

TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.30 A.M.

THE GREEK SITUATION.

PARIS, To-day. A despatch to the Havas Agency from Athens says it is announced the Chamber of Deputies has been convened Jan. 17, a week earlier than had previously been intended. King Constantine himself will open the session. The Greek Government through the Prefect of Salonika sent an address of welcome to King Peter, of Serbia. The newspapers emphasize the influence the Serbian King is likely to have on the relations of Greece with the Entente Powers. The newspapers say the situation between Greece and the Entente Powers is obviously improving.

BOWLES WILL STAND FOR SEAT.
LONDON, To-day. Thos. Gibson Bowles, who changed his political coat and subsequently reverted to his original faith, will be the Unionist candidate for the Parliamentary seat of St. George's, made vacant by the recent elevation of Sir Alex. Henderson to the Peerage. Bowles' role in the Commons, in which in view of the present system of uncontested elections, he is sure of being returned, will be an agitation for sterner use of Britain's sea power in the prosecution of the war. He contends the Navy's grappling irons are hampered by fear in some Government departments of offending neutrals. He wants to see a more complete stoppage of supplies reaching Germany through neutral countries.

STOPPING SHIPMENT OF WOOL.

LONDON, To-day. Licenses for the shipment of English wool, Australian cross-bred wool and stop merino tops to the United States, are not being granted. It is believed that American purchases this season at the Cape, Australia and New Zealand, estimated at half a million bales, will not be allowed to be shipped. Wools bought privately up the country are the first to be discontinued.

ANOTHER P. & O. LINER SUNK.
LONDON, To-day. The Times learns the Peninsular and Oriental Liner Geelong, 5,030 tons, was sunk near the Mediterranean.

EXPECT SETTLEMENT.

GENEVA, To-day. The Vienna newspapers have published the text of the new American Note to the United States concerning the Ancona. They are unanimously of opinion the incident will now be definitely settled. The newspapers express the belief the note is couched in sufficiently conciliatory and dignified terms that it will remove all danger of rupture between the two countries, and that the United States Government will be pleased with Austria for her conciliatory attitude.

TAKE NO ACTION.

WASHINGTON, To-day. Secretary of State Lansing informed today the United States probably will take no steps in the case of the Japanese Liner Yatsuka Maru torpedoed in the Mediterranean, because of Leigh, the only lost passenger, who was supposed to have been an American, but whose citizenship was never established. Leigh was born of American parents in China.

ARRESTING ENEMIES AT SALONIKA.

PARIS, To-day. An Havas despatch from Athens says word has been received from Salonika to the effect all suspected subjects of the nations at war with the Entente Allies are being arrested and taken on board a warship, after being interrogated. Salonika merchants have appealed to the Greek Government to facilitate the transportation of supplies necessary for the population. The security of provisions is becoming more noticeable every day.

GERMANY ABANDONS CONTENTION.

WASHINGTON, To-day. Germany no longer contends that the Lusitania could be classed as an armoured vessel, the contention which was advanced as a justification for the destruction of the ship with more than 100 American lives. Secretary Lansing disclosed today the contention had been abandoned in the course of the negotiations for a settlement now in progress between the United States and Germany.

MANIFESTS DESIRE FOR UNION.

PARIS, To-day. A Havas despatch from Lisbon says the President of the Republic in receiving members of Parliament, manifested a desire that sacred union of all parties be maintained during the war, in order that the Allies might have reason to be satisfied with the services rendered by the Portuguese nation.

DID NOT LAND AT GIBRALTAR.

LONDON, To-day. Reuters correspondent at Gibraltar cables that Edward Rose, of Denver, who sailed from England on the Persia, did not land at Gibraltar. The accuracy of the correspondent's information is questioned in London, however, as it is regarded as unlikely that Rose would have proceeded beyond the point he was booked.

MANITOBA RAISING A BATTALION.

WINNIPEG, Man., To-day. Col. Rutan, the Officer Commanding military district No. 10, stated today that men of this territory are enlisting at the rate of one thousand

a week, equal to one new battalion every seven days. The west, he said, will do its full share in proportion to the population, to uphold its end of the campaign and raise the Canada Overseas army to half a million men, as announced at the New Year by Premier Borden.

WILL BE LOCKED IN.

COPENHAGEN, To-day. The conditions under which the Ford Peace Party will travel are strict. Their train will be sealed, everyone being locked within. No one will be permitted to touch German soil during the journey. The members of the mission will not be permitted to carry written, printed or typewritten papers. It is announced the expedition will disband at the Hague, Jan. 12, most members returning home from Rotterdam on that day.

