

To-Day's Messages.

10.30 A.M.

FRENCH CONSOLIDATING THEIR GROUND.

LONDON, To-day. French troops spent most of to-day along the front to the left of the British in consolidating the ground which they gained in the early morning attack when appreciable progress was made. On both the Aisne and Verdun fronts heavy artillery actions were in progress.

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, To-day. The attack began, as has been customary, in the early hours of the morning, following a heavy bombardment of the German positions, and apparently the Allies met with only slight resistance. The gains of ground were quickly made and afterwards there was only a feeble reaction by the German artillery. Violent artillery duels between the French and Germans along the Aisne sector and on the Verdun front continue, but the infantry of neither side has done anything more than carry out small raiding operations. Likewise in the Austro-Italian theatre and in Macedonia bombardments prevail almost exclusively, although in the latter region British and French troops daily are carrying out with success raids into enemy territory. The Russian Gulf of Riga fleet, which last week apparently was bottled up in Moon Sound by German naval forces, has made its way out of the Sound and is now guarding the northern entrance to the Sound off Wormso Island. The Russian vessels made their escape without further losses than the battleship Slava, which was sunk in the naval engagement last Wednesday, and two other vessels, presumably transports, which went ashore. From its new position the fleet is situated so that it may make a dash for the Gulf of Finland around the Western Esthonia Coast, or if menaced by an attack from the greatly superior German units, take refuge again in the waters of Moon Sound and play hide-and-seek with the enemy. Meanwhile the Germans have landed forces on the Esthonia Coast and pressed back the Russian fighting slightly and occupied the Western portion of Vardar Peninsula. That a larger landing somewhere along the coast is in anticipation is indicated by a statement in a Russian official statement that German patrol boats have been seen in the vicinity of the Gulf of Riga conveying large transports. More than 1,200 additional prisoners were taken by the Germans in the conquest of Dago Island, where also large numbers of guns and quantities of war stores fell into their hands.

WILL ADD NOTHING MORE.

LONDON, To-day. Replying to questions in the Commons to-day, A. J. Balfour, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said there seems to be no reason at present for adding anything to the acknowledgment already sent by the British Government to the Pope's peace proposals.

WILL PROSECUTE FORMER CABINET.

ATHENS, To-day. After fourteen hours of defense of himself and his colleagues by M. Rallis, the Chamber of Deputies voted to-day in favor of prosecuting the members of the former Skouloudis Cabinet, in which M. Rallis was Minister of Finance.

NO INFANTRY FIGHTING.

ROME, To-day. There was no infantry action on the Austro-Italian front, particularly in the "Plezzo," Tolmino and South Vipacco areas.

PERHAPS HE CAN FIND NO SUCCESSOR.

AMSTERDAM, To-day. The Vossische Zeitung says that in well informed circles it is understood that the German Emperor has refused to accept Vice Admiral Von Cap-



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elle's resignation as Minister of Marine.

ENCOURAGING WORDS FROM LLOYD GEORGE.

LONDON, To-day. "I have scanned the horizon intently," said Premier Lloyd George to-day, "and can see no terms in sight which will lead to an enduring peace. The only terms now possible would mean an unarmed truce ending in an even more frightful struggle." He said he had hoped the enemy's terrible power might be broken this year, but that the temporary collapse of the Russian military power had postponed this hope; but time was on the side of the Allies. Time once was neutral, but two things had changed this, namely the advent of America and the increasing failure of the German submarine war. The Allies were working in the greatest harmony, he continued. They were on the eve of the most important inter-Allied Conference ever held, at which for the first time representatives of the American and Russian Democracy would be present. The war, he said, was terrible in itself but more terrible in the possibilities it revealed of new horrors on land and sea and in the air. It must be settled now, once for all, he declared. If war should be renewed after thirty years more of scientific application it would be the death of civilization. Brute force must be dethroned forever. To realize what the advent of America meant, he went on, it was necessary only to look on the rapid growth of the little British Army. America was now starting and its resources in men were twice those of Britain. British shipbuilding, he said, had increased four-fold and America had done likewise. Germany laughed at the war declarations of China and other nations, but these declarations meant that most of the world's food and raw materials were under the flags of Germany's enemies, which could reduce Germany to impotence and deceleration. Lloyd George said that Germany would make peace now only on terms which would enable her to benefit by the war. He asserted that it would be an encouragement to every buccannery empire in the future to repeat

the experiment. More than twice as many German submarines were lost in the first ten months of this year as in all of last year. The British tonnage lost monthly now is not much more than one third of the total destroyed last April. Lloyd George said that Bolshevism in all its shapes and forms should be looked out for. "Be ware of people who try to sow dissension, distrust and suspicion," he said. "The enemy is trying to rattle our nerves; keep steady and we will win."

