

TO-DAY'S Messages.

11.00 A.M.

IMPORTANT GAIN IN AFRICA.

LONDON, To-Day. General Smuts, in command of the British forces in German East Africa, has occupied Tanga, according to a statement issued by the War Office to-day. The Germans only offered slight resistance. Tanga is the second most important port on the coast of German East Africa and is the terminus of the railroad which the Germans were building into the interior at the outbreak of the war.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE ON KOVEL.

PETROGRAD, To-Day. The Russian forces advancing in Volynia toward Kovel are crossing the River Stokhod at various points and closely pressing the Teutonic forces opposing them, says to-day's War Office statement. The passage of the river is being accomplished under serious difficulties. An official communication says the crossings of the river have in most cases been destroyed by the opposing armies. The total number of prisoners taken by General Kaledines from July 4 to 8 is 341 officers and 9,145 unwounded soldiers. He also captured ten pieces of artillery, 48 machine guns, 16 bomb throwers, 7,320 rifles, 62 limbers and depots of engineering materials. The figures must be added to those given in the communication of July 8th, which included 300 officers, 12,000 men and 45 pieces of artillery. According to later reports regarding the crossing of the Stokhod River at Ugli, chief credit for the exploit must go to Colonel Kautseroff, commander of the Pavlograd Regiment, Chevalier of the Order of St. George. Col. Kautseroff, rushing forward at the head of his advance guards, led them across a burning bridge under violent artillery and rifle fire. In the battle one of our submarines in the course of its usual cruise sank a large German steamer loaded with iron ore in the Gulf of Bothnia. On the Caucasus front we are continuing our progress west of Platane. In the direction of Gumeshan our scouts bayoneted a large number of Turks. South of Taurus we successfully advanced and captured an important mountain peak on an entire line of heights which the enemy spent much time in fortifying. At various points we compelled the Turks to flee from positions.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, To-Day. This afternoon, after the sixth desperate attack, the Germans succeeded in entering Trones Wood at the expense of very heavy casualties. Fighting in the Wood continues. Further west we gained a lodgment in Mame-tese Wood, where the enemy's defence hitherto resisted well our efforts. We also gained ground east of Ovilvers and La Boisselle. Yesterday the Royal Flying Corps operated several successful bombing attacks against various detaining centres, ammunition depots and aerodromes. Numerous combats occurred in the air as a result of which one German machine was destroyed and several others were driven to the ground in a damaged condition.

LONDON BUDGET.

LONDON, To-Day. On both Eastern and Western fronts heavy fighting persists. This is especially the case on the Western front where the struggle is not without fluctuations of fortune and brings to mind the warnings of correspondents from the opening of the Somme battle that steady methodical pressure rather than brilliant advances is to be expected. The British official statement to-night says, the Germans entered Trones Wood, but records further British progress east of Ovilvers and La Boisselle in addition to a footing secured in Mame-tese Wood, where heretofore the Germans had resisted all British efforts. A German official communication admits the French possess Blaches, only a short distance from Peronne town which is seriously threatened. On the Eastern front the Russians crossed the Stokhod River at many points. German war correspondents are already claiming the Allied offensive has been brought to a standstill. The correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt with the Austrian army testifies to the inexhaustive supply of the Russians and the efficiency of the Russian artillery and cavalry and the endless supplies of ammunition as in great contrast to the condition of the Russian forces last year. The Germans are continuing their strong attacks along the Russian front, but the view is held here that this is only with the object of gaining time to perfect the defence of Kovel and Vladimir Volynski and to remove large stores of military material from these points to Brest Litovsk and Ivangorod.

BALTIC SEA FIGHT.

COPENHAGEN, To-Day. Dagons Schoder announces that a sea battle is believed to have occurred in the Baltic outside of Haefringe on Sunday night. Violent cannonading was heard from several points on the coast; it is presumed that German and Russian patrolling squadrons clashed.

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EARL CRAWFORD FOR AGRICULTURE.

LONDON, To-Day. The morning papers announce that the Earl of Crawford has been offered the presidency of the Board of Agriculture vacated by Earl Selborne. Earl Crawford is the Premier of Scotland and previously held office as Junior Lord of the Treasury. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps for the duration of the war.

ARCHDUKE'S OBSERVING STATION.

LONDON, To-Day. Reuter's Eastern front sends the following: In a labyrinth of enemy's trenches in a cemetery near Lutsk the Russians found a well appointed observing station, which was identified as the headquarters of the Archduke Joseph. Officers and prisoners state that throughout the whole historic day, when the last strongholds guarding Lutsk fell, the Archduke remained there telephoning.

1.30 P. M.

CASTLES IN THE AIR.

AMSTERDAM, To-Day. There is a report here that a carefully thought-out plan is on way in Germany to inaugurate in August a trans-Atlantic Zeppelin service to supplement that established under sea. According to the report the first airship to attempt the passage will be named the Deutschland, and it is said she may carry passengers in addition to mails and a cargo of dye stuffs.

ON THE WEST FRONT.

PARIS, To-Day. The situation remained unchanged on the Somme front last night. The War Office to-day says it has been ascertained that south of the Somme the French in the last two days have taken 1130 more prisoners. On the Verdun front the Germans launched an attack at 4 o'clock this morning on the French positions from Fleury to a point east of Chenois. They succeeded in penetrating the advanced French positions at some points, but were expelled by a counter attack. West of the Meuse there was active artillery fighting in the neighbourhood of Avocourt and Chantecourt. North-east of Yveo the Germans exploded four mines, the craters of which eventually were occupied by the French.

TIGHTENING THE STRINGS.