LEFT FOR SPAIN.

LONDON, To-day. Despatch to Reuters Co. from Gibraltar, says Edward Rose of Denver, Colorado, who was passenger on board the steamer Persia, left the Persia when she put in at Gibraltar and left there immediately for Spain.

LOST IMMENSE TREASURES.

LONDON, To-day. A Cairo despatch to the Evening News says the jewels of Maharajah Kapurthala, valued at £800,000 sterling, were lost aboard the steamer Persia. The members of Maharajah's suite were aboard the ship, but the Maharajah himself intended to join at Port Said.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT COM-MANDEERING STEAMERS.

LONDON, To-day. The Government is taking stringent measures to see the prevailing shortage in ships shall not interfere with the shipment of food and other necessities to ports in the United Kingdom. Vessels are being requisitioned, right and left for shipment of wheat from America, and in shipping circles it is reported the Admiralty intends to call in British ships that are now trading between foreign ports. The latter measure is expected particularly to affect British ships trading between South America and the United States. Shippers here predict that such action would have a disastrous effect on this trade. Ship-owners in England and neutral shippers regard the new "barn" energy Government with misgivings, as requisitioned wheat ships are only receiving thirteen shillings, compared with the normal rate of seventeen shillings. The first hint the vessel receives that it is to be requisitioned is the following telegram from the Admiralty toward the end of its voyage: "You are required by requisitioning for carriage of foodstuffs by the Committee to fix your vessel and load 75 per cent. wheat from Atlantic coast, Canada, the United States or the Gulf to the United Kingdom. You may make your own arrangements as to freight, etc. Formal notice is following by letter."

THE CAPTURE OF THE CAPITAL OF THE KAMERUM.

January 1st. British force under Col. Corgoe, occupied Jaunde, the Kamerum. The enemy retreated South and South East. Our troops are in contact with the enemy's rear guard. The German Government officials fled from Jaunde.

MORE PASSENGERS SAVED.

LONDON, To-day. The Peninsular and Oriental S. S. Co. received a despatch from Malta, saying 11 more survivors of the steamer Persia have been landed, including Lord Montagu.

NO STATEMENT ABOUT GUN ABOARD.

LONDON, To-day. The Management of the Peninsular and Oriental S. S. Co. say they have authorized no statement regarding a gun on board the steamer Persia. There is, however, no reason to doubt the vessel carried one 4.7 inch gun astern for defensive purposes.

SUBMARINE CRISIS MOST SERIOUS.

WASHINGTON, To-day. President Wilson started to Washington from Hot Springs, Va., last night, to take personal charge of the nation's foreign affairs, on the new crisis brought about by the sinking of the British steamer Persia, with the loss of at least one American life. The situation is regarded in official circles as being the most serious which confronted this Government since the submarine operations of the Central Powers began. The President established before his Cabinet today. The destruction of the Persia, following closely upon the crisis precipitated by the Ancona disaster may result in the United States determining to settle immediately all questions involved in the submarine warfare. The subject is expected to find its way to the floor of the House of Representatives to-day, when Congress convenes. The States is represented to-night as being prepared and determined to take any action on the facts concerning the Persia yet to be established.

lished which they may warrant. Officials are still trying to view the situation with an open mind, but it is apparent they are disturbed by reports received from Consular Agents at Alexandria, Cairo and Egypt. Every effort will be made to establish the truth of the report that the Persia was torpedoed without warning.

RESUMES GOLD PAYMENT.

STOCKHOLM, To-day. The National Bank of Sweden resumed payment of notes in gold which had been suspended since August 2, 1914.

ALL SAVED.

LONDON, To-day. All on board the steamer Geelong were saved.

VALUABLE CARGO.

LONDON, To-day. The Glengyle carried a valuable cargo of fourteen thousand tons.

HEAVY FIGHTING BY RUSSIANS.

