

## To-Day's Messages.

10.00 A.M.

### FIGHTING BEFORE CAMBRAI.

LONDON, To-day. There has again been severe fighting to-day west of Cambrai, says an official report from Flanders to-day. At noon the enemy strongly attacked the positions we hold in the neighborhood of Bourlon and succeeded in pressing back our troops from portions of the village. Fighting also occurred in the Hindenburg support line west of Moeuvres, where we captured prisoners. The number of prisoners taken since the commencement of the operations on Nov. 20th has now reached a total of 9,774, including 152 officers.

### HAIK PRAISES AND THANKS TROOPS.

LONDON, To-day. The following special order of the day was issued by Field Marshal Haig on Sunday: "The capture of the important Bourlon position yesterday crowns the most successful operation and opens the way to a further exploitation of the advantages already gained in the operations of the third army. During the past four days the troops engaged were called on to advance under conditions different from anything ever attempted before. The manner in which they adapted themselves to the new conditions was in all respects admirable and the results gained by their efforts are of far-reaching importance. Although practically all the divisions employed have already been engaged in severe and prolonged fighting this year, all the arms and services have met these fresh calls on them in a manner worthy of the highest traditions of the British Army. In this battle the tanks for the first time have been afforded an opportunity of working in large numbers and showing their special value under conditions suitable to them. Without them the complete surprise gained would not have been possible and could not even have been attempted. Their performances have entirely justified the trust placed in them. The infantry, artillery and the aircraft have cooperated with the efficiency and complete devotion to duty in which they never fail. The cavalry has cooperated with the other arms with excellent results. The Royal Engineers, signal service, transport service, army service corps and the various administrative services concerned, each performed most valuable work. To General Sir Julian Byng and his staff, to the commanders and the staffs under him, and to all the arms and services engaged in these operations my thanks and warmest congratulations are due for the manner in which they prepared and carried through the operations and on the splendid results achieved. I also express my obligation to all ranks at the general headquarters for the success with which they met the severe strain imposed by the arrangements for these operations, in addition to the sudden movements of the troops, to Italy, operations on the Flanders Front and many other movements, the relief of which had to be carried out simultaneously. The operations on the third army front would in all probability have miscarried if the enemy had gained a timely warning of our intentions, and the most satisfactory feature in connection with these operations is the complete secrecy maintained. For this my thanks are due to all concerned."

### FRENCH VICTORY AT VERDUN.

PARIS, To-day. In an attack in the Verdun region on Sunday the French troops captured the first and second German lines of defence, including deep dugouts, and also took 800 German prisoners, according to the French official statement issued this evening.

### ITALIANS HOLD FAST EVERYWHERE.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Saturday, Nov. 24th.—(By the Associated Press).—Strong enemy attacks with artillery preparations continued throughout the day on the whole eastern front between the Breno and Piave Rivers, but the enemy made no ground and all his attacks failed. The fighting, while severe, was not of that whirlwind character of the last two days. Both sides are engaged in reorganizing their positions on the shifting front and taking a momentary respite from the tremendous strain of the last few days. Another attempt to cross the Piave River on pontoons resulted in the wiping out of the pontoons and men. Further details of the seriousness of the fighting in the north were given to the correspondent by an eye-witness returning from the line, who also told of many instances of daring by the regiments, battalions and individuals of the Italian army. The artillery has especially distinguished itself in the fighting around Meletta, Bassano. A mountain battery was obliged to fall

back with the infantry. Every officer of the battery had been killed except the Captain who was badly wounded. While bleeding on the ground he called two gunners and ordered them to set up the wreck of the remaining guns and directed them to fire from this point. The last seen of him was on the ground behind this place.

### MISS ROMANOFF ROAMIN' OFF.

NEW YORK, To-day. Miss Tatiana Nicolaevna Romanoff, second daughter of Nicholas Romanoff, the deposed Emperor of Russia, has escaped from Siberia, through a fictitious marriage to the son of a former Chamberlain of the Czar, and is now on her way to the United States accompanied by an English woman, according to information made public here to-night by persons connected with the Russian civilian relief. The former grand duchess, who is twenty years old, made her escape from Tobolsk, the present home of the exiled Emperor, to Harbin in Manchuria and thence to Japan, where passage was taken on a steamer for either San Francisco or Vancouver. Officers of the Russian civilian relief, including Daniel Freeman, Ivan Natodny and Dr. Thos. Darlington, have been informed that the young woman will arrive in New York early in December and play a prominent part in the work of the recently formed organization.

### ITALIAN SUCCESS.

ROME, To-day. British Admiralty Press—The text of to-day's official statement reads: "On the Asiago Plateau heroic parties of our first army, who for ten days uninterruptedly and without yielding a yard of ground have been fighting for the defence of the strong point of Meletta, yesterday again repulsed several furious enemy attacks and counter-attacked with success. Two sections of machine guns were captured. On the east of the front there were only artillery actions. Near Meletta, Grappa, two enemy airplanes were brought down by one of our aircraft."

