

434th Day of the War TO-DAY'S Messages.

11.00 A.M.

LONDON BUDGET.

LONDON, To-day. While the armies of the Central Empires continue to advance into Serbia, nothing yet has been made public to indicate anything in the nature of an actual military move by Bulgaria against Serbia, except a report of the assault momentarily expected on the railroad connecting Nish with Salonika. Rumania is showing increasing alarm on account of the threatened military movement by Bulgaria and the Central Powers in close proximity to her frontier, but neither Athens or Bucharest is exhibiting any readiness to depart from their policy of benevolent neutrality towards the triple entente powers. Official reports of fighting along the major fronts is unusually meagre to-day, the only significant point in any of them being the statement from Berlin that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg on the Pskov front repulsed Russian attacks which seemingly would indicate that for the first time since the German drive through Poland began, the Austro-Germans are making no big offensive at any point along the whole eastern front. Of the fighting in the west, the French official communication in reviewing recent German counter-attacks on Loos says the Germans left between 7,000 and 8,000 dead before the positions which they tried to recapture.

The meeting of the British Parliament to-day promised to be of unusual importance. The Anglo-French loan of \$500,000,000, secured in the States, will be discussed and ratified, although there probably will be a few dissenters, who have been found to oppose every act of the Government since war was declared.

The country awaits with far greater interest, however, for what might Sir Edward Grey may throw up on the Balkan developments, whether he or Premier Asquith will reveal the Cabinet's policy and the vital alternatives which confront it. The alternatives are whether Britain and France will throw all the forces they can command into the Balkan Peninsula for protection of Serbia and Greece against Teutonic and Bulgarian aggression, or will let events there take their course. Military newspaper critics are agreed that one or other path must be followed. The influential Westminster Gazette seconds the protest of the Times military expert against submitting to German dictation as to initiative saying, "If there is to be an expedition it must be on a sufficient scale. We must not weaken the west. The Government in other words must have a clear idea how to get men in and direct to those on whom it had previously counted."

The attack on the Foreign Office and Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Minister, promises to prove a flash in the pan, and carries the country with it as little as did the attack on Earl Kitchener. Sir Edward Grey is the most popular civilian in the country. The weaknesses of the British diplomatic service are no new discovery. The diplomatic staff is largely composed of the old school, aristocracy, who are unequal to dealing with the shifting complicated problems of elusive political, such as they encountered in the Balkans. Generally the disposition is credit to Sir Edward Grey of doing as well as possible with the lieutenants at his disposal. Nevertheless the diplomatic failure in the Balkans has given a great impetus to the movement to throw overboard the secret diplomacy and rebuild a staff of diplomatic corps on more democratic basis, which undoubtedly will be one of the foremost demands of the Liberal masses after the war.

ITALY MAY EXTEND OPERATIONS

UDINE, Italy, To-day. Italy's enlarged participation in the war, according to a report current here is certain and eminent. Premier Salandra during the course of his recent visit to the Italian front, it is understood, laid before King Victor Emmanuel and General Cadorna, Italian Chief of Staff, various plans of campaign, before the final decision was taken.

DARDANELLES CAMPAIGN MAY BE ABANDONED.

LONDON, To-day. The possible transfer of the allied forces from the Gallipoli Peninsula to meet the Teutonic advance in Serbia, is hinted by the Globe, which says the Government is divided on the subject. The Globe considers it vital that the German plan to link up the Central Powers with Turkey be frustrated, and that to this end all other considerations must momentarily be subordinated.

RUSHING SERBIANS NORTH.

SOFIA, To-day. The Serbian troops which had been occupying the Albanian towns of Shkai and Krija have been withdrawn and are being rushed northward. Seven divisions of the Serbian army which had been concentrated along the Bulgarian frontier also have been hurried north to meet the Austro-German offensive.

BULGARIAN MINISTER STILL IN LONDON.

