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## War News.

Messages Received  
Previous to 9 A.M.

OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Nov. 24.  
The Governor, Newfoundland:  
The Turkish position at Ctesiphon, eighteen miles from Bagdad, was captured with 800 prisoners on the 22nd. Our casualties were two thousand. Heavy counter attacks were repulsed, but want of water to-day, caused retirement to the river, three miles below the captured position.

France reports mining and air duels.  
Russia—An enemy trench was captured on the Dvina. Local successes at other points.  
Italy—A strong entrenchment was carried on the Carso.  
Serbia—Enemy reports continue to claim large captures.  
Persian gendarmes revolted at Shiraz, and the British Consul was imprisoned.

BONAR LAW.

NOT CONSIDERED ADVISABLE.

LONDON, Nov. 24.  
Premier Asquith told the House of Commons to-day it had not been considered advisable to place all the land forces on the Western front under one commander. The Premier's statement was in reply to a question by Sir George Scott Robertson.

AUSTRALIA'S ADDITIONAL ARMY.

MELBOURNE, Nov. 24.  
The Commonwealth Government has decided to raise an additional 50,000 men. This will bring up the Australian contingent for the war to three hundred thousand.

PROHIBITING OF EXPORTS.

LONDON, Nov. 24.  
The exportation of cotton wadding, cotton wool, and iron ore of all descriptions, is prohibited to all destinations by an Order-in-Council passed to-night.

THE TROUBLE IN PERSIA.

LONDON, Nov. 24.  
A Foreign Office statement issued to-day on the subject of the arrest of the British Consul at Shiraz, in Persia, by revolting gendarmes, acting without the knowledge of the Persian Government, as announced yesterday, says that the prisoners have now been removed to the neighborhood of Oran, where they are apparently in charge of Hans Wassmuss. The gendarmes in Persia are in open revolt against their Swedish officers. The statement adds that they hold Kum in the interest of the Germans. After declaring that further outrages have been committed by these gen-

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darmes, giving instances, the statement concludes: These acts of rapine and outrage were done in defiance of the Persian Government, and are instances of the way in which German agents instigate violence or criminal action in neutral countries.

FRENCH CONSCRIPTS.

PARIS, Nov. 24.  
After hearing General Gallieni, Minister of War, to-day, the Army Committee of the Chamber of Deputies decided upon the call to the colors in December, 1915, of the young conscripts class of 1917. These will be sent to garrisons, then trained, and incorporated in various regiments of the services.

FRENCH WAR OFFICE STATEMENT.

PARIS, Nov. 24.  
The War Office made the following announcement this afternoon: Nothing of importance occurred last night outside of the usual cannonading, except in the Argonne, where fighting with mines resulted to our advantage. In the section of Bolanti our aviators blew up a small German position. In the Vosges an effort to capture one of our positions on the plain to the northeast of Celles was repulsed completely.

SURPRISES FOR THE BALKANS.

PARIS, Nov. 24.  
The reports are in circulation in Greece that Great Britain and France are preparing for important new efforts in the Balkans. The Salonika correspondent of the Petit Journal says he has learned from a member of the Serbian Government that Premier Asquith sent a telegram on Monday to the Serbian Government giving a firm assurance that Great Britain will carry through the expedition. Asquith is quoted as having said: "I can assure you, France and England are preparing surprises in the Balkans; you will shortly have corroboration thereof."

THE GREEK SITUATION.

LONDON, Nov. 24.  
A Reuter message from Athens says the Entente Ministers presented a collective note to Premier Skouloudis demanding that Greece define her attitude. The Cabinet was immediately called together. After the Cabinet meeting the Greek Ministers said the situation had been cleared by the presentation of the note which gave the Government information in regard to what was expected by the Allies. These demands were less exacting than had been expected. Their Ministers added that Greece never had refused requests for the assurance of the security of Allied troops in Macedonia.

THE SERBIAN ARMY.

PARIS, Nov. 24.  
There appears to be confirmation of the report that the Serbian army of General Bokovitch is now opposing only a thin screen to the Austro-German advance, says a Salonika despatch dated Monday. The main force have been concentrated on Kossovo Plain, and General Bokovitch will hurl ninety thousand against one hundred and twenty thousand Bulgarians guarding the defiles of Katerinik and Kertcho. The Serbians may even attempt the supreme efforts of dash into Uskub and then on to Velest, there to join hands with the French. But in order that the battle shall end in anything but sublime suicide the operation must be carried out energetically and success must be achieved promptly. There is good reason to believe the Bulgarians will not occupy Monastir until the arrival of the first detachments of the Austro-German troops.

LOOKING BRIGHTER.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.  
The London correspondent of the New York Herald cables the following: That the Serbians are still a long way from being annihilated is evident from the fighting which has taken place during the last few days to the northward of Uskub. While the main Serbian army remains in the trenches on Kossovo Plain, a detached body, whose presence has been concealed by the Censor, succeeded in passing Uskub and has held the territory along the Vardar River in the vicinity of Velest. It is this force of Serbians which has served as the objective of the Bulgarian troops operating from the northward and eastward from the original position at Velest whence the Serbians were pushed back. It now develops toward Prilep. Reports have credited the Bulgarians with the capture of Prilep and further forcing of Serbians back towards Monastir. The situation has now suddenly changed by the hasty retreat of the Bulgarians to the north of Prilep and the following up of this retrograde movement by the Serbians to the south of them. The immediate objective of the Serbian southern army is to reach Babuna Pass. This pass lies across a divide in the Babuna range, a few

miles to the southwest of Velest and offers means for the Serbians to pass to the westward of Uskub.