LONDON, To-day. The latest despatches from the southern extremity of the Russian front indicate that heavy fighting is continuing with the Russian army, and General Ivanoff is gaining ground. One correspondent reports the operations began with an offensive movement on the part of the Austrians, designed to strengthen their line, and that after repulsing this attack the Russians assumed the initiative. It is evident the Russian advances are now extended a considerable distance beyond Stripsa River. In other despatches it is asserted the two great offensive actions clash. The Russians have advanced as a threat against the Teutons in their Balkan operations, while the Austrians and Germans for the necessary improving of their positions against an attack expected from General Ivanoff early in the spring. Whatever may be the facts of the case there is no doubt the result of these operations will have an important effect in the Balkan campaign, especially on their influence on the future plans of Roumania. It is reported with increasing frequency the Central Powers are planning to attack Salonika, but they are said to be experiencing difficulties with Bulgaria, which, according to these reports, does not wish to participate in such a campaign, unless it promises something more than the expulsion of the Allies from Salonika.

AWAITING ASQUITH'S BILL ON COMPULSORY SERVICE.

ATHENS, To-day. Anxious thought is being given to the seizure of Consuls representing Germany and her allies at Salonika. It is expected that so far as Greece is concerned the incident will be closed with the release of the Consuls under safe conduct. While requesting some such action by the Entente Powers, Greece also has protested to Germany against the aeroplane attack on Salonika. England awaits with great interest the details regarding the bill of compulsory military service, which Premier Asquith will introduce into the House of Commons on Wednesday. It is announced Ireland will come within the scope of the bill.

1.00 P.M.

BOMBING ATTACKS.

LONDON, Jan. 3. (Delayed.)—The following British official statement was given out tonight: On the southern part of our front a small part of our troops made a successful bombing attack last night. To-day our artillery effectively bombarded several portions of the enemy's lines. Hostile artillery is active, northeast of Loos and east of Ypres.

ITALIANS REPULSE ATTACKS.

ROME, Jan. 3. The following statement was given out by the Italian War Office tonight: In the region of Laguzaci, north of Falzarego, the enemy exploded several mines, releasing an avalanche of rocks which, however, caused no damage on the Carso. On Sunday the enemy attacked our positions on Monte San Michele, but was repulsed also with heavy losses.

RUSSIANS CONTINUE ADVANCE IN BUKOWINA.

PETROGRAD, via London, January 3. A statement given out by the Russian War Office tonight says: In the Caucasus on the Black Sea Coast during the night of the 1st of January, the Turks attempted to approach our positions, but were stopped by our fire. In the direction of Hamadin, Persia, southwest of the town of Azahad, we attacked a body of five hundred Persian-gendarmes and drove them back toward the village of Chena north of Kangawer, killing dozens of rebels, and capturing prisoners and supplies. We suffered no losses. On the first of January our detachments holding Hamadin rendered military honors to the British flag which was hoisted over the Brit-

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14.5 P.M.

SEIZED BY GERMANS.

COPENHAGEN, via London, (Delayed.)—The "Politiken" states that the Swedish Liner Cron, bound for Japan, has been seized by the Germans and taken to Swinemound.

NO ANSWER TO PROTEST.

ATHENS, via London, To-day. Premier Skoufoulis, of Greece, states that he has not yet received an answer to his protest to the Entente Powers regarding the arrest of the Consuls of Germany and her allies. The public has been greatly aroused, by the arrest of the Consuls, and the claim of the Entente Powers that the Consuls were engaged in spying, is characterized as laughable. It is asserted they were so carefully watched by the Entente Police that espionage was impossible.

M. P. DEAD.

LONDON, To-day. Sir George Scott Robertson, member of Parliament for the Central Division of Bradford, is dead. He was born in London, 1852.

THE COMPULSORY BILL.

LONDON, To-day. Before the House of Commons re-assembles, the Cabinet will meet to put the finishing touches on the draft of the compulsory bill, which will be introduced to-morrow. Thus far there has been no official statement as to the scope of the bill, and the greatest interest is taken by the general public, as to the attitude the measure will take toward Ireland. The Press Association declared that Ireland would be included in the operation of the bill. The estimate this morning that the number of members of the House, who will vote against the bill, will not exceed forty, and adds that a considerable diminution of the total is likely as soon as the facts and figures in the report of the Earl of Derby, Director of Recruiting, are made public. Some of the newspapers protest vehemently against the inclusion of Ireland. The London Evening Star says: "These who know Ireland have no illusions in regard to the fatal issues which would follow from any attempt to coerce Irishmen. The thought of bloodshed in Ireland appalls us. Let the House of Commons look well before it leaps. The attitude of the Labor group toward the measure is still nebulous. A news agency item said last night that the labor men will try to effect a compromise, whereby after the bill it has been introduced an inter-val should be given for unattested men to enroll under the Derby scheme and adds that if the number remains insufficient, after a reasonable time the bill then should be allowed to pass."

