

TO-DAY'S A Royal Smoke

Messages.

11.00 A.M.

DARDANELLES REVELATIONS.

LONDON, To-day. In anticipation of a speech by former Premier Asquith and Winston Churchill, former First Lord of the Admiralty, in the Commons to-morrow on the Dardanelles campaign, the Government to-night issued a White Paper to Parliament, containing in its own words certain notes, which as far as public interest will allow, will replace the sense of some portions excised from the full report of the Dardanelles Commission. The chief effect of the revelations is to show that Churchill at the end of August, 1914, being of opinion that Turkey was about to join the Central Powers, proposed a plan for the seizure of the Gallipoli Peninsula by means of a Greek army of adequate strength with a view to admitting the British fleet into the Sea of Marmora. General Charles E. Callwell, director of military operations at the War Office, pointed out that this would prove an extremely difficult operation and that it wouldn't be justifiable to undertake it with an army of less than 60,000. It is also shown that the Admiralty officials believed the appearance of a British fleet would be the signal for a revolution at Constantinople and that the Dardanelles forts were short of ammunition. On March 1st, 1915, the British Minister at Athens telegraphed that Venizelos, then Greek Premier, proposed to offer the co-operation of a Greek army corps of three divisions. The British Minister on the following day added that the King of Greece had already been sounded on this proposal and that he had heard that the King wanted war. On March 17th, General Paget, who was engaged on a special mission to the Balkans, sent a telegram to Kitchener as follows: "Operations against the Dardanelles have made a deep impression. (In view of the?) possibility of Bulgaria attacking any Balkan state which might side with the Entente, there is now every reason to think the Bulgarian army has moved against Turkey to co-operate in the Dardanelles operations."

PRESIDENT WILSON CONSIDERING.

WASHINGTON, To-day. President Wilson is expected within the next 48 hours to indicate definitely that he believes a virtual state of war exists between U. S. and Germany. Whether the President will hasten the extra session of Congress already called for April 16th, or will take additional steps to protect American Commerce without this move was not disclosed to-night, the official pretended to know his plans. The general view was that he was still considering the question in his usual deliberate way.

BRITISH FORGING AHEAD.

LONDON, To-day. The pressure of the Germans between Bevegn and Ypres on a seven mile line running almost parallel with the Arras-Peronne Road, but about 7 miles east, is reported to be held by our infantry. The village of Vaux-Vraucourt is in British possession. As Arras is approached the advance



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slowly in pace. The Germans have fallen back behind Hendecourt, nearly 10 miles southeast of Arras and only two miles from the main roadway to Cambrai.

THE LATEST DEVILTRY.

AMSTERDAM, To-day. A Rotterdam despatch says that two of five relief ships which, with letters of safe conduct from the German Legation, were en route northward, were shelled by a German sub in the so-called safe passage. Seven men were killed aboard the Tunisie, which entered Stavenger. The other vessels continued on the voyage. Two steamers named Tunisie are listed, one of them a Belgian, 2497 tons, which is reported to have sailed from New York on January 8th, and arrived at Rotterdam on January 28th; the other is a French steamer.

1.00 P. M.

RUSSIA STILL DISTURBED.

LONDON, To-day. Grand Duke Nicholas will not after all be commander-in-chief of the Russian army, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Times, the new government having found it necessary, in order to checkmate mischievous propaganda, to appoint a generalissimo not connected with the Romanoff family. The correspondent does not state who the new appointee will be, nor does he indicate whether the Grand Duke Nicholas is likely to continue to hold any subordinate command. In a long despatch to the Times, dwelling on the difficulties the Government is meeting because of the aims of extremists, he says that rumors have been circulated designed to discourage enthusiasm on the part of the soldiers and munition workers; by alleging that Germany has ceased to fight, and that they have failed to create any impression. "Some other recent had to be sought," continues the Times, "and the inventive brains of the demagogues found a convenient bogey in the alleged danger of a counter-revolution. They are preaching to the soldiers and workmen that the representatives of the old regime were

still powerful and mischievous and that it would be dangerous for the workers to return to the mills or the soldiers to resume their duties at present. Under pressure of the moderate elements they, however, raised the interdiction on the appearance of the newspapers, and expressed willingness to permit the resumption of the street traffic, which will be reopened Tuesday." Among other signs of trouble, according to the correspondent, is the dissatisfaction in some quarters that the former Emperor was allowed to go to Livadia. This he attributes to rumors of a counter-revolution. The writer does not, however, represent the situation as necessarily dangerous for the Government, and quotes that the papers which reappeared on Sunday are taking a hope-and-moderation will triumph.

RAPID ADVANCE.

