

To-Day's Messages.

10.00 A.M.

FIGHTING IN MACEDONIA.

PARIS, To-day. A statement issued by the War Office to-night reads: There was intermittent fighting in the region north of Chemin des Dames. It was very violent during the afternoon along the whole front of Chaume Wood, Eastern Theatre. British artillery vigorously bombed the enemy front between Lake Dorian and Vardar. Enemy patrols were dispersed in the neighbourhood of Moglena and Cerna bend.

CHARGES ALLIES' AIMS CARRIED TOO FAR.

LONDON, To-day.

A. J. Balfour, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying in the Commons to a peace motion proposed by H. B. Lees Smith, Lib. member for Northampton, declared that the aims for which Britain entered the war were not and are not either imperialistic or vindictive, but one and all are noted for the double purpose of the emancipation and security of Europe. Balfour asked the House to show by an overwhelming majority that we believe in the cause for which we are struggling and which we know we can bring to a successful termination. Great as are the sacrifices already made, we are ready to continue them and to continue them indefinitely until the great righteous and unselfish objects we have in view are finally secured. Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, amid loud cheers moved the closure, which was carried by 282 to 33. Lees Smith's motion was then negatived without a division. Lees Smith, in moving his resolution, maintained that successive secret agreements between the Allies had carried their war aims far beyond their original aims. He declared that the recent rumor that Germany, in addition to losing Alsace-Lorraine, was to be deprived of territories on the left bank of the Rhine had been confirmed in a secret session of the French Chamber by M. Ribot, Foreign Secretary. Balfour interjected here that there never was such an agreement. Lees Smith reiterated that it was an agreement made between France and Russia while Nicholas was Emperor. If this was carried out, said the member, there would be a new series of causes of discontent and discordant hatred which would once again trench Europe in war blood.

U.S.-DUTCH AGREEMENT REACHED.

WASHINGTON, To-day.

An early agreement between the U. S. and Holland on the disposal of the Dutch tonnage in American ports was seen here to-day in the release by the war trade board of the Dutch steamer Nieuw Amsterdam for the return trip across the Atlantic. The vessel will leave the American port shortly carrying as cargo packages of freight for Holland, ten thousand tons of corn for Belgian relief and several hundred Dutch refugees as passengers. Wire cable, badly needed for the operation of Dutch collieries, will make up part of her cargo. Licenses for the Nieuw Amsterdam's cargo was held up by the American authorities when the Dutch Government refused to give assurances that she would not be interned for safety as soon as she reached the other side. In the negotiations that followed the American Government refused to recede from its position and finally the Dutch yielded. A final agreement as to the operation of other Dutch vessels held in American ports was believed to-night to be in sight. The principal clauses of this agreement, it is reported, will provide that a large number of the Dutch ships enter the American coastwise trade to release American vessels for overseas service, that part of the tonnage be placed in trade to the Dutch East Indies for the benefit of Holland and the Allies, and that a limited number of ships be permitted to ply between Holland and America, carrying cargoes to be approved by the War Trade Board. The refugees who will sail in the Amsterdam have gathered in the U. S. from many ends of the earth. Some came from the Dutch East Indies and many from

Don't Scold, Mother! The Cross Child Is Bilious, Feverish.

Look at tongue! If coated, clean little stomach, liver, bowels.

Don't scold your fretful, peevish child. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with sour waste.

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the Orient. All have been awaiting an opportunity to reach Holland safely.

BOSTON ELECTIONS.

BOSTON, To-day.

Governor McCall and the rest of the Republican State ticket were re-elected by a large majority plurality to-day. Three proposed constitutional amendments, including one forbidding the appropriation of State funds for private institutions, were adopted.

GERMAN POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS.

AMSTERDAM, To-day.

The Frankfurter Zeitung, copy of which has been received here, says that Count Von Hertling, the new Imperial German Chancellor, has appointed Herr Freidburg, leader of the National Liberal Party, as President of the Reichstag, respectively, Vice-President of the Prussian Ministry and Vice-Chancellor. The newspaper adds, however, that the appointments are not yet confirmed by Emperor William.

YES'S LEAD SO FAR.

NEW YORK, To-day.

Returns from 1,777 election districts out of 5772 in the State on 17 women's suffrage give yes 176,796, no 167,319.

WHAT ELSE FROM CHICAGO?

CHICAGO, To-day.

The Bi-partisan ticket returning the sitting Judges of the County to office to-day was defeated by an estimated plurality of 80,000 votes by the Socialist ticket, which was charged with having appealed to an anti-American and anti-war sentiment in portions of the county. Outside of the city of Chicago the German settlements voted for the Socialists.

DIED AT SYDNEY.

SYDNEY, To-day.

Frank White, a machinist employed in the Coal Co.'s general machine shop at Glace Bay, was found dead in his own yard this morning by workmen on their way to work. The deceased had worked in the general machine shop yesterday and was down town on business last night, and when he failed to return it was thought he must have had to return to work on a rush job. However, some men living near him were horrified to find him standing lifeless alongside of his fence about 6 o'clock. He leaves a widow and several young children.