### ITALIAN AVIATION'S GOOD WORK.

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY.—The situation to-day is virtually unchanged along the northern battle front and on the Piave River. Artillery activity continues violent and here and there heavy fighting at scattered points is taking place. But there is a fall in the aggressive activity, as both sides require time for the purpose of reorganizing their broken ranks. A Prussian Guard regiment is among those contingents having the heaviest losses. Three battalions of the guard were thrown against the charge which carried the Italians back into one of their strategic mountain positions. The guards were swept aside in the impetuous wave of enthusiasm, only a battalion of them was able to reform in small groups. Reports show that the Italian aviators have brought down 51 enemy machines during the fighting in the last thirty days, or nearly two machines daily.

### MALVY TO BE IMPEACHED.

PARIS, To-day. A special committee of 33 of the Chamber of Deputies, charged with investigating the accusations of having had relations with the enemy made against Louis J. Malvy, former Minister of the Interior, issued its report yesterday. In as much as Malvy demanded his appointment, this special committee decided to propose to the Chamber that M. Malvy be impeached, the report concluded.

### RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

PETROGRAD, To-day. An official statement to-day on the campaign, says: "Liveller fusillades occurred in the direction of Jacobstadt where strong fire was opened by the Germans. On the Western, Southwestern and Roumanian fronts there were fusillades and scouting reconnaissances." On the Baltic Sea the situation is unchanged.

### CONFERENCE OF RUSSIAN PEASANTS.

PETROGRAD, To-day. A proclamation signed "Spiridonov, Chairman of the Assembly," has been addressed to all delegates from the armies at the front and division and district deputies. It says: "An extraordinary assembly has been opened. Comrades are requested to come immediately to a conference of the all-Russian Peasant Deputies. One should be sent from each district and each division."

### BOLSHEVIKY REVEAL STATE DOCUMENTS.

LONDON, To-day. State documents made public by the Bolshevik Foreign Minister Trotsky at Petrograd, according to a semi-official Petrograd news agency, show that France claimed that it was entitled to the return of Alsace-Lorraine, the iron and coal districts of France, and wooded regions on the left bank of the Rhine. "We were

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also to be separated from Germany certain territories which were to be formed into neutral states. These would be occupied by Russian troops until certain guarantees were fulfilled and peace was concluded. One document refers to a reported conference of financiers in Switzerland last September, in which Great Britain decided having participated, concluding which it is suggested that German delegates insisted on the cession of the Baltic provinces and the independence of Finland.

### FREIGHTER SUNK.

PARIS, To-day. News was received to-day confirming reports that the freight steamer Mald had been sunk Wednesday, eight miles from Dieppe. All of the 25 officers and men on board lost with the exception of one sailor.

### NORWEGIANS SUNK.

LONDON, To-day. A despatch from Christiansia says the Norwegian steamer Kresfand, 1707 tons, was sunk by a German sub. The second officer and fourteen members of the crew were lost. The Norwegian ship Victory also has been lost.

### Hospital Report.

Progressing Favorably—3005. Dying—3113, Morris; 228 Rideout; 3442 Saunders. Improving—210, Clare.

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## VERY LATEST.

1 00 P.M.

### CIVILIANS MAY BE LEAVING CAMBRAI.

British Army Headquarters in France, To-day. There has been much traffic out of Cambrai south-eastward during the last few days indicating the probability that the Germans have evacuated the civil population.

### BRITISH HOLD BOURLON.

British Army Headquarters in France, Sunday.—This morning found the line of battle of weary but determined British troops stretched in a semi-circle about Bourlon Wood and Bourlon Village, which nestles at the northwestern end of the forest. It was the line which had been established in the face of dogged resistance on the part of the Germans, who have fallen back step by step fighting with the fury of despair. All day yesterday the opposing forces struggled bitterly at close quarters for possession of the little village, from which the British were formed on Friday after gaining a footing in the rush that took them through Bourlon Wood. Night-fall still found waves of infantry surging back and forth through the streets of the hamlet and among the houses, their crimson bayonets telling the story of the terrible combat, being waged. Gradually the Germans fell back, the British pressing forward with a grim persistence which the enemy could not withstand, and the hamlet was finally cleared of the major portion of the German troops. To-day some few of the enemy still remained in Bourlon to be mopped up, but all the main streets of the place had been cleared, and it was surrounded by a strong force of British soldiers. A little to the southwest of here another intense struggle was being staged in the village of Moeuvres, into which the British had battled their way with rifle and bayonet and pushed the Germans out of the southern half of the village, along the Cambrai front there was no artillery action of any importance. Prisoners continue to arrive at the British lines from the front. Nearly ten thousand captives thus far have been counted, including two hundred officers. In the capture of Bourlon Wood and the village the British have acquired possession of one of the most important points they have secured since the great drive began last Tuesday. This high ground controls a wide sweep of territory and its occupation holds out the possibility that the Germans eventually will be forced to withdraw their lines to the northwest.

