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## TO-DAY'S Messages.

### OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Dec. 2.

To Governor, Newfoundland.  
General French reports that during the past four days successful bombardments of hostile trenches, strong points and gun positions have been carried. Considerable damage inflicted. Enemy's artillery reply weak. Mines exploded by both sides near Giverny and Bois Francois. Nov. 30th. Two hostile aeroplanes were brought down by our aeroplane fire, one near Hooze, the other near Henin Liard. And twenty of our aeroplanes bombed an important German supply depot at Miramont; considerable damage to stores, buildings and railway. One of our aeroplanes on reconnaissance failed to return on Dec. 1st and another Dec. 2nd.

BONAR LAW.

### ACTIVITY WITH ARTILLERY AND MINING.

LONDON, To-day.  
Official last evening. During the past four days successful bombardments of hostile trenches, strong points and gun positions have been carried out. The damage inflicted on the enemy is considerable. Artillery response to our fire is weak. On Nov. 30 we sprung two mines opposite Giverny. While the craters were being consolidated by us, the enemy sprung mines burying ten of our men. Yesterday we exploded a mine east of Bois Francois. The enemy replied with a mine in the same neighbourhood. On the 30th two hostile aeroplanes were brought down by fire from our aeroplanes, one falling east of Hooze, the other near Henin Liard. Pas de Calais. The same day twenty of our aeroplanes bombarded an important German supply depot at Miramont, causing considerable damage to stores, buildings and railway line. One of our aeroplanes which has been on reconnaissance on first December, failed to return also another on the second of December.

### ITALY WILL AID SERBIA.

LONDON, To-day.  
Italy, through her Foreign Minister, Baron Sonnino, announced her adherence to the treaty of London, whereby the Allied powers undertake not to conclude a separate peace, and at the same time declared the intention of sending help to the Serbian army in the Balkans. This news is the most important for some days. It is believed here it will go far to clear the situation, especially when negotiations are still proceeding between King Constantine and the Ministers of the Quadruple Entente. These negotiations have been protracted, owing to Greece's unwillingness to allow the Allies the free use of railways and the right to police Greek waters against submarines. They are not yet completed, but the latest advices indicate that they are likely to end in completed satisfaction to the Entente Powers. The assurance of Italy as well as Britain, France and Russia is to give military support to Serbians in their effort to regain their lost territory making a case for the Greeks.

11.15 A.M.

### MONTENEGRINS RETREAT.

PARIS, To-day.  
The enforced retreat of Montenegrin troops in their efforts to defend Plevlje against the reinforced Austro-German armies is admitted in the official statement by the Montenegrin War Office, received at the Montenegrin Consulate here to-day. The statement says the enemy having received heavy reinforcements directed attacks upon Pribos and Plevlje on Nov. 30th. Our troops were obliged to retire upon their rear positions to defend Plevlje.

### BRITISH SOLIDARITY.

LONDON, To-day.  
The birthday of the new Imperial

leged German attempts to take control of international administration, as has been the case with military affairs. It is considered significant that the new Austrian members are men with German learning, which is thought to mean the German party has been successful.

### BULGARIAN REPORT.

SOFIA, Via London, To-day.  
(Official).—Our troops continued the offensive beyond Prisrend since the beginning of the war against Serbia. On September 14 to the occupation of Prisrend, Nov. 29, we captured 50,000 prisoners, 265 guns, 136 cannons, about one hundred thousand rifles, thirty six thousand grenades, three million cartridges, 2350 railway carriages, 63 locomotives. After the capture of Kichevo and Krushevo we occupied the Brodian road between Kichevo and Pripop. On the front occupied by the Anglo-French troops there is no change.

### CONSPIRATORS NOT YET SENTENCED.

NEW YORK, To-day.  
Three high officials and subordinate officers of the American Line were found guilty last night in the Federal District Court of having violated the laws of the United States in sending coal and other supplies to German cruisers in the South Atlantic in the first few months of the war. The specific charges against the defendants was conspiracy to deceive and defraud the United States. The maximum penalty for each indictment is two years imprisonment, ten thousand dollars fine; the sentence was not imposed last night.

