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TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.00 A.M.

WAR REVIEW.

LONDON, To-day.

The French forces and the Germans have again been engaged in heavy fighting on the several sectors of the front between the Somme and Aisne Rivers. Again the French have made an advance towards the strongly defended town of St. Quentin. According to the French War Office the French troops have pushed forward over a front of about two and half miles south and southwest of St. Quentin to new positions, taking in the town of Castles, three miles southwest, and Essigny-le-Grand, four miles south of St. Quentin. Berlin admits the retirement of the Germans, according to orders, before the British between Beaumont and Roisel, northeast of Peronne, but says the Germans repulsed French attacks northeast of Soissons. For the most part the fighting on the British end of the line has consisted in reciprocal raiding and bombing attacks. There has been considerable fighting in the air. The Berlin War Office records the loss of seventeen airplanes by the French and British, while London reports eight German machines driven out of con-

trol, but admits that four British machines failed to return to their base. Bombs have been dropped from German air craft on Calais and Dunkirk. While only small raiding operations artillery duels have been reported from the Russian front, a despatch from Petrograd says there is indisputable evidence that the Germans are bringing up a large number of troops to the northern part of the line for an effort to break through toward Petrograd. Spring thaws are holding the Russo-Rumanians and Teutonic Allies' troops in check in Roumania. In Macedonia near Monastir much artillery activity prevails. The usual artillery duels and small infantry activity continue in the Austro-Italian theatre.

FRENCH TAKE TWO FORTS.

PARIS, To-day.

Two advance forts of the defensive system of LaFere, a strong point in the Hindenburg line, have been captured by the French, who have occupied the west bank of the River Oise from the outskirts of LaFere as far north as Venduil, a distance of about four miles. The new French success is chronicled in an official report issued by the War Office to night, which adds that several villages on the east bank of the Ailette River have also been taken, the German rearwards being driven back.

NEARING ST. QUENTIN.

PARIS, To-day.

Further progress was made last night by the French towards St. Quentin, from the north at Grand Seru-

court as well as on the east bank of the Ailette, from the south at Chauncy and in the region south of Soissons. The War Office announced to-night that in the Verhan region the French captured parts of a German trench in the Halancourt Wood sector and repulsed a German attack near Aumont.

FRANCE PROTESTS TO THE WORLD.

PARIS, To-day.

The French Government gave notice to-night of its intention to address to neutral countries a protest against the acts of barbarism and devastation on the part of the Germans in the French territory which they are evacuating.

2.00 P.M.

THE BATTLE OF ST. QUENTIN.

PARIS, To-day.

The Battle of St. Quentin continues to rage with unabated fury. The honors of the last 24 hours' fighting have been with the French, who are pressing forward steadily, taking all the precautions that the nature of the operation calls for, and in the face of desperate resistance by the Germans the advance is continuing. St. Quentin is protected on the northwest by the Oignon River, which, although only a brook like most of the Somme tributaries, runs through a broad valley full of swamps and clumps of trees which greatly increases its defensive value. To the west the approaches to the city are over a bare flat plain devoid of any natural obstacle and with but few villages. Here the French advance is naturally most rapid, but the plain narrows and ends in a sharp point at St. Quentin. At the most favorable point the Germans have built their main defensive,

THE LIBERATED FRENCH. BRITISH HEADQUARTERS

IN FRANCE, Mar. 25.

The shattered French towns evacuated by the Germans celebrated to-day their first Sunday of liberty in two and a half years. It was a brave showing they made. Countless French flags fluttered in the sunshine from both ruined and half ruined homes, and women, old men and children who had passed through such a long ordeal of captivity strolled through the streets dressed in the best clothes each could muster. The inconquerable French genius for dress revealed itself even in such pathetic bits of finery as the women could find. Here and there groups of persons gathered to listen to graphic stories of the natives concerning their experiences under German rule. The villagers dwell particularly on the time of terror which immediately preceded the retreat of their enemies. All the civilians were herded in certain buildings from which they heard explosions and saw fires which testified that their homes were being destroyed.

What She Wanted.

An elderly lady on her first railway trip noticed the emergency bell-cord overhead, and was told by a mischievous boy that it was there to be rung when she wanted anything to eat. Shortly afterwards the old lady reached up with her umbrella and gave it a vigorous pull. The whistle sounded, the brakes were put on, and the carriages bumped together sharply in the driver's effort to stop. Presently the guard came rushing along the train and asked:

"Who pulled that bell?"

"I did," replied the old lady, meekly.

"Well, what do you want?" snapped the official impatiently.

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—Pearson's Weekly.

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Pansy League.