LONDON, To-day. It was said in the Foreign Office to-day that the Bulgarian Minister, Hadji Mischoff, had not asked for his passports nor taken any steps to indicate that he intended to leave the country. The status of M. Mischoff remains the same as prior to the recent developments in Bulgaria. He himself reiterates the statement that his country has not quarrelled with Britain and that he will not depart, unless his passports are handed him. M. Mischoff explained his appointment, as Bulgarian Minister to the Netherlands would not affect his position in England, as he represents his country both at the Hague and at London.

1.00 P.M.

ON ITALIAN FRONTIER.

ROME, To-day. The following official statement was issued to-day from the headquarters of the Italian General Staff: "The zone between Adige Valley and Prenta, notably at the Head of Valdassa, a detachment of our troops made a bold dash against the enemy positions. Breaches were made in the barbed entanglements, some defensive works were destroyed or damaged, and groups of enemy troops were repulsed, and we made few prisoners. The enemy on his side during the night of 10th and 11th, attacked our positions on the Monte Marenia at Malga Proverna and Alta on the plateau Northwest of Arsiera. He was repulsed with losses. On Carse plateau small advances by our troops are reported particularly in the vicinity of a wood called Perre di Cavalle."

FIGHTING AROUND BELGRADE.

PARIS, To-day. Though Belgrade has been evacuated, the Matin's correspondent at Nish in a despatch filed at Sunday, said the fighting continued stubbornly on the hills surrounding the city, some of which had been taken and retaken several times. Artillery on both sides, the despatch says, has been firing without respite for three days. The Serbs gained an advantage again this morning, when they captured excellent positions near Top-sider and drove the Germans back on the suburb of Belgrade, called the Great Vratchar, where a fierce struggle is going on. The invaders threw over fifty thousand shells on the Belgrade, sparing neither hospitals nor churches. Synagogues were destroyed and Jewish families who had taken refuge there were buried in the ruins.

ruins. French artillery took part in the defence of the city. The British with several guns inflicted great losses on the Germans and sank two monitors in Danube near Ramen on the Danube. The Serbians were driven back with four howitzers and several machine guns.

VENIZELLOS INSISTS ON HIS POLICY.

LONDON, To-day. The Greek chamber was informed by the Premier at the meeting yesterday that in order to better assure the vital interests of Greece, her neutrality will for the present be armed, says a despatch from Athens. The Premier adds that the future course of the Ministry will be adopted to meet the events as they occur, and expressed the belief that the Government's course has the support of the people. In reply former Premier Venizelos said: "No one could wish to create internal difficulties in the country, in view of the present extremely critical situation. The Chamber will give its support to the Government, as long as the Government policy does not alter the principles of my policy, upon which the Chamber has already given its vote. Even if there existed no treaty with Serbia, our interest would oblige us to depart from neutrality, as another State wishes to aggrandize itself at our expense. The question is not whether we ought to make war or not, but when we ought to enter the war. In any case we ought not to allow Bulgaria to crush Serbia in order that she may then attack us with all her forces."

HEAVY FIGHTING AT DVINSK.

LONDON, To-day. The Germans are still making determined efforts to envelop Dvinsk, which is costing them severe losses, says the Times Petrograd correspondent. Fortunately, the correspondent adds, the Russians are well supplied with ammunition of all calibres and their artillery continues to sweep many storming columns with wonderful accuracy.

ROUMANIA WILL CHOOSE HER TIME.

PARIS, To-day. Premier Pratiene of Roumania has given the Italian Government to understand that Roumanian co-operation on the side of the Entente may be considered certain, says a special despatch from Rome. The Roumanian Government however will choose its own time for taking the field against the Austro-Germans.

Reids' Boats.

The Argyle left Placentia for the westward at 3 a.m. to-day. The Clyde left Pilley's Island at 10.35 a.m. yesterday, inward. The Dundee left Musgrave at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, outward. The Ethie is due at Carboner to-day. The Glenoe left Port aux Basques at 3.35 a.m. to-day. The Home left Humbermouth at 9 a.m. to-day. The Erik had not arrived at Carboner up to 1 p.m. to-day. The Kyle left Port aux Basques at 11.20 p.m. yesterday. The Meigie arrived at Port aux Basques at 11 a.m. to-day. The Sagona is due at Battle Harbor from north.