### FINE WORK BY ANZACS.

LONDON, Nov. 26 (via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Reuter's correspondent at Egyptian headquarters, dealing with the share of the cavalry in the pursuit of the Turks at Syria, says: "It was a serious period for all, especially the horsemen, who were called upon to cover enormous distances. Nevertheless they surpassed expectations. They were employed to do scouting, guard the flank and undertake mounted infantry work, and two or three times their glorious occupation enabled them to fulfil their old role of shock tactics. A few instances of this occurred at Abasskush on Nov. 13. As the Turks were evacuating the ridge under our pressure the Warwick and Worcester yeomanry charged them with cold steel. The Turkish losses in killed exceeded the prisoners in number and the latter totalled 350. The next day was the day of the Anzacs. Four miles from Ramleh two fresh Turkish battalions counter-attacked most determinedly, getting within fifteen yards of the New Zealand mounted troops, who dismounted, and advancing with the Auckland and Wellington Rifles, charged with the bayonet and practically wiped out the Turks. Over four hundred dead were counted. The Anzacs entered Ramleh the next morning, unopposed, and also captured three hundred prisoners and much war material at Lydia, from which the enemy hurriedly retired at night time. The following day the Anzacs entered Jaffa."

### THE RUSSIAN MUDDLE.

LONDON, To-day. A despatch from Petrograd under date November 25th says that the Allied diplomatic representatives had a two hours' conference at the British Embassy on that day and weighed all the things of the Maximilian armistice order. Ensign Kryukov, the new Commander-in-Chief of the army, asked by an interviewer why the German army had failed to take advantage of Russia's troubles, is reported as having replied: "The German proletariat is hand in hand with us and will not allow official Germany to

hamper the fulfilment of a great cause." The Military Revolutionary Committee has ordered the dissolution of the committee for the salvation of the country and revolution, the despatch adds, because the latter Committee urged the employees of the State Bank not to deliver funds to the Maximalists.

### GERMANS DESIST FROM ATTACKS.

LONDON, To-day. The Germans have not repeated their attacks on Bourlon position west of Cambrai since their failure of yesterday. Field Marshal Haig reported to-day. The statement issued by the War Office reads: On the Cambrai battle front the enemy has not repeated his attacks on the Bourlon position since the failure of his attempt mid-day yesterday and the situation is unchanged. Northeast of Ypres there was considerable artillery activity on both sides early last night, in the Passchendaele sector, but no infantry action developed.

### Train Notes.

Yesterday's outgoing express, left Millertown Junction at 9.15 a.m. to-day.

The incoming express is due at 1 p.m. to-day.

The ladies of the Congregational Aid Society will hold their Annual Sale of Work on Wednesday, Nov. 28th. A splendid assortment of Fancy and Plain Work, suitable for Xmas Gifts, has been prepared. The Toy Stall will be worth seeing. Please keep the date open.—nov26,31

## Miraculous Escape.

Last Friday while Mr. Wm. Hawkins was cleaning out his gun, a terrible explosion occurred. It happened, however, that he put a little powder in the gun to clean it out, and setting it off a piece of the cap went into a keg, in which there were five lbs. of powder. It exploded, and blew three windows out of the store, besides lifting both sides of the roof. The store was left in a wonderful condition, and Mr. Hawkins was burned a lot about the face, but at present he is feeling better of the shock.—Twillingate Sun, Nov. 17.

## Died Suddenly.

Mr. P. J. Summers, K.C., Deputy Minister of Justice, received the following message last night from Magistrate Fitzgerald:—"John Bandler, aged 52, married formerly of Trinity, now living here, was stricken with heart failure while at work this evening. Removed to hospital in unconscious condition and died soon afterwards."

## Accident at Sea.

Messrs. Job Bros. & Co., Ltd., received a message yesterday from Captain Faulk, of the S. S. Theist, stating that he had put into Sydney the previous day to land a member of the crew who was suffering from a broken collar bone, sustained as a result of a heavy sea striking him. The name of the injured seaman was not given. The Theist called here about a week ago for slight repairs. After getting them she left for a Canadian port, and must have encountered rough weather. She has left Sydney for her destination.

## Victory Loan Now Totals \$189,000,000.

Messrs. McCurdy & Co. have just received a message from their Halifax Office informing them that the Canadian Victory Loan, which is still in the course of subscription and which aimed at raising \$150,000,000, has already reached the magnificent total of \$189,000,000! Well done, Canada!

## En Route for Clifton Springs.

By to-day's express the Rev. C. A. and Mrs. Whitmarsh left for Hillview, T.B., on a short stay at the old home of Mrs. Whitmarsh before proceeding to Clifton Springs, N.Y., where the rev. gentleman will undergo special treatment next year. He has resigned from the Brigis Circuit, where he was well liked by his people, who regret very much having to part with their pastor. Mr. Whitmarsh has not been well for some time and has already spent a couple of months at Clifton Springs Sanatorium. It is the sincere wish of all that he will be restored to his former health. The Argyle arrived at Placentia at 3.45 p.m. yesterday.

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