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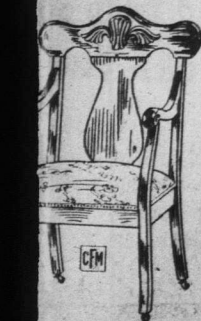
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TO-DAY'S

Messages.

10.40 A. M.

GREAT OFFENSIVE IN BALKANS.

PARIS, To-Day.

Reports received here from Saloniki show that the general engagement which began on Friday is continuing in intensity over an extended front running from Florina near Monastir to the River Struma. This represents an irregular line measuring upwards of 150 miles. General Serrail is directing the united operations of the Allies, with General Cardonnier commanding the French troops. The operations have been long expected as a part of the co-ordinated offensive of the Allies on all fronts. Its opening follows the arrival of General Cardonnier after an extended conference with officials here. Advances received in Paris indicate that the Germans and Bulgars are seeking to anticipate the movement by taking the offensive on the left, where the Serbs have moved up to within 25 miles of Monastir, holding Florina as an observation post. The orders were not to attempt to retain Florina if they were attacked. The Serbian War Office says the Bulgars were repulsed and thrown back to their old positions, but later the Serbians following their instructions evacuated Florina, whereupon the town and station of Florina were occupied by the Bulgarians. The Serbians retired and later delivered a heavy counter attack against a large Bulgarian force which was debouching from Florina toward Banica. Fighting continues in this region. In the centre the French and British forces near Lake Dorian followed an intense bombardment with infantry attacks, in which the British occupied the strategic point of Dolzeil. Further east the French right rushed a series of small villages in much the same manner as the French have carried villages on the Somme front. The report shows a condition of affairs along the whole line which is regarded here as satisfactory for the Allies.

HOW OUR CRUISERS WERE SUNK.

LONDON, To-Day.

According to the Admiralty statement which follows, the reports from our look-out squadron and other units showed that there was considerable activity on the part of the enemy in the North Sea on Saturday, the 19th.

The German high seas fleet came out, but learning from their scouts that the British forces were in considerable strength, the enemy avoided an engagement and returned to port. In searching for the enemy we lost two cruisers by submarine attacks, the Nottingham, Capt. Miller, and the Fal-mouth, Capt. Edwards. All the officers from the former were saved but 38 of the crew are missing. All the officers and men of the Fal-mouth were saved, but one leading engine stoker, Norman Frick, died of injuries. One enemy submarine was destroyed and another rammed and possibly sunk. There is no truth in the German report which says a destroyer was sunk, and a British battleship damaged. The Nottingham was 5,400 tons, built at Pembroke in 1914, normal crew 330 men; the Fal-mouth, 5,250 tons, was built in 1910, and carried a crew of 336 officers and men. The Nottingham was 430 feet long, and carried nine six inch guns and four three pounders. On her trials she made slightly over 27 knots, and also had torpedo tubes.

MANY CATHOLICS CELEBRATE HIGH MASS.

NEW YORK, To-Day.

The Roman Catholic Church Apostolic Delegate to the United States, the Papal Nuncio from Brazil and scores of Bishops, several hundred priests and thousands of laymen participated here to-day in the celebration of Solemn Pontifical High Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on the occasion of the formal opening of the fifteenth annual Convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies and the sixty-first annual Convention of the National Federation of German Catholics. Seldom has the historic Church seen so memorable a gathering of Ecclesiastics outside of Rome. It is estimated that more than 8,000 crowded into the Cathedral, while twice as many more congregated in the streets to view the procession which preceded the Mass.

SIR BEACHMAN DUFF TO GIVE EVIDENCE.

LONDON, To-Day.

The War Office to-night announced that the Chief of Command in India, General Sir Beachman Duff, has been summoned home to give evidence before the Mesopotamian Commission, and will vacate the office of Commander-in-Chief, being succeeded by Lieut-General Sir Charles Carmichael Munroe.

DIED OF HEART FAILURE.

MONTREAL, To-Day.

Major General Sir Frederick William Benson, head of the British Commission for the purchase of horses and mules on this side for war service with his headquarters in Montreal, died to-day after an illness of two months, of heart trouble.

Big Reception for Naval Heroes at The Railway Station

By the express which reached town at 1 p.m. to-day, sixteen Naval Reservists returned on furlough. Their names are:—W. Patey, French Shore; H. Williams, Shearstown; M. Stares, Brooklyn; T. Dutot, St. George's; Chesley Knight and C. Squires, Glovertown; Geo. Hutchings, Bell Isld.; B. Rowe, Carbonara; N. Snow, Harbor Grace; G. Brignell, Fogo; H. Mercer, Bay Roberts; E. O'Keefe, N. Gooby; T. Cochrane, M. Silvergill, M. J. Abbott, St. John's.

