

TO-DAY'S Messages.

11.00 A.M.

MONUMENT TO FALLEN.

PARIS, To-day. The Committee of which Paul Painlevé, Minister of Public Instruction, is chairman has been organized for the object of presenting the City of Paris with a monument in the form of a base relief in memory of the fallen.

LANDING AT KAVALA.

BERLIN (via wireless.) A special despatch from Sofia says the Overseas News Agency reports an attempt to land at Kavala in European Turkey of Anglo-French troops from Gallipoli. The Greek commander at Kavala protested against this.

WANTS LLOYD GEORGE IN PLACE OF ASQUITH.

LONDON, To-day. The country is waiting and longing for a great fight. The Observer in an article denouncing Premier Asquith's leadership, and declaring that David Lloyd George is the only possible head of a new nation. The Government, week after week, and month after month on one question after another, upon great questions and little, whenever there is the least difficulty, there is procrastination, continues the Observer, what are we thinking of to tolerate these things? After seventeen months of war, when all hope of an improvement has finally been quenched, we can only urge Mr. Lloyd George to put his faith in the country as Chatham did. Mr. Lloyd George is one of the few who know that the devil's real name is inertia. He spent Christmas on the Clyde, putting the nation's work first. He did not adjourn his job over the holidays for want of decision and action. We have no hostility towards Mr. Asquith, but the question of efficiency must be settled in the next few weeks.

11.30 A.M.

GIVE AND TAKE ON SANJAB FRONT.

PARIS, To-day. The following official statement from Montenegrin concerning progress of hostilities was issued to-day: The combat on Friday along the entire front of the Sanjab army without result for the enemy, who also were repulsed near Voutchide. After a hot fight the Austrians captured our position of Raskova Gora, which we retook by a vigorous counter attack, taking a number of prisoners and a quantity of material.

WANT SERBIAN PARLIAMENT TO MEET.

PARIS, To-day. The Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency sends the following: The Serbian Minister of War arrived yesterday and was received to-day by the Premier and the Greek Minister of War. A number of Serbian Deputies also arrived and held a meeting at which it was decided to ask the Serbian Government where the Serbian Parliament could reopen.

THE KAISER'S ILLNESS.

LONDON, To-day. Alarming rumors, probably of an exaggerated nature, are being circulated in Switzerland to-day about the Emperor's illness. According to the Zurich correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co., the rumors state the Emperor's condition is causing profound anxiety in Berlin.

FRENCH CHIEF OF STAFF AT SALONIKA.

PARIS, To-day. The Salonika correspondent of the Corriere della Sera Milan says that General Castelnau, Chief of the French General Staff, who has just arrived, has had a long conference with General Sarraill, the French Commander in the Near East. General Castelnau's visit under the present circumstances is of great importance, says the correspondent, and the best proof that the decision taken by him are in accord with General Sarraill's views is to be found in the fact that transports are arriving every day and material is being landed. Only now is the real expeditionary corps being organized. The Bulgarians, in possession of Monastir, adds the correspondent, have requisitioned a great quantity of flour, which has been handed over by the retreating Serbs for the American mission for distribution among the poor. Monastir still lacking all the necessities of life and the people are suffering greatly from hunger.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

LONDON, To-day. The British statement from Army Headquarters in France last night says, there has been some mining activity south of La Bassee Canal, where the enemy mine failed to do any damage to our trenches. North of

the Somme our artillery was effective against the enemy's positions. East of Albert and elsewhere along the front nothing but intermittent minor artillery engagements have occurred.

GRAHAM FRASER DEAD.

HALIFAX, To-day. Graham Fraser, creator of the steel industry in Canada, died suddenly in New Glasgow, on Christmas morning.

1.30 P.M.

EXPECTING GERMAN GAS ATTACK ON WEST FRONT.