1.00 P.M.

DISCUSSING THE AIR RAID.

LONDON, To-day. In the Commons, yesterday, Sir George Cave, Home Secretary, said that Friday night's air raid appeared to have been carried out by ten or more Zeppelins. Of these five failed entirely to reach their objective, leaving the country without causing material damage. Of the five which came near land, four failed to penetrate the defences. The remaining one drifted over London with her engines cut off, dropping three bombs, which unfortunately caused loss of life. British airplanes went up but the atmospheric conditions were most unfavorable for the attackers and they were unable to bring the raiders into action. As was known, four of the raiders were brought down in France and information regarding others was awaited. The Secretary said that the greatest credit was due the French, but added that in justice to the British anti-aircraft service it should be remembered that when the Zeppelins were over France they were flying by daylight and at a lower altitude than that at which they kept while over England. The Government has already announced its intention of bombing German towns until an end was put to such cold-blooded attempts by the Germans on the civil population of this country. Two such attacks have already been made and the House could rest assured that the process would be continued until this purpose was attained. The Home Secretary also stated that the Government had arranged to hold a naval inquiry into all the circumstances connected with the successful German attacks recently made upon neutral ships protected by two destroyers. He refused to entertain a suggestion that the matter should be the subject of an inquiry independent of the Admiralty.

RETURNED IN FULL MEASURE.

LONDON, To-day. Speaking at an Albert Hall demonstration yesterday, Mr. Bonar Law, referring to the air raids, declared it was impossible to prevent them, but Great Britain would make them as costly as possible. He said Germany has carried out a kind of aerial warfare which is detestable. We would avoid it if we could, but the enemy is determined to do it. So be it. Our enemies will find that what they gave us will be returned to them in full measure, pressed down and running over.

THE LAST ADVANCE.

LONDON, To-day. Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters in Belgium in a despatch received last evening says: The advance was carried out in a dense mist resembling a London fog. The ground is still terribly heavy. Up to midday we had advanced about a thousand yards, carrying our left wing well up to the fringe of Houtholst Forest. It is also rumored that we occupied Postcapelle brewery, Minster House and Helles House. The keenest resistance was experienced on our left centre, where the machine gun fire was so hot that our progress was checked. The enemy counter attacked but they were repulsed with severe punishment. The weather cleared as the day advanced. The operation, however, does not seem to be of major importance like the recent battles.

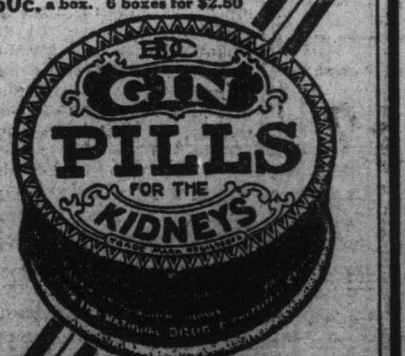
POLITICAL CRISIS IN FRANCE.

LONDON, To-day. After President Poincaré refused to accept the resignation of the Poincaré Ministry, according to a despatch from Paris, all the Ministers placed the question of their resignations in the hands of the Premier, who is considering the matter.

DEFENDING THE AIR DEFENCE.

LONDON, To-day. An attempt to move the adjournment of the Commons last night during a debate on Friday's air raid came to naught. Speeches were made by Sir Francis Lowe, John Dillon and W. Johnson Hicks, in which complaint was made of the impunity with which the Zeppelins were able to penetrate to central England and get away scot-free, and declaring that only the fog prevented a serious disaster. J. Austen Chamberlain and Chancellor Bonar Law deprecated the discussion. Bonar Law declared he had no intention to give any information to the extent of the attacks against the Zeppelins. One thing Germany was anxious to know, he said, was what were the particular methods of defence against their attacks. After

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this statement the motion for adjournment was withdrawn. If the Germans ever smiled at our way of conducting the war, said Bonar Law, they would have a happy time over the British Parliament stopping its business to make this fuss over the greatest air defeat that it had served the Zeppelins. Searchlights and guns would only have revealed London to the intruders. The same weather conditions which made it impossible properly to attack the Zeppelins were real cause that there they were lost and were brought down in France.

SCATHING NORWEGIAN DENUNCIATION.