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EARL OF DEVON.—The Earl of Devon is due here from the northward this afternoon.

WEATHER.—It is fine along the line of railway to-day, with a light N.W. wind; the temperature ranges from 37 to 45 above.

COAL CARGOES ARRIVE.—The s.s. Frontenac and Amanda reached port to-day from Sydney each with a coal cargo. After discharging they will load fish for foreign market.

ANOTHER metal check was found in LYNCH'S BREAD by Mrs. J. J. Tucker, Central Street, for which she got one dollar's worth of groceries from P. Oxford, Brazil's Square.—11

Co. Watterson in Prophetic Garb.

There are many eminent Americans who unreservedly express their sympathy with the Allies and their hope that German militarism will be crushed but few are so outspoken as Col. Henry Watterson, the veteran Kentucky Journalist, who recently, when interviewed by The Globe, declared that he was no clammy neutral, and added a few observations about the Kaiser that would make the Colonel distinctly persona non grato were he to visit Berlin. Col. Watterson not only believes the Allies ought to win, but he is quite convinced they will win.

"Marse Henry" has a well-established reputation as a prophet. One of the best bits of forecasting to which he has ever given expression was published in his paper, The Louisville Courier-Journal, sixteen years ago, on the outbreak of the Boer War. On that occasion he wrote: "Whether in the frigid zone or in the tropics, the British Government has adapted itself to the wants and even the foibles of the people, and made them feel the inestimable value of the British birthright. What it once was to be a Roman citizen it is to be a British subject in the nineteenth century. The feeling that the majesty and power of England are extended over every one of her hundreds of millions of subjects, and the assurance thus given them of all the rights and privileges of life, are things that Americans, who have been in the habit of looking upon themselves as a little better than Britons, have not thoroughly realized. It is fully understood elsewhere, as is shown by the enthusiasm with which the colonists are hastening to help their titanic mother strike down the puny forces of the Boers. The lesson is an impressive one. It teaches not only that the Boers must inevitably be overcome but that it will be infinitely better for them as well as for the remainder of South Africa. Civilization has a great deal of work to do in the Dark Continent, and the best workers should do it. The English stand head and shoulders as colonizers above Germans, French and Portuguese, who divide the territory with her. Under them not only the natives will receive the largest possible liberty, but the Dutch themselves will feel the quickening influence of a higher and better civilization. The Boers may be conquered, but they still will be permitted to rule themselves, though they will not be allowed to rule other people. Their unprogressive, wasteful, tyrannical and corrupt government that will give way to an enlightenment that will lift them into a higher plane of life. They are fighting now against their better destiny, but it is not conceivable that they will fight long, and it is to be hoped they will not."

The Boers to-day realize that to be a part of the British Empire is something worth fighting and dying for, although it is only sixteen years since they battled stubbornly to prevent incorporation in that Empire. Not since the Highlanders who fought at Culloden for the Stuarts, sealed the Heights of Abraham for the Hanoverians fourteen years later has there been so sudden and so complete a reconciliation as that of Briton and Boer. The plans of Germany to detach South Africa from the Empire have utterly collapsed, and the man who, above all others, brought about Germany's undoing is General Botha, a Boer. "Marse Henry" never said a truer word than when he told the readers of The Courier-Journal in 1899 that "under British rule 'the Dutch themselves will feel the quickening impulse of a higher and better civilization.'"—Toronto Globe.

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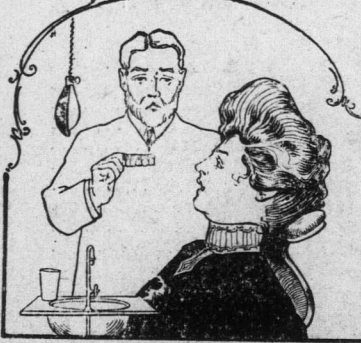
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