Government House,
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Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—Will you kindly let me write this letter to your paper. To tell of friends, I have now 587 members, but still a very long way from 1,000. But I am quite happy because so many members have promised to ask their friends to come and join. I have a dear friend who represented me at the ice carnival. She really is an ideal cat and her tail was carried to perfection. And while skating so gaily round the rink her gay mow, mow was answered by many other members. In her sweet little Pansy Bow she collected for the League \$5.00. She carried many members of the Pansy League geese, turkeys, ducks and chicks. Not forgetting the prize rooster who had top place on her head still carrying his prize colours. And we are so pleased that Miss Ethel Johnson carried also her prize, and a very useful and handsome one too. Her dress was so well carried out. We hope to see that dear Pansy again some day. I hope she won't grow out of her dress too soon. You see I cannot do that with mine and cannot even take it off to lend to even my best and kindest friends. But I do thank you with many thanks for your generous help and sweet compliment to the Pansy League, mow, mow.

I have also to thank two little friends who sent me 50 cents each for my box. Thank you dear Dolly Nancy and Plossie, you will be so

pleased to hear my box is really quite heavy. What a nice lot of bricks it will buy. Many thanks to the fourteen members who have already sent in their subscriptions for this year.

I hope every member has received their certificate and medal. If they have not received them I wish they would let me know. I did hear of some little people who sent their subscriptions but it did not arrive here. But through their kind teacher I heard they were quite unhappy because Pansy did not answer their letter, but having gone and got lost in the post how could I answer it? But they are happy with their medals now. I have had two letters returned not properly addressed. Please where do you live in Monkstown Road? Libby and Minette, you did not give your owner's name. Margie, Olive, Frisk and Beck of Wexleville, if you please, send me your owner's name. I think you would like the medals. Then you know all your friends will want one too and I should love for all your friends to join. I should like all the horses to join. You know one day I saw a horse taking such care of a tiny girl, and this is how he did it. He was coming up a hill in St. John's when a very little girl ran out from between some houses just in front of the horse. The driver of the express was just then very busy trying to light his pipe; he looked up to see why his horse had stopped. And then said "Go on, Jim." I wonder if he thanked his horse for that very kind act. Yes, he was on the foot path. But then I have seen motors and motor cycles on them too, but they are not as gen-

tle as that dear old horse. And in winter one does not know which is road or foot path here. And it is good to see a driver choose the best way for his horse as that driver was doing, and he was walking too. I am sure he thought a load of coal was enough without his weight, so gave the horse a help up the hill.

May I mention that I have just a few flowers to sell and also a few hats. They will be on sale in the billiard room any afternoon of next week from 3 o'clock till 5.

I must away. With many happy purrs.

Your loving friend,

PANSY, Mow, Mow.

The following have joined:—

Cats.—Fluffy, Susie, Tiny, Bobs, Tibby, Buttercup, Fluff, Minnie, Tim, Fluff, Jim, Violet, Topsy, Khaki, Kit and Tom, Patsy, Blackie, Whitey, Pansy, Stump, Fuzzy.

Dogs.—Nibs, Peter, Polaris, Sport, Nobs, Beans, Buster, Rags, Wiggie, Barry.

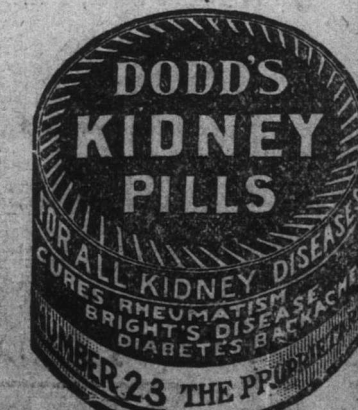
Horses.—Nellie.

Kismet.

(Boston Transcript.)

As for the Turk, none will sorrow for him outside of Berlin and outside of that Vienna, which he once so valiantly menaced. His empire began with the homeless Turkish adventurer Er-toghul, who, six centuries ago, with 440 horsemen, and his women and his women and children with him, started out on a raid into the upper waters of the Euphrates. Out of that raid, which had in it no more of im-

perial intention than a cattle stealing expedition of Arapahoe Indians, the Ottoman empire sprang. The rise of that oray into an empire is one of the most romantic stories of history. But always the Turkish mind has contemplated the possibility of the return of the Ottoman strength to something like that original band of cattle stealers. Kismet! The return is due; for in all the centuries of the Turk's occupation of Asia Minor and of one of the choicest lands of Europe, the grass has not grown where his horse's foot has trodden. After this present cataclysm of war which has fallen upon the world, not only grass but corn must grow abundantly everywhere, if the human race is to be once more established in peace and wisdom on the earth. A regenerated world cannot afford the Turk.



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