PARIS, To-day. A military eye witness writing from the front, says: "The forward march of our troops is so rapid and the villages are so promptly freed, that one is unable to stop in any of them to give a description. Furthermore, all are similarly pillaged, devastated to the foundations. At Nesle, a village of 2500, the French cavalry entered at ten o'clock in the morning. The entire population was in the streets crying for joy and waving all the tricolored cloth that was to be found. A French airplane had the first honor of alighting at Nesle. The aviator, flying over the city, saw on the roof of a house a man waving the French flag. He landed immediately. The last of the Germans had just left. At Roye entry to the village was difficult. Streets no longer exist. Gaping holes caused by the explosion of mines separate the quarters, which are in groups. The Avre River penetrated some of the excavations, which were transformed into little lakes. Here again pillage was savagely and methodically organized. The entire village, looming up like an amphitheatre, offers to view only houses with bare walls and floors broken in. Tapestries, dishes, linen, pictures, and the smallest objects were carried off and sent toward Germany. Furniture was burned or transported to the trenches, where it was afterwards broken up. Each inhabitant was left a mattress and a chair, but only what was necessary. Roye retains a spirit of a village, for the church is there, and the organ resounds. To describe the joy of the inhabitants is impossible. They grasped our hands in passing. The day for which they have waited so long has arrived. We questioned them incessantly. Many of them did not hope to see the return of our troops. The Germans had spoken of evacuating all the civilians on February 17th. One hundred and ninety of them had received at 5 o'clock in the morning an order to leave toward evening. They left crying. Since then to more have been taken away. "The Germans did not expect you so soon," was the unanimous cry. We were told by the inhabitants who remain that the Germans grouped in certain villages the populations of a number of hamlets.

FRENCH OPTIMISTIC.

PARIS, To-day. The latest news from the front accentuates the feeling of optimism in military circles here, and convinces the critics that the Germans are now engaged in a most difficult and dangerous operation, in view of the large front involved. According to the hitherto accepted theory, to effect such a movement with any safety, it was necessary that a distance equal to two days march should be maintained between the pursuing and retreating forces. Under present circumstances both armies are in close contact. The Germans are carrying out their retirement under cover of small but picked rear guards, sometimes entirely composed of officers and non-commissioned officers, which make counter attacks when the pursuers persist too closely on their heels. The weather, which continues to be extremely clear, is in favor of the advancing Allies. French military critics maintain that it is most unlikely that the Germans can reach the Lille-la Fere line without mishap. It is assumed that they propose to convert this line, which was their former base, into their principal position and remain with their base seventeen miles to the rear on a line running from Valenciennes to Laon. It is asserted that from any point of view the Germans are facing an aggravation of an already difficult position and confront even less favorable fighting conditions in the immediate future.

KULTUR!

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Mar. 19.

The deliberate character of the destruction wrought by the Germans before their withdrawal from Peronne is painfully evident in the once beautiful avenue of trees leading to the railway station. These trees were untouched by shell fire but each one was hacked in two with an adze and the gashes and chips show that the work was done within the last few days.

The King and Queen

Entertain Newfoundland Officers.

Their Majesties invited 100 officers from overseas to Buckingham Palace on Saturday afternoon the 17th February, and among them were five officers of the Mfd. Regiment. They were Major W. F. Rendell, Lieuts. W. J. Pippy and J. R. Stick, 2nd Lieuts. W. V. Warren and C. C. Duley. These assembled at the Headquarters of the Regiment in London, at 58 Victoria Street, and proceeded shortly before 3 o'clock to the Palace. The guests were conducted direct to the State Ballroom, which in peace time is the scene of great Court functions. The Throne and of the magnificent apartment had been transformed into a cinema stage for the occasion. At 3.30 the King and Queen, Princess Mary and the Duke of Connaught entered. Captain Besley's film "The Amazon River and Unexplored South America, with the Besley Expedition" was shown by the explorer himself. With the guests sat the King and Queen, Princess Mary, the ladies and gentlemen of the Household, and a few others, including the Countess of Airlie, Lady Stamfordham, Lady Farquhar, Lady Ponsonby, the Marchioness of Lansdowne, the Countess of Crew, and the Marchioness of Salisbury. After the entertainment in the State Ball Room, the King and Queen, with the other members of the Royal Family present, mixed freely with the guests, greeted all in turn, and chatted with them in most cordial and friendly fashion. There was the smallest possible formality, though every officer was formally presented to the King. At tea about a score of ladies, including those already named, waited on the soldier guests. His Majesty greeted our officers and enquired how their wounds were progressing. The Duke of Connaught took special interest in the Newfoundland officers and chatted with them for some time. He evidently did not forget his much-enjoyed visit to the Ancient Colony. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was spent by our officers, who will long remember Their Majesties' gracious hospitality. —H. A. A.

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The beautiful gardens of the outlying houses were also wrecked and every fruit tree within several miles of the town was saved two-thirds of the way through, and in some of the fine residences the libraries have been wrecked and books torn in pieces and scattered in streets. The Germans had left several foot bridges across the Somme which were apparently intact, but on close examination showed that false sections had been inserted which gave way at the first foot pressure.

2.00 P. M.

NEW FRENCH CABINET.

PARIS, To-day. It was late last night before Premier Ribot was able to submit to President Poincare the list of the new Cabinet, and the decrees appointing the Ministers will be signed by the President to-day and appear in Wednesday's official Journal. Premier Ribot has decided to retain the War Council system, instituted by the existing administration, with the modification that Andre Maginot, Minister of the Colonies, will attend the Council's sittings.