CHRISTIANIA, To-day. The Norwegian newspapers bitterly denounce the murderous attack of the Germans in the convoy action last week in the North Sea. The newspapers in Bergen, where the survivors of the attack were taken, demand deportation from Norway of all Germans employed by the German General Purchasing Agency. The Christiania newspaper Verdens Gang says the affair was characteristic of German brutality and exceptional cowardice. The newspaper adds that the Germans, having put the British warships out of the game, acted against the peaceful merchantmen as if they were the entire British navy. "It was the most dastardly deed any navy can boast of," says the Tidens Tegn; "it outrivals all other German crimes."

RUSSIANS INFLECT LARGE LOSSES ON GERMANS.

PETROGRAD, To-day. Two German dreadnoughts, one cruiser, twelve torpedo boats and one transport were put out of action by the Russians in the fighting around the islands in the Gulf of Riga last week. Their ultimate fate is unknown, says an official statement. It has been established that at least six German torpedo boats were sunk in the fighting. The Russians lost the battleship Slava and a large torpedo boat.

AIR FIGHTING.

LONDON, To-day. Fifteen German airplanes were brought down by British aviators in recent fighting over the battle area in Northern France, says the official statement on aviation issued by the war office. German airdromes and railway stations were bombed heavily; eight British machines are reported missing.

FORGING AHEAD.

LONDON, To-day. The text of the British official statement issued at midnight reads: "Highly successful minor operations were carried out by our troops this morning on the battle front in the neighborhood of Poelcapelle and in conjunction with the French south of Houtholst Forest, each of Poelcapelle, Battalions of Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Berks Regiments and of the Northumbrian Fusiliers attacked on a front of about one and a half miles and captured a number of strongly fortified buildings and concrete positions on a hill east of the village. Rain had again fallen during the night, rendering the ground slippery and the task of assembling difficult. In spite of this weather our objectives were captured after fierce fighting in which many Germans were killed. Our troops southeast of Poelcapelle then pressed on and carried other valuable positions beyond the line of their objectives. Further north the Lancashire, Cheshire and Royal Scots battalions, in co-operation with the French, attacked on a front of more than two miles from the Ypres-Staden railway to a point north of Mangelaere. Severe fighting occurred but the southern defences of Houtholst Forest were captured along with a further series of fortified farms and strong points. The Allied troops have established themselves firmly beyond the southern boundary of the forest. In the course of the morning the enemy delivered strong local counter attacks in the vicinity of the Ypres-Staden railway and succeeded in checking the advance of our troops astride the railway line, but at all other points they were unable to stop them. Two hundred prisoners were captured and heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. During the night the enemy raided one of our posts south of the River Scarpe-Arras area; a few of our men are missing.

The incoming mail and freight left Port aux Basques this morning.

