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## TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.50 A.M.

### GERMANS FAIL TO RECOVER GROUND.

PARIS, To-day. Three successive counter attacks by the Germans north of Verdun in the region of Haudremont and Douaumont were repulsed by the French yesterday, says a bulletin issued by the war office at midnight. The prisoners taken by the French exceed 4,500.

### STOPS MAIL STEAMER.

LONDON, To-day. The Central News learns that a German warship stopped a Norwegian mail steamer which left Bergen on Monday for Newcastle. This is the first action of the kind.

### A GREATER CANADA.

NEW YORK, To-day. Baron Shaughnessy, in an interview granted to a representative of the Canadian Press as he was about to board the steamer which left Europe, predicted a greater Canada industrially and politically when peace is declared, though bleeding with sacrifices and bending with the effort on behalf of the great Empire of which it is an integral part. He said Canada's biggest role in the play of nations is not now but in the future.

### WAR REVIEW.

LONDON, To-day. From three points the Teutonic Allies are working with a view to attempt to encompass Roumania from the northeastern and eastern borders of Transylvania and through Dobruja. In the latter region the east Transylvanian front further progress in their inroads into King Ferdinand's territory have been made. On the northeast Transylvanian front, however, in engagements with the Russians they have been driven from the heights south of Dorna Watra. Keeping up his drive in Dobruja, Field Marshal von Mackensen has brought his line well above the Constanta-Tchernovoda railway line, his right wing resting approximately on Techaut near the Black Sea, twelve miles north of Constanta and left and north of Tchernovoda, whence runs the only bridge across the Danube in this region. Whether the Roumanians in their evacuation of Tchernovoda left intact the fourteen mile bridge, which would be of immense strategic value to the Teutonic Allies in a diversion towards Bucharest, has not been made known, but following military precedent, despite the quickness of von Mackensen's forward push it has presumably been destroyed. Further ground on the eastern Transylvanian front on the Roumanian side of the Vulean and Predal Passes has been given up to the Austro-Germans by the Roumanians, but according to the latest reports the Teutonic Allies have driven northward, while in the Unal and Oltaz Valleys the Roumanians have made advances. In the region of Verdun, where the French on Tuesday made their spectacular drive north and northeast of Verdun, they are still holding the ground gained despite vicious counter attacks, delivered particularly in the region of Haudremont and Douaumont and east



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of Fumin Wood, North of Chenics they have gained further ground. More than 4,500 German soldiers were captured in this region. Elsewhere along the front where the French and British are facing the Germans in France, little activity except by big guns has been shown. Likewise in the Austro-Italian theatre the artillery is doing the greater part of the work along the entire line of battle. The northern part of the Carso plateau is under heavy bombardment. Only minor operations have taken place on the fronts in Russia and Macedonia.

### NORWAY'S HEAVY LOSSES.

LONDON, To-day. Lloyd's reports the Norwegian steamer Anno Gurine from Glasgow for Nantes, sunk and the crew landed at Plymouth. A Reuters despatch from Kristiania reports the sinking of the Norwegian steamers Garibaldi and Ravn (previously reported). This despatch says the crew of the Ravn were saved. The Norwegian barque Randi has been burned by a German submarine. The Norwegian steamer Edam, which was previously reported to have been captured, is now reported sunk and the crew taken to Eniden.

### GERMAN WARSHIP DESTROYED.

COPENHAGEN, To-day. Large quantities of wreckage were washed up on Revshale Island, near Copenhagen, on Wednesday, according to the 'Ektstrabladet'. An investigation showed the wreckage was from a German warship, and included large sections of the after part of the ship.

1.00 P.M.

### VERDUN A SWEEPING VICTORY.

PARIS, To-day. The French troops at Verdun are following up as fast as they can the advantage gained by their sudden forward stroke on Tuesday and according to the latest information have closed to within less than five hundred yards of Vaux fort. Announcement of its capture is momentarily expected here, thus completely restoring the French line held on February 25th. The German forces at Verdun are reacting so slowly and with such apparent lack of strength that it is the opinion of French military men they no longer possess a general reserve but are obliged to withdraw men from one section of the front to reinforce another section in case of need. The reports of the casualties which are now in hand show that the French losses were very slight indeed, and considerably less than the number of prisoners taken, and a large proportion of them will be cases in which the men were slightly wounded. Considerable material was captured. The Germans had massed guns of all calibre in the ravine of death, all of which fell into the hands of the French. The three Lieut-Generals who under command of General Mangin, led the attacking divisions were all Lieut-Colonels at the outbreak of the war and had been singled out by General Joffre for promotion on account of their technical ability, energy and initiative.

