

TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.00 A.M.

RUSSIAN SUCCESS IN VOLHYNIA.

PETROGRAD, To-day. In Volhynia the Russians in the region of Ostroff and Goubing have put down heavy Tatar attacks launched in mass formation and have forced the Tatars to retire to avoid the danger of being outflanked. According to a Russian official communication issued this evening upwards of three thousand men were captured in the fighting.

STEAMERS SUNK.

LONDON, To-day. At Lloyd's a shipping agency announced to-day that the British steamers Mopsa of 3,714 tons gross, and Ecclesia of 3,714 tons gross, 338 feet long, were sunk.

ON THE BRITISH FRONT.

Continuing the new offensive the British, who yesterday broke through the Germans' second line of defence, now have taken all Delville Wood, which was stormed by South Africans, establishing themselves beyond East-tille-Petite, advanced parties having been to the outskirts of Martinpuich, Pozieres and some other points close to the third German line of defence. The weather remains dry and warm. Operations after yesterday's advance were more in the nature of open fighting. The Germans are using strong points and favourable ground with good machine positions to gain time for rallying reinforcements which arrive and dig new trenches, while the British dig in opposite to them. "With each stage of the advance frequently they are so near to each other that neither side dares use its guns. Possession of stretches of woodland becomes as important as that of the villages. The German defenders of Trones Wood had orders to stand to the last man. The orders were virtually obeyed. Cases have been numerous of woods fighting where Briton and German have been pierced by each other's bayonets. It is amazing that in the thick of the struggle at all points the stretcher bearers manage to bring out the wounded. The Germans are keeping up a heavy curtain of artillery fire in answer to the British, indicating the arrival of fresh artillery. The British guns were able to-day to reach the main road of Martinpuich, which was crowded with transports, aeroplanes reporting immense destruction and confusion. Every one coming from the front remarks upon the paucity of German aeroplanes and anti-aircraft guns. Despite reinforcements and other arms the British airmen in many instances descended as low as 200 or 400 feet, firing upon the German infantry with machine guns and receiving cheers from the British infantry. Such low flights have resulted in remarkably intimate scouting on the scene of action, which has been carried for the first time beyond the second main line of German defences since stationary warfare began on the west front. Officers returning from the front line speak of seeing abandoned German guns, but say they are too busy fighting to bother to bring them in.

The most dramatic situation in the battle comes when the German gunners strive to draw off guns with the British infantry while the rifle ranges. In the grinding conflict, which is courageously fought at close quarters, neither the ground taken nor the number of prisoners is excessive of the results at stake, for which both sides are fighting. The British Commanders merely say they have advanced farther than they expected, and repeat that they are proceeding through the various stages in a long and immense undertaking. Letters, diaries and orders taken from prisoners, on the British offensive contain enlightening news of the state of affairs among the Germans. One prisoner whom an Associated Press correspondent saw to-day, complained of the poor and undisciplined material in drafts sent forward to fill gaps in the regiments. General Von Steinhilber captured a report of an inspection of a German second line about the middle of June, which complains that the trench is full of water and generally of its bad condition, with dugouts in insufficient number, and condemns the troops of that sector as worthless idlers, and insists upon immediate improvement. Two different letters mention the recent Allied air raid over Karlsruhe, one referring to the loss of life as one hundred, the other as 150, of the desire for peace and the expectation that it will come is often alluded to by the prisoners. The commanding officers in addresses to the troops in France referred to her as being near her last gasp. The German Emperor in his speech also referred to France's resistance as that of despair.

Has been with the army for years, the change in the demeanour of the prisoners of late is apparent; he says that unbending confidence, which in many amounted to a defiant manner toward their captors has been succeeded by an amiably philosophic acceptance.

WAR-SAVING WEEK.

LONDON, To-day. The week beginning to-day is regarded in this country as the war-savings week, in which every citizen of the United Kingdom is expected to invest according to his means in the various forms provided by the Government for financing the war. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Reginald McKenna, in a manifesto issued to-night urging the importance of the

nation's efforts in this direction says, referring to the present military operations in France, "This is not a battle of a day or two, but the beginning of a long, patient and arduous offensive, demanding from our soldiers heroic exertions and unimaginable sacrifices. Are we at home content to be mere spectators of this wonderful effort?" Pointing to the necessity for the same patient rights of self-denial on the part of the community, McKenna says, extravagance and waste are treason in war time, indifference is crime.

12.30 P.M.

WANDERING WILLIE.

LONDON, To-day. An official telegram from Berlin says that Emperor William is now in the Somme battle sector.

MEATLESS VIENNA.

VIENNA, To-day. Meatless days hereafter will be meatless in reality. A new decree which is to be immediately effective, prohibits the sale or consumption of all kinds of meats, including tinned or smoked meats, and of poultry and wild game on meatless days.