1.00 P.M.

### TRADING WITH ENEMY.

LONDON, To-day.  
Edward Weinacht, formerly European Manager of Adams Express Co., who later assisted the organization of the Southernland International with offices in New York and London, was committed for trial to-day charged with trading with the enemy.

### GENERAL JOFFRE'S NEW APPOINTMENT.

PARIS, To-day.  
General Joffre has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of all French armies, except those in North Africa, including Morocco.

### STATE HORSE BREEDING.

LONDON, To-day.  
Col. William Hall Walker, member of parliament, presented the nation with his famous breeding farm for race horses at Tully, Kildare, and his training stables at Russel's Parks, Wiltshire. The Government is undertaking to purchase the land at its own valuation. The acceptance by the Government means it intends to initiate State horse breeding as is done by the Government of France, Russia and Germany.

### GUNBOAT SUNK.

LONDON, To-day.  
A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Athens says a British coast defence gunboat was sunk by a German submarine.

### OIL FOR GERMANY.

LONDON, To-day.  
Lord Robert Cecil, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, admitted in the Commons this afternoon that there have been large increases in the export of oil from England to Holland, he claimed since the formation of the Coalition Government. No lined oil has been exported from this country. The question was raised by Sir Henry Dalziel, who urged the Government to declare oil contraband, and said that much, especially lined oil from which glycerine for explosives could be made, was reaching Germany through neutral countries. The whole question of exporting oil producing substances to Holland, the Under Secretary said, was a very serious matter, and the Government is taking it up rapidly. It was necessary for England to get sufficient supply of margarine at reasonable prices. To do this it was necessary to let Holland import the oil needed in its manufacture. To prevent this oil from reaching Germany arrangements were being made for periodical examination by British accountants of margarine factories, for the strengthening of the Netherlands Overseas Trust, and for preventing smuggling from Holland to Germany. By these means it is hoped to prevent the fate of oils from being sent to Germany, to obtain necessary supplies of margarine for this country, and to secure for Holland her rights in neutral trade to which she was entitled. The Foreign Office assured, the Under Secretary continued, to secure the country's rights without getting into dangerous disputes with neutrals. The Government's policy would be to deprive the Germans of essential articles, but they could not hold up articles, unless there was evidence that they were destined for the enemy country. With regard to exports from Germany to America, with the exception of goods contracted for before March 1st, there was no evidence that this country had lightened the blockades. This question of exports was a vital one, said Lord Robert, for if the Government could stop the export they would be able to prevent the enemy from getting goods which would pay for them. He believed the Government's success in doing this had been very great indeed. By successful diplomacy the Foreign Office and navy had been enabled to carry out a blockade successfully without getting the country into any serious trouble with any neutral country.

### MONASTIR NOT FALLEN.

LONDON, To-day.  
The Serbs still hold Monastir, but their position is almost hopeless. The Bulgarians have cut communication between that city and the Greek frontier, and the Serb troops still there must like the army of the North retreat into Albania, when the pressure becomes too strong. The report that the Russians have crossed the Rumanian border and are marching through that country to Bulgaria is, however, lacking confirmation. Such a movement is hardly likely to occur unless Rumania gave her consent, which would be tantamount to joining the Allies. Another report credits the Russians with diverting their Bessarabian army toward Galicia where a big offensive is being undertaken. On the other fronts Italian, French and Russian bombardments are the order of the day. British, French and Belgian guns have been particularly active and also airmen in Flanders. German positions have been given rather a severe battering. British monitors took part in these operations, suggesting this may be preliminary to an advance to be undertaken. There is still a good deal of talk in neutral press about peace based on reports from Germany of the activity of Socialists, and from Austria's dissatisfaction there with the al-

### WAR TO END SOONER THAN MOST PEOPLE BELIEVE.

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### LARGE CAPTURE OF RIFLES.