### ANOTHER ONE.

LONDON, To-day. The Norwegian steamer Tag, has been torpedoed by a German submarine, the crew were saved.

### WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE.

Via LONDON, To-day. Can the German line on the Western front be broken? Next to General Sir Douglas Haig, few British soldiers are in a better position to judge than General Sir Henry Rawlinson, General Haig's right hand man in the Somme offensive. "Undoubtedly it can," was Rawlinson's reply to the question which the whole world is asking. "Are you satisfied with the results?" he was asked. "Yes," he replied. "We have taken position after position and thirty thousand prisoners. For nearly four months this new army has kept on attacking and has asserted its mastery over the enemy, who had forty years preparation. The dogged and heroic gallantry and tenacity of our infantry has been proved, despite their desperate counter attacks, by how few prisoners the Germans have taken. The Allies in close sympathy and co-operation will keep on pressing simultaneously on all fronts until at some point the enemy gives away. It is difficult to say what the result of a break in the line might be, but it will seriously weaken his whole system of defence. Our army has not yet reached its zenith of power nor will it have done so until next spring or possibly next summer. I think we have reached the top of the hill, but there is an undulating table land to cross before we really get on to the down grade portion. Beyond this step it may be quite a gentle slope, but it will be down hill work and comparatively easy."

### TROUBLE IN MEXICO.

MEXICO CITY, To-day. The War Office announced to-day

that Government troops had been despatched from three points to reinforce the garrison at Santa Isabel and to surround the Villista force which is attacking it.

### BRITISH SHIP SUNK.

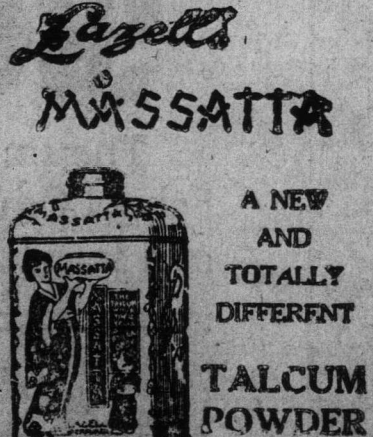
LONDON, To-day. The British steamer Sidmouth has been sunk and the crew landed.

### No Peace Possible Yet.

London Telegram: For France there can be no peace until the military power of Germany is crushed in the field. For Great Britain none; for Russia none; for Italy none. All the Allies know it, and all are inspired by a determination which is dictated by the same fear. Let the truth be stated frankly! For twenty years and more the Powers of Europe have been living in fear of Germany and of the vast military machine on which the fabric of the German Empire was based. Wars, indeed, there were in which she took no part, but everyone knew that the hour of the world-war would come when she said the word, and all lived in dread of that word being spoken. The Allies are resolved not to enter upon such another era of what M. Briand has called "war peace"; they are resolved to make an end not of Germany—that is in no man's mind—but of the infernal military machine of which the Kaiser is the head. There is no peace possible while that machine endures, and it will endure until it is overthrown either from within or from without. The German people believe what they are told, and they are told by their idol Hindenburg that their military position is still brilliant. They will not believe the contrary till their lines are broken and their armies are rolled back upon their frontiers. Peace will come within sight, perhaps, when France is cleared of the foe, Bulgaria knocked out of the war, and the corridor to the East closed once more both to Germany and Austria. How can it come before?

### Sing a Song of Zeplins.

"I was trying to remember an old nursery rhyme last night, and I can't remember it. They will respond of the Westminster. 'It would come wrong—something like this: Sing a song of Zeppelins, A little bit awry; One and twenty Germans Dropped from the sky. When the Zepp descended, The Huns began to sing, But 'Deutschland über Alles' Didn't seem the thing. The Zepp was in the farmyard, Sitting on its tail, An Essex Special met the crew And popped them into gal." "FRESH COD SUPPLY.—The local market was well supplied this forenoon with fresh cod brought there by several boats, which were on the local fishing grounds early this morning and secured good fares. The Portia left Marytown at 9 o'clock last night. She is due here to-morrow morning. The S. S. Prospero left Concho at 5.30 this morning going north.