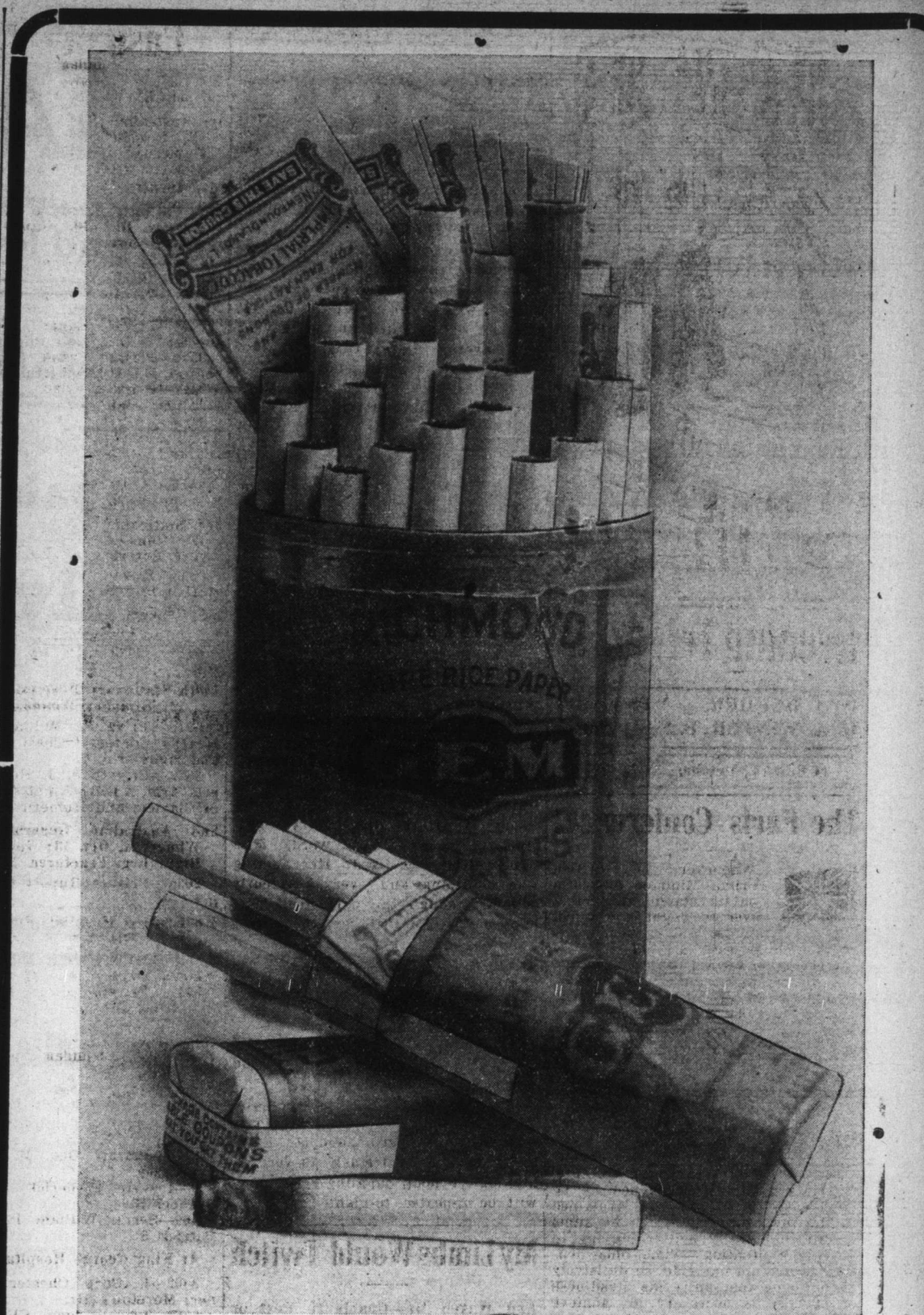
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For instance who can deny the beauty of a small face, surrounded by golden hair and the whole framed in a poke bonnet on the picturesque order? Then, too, there are coats in Mother Hubbard style developed in tan cashmere, the skirt shirred on to a narrow yoke. Small round buttons, covered with the material form the trimming beneath which is fastened the snap fasteners.

Ties and socks are an important part of a small girl's wardrobe, also. Just as her Mamma's appearance is spoiled if she does not wear well cut and cared for footwear, so is the little girl's, only in a greater measure. They must be big and pretty. If the child is to look well dressed. Of course the half socks have ousted the long hose and they are very attractive.

MARRIED.

On October 14th at the R. C. Cathedral, by the Right Rev. Monsignor McDermott, Robert T. Hanlon to Miss Nellie Smart, both of this city.

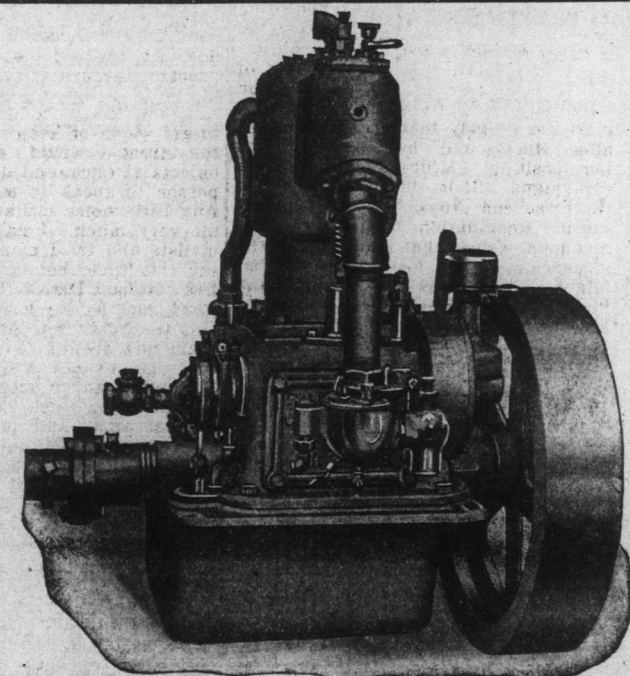
DIED.

Passed peacefully away, after a long and painful illness, on Oct. 22nd, Henry Thorne, aged 89 years, leaving three sons, Robert, with whom he lived, and John and Richard Thorne, of Torbay, and three daughters besides a large circle of friends and relations; funeral from his late residence, 7 Freshwater Road, Wednesday, Oct. 24th, at 12 o'clock. Interment at Torbay.

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