PARIS, To-day.  
Two thousand Bulgarian rifles were found in a trench taken Wednesday by French troops, according to a despatch from Saloniki. The French are strongly entrenched before Krivolak, 150 yards from the Bulgarian advance posts. British troops are also well dug in in their sector.

### GREECE IS SILENT.

PARIS, To-day.  
The prolonged silence of the Greek Government respecting the demands of the Entente Allies has again aroused suspicion in the French press. One paper goes so far as to assert that Greece has concluded, or is about to conclude, a treaty with Bulgaria, by the terms of which Monastir and Vardar Valley in Serbia are "ceded" to Greece in return for aid against the Anglo-French expeditionary forces. French correspondents at Saloniki indicate that the Bulgarians, notwithstanding promises made by the Germans that the Bulgarians would not enter Monastir, have resolved to take that city, which is their real objective, realizing that the Germans are not in a position to stop them.

### BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, To-day.  
The British steamship Langton Hall is sunk and part of her crew reached land. The Langton Hall, evidently another victim of the submarine campaign in the Mediterranean, left Calcutta Oct. 28th for Philadelphia and New York, and was reported at the Suez on Nov. 29. She was owned by the Hall Line of Liverpool.

### BRITISH PAPERS EXULTANT.

LONDON, To-day.  
The British papers, led by the Daily Telegraph, exult this morning over Baron Sonnino's solemn declaration that Italy will adhere to the compact of London and not make peace until the Central Empires are beaten into the dust.

2.30 P.M.

### RUSSIANS ENTER BULGARIA.

LONDON, To-day.  
The news that the Russians have entered Bulgaria has aroused intense interest and there is much speculation as to the next development. Reuters correspondent at Saloniki telegraphs: It is expected this move will have a far-reaching effect on the internal situation of Bulgaria and will modify the whole aspect of affairs in the Balkans.

### FORD'S PEACE EXPEDITION.

NEW YORK, To-day.  
The Scandinavian-American line steamer Oscar 2nd, which Henry Ford has taken passage for his peace expedition to Hague, will leave New York to-morrow afternoon.

### Booker T. Washington.

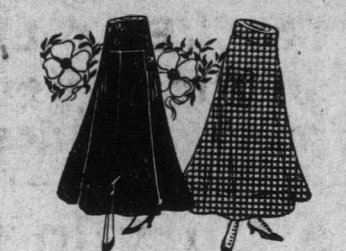
(The Wesleyan.)  
The name of this great leader of the Negro race is familiar throughout the continent of North America and even across the seas. Born a slave at Hales Point, Va., in 1856, he early showed a strong desire for an education and manifested the qualities of leadership. Having studied at Hampton Institute, and at the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute in Alabama, for the practical education of colored Americans we being made by untiring zeal and great executive ability, collected or earned by his lectures and writings, all the funds necessary to organize and equip this great institution of learning. He instilled upon a practical and technical education for the negroes that they may devote themselves particularly to those branches of industry and commerce in which this direction were attended with great success. He was a speaker of great tact and his practical sense views were always with reference to the best interests of his race, and of the country in them, so commended themselves to the philanthropic and wealthy public that very liberal contributions were made to his work. He was a prominent figure in the life of the United States and his decrease leaves a vacancy in the leadership of his race which it will be most difficult to fill. He died at Tuskegee, Alabama, Nov. 14th, of Bright's disease, aged 57 years.

### "I'M FOOLING A FEW."

A small boy, seated on the curb by a telegraph pole, with a tin can by his side, attracted the attention of an old gentleman who happened to be passing. "Good fishing?" he inquired, good-naturedly. "No," the youngster replied; "take a peep in there." An investigation showed the can to be nearly filled with caterpillars. "What in the world are you going to do with them?" asked the old gent. "They crawl up trees and eat the leaves off, don't they?" asked the boy. "So I understand," replied the old gent. "Well," said the boy, "I'm fooling a few of them." "How?" asked the old gent. "I'm going to send them up this telegraph pole," answered the boy.—Chicago Herald.

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