TURKISH WAR REPORT.

CONSTANTINOPLE via London, To-day.

The Turkish War Office gave out the following tonight: "On the Danubian front there have been heavy battles with bomb throwing on both wings and a temporary artillery fire along the whole line. A hostile cruiser and a monitor retreated after temporary bombardment of our positions. Our airmen flew over hostile position and made a successful reconnaissance. Near Arburun four hundred cases of munitions which were concealed by the enemy were found there. There are no other events to report."

DUTCH MINISTER OF WAR.

TENDERS RESIGNATION.

LYONDON, To-day. Major General Nicholas Booboom, Dutch Minister of War, has tendered his resignation, but it has not been accepted, according to the Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Mail. Major General Booboom has been subjected to serious Parliamentary criticism, whilst the correspondent adds,

because he has been suspected of a desire to make the Dutch the instrument of a small aristocratic circle with German sympathies.

1,000 ENEMIES ARRESTED.

LONDON, To-day. The Amsterdam correspondent of Reuters Telegram Co. sends the following: The Athens correspondent of the Wolff Bureau reports the total number of enemy subjects arrested by the Entente Allies at Salonika is one thousand.

KING PETER SEES COMMANDERS.

ATHENS, via London, To-day. King Peter of Serbia, who is now on board a French destroyer at Salonika, yesterday gave an audience to the General Commander of the French forces there and Lieut. General Mahone, Commander of the British troops.

"DEAD AGAINST CONSCRIPTION"

LONDON, To-day. The South Wales Miners appear to be dead against conscription. James Winston, President of the South Wales Miners Federation in speech at Pontypool yesterday announced that the Executive committee had passed a resolution unanimously protesting against conscription: "I know what I am saying," he added, "unless the politicians of this country are careful, they will stop the South Wales coal fields, and there will be no coal for the Navy."

POLICE SEIZE SOCIALIST PAPER.

GLASGOW, To-day. The police have seized all the copies of the new current issue of the Scotch Socialist paper "Forward," which is said to have printed an account of the meeting on Christmas Day of David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, with the Glasgow Trade Union Officials, which account was not approved by the British censor.

The Crib at Belvidere Orphanage

Not least among the attractions of this festive season ranks the Crib at St. Michael's Orphanage, Belvidere. In past years during the Xmas season large numbers of people visited daily the little grotto model of the cave of Bethlehem, to render in spirit together with the Shepherds and Wise Men of the East their adorations to the Divine Infant. This year has been no exception; the Crib itself simple and realistic has been arranged perhaps even more artistically than in the past, whilst as to visitors, from Christmas Day when in commemoration of the Birth of Our Saviour the tiny voices of the orphan children sang forth the joyous strains of "Gloria in Excelsis" all through these hallowed days of the Octave, very many of those who know about the Crib have flocked to this quiet retreat, spending some moments contemplating the simple yet impressive scene and listening to the musical voices of the orphans who twice each day at noon and at four in the afternoon gather around the grotto singing festive canticles and carols. Needless to say the little children take keen delight in the Crib and in their little part and find great gratification in the presence of their visitors, whilst these experience for themselves apart from the pleasure and interest in the surroundings a sense and feeling of joy and satisfaction which comes from all charitable work; from the mere act of doing good, of encouraging the orphan mites and rendering their Christmas one of peace, happiness and goodwill. Access to the Crib is open to all during these days and on Thursday the Feast of the Epiphany, commemoration of the Adoration of the Wise men, which is well represented in the scene, the Crib will close for another space.

Engagement.

The engagement is announced of Capt. Walter Rendell, Adjutant of the Newfoundland Regiment to Miss Jeanie Murchison, of Isleworth. The bride elect who is well known in this city, spent a vacation here last year and was the guest of Mrs. MacDermott, formerly Miss Goodridge.

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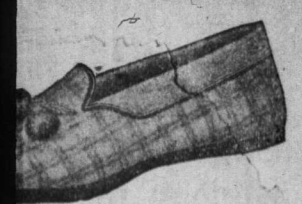
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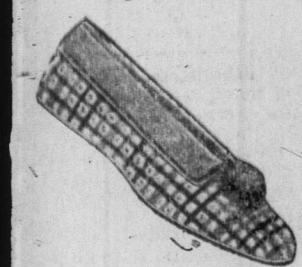
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