PREMIER SKOULOUDIS.

PARIS, Nov. 24.  
Premier Skouloudis, of Greece, is quoted by the Petit Parisien, to-day, as saying that if the Allied forces in Macedonia retreat across the border Greece may disarm them, although the Greek Government has not committed itself to this point. This statement is forwarded from Athens by G. de Maziere, correspondent of the Petit Parisien. He quotes Skouloudis as follows: Greece is neutral, and will remain neutral, despite pressure, no matter from what quarter it is applied. Her neutrality, as it affects the Allies and France in particular, will be of such a benevolent character that Greece will never lift a finger against the Allied troops. Our friendly attitude toward the Allies is shown by the fact that we have permitted them to pass freely through our territory, which, in itself, is an infringement of strictest neutrality. To-day we are asked to give engagement that we will permit the Allied forces operating in Serbia, to regress our frontier and also Greek territory, as a base and for field operations. This would constitute active co-operation in the war on our part. I was obliged to answer that such an event would raise the question of the application of the Convention adopted at the Hague, which permits neutrals to prevent, by disarming, belligerent armies from converting their territory into a battlefield. I added that "I broached this point in only a theoretical manner, and from the legal aspect, without in any way intending to commit myself as to the future, for circumstances often are more convincing than the most approved legal principles. This observation, which I was obliged to make, has caused uneasiness to the Allies, who answered with a sort of blockade."

NEW QUARTERS.

PARIS, Nov. 24.  
The Serbian Legation announced to-day that the Serbian Government which had been located at Pristina, is departing to-day to Scutari, Albania.

GERMAN CRUISER SUNK.

LONDON, Nov. 24.  
A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Petrograd says: The German guardship sunk by a Russian destroyer near Libau, is semi-officially stated to be a cruiser armed with three and one half and four inch guns, and having a crew of two hundred, twenty of whom were saved. The fight was only a short one.

WASHINGTON UNEASY.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.  
The watchfulness of the guards about all the principal government buildings in the capital, is redoubled by special orders.

HENRY FORD AGAIN.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.  
Henry Ford announced to-day that he would take a peace expedition to Europe to attempt to end the war. Ford will invite leading American pacifists to join the expedition, as well as peace advocates from other neutral countries. Negotiations have been opened with the Scandinavian-American Line for the charter of the liner Oscar II. If the boat is secured it is proposed to start from New York on Dec. 4th.

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## Amusements.

BRITISH THEATRE.

Mrs. Ayre's songs at the above Theatre to-night will be (a) "For You Alone," (b) "Three Fishers Went Sailing." Mrs. Ayre's repertoire is large enough to keep going for months and at each appearance she gives entirely new numbers. A really good subject was that two-reel picture shown last night entitled "For the People," portraying the pit falls which are spread for the average politician. This picture exemplifies the sterling honesty of a Senator from Ohio, who really worked "for the people," and the subject is quite refreshing in those days of political chicanery. The Tey O' Hearts was shown in addition to the regular bill. This together with other pictures of a serio-comic nature, made up a well balanced show. Monday night see Revue 78.

SPLENDID PROGRAMME AT THE NICKEL THEATRE.

The programme at the Nickel Theatre attracted large audiences, the theatre being well filled both afternoon and evening. The pictures were splendid; "The Exploits of Elaine" and the "Return of Maurice Donnelly" being about the finest ever shown in a local theatre. All were delighted with the entire bill. To-day it will be repeated and we strongly advise all who were unable to be present to attend. The pictures are swell and everyone should make an effort to see them.

THE YANKEE SCHOOL MARM.

Carroll and Ellor, the Irish singing and dancing act at Rossley's Theatre has a funny act to-night. Carroll as the Yankee School Mistress will be a scream. Carroll is a mountain of good nature and good humour. He will make a big change, and in one of his magnificent costumes give a refined prima donna act. The pictures are delightful; there are none better. The contest on Friday night promises to be a real dandy; wait till you see and hear some who will appear this week. The pantomime rehearsals are going ahead, and it's safe to say Rossleys need not take a back seat, when it comes to a production meant to please.

CRESCENT PICTURE PALACE.

If you did not attend the Crescent Picture Palace yesterday to hear Mr. Dehnar sing "I didn't know 'till Afterwards," go hear him to-day, its a fine comic song. The picture programme is a great one, including a two-act Kalem mining drama "The Tragedy of Bear Mountain" and Edison's feature "For the Man She Loved," with Mabel Trunnelle, is a gripping domestic drama. "The Mission of Mr. Foo" is a strong Chinese story, and "The Capitulation of the Major" is a laughable vitaphone comedy with Lillian Walker. Don't miss seeing this big mid-week show.

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