliament his purpose to grant autonomy to the oppressed nationalities in the dual empire. The right to autonomous existence for these nationalities is one of the peace requirements laid down by President Wilson.

Bitter opposition from the intensely conservative German and Magyar components of the empire is certain to be aroused by this radical change in the system of government, but it is believed that Emperor Charles thinks this can be overbalanced by the measure of support he will receive from the liberal elements and the separatist parties, especially if he can make it appear that the change is a long step towards the final peace so insistently demanded by the population.

Hungary Declared Separate State.

The announcement from Copenhagen today of the reading of a decree in the Hungarian parliament recognizing Hungary as a separate state is regarded as an earnest of what is to come to the other nationalities of the empire. It has been suggested that the delay in dispatching the President's reply to the Austrian appeal for an armistice may be accounted for by the conviction of officials that events are moving so rapidly in Austria-Hungary that it would be wise to await the outcome of the present agitation there in order to adapt the reply to the new conditions.

Baron Burian's statement to the foreign affairs committee that Germany will make the constitutional changes necessary to realize the demand for a democratic form of government and abdication of military control is regarded as clearly indicating the Austrian purpose to do likewise. Events are moving in the same direction in Turkey where the sultan has declared for a representative government, so that the conclusion is irresistible that the whole program of constitutional reform now under way is the result of an agreement between the allied powers to meet one of the President's conditions for a cessation of hostilities.

Looting is Curtailed?

Baron Burian's statement that Germany will be in a position to accept the President's demands regarding the humanization of the war appears to be borne out in a measure by reports from the battlefield in Belgium and northern France that the Germans are not looting and destroying private property as heretofore. If this is followed by the abandonment of the attacks on merchant shipping, officials feel that the principal obstacle in the way of an adjustment will be found only in the arrangement of an armistice.

There is no doubt that the Germans will make a desperate effort to resist the announced purpose of the President to leave the terms of an armistice to the military commanders of the American and allied forces and it may be some time before they are sufficiently humbled in spirit to admit that it is not for them to dictate, but simply to accept such terms as these military commanders may choose to impose. In fact Baron Burian's address before the Austrian committee is taken to indicate clearly that Germany desires to enter into negotiations on these points and will cling obstinately to its plan of a mixed commission to deal with the matter of evacuation.

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GERMANS IN A GENERAL RETREAT OF FORTY MILES

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TWO DAYS REMAIN FOR RAISING OF \$2,000,000

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effort or to fail to do our part here at home. To keep up and to increase the pressure on the retreating Germans is the only certain way to win. To do this the government must have all the money it needs. We are asked to loan it, and we are asked to loan it now.
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LYNCHBURG AND COUNTY SUBSCRIBE THEIR QUOTA

Lynchburg, Va., Oct. 17.—The city of Lynchburg and county of Campbell has subscribed its quota of \$5,427,000 and figures yet to be tabulated and subscriptions expected tomorrow, local managers estimate, will bring the total to \$3,500,000 at least. The city over-subscribed its quota of \$3,800,000 several days ago. Enthusiasm increased greatly with the campaign, especially in the county.

ATTEMPT IS MADE ON LIFE OF COUNT TISZA

Amsterdam, Oct. 17.—As Count Stephen Tisza, the former Hungarian premier, was leaving the lower house of parliament at Budapest Wednesday a youth approached his motor car with a revolver, according to a dispatch received here from the Hungarian capital. Count Tisza's chauffeur struck the would-be assassin down before he could fire. The youth was arrested. He said he had intended to attack Admiral Paul von Hintze, whose resignation as German secretary for foreign affairs recently was reported, during his visit to Budapest, but that Admiral von Hintze had left before he was able to accomplish his purpose.

INFERNAL MACHINES ARE CONCEALED IN CAMBRIA

Paris, Oct. 17.—An English officer at Cambrai had his hand torn off yesterday by one of the enemy's infernal traps, says a special dispatch to The Temps.
Seeing a piano abandoned in the middle of a street, he struck a chord and an explosion followed which ripped off his hand. A grenade had been placed in connection with the keys.
The Temps correspondent warns returning inhabitants of Cambrai to be careful in correcting any lack of symmetry they may find in their homes, yard, cellar or garden. Such action, he says, may explode an infernal machine.

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BRUGES ENTERED BY THE BELGIANS

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Having been driven from the coast means also that the Germans hereafter will be unable to raid England or carry out aerial operations over the North sea with the ease they have had during the past four years.