ROTTERDAM, To-Day. The new Rotterdam Courant says that Britain has asked Holland to stop the export of manufactured goods to neutral countries, declaring that non-compliance will result in the stoppage of Holland's cotton imports. The Telegraph says the Allies are merely contemplating a measure to prevent the export of Dutch cotton goods to Switzerland and Roumania, as it has proved that such exports are really intended for Germany.

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LATEST

2.00 P.M.

BRITISH PATROL BOATS SUNK.

BERLIN, To-day. The Austrian Admiralty announced to-day that an Austrian cruiser had sunk four or five British armoured patrol boats. Only nine men from the British vessels were rescued.

CONTALMAISON TAKEN.

LONDON, To-day. The British captured Contalmaison on the French front last night, the War Office announced. Several lines of trenches in Mametz Wood were taken by the British. Heavy fighting continues in Trones Wood.

Here and There.

ROPER'S, Noon.—Bar. 29.50; ther. 74.

THE L. H. R. SAILED.—The schr. L. H. B. Capt. Isaac Bartlett, sailed last evening for St. George's Bay to load fish for the European market.

RUSSIAN DESERTER.—A Russian seaman was sent to the Penitentiary to-day on remand for 8 days. Meanwhile the authorities are arranging a chance for him in a foreign going vessel, he having deserted the schr. Emily Anderson which went to sea yesterday.

DOING WELL.—Capt. Strong, of the Tug Co., received a cable to-day from his nephew, Lewis Stribling, in Plymouth, that he had visited Lieut. Chas. F. Strong (the captain's son) in hospital, London, and reported him to be doing well. Lieut. Strong it will be remembered, was wounded when the first of our boys reached France.

BOY DROWNED.—The Dept. of Justice has just received a message from Magistrate Giovanetti, Trepassey, stating that Patrick Myrick, aged 11 years, son of Mr. James Myrick, of Portugal Cove South, Trepassey, was drowned at that place yesterday by falling over the wharf. The dead body was recovered soon after. No further particulars were received.

NEW PURCHASE.—The Czarina, Lord Brassey's yacht and sister ship of the famous Sunbeam that crossed the Atlantic via Iceland to this port several years ago, has been purchased by the enterprising firm of the Monroe Export Co., and left the Old Country for here July 5th. The Czarina was built at Gosport and registered at Portsmouth. She is a three-masted and topsail schr. rigged, length 153 feet, width 29.3 ft. and 15.2 feet deep. Her gross tonnage is 332 tons. On arrival the yacht will be overhauled, her passenger accommodation removed and fitted to carry fish and other products. She will be used in the Brazilian trade and no doubt will be envied by our local marine.

DIED.

On Monday evening, after a long and tedious illness, Harriett Colbourne, beloved wife of Thomas Philpotts, funeral on Wednesday, 12th inst., from her late residence, Nagle's Hill, at 2 o'clock.

This morning, of meningitis, Jack, only son of Mary and the late John T'san, aged 7 1/2 years.

BIG SALT BULK CARGO.—Yesterday the schr. Protector sailed from Wood's Island for Gloucester with four hundred thousand pounds of salt bulk codfish.

SUSU SAILED.—The s.s. Susan sailed shortly after noon to-day for the Fogo Mail Service, taking a large freight and a few passengers.

ROW ON VESSEL.—Last night a Norwegian seaman created a disturbance on the schooner Langford at the dry dock pier. He fought with all and sundry and attempted to wipe out all his fellow shipmates. A posse of police had to be called to get the frenzied seaman under control. He had to be handcuffed and in quick time was landed in durance vile.

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Prospects Bright.

* The latest fishery reports received by the Board of Trade are:

July 8.—From T. McCarthy (Reveries to Seal Cove).—The total catch is 2,900 qts. with 600 for last week. Eleven traps, 16 dories, 26 skiffs and 7 boats are fishing. Prospects are much improved.

July 8th. From Isaac Parsons (Riverhead to Juggler's Cove).—There is a good sign of cod and of very large size but the great drawback here is the scarcity of salt. Sixteen traps and 4 dories and skiffs are fishing and the catch to date is 715 qts.

July 8th. From T. Hogan (Carbonear to Crocker's Cove).—Prospects are very good and there is plenty of caplin. The catch is 825 qts. with 480 for last week. Four punts and 24 traps are fishing.

July 8th. From J. F. Devereaux (Cape Race to St. Shott's).—Fifty traps are fishing. The total catch is 3480 qts. and for last week 2130. Prospects are good for the coming week. The dorymen are doing very well and there is a splendid sign of fish for traps. Caplin is plentiful.

RED CROSS SHIPS.—The s.s. Florizel is supposed to get away from Halifax for this port early this afternoon. The s.s. Stephano made the run from this port to Halifax in 40 hours. She is now en route to New York.

Here and There.

BANKER RETURNS.—The banker Little Jewel is back to Ramea from the fishing grounds with 260 qts. of codfish.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.—1st postponed game, St. George's Field, 7 o'clock this evening. Terra Novas vs. St. Bon's.—li

BOWINGS' SHIPS.—The s.s. Prospero sails at 10 a.m. to-morrow for northern ports. The Fortia left Port at 4:20 p.m. yesterday, going west.

LAI TO REST.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Patrick Dalton took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. The remains were laid to rest at Belvidere cemetery.

WITH CARGO OF COAL.—The Lilla D. Young reached port this morning with a cargo of coal from North Sydney. The number of schrs. at present employed in this trade is larger than ever.

MAN INSANE.—A middle aged demented man was noticed to be acting strangely on Water Street last night. He was escorted to the police station by Const. Tobin and after being examined by Dr. Cowperthwaite was sent to the Lunatic Asylum.

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