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### Casualty List.

Received 11 a.m. October 26th. The Following are at Wandsworth Suffering From Gunshot Wounds: 1512—Private John Kennell, 63 Merymounting Road. Left arm, right finger, left knee. 1807—Private Wealey W. Bailey, Sound Island, P.B. Chest and hand. 2095—Private Arthur Whelan, 36 George Street. Left leg and buttock. 2012—Private John W. Mugford, Codroy. Left hand and back. 1385—Private Ernest Gulliksen, Trovown, Alexander Bay. Right shoulder.

The Following are Reported at 1st Canadian General Hospital, Etaples, October 15th, Suffering from Gunshot Wounds: 1139—Private Uriah G. Bursay, Caplin Cove, Bay-de-Verde. Head. 1602—Private Arthur W. Fitzgerald, Cochrane Street. Neck, arm and left leg.

320—Private William J. Green, 39 Water St. West. Thigh and right leg. 725—Private Maurice Connor, Blackpool, England. At Netley Hospital, gunshot wound spine, serious. 1733—Private Thomas A. Pittman, Little Bay East, P. B. 1st Australian General Hospital, Rouen, shell wound right shoulder. 1850—Private Allan Pilgrim, St. Anthony, 1st Australian General Hospital, Rouen, shell wound, head.

The Following who were Previously Reported Wounded Have Now Arrived at Wandsworth. 474—Private John J. Dooley, 23 1/2 Maxse Street. 1988—Private George R. Samms, York Harbor, Bay of Islands. 300—Private Benjamin Miller, 27 Young Street. 529—Private James W. Moore, 31 Duckworth St. 2012—Private William Sheppard, P.O. Island. 1753—Private Francis J. Bowen, St. Mary's. 1042—Corporal Arthur Thomas Kennedy, Hill. 1685—Private Arthur Murrin, 59 McFarlane St. 1884—Private Reginald Grandy, Bay L'Argent, F. B.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

### The Countess's Curse.

Francis Joseph's Tragic Life. Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary, has for years sought release from the appalling tragedies of his life in death. He is haunted by a terrible curse. "May your life be wrecked and yet may you live on in lonely, unbroken, and horrible grief, to tremble when you hear the name of Karolyi." It was Countess Karolyi who uttered this awful imprecation when her husband fell a victim in the Austrian massacre of Hungarians. This fearful curse was uttered over sixty years ago, and from that day Fate marked the Austrian Emperor down for a life of tragedy and sorrow. To-day, at eighty-five, he awaits the end tremblingly, knowing that, terrible though the punishment has been, he has in a great measure deserved it.

See how the curse of Countess Karolyi has worked. His brother, Maximilian, who had attempted to establish a Franco-Austrian monarchy in Mexico, was executed.

Carlotta, the wife of Maximilian, went insane as the result of her husband's execution.

The Emperor's only son, the Crown Prince Rudolf of Myerling, was found dead with Baroness Vetsera following a romantic love affair.

Stephanie, widow of the Crown Prince, married an attaché of the Austrian Embassy, losing her Royal rank.

Archduke Johann Salvator fell in love with a dancer, and on being refused the right to marry he resigned his rank, married her despite the Royal decree, and sailed for America. He was lost at sea.

Duchess d'Alencon, the Emperor's sister-in-law, was burned to death in a charity bazaar in Paris.

Francis Ferdinand, the heir-apparent to the throne, married beneath him, and the humbled Emperor had to quiesce.

Empress Elizabeth, the Consort of Francis Joseph, was assassinated in Switzerland after an estrangement from the Emperor.

And then came the crowning tragedy of all. In June, 1914, the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, nephew of the Emperor and heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, and his wife, the Duchess of Hohenberg, were assassinated in the streets of Sarajevo, Bosnia, a tragedy which precipitated this great war.—Tit-Bits.

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