MERRILL RELEASED.

ST. JOHN, N.B., To-day.

Capt. John E. Merrill, formerly of the Princess Pats, who shot and killed J. F. Rogers, clerk in the Canadian Government Railway Offices at Moncton, on October 17, 1916, has been released from the Provincial Hospital here. He has gone to Montreal to obtain a position. Merrill was born in England, but went to New York when young. He served with the American Army in the Boxer troubles and in the Philippines. While travelling for a Montreal house, the present war began and he enlisted in the medical service in St. John, later being transferred to the Princess Pats. He was wounded several times and gassed. It was his mental condition due to the gassing that caused the tragedy for which he was acquitted. He has several medals for bravery. Merrill has a sister in Halifax.

WAR REVIEW.

In a great area more than 160 miles in length the Italian armies are falling back upon and through the plains of Venetia to a new and shorter line of defence. From the Fella Valley to the head of the Adriatic Sea the entire line of the Tagliamento River has been given up by General Cadorna, while from virtually the border of the Trentino north eastward and eastward through the Dolomites and Carnic Alps to the Pavia the Northern Army is carrying out a retrograde movement southward through the mountainous country towards the plains. The Germans and Austro-Hungarians everywhere are following up the Italians in their retreat, but with the Italians offering resistance. In the rear guard actions along the whole front. Meanwhile the British forces in Belgium have won another notable victory over the Germans in the region of Ypres, having captured in one of their intrepid dashes, following a rain of shells of all calibres, the town of Passchendaele, about five miles from Roulers, the fall of which would cut Germany's communications from her

submarine bases at Ostend and Zeebrugge with the south. The indications from meagre advices thus far to hand are that the Canadians, who bore the brunt of the operation, extended their line 900 yards beyond Passchendaele. The decision of the Italians to evacuate the Tagliamento line was taken after the enemy had intensified his pressure along the upper reaches of the river in the high lands and pushed his forces across the stream in the centre and to the south. This movement compelled a simultaneous withdrawal along the northern front from the Fella Valley to Colbricon. Apparently the main Austro-German forces are not in close contact with the retreating Tagliamento Army, for the German official says that their retreat is indicated by conflagrations over the route of retirement. On the plains the Italian cavalry is doing the same effective work it did retarding the enemy during the first eight days of the retreat from the Isonzo, when it held the Teuton advance guards and permitted General Cadorna to bring his forces to the west bank of the stream virtually intact.

THE CAPTURE OF PASSCHENDEAE.

LONDON, To-day.

(Official)—Operations were undertaken this morning by the British troops with complete success against the enemy's defence in and around Passchendaele and on the spur north northwest of village, says the text of the statement. The assembly of our troops for the attack was carried out successfully at 7 a.m. The assault was launched as arranged. The enemy had been ordered to hold this important position on the main ridge at any cost. Last night the assault was at a number of points, particularly on the high ground north of the village and for the collection of fortified buildings and strong points. The Goeburg spur. Nevertheless our troops made steady progress and at an early hour the village of Passchendaele was captured, together with the hamlets of Mosselmarkt and Goeburg. Before noon all our objectives had been gained and a number of prisoners taken. During the day the weather was unsettled. The rain which fell at intervals improved the visibility, however, and assisted the work of our aircraft and, combined with the valuable observation gained by our advance, enabled our guns to deal effectively with enemy's batteries and with the concentrations of hostile infantry.

MOST IMPORTANT.

MONTREAL, To-day.

Charges that Capt. Gonzague Savard, in charge of Montreal's mobile squad, was in a home for indisciplines were investigated by Controller Ross, the Executive head of the City Police Department. The mounting evidence that they were untrue and that Savard was sick at his sister's home.

PACIFISTS IN PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, To-day.

The Commons to-day discussed a peace motion proposed by Hastings B. Lees-Smith, one of the founders of the League of Nations. The motion, which is supported by the Pacifist group, declared this House is of the opinion that providing satisfactory guarantees can be obtained with regard to the independence and restoration of Belgium and the evacuation of the occupied territory, no obstacle should be placed in the way or preliminaries towards negotiations for peace and a settlement which ought to embody an equitable solution of the problem of Alsace-Lorraine and of devising the enforcement of effective international machinery for the avoidance of future wars. A. J. Balfour, British Foreign Secretary is expected to reply to the motion.

BALFOUR HITS FROM THE SHOULDER.

LONDON, To-day.