PARIS, To-day. Hostilities on the French front which thus far have consisted only of cannonades, may take on more serious form, says the Temps in a military review. The wind is blowing from the east which will permit the enemy to use asphyxiating gas. It is then most elementary prudence for us to be ready with masks and manned batteries; it is not known where the enemy will attempt a supreme effort. The one point on the front nearest Paris may be selected as well as the English line at Ypres, and it is just possible that the Champagne will be chosen as a field of battle. The condition of the ground which is thoroughly soaked and almost impracticable in certain regions, will also play a part in the decision of the enemy. Nowhere will the French be surprised by an attack, as we are on guard along the entire line.

LONDON, To-day.

King Constantine telegraphs Emperor William saying he would allow Bulgarian and Turkish troops to cross Greek frontier, says Mail's correspondent at Athens who had interviews with Greek Ministers. M. Gounaris, Minister of Interior, candidly confessed, according to the correspondent, he did not know what would be done if the Bulgarians and Turks attempted to cross the frontier. Minister of Justice, R. Hallis, on the other hand was just as emphatic in declaring that no Turk or Bulgar would be permitted to set foot on Greek soil.

ATTACKS AT KUTELAMARA.

DELPHIA, Dec. 24. A vigorous Turkish assault against the British forces at Kutelamara was driven back on Saturday with heavy losses, according to an official report received from General Townshend, British commander there. Reports say yesterday the enemy launched a determined attack against a portion of our positions which was repulsed with an enemy loss of from six to eight hundred and wounded. Our casualties were under 200.

GREEK TROOPS MUTINOUS.

PARIS, To-day. Long leaves of absence have now been granted to large number of Greek soldiers. These are due not so much to economy, but on account of mutinies which have broken out, says the Petit Parisien. The nearness of their hereditary enemies, the Bulgarians, is exasperating the troops to such a degree that their officers have no control over them, the paper declared, adding that Premier Skouloudis has granted extended furloughs in the hope of checking the spirit of revolt.

AND HER ITALIAN LINES SUNK.

MILAN, To-day. A Tripoli despatch to the Secolo says: The Italian liner Port Said has been sunk by a submarine flying the Austrian colors. Six passengers and one member of the crew perished. The rest were saved.

2.15 P.M.

THE EXPECTED ATTACK.

NEW YORK, To-day. A cable to the Tribune from Paris says: Paris believes that the beginning of the new German offensive on the western front is only a matter of days, for last week while their guns battered allied positions day and night, the Kaiser's troops have been feeling out ground in France, probing for a weak spot at which attack can be launched. The Russians are gathering their strength for a strong blow at the Teutons, but present indications are that the Czar's forces will not be ready to assume attack until Spring. Germany must strike at Allies in the west before the Russian menace deters troops to the east, that is why the offensive in France must come without delay. For this attack the French and British are well prepared. The munitions' problems have been solved in a large part by both the nations. That was indicated in the September offensive, and since then great stores of ammunition have been accumulated.

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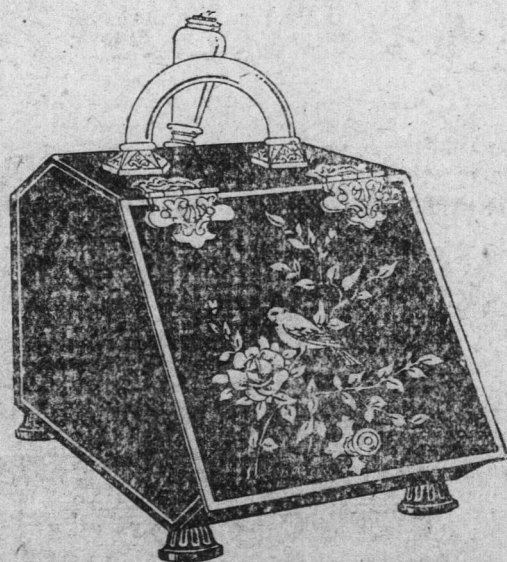
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