Shortly after the train reached the station there was barely standing room on the platform. Included in the large number were The Ladies Patriotic Reception Committee, Hon. J. R. Bennett, Acting Premier; Officers from H. M. S. Briton and relatives and friends of the returned sailors. Hearty cheers greeted the men of the Royal Navy as they proceeded from the train to the front of the station, where they were addressed by the Acting Premier, who on behalf of the whole country extended to the boys in blue a hearty welcome home. They were then taken in automobiles and driven to Government House, in the absence of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Joseph Outerbridge thanked the men for their loyal services to King and Country and wished them one and all a warm welcome home, and that after a brief furlough spent with their relatives and friends they would return and see this cruel war to a finish. After reporting on board H.M.S. Briton to-morrow morning the men will be allowed to return to their homes.

CASUALTIES OF FIRE.

MONTREAL, To-day. Five men are dead, six in a critical condition, eight in a Montreal Hospital more or less seriously injured, and several others suffering from minor burns as the result of the fire at the plant of the Acta Chemical Company Powder Factory.

THE DRUMMONDVILLE FIRE.

DRUMMONDVILLE, Que., To-day.

This morning's fire was started and caused by an electric spark from the conveyor belt igniting the powder. The material loss is estimated at \$20,000. The fire will not affect the output of the factory.

1.00 P. M.

GREEKS AND TEUTONS.

PARIS, To-day.

Telegraphing from Athens a correspondent of the Havas Agency says that the Greek troops in the region of Florina retired when the Bulgarians advanced. The same policy is pursued generally wherever operations are taking place on Greek territory. The German and Bulgarian Ministers have declared that the population in the territory occupied by the Bulgarians will be respected and that the territory will be restored at the end of the war.

GOOD CROPS IN GERMANY.

BERLIN, To-day.

Information now at hand has given that assurance that this year's crop will be much in excess of those of the last peace years.

A FRENCH AVIATOR KILLED.

PARIS, To-day.

Second Lieut. Brindjone Des Moulins, a well known aviator, was killed in an accidental fall of his aeroplane in the Verdun region.

PERHAPS NECESSARY.

ATHENS, To-day.

The Royalist Party in Greece is taking extraordinary precautions preparatory to the coming election. King Constantine constantly is guarded and visits the capital only on rare occasions.

CONCERN IN ATHENS OVER THE SITUATION.

ATHENS, To-day.

The Bulgarian occupation of Florina has caused consternation in the capital and heavy conference of the King and General Staff and the members of the Cabinet. The advance of the German and Bulgarian forces in the direction of Kavala is also causing disquiet, although the impression is generally that this movement is a mere political manoeuvre calculated to influence Roumania and affect the Greek elections.

ATHENS, To-day.

The Turkish authorities in the Black Sea region are acting towards the Greeks in the same fashion as the Germans have done.

POLICE COURT—Business was unusually slack at the Police Court to-day.

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Here and There.

BROKE HIS ARM.—A man named Kennedy, of Flower Hill, met with an accident on Saturday night, breaking his arm. He was brought to the General Hospital for treatment.

SABLE ISLAND HERE AGAIN.—The s.s. Sable Island arrived here this morning from Charlottetown, bringing a cargo of produce and fifty head of cattle.

LOADING SALT BULK.—The schr. Acme is loading salt bulk fish at Belleoram for Gloucester and the Esnor is loading salt bulk at St. Anthony.

THE COLLEGE WIDOW AT THE NICKEL.

There will be another magnificent display of photo dramas at the Nickel Theatre to-day. Patrons look for the best at the Nickel and nowhere are better pictures to be found. Returned soldiers and American visitors all agree that no pictures are better than the Nickel's. There are splendid feature films to-day. In the first place the famous story "The College Widow" will be shown. The caste includes such popular artists as Ethel Clayton, and George Soule Spencer, while it is under the direction of Barry O'Neill. "The Strange Case of Mary Page" will be continued; it is entitled "The Raid." Wednesday the wonderful story "The Island of Regeneration" will be shown.

Household Notes.

The juice can be drawn from beef by putting the chopped meat into a fruit jar, then screw the lid on and place the jar in a vessel of water, put this where the water will get hot. The heat will draw out the juices.

Scotch Short-Bread.—To one quart of flour add one fourth as much butter and a quarter cupful of brown sugar. Work gradually together. When well blended, roll into cakes half an inch thick, and cut in rounds or squares. Bake in a slow oven for forty minutes.

DIED.

This morning, at 30 Gear Street, Audrey Spooner, darling child of John B. and Sarah Spooner, aged 1 year and 10 months; funeral to-morrow, Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m.

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