In the course of his remarks, Balfour expressed the opinion that discussions of this kind did little to assist the object that those who started them had in view, the attainment of an honourable peace at the earliest possible date. He ridiculed the idea that secret treaties existed, as suggested by Mr. Lansdowne, and declared that Britain was not a party to any such treaty; he did not believe any such treaty existed. He regretted that members had used such an argument, which of course would be repeated in Germany without contradiction, and which had for its basis that the Allies' aims were not those they had loudly proclaimed of freeing small nations and making the constitution of states in Europe as possible harmonious with the wishes of their inhabitants. It never was and is not the object of the Allies to take from the German empire admittedly German territory, said Balfour. But of course the Allies desire the restitution of Alsace-Lorraine to France. The Allies, continued the Secretary, were not fighting for that alone or as an isolated object of their war aims. We are fighting in the first place, said he, that Europe might be freed from the perpetual menace of the military party in Germany. He asked whether the movers of the amendment and their party had no cure for the mis-government and most brutal and barbarous cruelty in Armenia and Arabia. The Pacifist members seemed to think that all these matters could be satisfactorily settled if they could only bring the European powers to talk together around a table. Is that common sense? he asked. Is it supposed that Germany would ever consent to restore, as has been publicly suggested, the ancient kingdom of Poland? Of course she would not. It is no use waiting to meet around a peace table to determine that. Is it imperialistic to desire to see an independent Poland? Is it imperialistic to desire to see Armenia released from the tyranny of Turkey? Is it imperialistic to desire to see Alsace-Lorraine restored to France? Is it imperialistic to desire to see Roumania under Roumanian rule? (See 4th page.)

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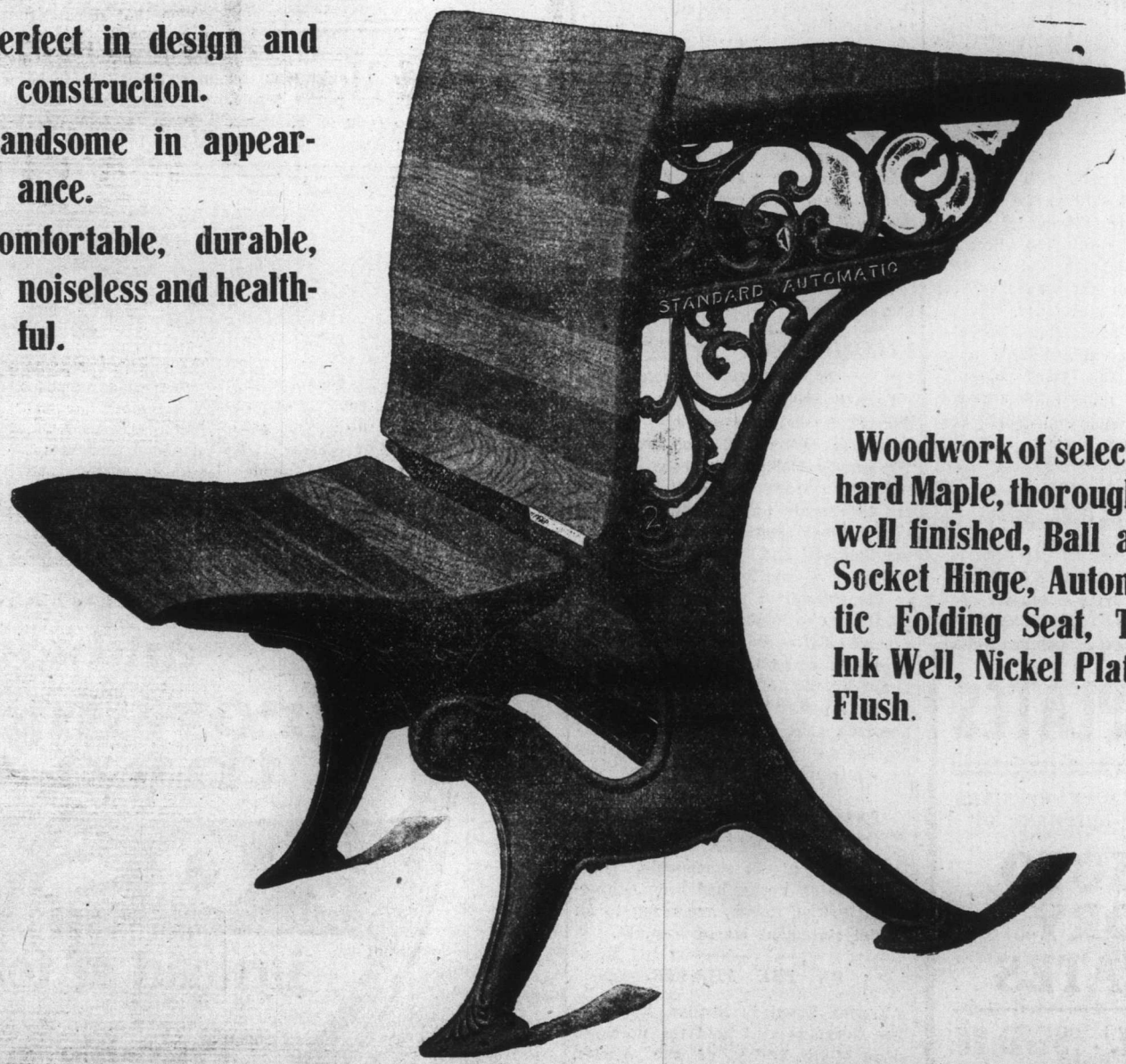
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