GREEK BLOCKADE LIFTED.

LONDON, To-day. The Ministers to Greece of the Entente Nations have taken up their residence in Athens. Reuter's correspondent there has reported. The discharge of a cargo of wheat destined for Piraeus begins to-day. The admission of wheat to Greece indicates the lifting of the blockade which had been in effect for several weeks. The Greek Government have made repeated representations that widespread suffering had been caused by the shutting off of the food supply, to which the Entente replied that the blockade would be lifted when Greece complied with its demands.

DAYLIGHT SAVING IN FRANCE.

PARIS, To-day. All clocks in France will be put forward one hour at midnight on March 24th, according to the Summer Time Bill which has been passed by Parliament.

LAUGHABLE.

BERLIN, Mar. 19. The morning newspapers to-day gave the German public its first news of the big event on the front in France. All the public articles by military experts explain the movement as part of a strategic plan of the general staff for a decision on the western front and a master stroke to vitiate the preparations of the Entente for an offensive, giving a decided advantage to the Germans. These writers are unanimous in expressing the fullest confidence in Field Marshal Von Hindenburg.

ADVANCE RETARDED.

PARIS, To-day. The War Office announces that the French are still maintaining contact with the Germans along the section of the front over which the retirement is taking place, but that the advance has become more difficult by reason of the destruction of all means of communication and on account of bad weather. Attacks at Avocourt, Woods and Hill 304 on the Verdun front were repulsed and serious loss was inflicted on the Germans.

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Sealing News.

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To Bowring Bros.

Ranger—Seals scattered all over ocean; took 300 to-day; S.E. gale blowing; Diana, Neptune and Bloodhound in company; all well.

Eagle—Ten thousand on board and stowed down; seals scarce.

Viking—Struck small patch of whitecoats 10 miles N.W. of Bryon Island; took 800 to-day; too thick to see far.

Terra Nova—Seals scattered; very foggy; nothing done to-day.

To Job Bros.

Thetis—Have 13,000 on board; 5,000 on ice.

Neptune—Did not do much to-day; got about 500; seals very scattered.

To Harvey & Co.

Sable I—Seventeen thousand on board; 30 flags out.

Seal—Twelve thousand aboard; 2,000 panned.

To James Baird, Ltd.

Erik—Fifteen thousand stowed down; 5,000 panned; good, prospects.

Official.

Cape Ray—Viking all well; no men on ice.

Fogo—Entire fleet reports all aboard and well.

Special Services at Wesley Church.

The special Evangelistic Services under the auspices of George Street and Wesley congregations will be continued in Wesley Church every night this week, except Saturday, commencing at 8 o'clock. The good results of the past week is an encouragement to hope for greater results this week. All seats are free. Hymn books provided. You will be welcomed.

Sinnott Case Dismissed

Mr. F. J. Morris, J.P., has handed down judgment in the case of Const. Edward Whelan vs. Edward Sinnott, arising out of a sale and delivery by the defendant of a quantity of liquor in December and January last, respectively. The judgment dismisses the action.

McMurdo's Store News

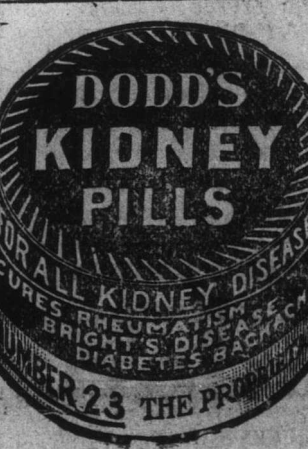
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From Cape Race.

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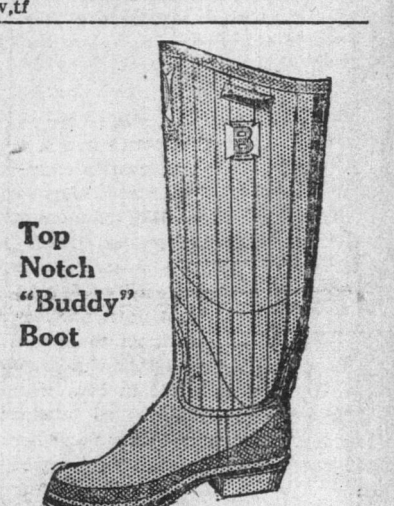
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Heinz Pickles and Sauces.

Lazenby's Pickles.

Browning (for Gravies).

Baker's Chocolate.

Bird's Custard Powder.

Mango Chutney.

Dale Nut Butter.

Peanut Butter.

BACON—Honey, Swift's, Stenclair's, Elm City (Bacon in Glass)

CEREALS.

Cream of Wheat.

Kellogg Toasted Corn Flakes.

Puffed Rice, Quaker Oats.

Homam Meal, Corn Meal.

SYRUP—Lyle's Golden.

Edwards' Corn.

Pride of Canada Maple.

FISH (In tins).

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