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RUMANIA "AXES" AXIS.

Divided from Russia by the River Pruth lies Rumania, whose sudden break with the Nazis provides one of the war's greatest sensations. Pictures just received from Russia show the events which led to the dramatic announcement that King Michael had made an eleventh hour peace with the Allies. Bridges had been blown up by the Germans in their headlong flight from Bessarabia; but the Red Army hadn't chased the enemy all the way from the Volga just to stop at the Pruth. Soviet engineers soon had tanks and transport across, with fast-working infantry in close support.

The tremendous moment has arrived. The Nazis nightmare has come true. Soviet troops are in Rumania, key to the Balkans, with all the equipment of a mighty modern army.

Pressing on, the Red Army swiftly overtakes those Germans who have not run quickly enough. Soon the first prisoners to be captured on Rumanian soil are being taken eastwards - and out of the war.

The important Rumanian city of Seret is occupied by troops of the First Ukranian Army. The city looks empty; the Germans, fearing that the population of the country is turning against them, have driven the inhabitants westwards. In Botoshani - the largest town in Northern Rumania the streets are also empty.

Gradually the inhabitants return, to learn that Goebbels has lied to them, and that the Russians have no designs on their soil or their homes. And so, as the Red Army marches on in the East, and the other Allies in the West, Rumania, decides she has played the German game long enough. As the master-race goes down for the count, another disillusioned satellite deserts to the winning side.