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TO-DAY'S
Messages.

10.30 A.M.

SMALL BOMBING ATTACK.

LONDON, To-day.
Official: Last night the enemy made a small bombing attack against our line about the quarries north of Loos. This attack was easily repulsed. Artillery activity continued throughout the day north of Ypres.

ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE.

LONDON, To-day.
It was officially announced last night by the Private Secretary of Earl Kitchener, British Secretary of War, that the reported engagement of Earl Kitchener to Dowager Countess Minto was untrue. The announcement, says the report, is absolutely untrue.

AUSTRIA'S REPLY UNSATISFACTORY AND UNACCEPTABLE.

WASHINGTON, To-day.
Austria's reply to Secretary Lansing's Note on the Ancona, received during the night was laid yesterday before President Wilson and Cabinet and discussed more than hour. The gravity of the situation caused by Austria's rejoinder to the American demands, which is considered evasive, unsatisfactory and unacceptable, remained unchanged. The next step will not be decided upon until some minor points not clear in the official text are checked up. The apparent discrepancies are not important and may be due to transmission or translation from the State Department code, but they will be cleared up before another move is made. Secretary Lansing said after the Cabinet meeting he did not know when the official text of the Note would be given out for publication. Diplomatic relations although in danger of being broken off are not likely to be discontinued, at least before there has been another exchange of Notes with Vienna, and so the crisis may be said not to be in its final stage.

GERMAN PATROL WRECKED.

LONDON, To-day.
The German patrol boat Buns has been wrecked on the Island of Lange-land in the Baltic Sea, according to a despatch from Copenhagen. The bodies of several German officers were found on shore.

ANOTHER HUN CONSPIRACY.

NEW YORK, To-day.
Paul Koonig, formerly head of the secret services of the Hamburg-American Line, and Richard Emile Lindecker, was arrested yesterday by the agents of the Department of Justice, charged with conspiring in an attempt to blow up the Welland Canal.

ITALIANS LAND 80,000 MEN.

LONDON, To-day.
While diplomats of Greece and Roumania are engaged in new deals, which will decide the next step in the Balkan operations, there is increasing evidence that the Germans, ever restive, are preparing new strokes both on eastern and western fronts or at least a concentration of their forces to strike when conditions are propitious. Despatches from Petrograd note German activity, particularly in the Dvinsk District, which would accord with the German ambition to reach the line of the Dvina River, while all accounts from neutral countries mention continued movement of men and guns to west. In the latter theatre of operations it seems only a question of what points the offensive is to be taken. Many persons believe that the Germans having found the lines of Flanders and Artois nuts too hard to crack, contemplate moving in the St. Michael region, where their line penetrates the River Meuse where there has been considerable activity during the last few days. The enemy thing argued against this is that the River has been in flood, the French have systematically destroyed bridges as they were rebuilt. Thus, far, however, there has been little more than the usual mining and bombing operations and aerial fighting in west. In the Balkan military operations are temporarily at a standstill except in Montenegro and Albania, where the Austrians and Bulgarians are carrying on mountain warfare against King Nicholas' troops and the Serbians. A big battle is in progress in the valley of Albania or the Black Drin River between the Serbs and Bulgarians. At the last report no decision had been reached in the fighting. It is said, however, that the Bulgarians who crossed River found that the Serbs had been reformed and were driven back with heavy losses. It is possible the Serbs counter-attacks were made possible by supplies having reached them from the Italians, who landed on the Albanian coast and who are trying to open communication with Serbs through that country. The Italians, it is understood, already have landed eighty thousand men.

HOSTAGE MAY BE SHOT.

MONTREAL, To-day.
The efforts to release Hon. Dr. Renie S. Roland, M.P., former Postmaster General of Canada, from imprisonment by the Germans in Belgium, have been fruitless. Now it is feared he may be shot. He is being held as a hostage for the exchange of Lieut. Rintellen, a German spy, convicted in England and under sentence of death in the tower of London. Information

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to this effect has been received by Arthur Ecrement, ex M.P. for Berthier.

THE AMERICAN SECOND NOTE.

WASHINGTON, To-day.

The United States prepared late yesterday the draft of the second note to Austria-Hungary on the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona. The communication will vigorously renew the demands made in the first note to them. According to an official announcement by Secretary Lansing, President Wilson will probably approve of the form the second note will take to-morrow at a conference with Secretary Lansing. The Secretary will then act without further suggestion from the President, who will leave Washington to-morrow night on his wedding trip. Should the Secretary determine, however, that further counsel with the President is necessary, he will go to wherever the executive head may be. Should the situation become more acute, the President may be forced to shorten his honeymoon and return to Washington. From an authoritative Teutonic source came the information last night that the Vienna Government had no desire to be the cause of diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria-Hungary being severed, and it was said if the second note left an avenue for it, the foreign office probably would see fit to agree to all the demands made by us.

Saw An Austrian
Officer Butcher
Her Grandmother.

New York, Dec. 10.—En route to new home in Chicago and on middle-western farms, four hundred women and children refugees from the war-swept countries of Europe expect to be released from Ellis Island to-day. They are in charge of Father John de Ville, of Chicago.

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the battle of the Marne, in which the Allies threw back the German armies against odds of nearly two to one. They fought against vastly greater odds at Ypres in the terrible crisis of May, and number Neuve Chapelle and Loos among their achievements. This last, their greatest victory, is the most recent, and it is on a plane wholly novel for an army of this country. Never have such British forces been in the field as stands there now. The

heroic army of Mons is multiplied twenty-six times, and the new voluntary armies have shown as fine a spirit as the old professional army. No one doubts their courage, or has failed to commend it. The fact that Prussian lists give more prisoners than dead, and our more dead than prisoners, is not without its significance. MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DYPHTHERIA.