BELGIAN FORCES MAKE RAPID DRIVE NORTHWARD

With the Allied Forces in Flanders, Oct. 17. (2 p. m. By the Associated Press).—The Belgians in their rapid drive northward in Belgium have captured Ghent and have passed beyond that town. Belgian infantry is now less than six miles from Ostend. The Belgians are reported to be well east of Eeghem, which is northwest of Thiel, and to have reached a point east of Phlémme. Cavalry patrols have pushed into Cavalry patrols in the Eeghem district the Belgians are driving northeast for the Ghent canal which is rapidly being approached.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

The constant daily increase of Spanish influenza reported by physicians shows clearly that many people are failing to take the simple ordinary precautions necessary to avoid infection. For, while influenza, after its development, is sometimes difficult to cure, it is an easily preventable disease.
The best plan is to begin treatment before the first symptom starts. For no other disease will develop so quickly or spread so rapidly. You may feel fine today—the sick tomorrow and lose a week or more of work. You will indeed be fortunate if pneumonia does not develop.
The air today is full of influenza germs. Every breath you take is likely to draw them into your nose and throat. You can prevent the disease by killing the germs before they spread through your body. There is probably no safer or surer way to do this than to go to the nearest drug store and get one of the most popular inhalant Outfits consisting of a bottle of the pure Oil of Hyomei and a little rest-rocket. Inhale the pure Oil of Hyomei, which a few drops of the Oil of Hyomei are poured.
Just breathe this Oil of Hyomei deep into your nose, throat and lungs and every particle of air that enters your breathing organs will be charged with an antiseptic germ killing balsam that will absolutely destroy the germs of influenza that have found lodgment there.
You can't do this too often. No ordinary nasal and throat gargling or throat spraying will be sufficient so long as during the day you come in constant contact with infection. The Hyomei Inhaler is small and can be conveniently carried in a hand-bag or vest pocket. Every half hour or so throughout the day take it out and draw a few breaths of its pure healing air into your nose and throat. By doing this you can prevent infection and check the further spread of the disease even though you are coming in direct contact with it. This is an inexpensive treatment as the inhaler will last a lifetime and further supplies of the Oil of Hyomei can be had at any drug store for a few cents.
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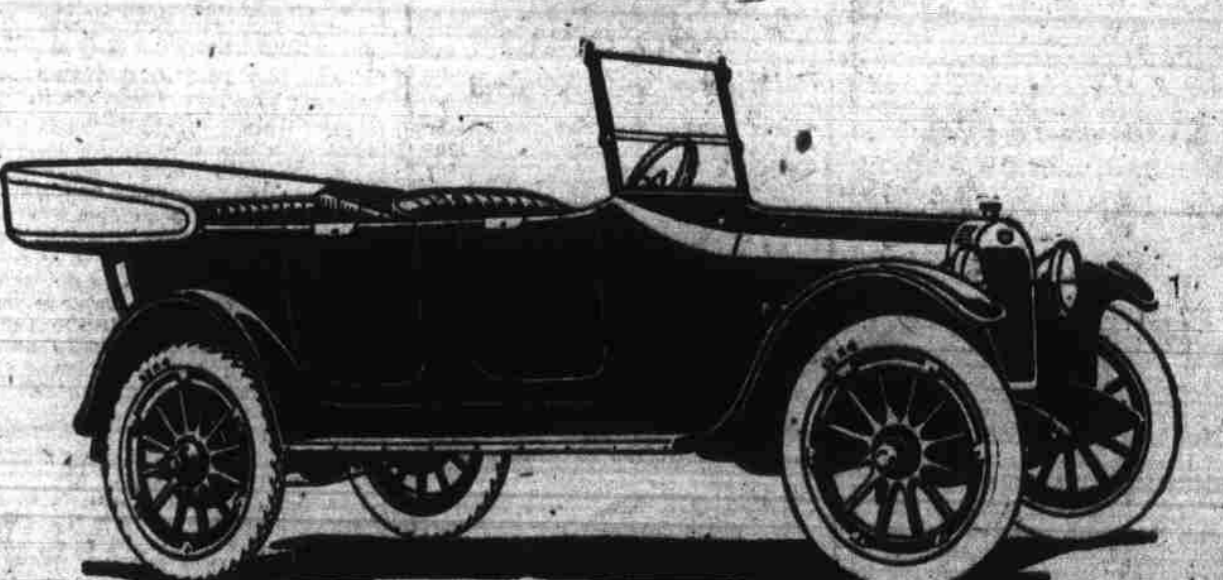
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