STEAMERS IN COLLISION.

LONDON, To-day. The steamers Montreal and Acadia were in collision yesterday in the Thames off Millwall. Both were damaged.

"DREAD OF PEACE."

THE HAGUE, To-day. The German newspaper Vorwaerts prints an article recently written by Professor Konrad Metger of Berlin member of the National Liberal Party, under the heading "Dread of Peace." Prof. Metger at some length tries to make out that the role of peace mediator would only serve to raise the personal prestige of President Wilson, who, according to the writer, is anxious to emulate President Roosevelt's success at Portsmouth; but, he adds, this should be a warning to us, seeing the result was that Japan was cheated out of the fruits of victory. The Vorwaerts comments on the article: "The anti-Americanism of the National Liberals seems to have risen to such a pitch of self-deception that they would wish war to continue indefinitely, as long as America is kept from being mediator. The great majority of the German people certainly do not share this view."

A MILE FROM CAMBLES.

LONDON, To-day. The Anglo-French advance has brought the Allied troops where they make a punction to a point about a mile in front of Cambles, which prior to July 1st, when the offensive began, was the German headquarters on the sector. Quiet prevailed on the British front. On Sunday a detachment which had been thrust forward to the third German line of Fourcaux Wood to protect infantry operations has now been withdrawn to the main position. The casualty list as announced gives a total of 227 officers dead and 487 wounded or missing, 597 men dead and 1,832 wounded. The British are keenly watching for a new move on the front.

THE CASEMENT APPEAL.

LONDON, To-day. The Casement case reached the Board of Appeal to-day. Sir Roger Casement's counsel in his opening argument emphasised the technical point that the law governing treason does not include any offense of adhering to the King's enemies outside of the realm.

1.30 P.M.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, To-day. The Germans made two attacks in Lorraine last night. The War Office report of to-day says both assaults were repulsed. Attacks were delivered at a point southeast of Momeny, West of Fleury, the French made some progress, taking three machine guns. A raid on trenches in Champagne occupied by Russian troops was successfully met by a counter attack, causing heavy losses to the Germans. On the Verdun front the night was comparatively calm, except in the vicinity of Hill 304, where rifle firing was brisk.

NO DOUBT ABOUT THE SHAKE-UP.

BERLIN, To-day. According to private advice from Vienna, important changes have taken place in the Austro-Hungarian army and others are impending as a result of the Russian offensive. Something akin to a shake-up may take place in Germany. There is a strong movement that Marshal Von Hindenburg be placed in command of the entire eastern front, including the Austro-Hungarian armies.

Reids' Boats.

The Argyle arrived at Piacenta at 5.30 a.m. yesterday. The Clyde arrived at Lewisport at 12.30 p.m. yesterday. The Dundee arrived at Port Blandford at 2.30 p.m. yesterday and sails to-day. The Ethie reached Humbermouth at 9 p.m. yesterday. The Glenoe reached Port aux Basques, 11.10 a.m. yesterday. The Home arrived at Lewisport at 4.50 p.m. yesterday. The Lady Sybil left Port aux Basques at 6.15 p.m. yesterday. The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.30 a.m. yesterday. The Petrel arrived at Clarendville yesterday. The Meigle is on Labrador. The Sagona is at St. John's.

Turkeys and Chicken at ELLIS.

House Broken Into and Ramsacked.

On Saturday evening two volunteers broke into a large unoccupied residence on Circular Road. The owner and late occupier is at present in the Old Country. The house, though vacant, so far as occupants are concerned, is filled with furniture. Entry to the place was effected through a window. The house-breakers were first caught at their nefarious work by a couple of civilians and later were rounded up in a remote section of the house "loaded to the plimsol" and enjoying a quiet siesta. The invaders were immediately escorted to the barracks. Meanwhile the police authorities are investigating and this morning two detectives were engaged taking an inventory of the articles of furniture either stolen or broken in the house. Up to noon no arrest was made.

Portia Back From West.

The S.A. Portia, Capt. Joe Keen, arrived back from South West points at noon to-day. On the return run from Bonne Bay, the terminus, the Portia was ordered to the aid of the stranded ships Inger and Roguill in the vicinity of St. Pierre. Capt. Keen found their condition such that it was impossible to tow them off into deep water. He says both of them will be total losses. The crews have left for Sydney enroute to their homes, excepting the Captains who are still standing by the vessels.

Championship Football

The St. Andrew's and Terra Novas football team will compete this evening. The line up will be as follows: Terra Novas—Wahs, goal; J. Kavanagh, J. Hart, backs; W. Duggan, T. Jackman, E. Kavanagh, halves; Duffy, Simms, L. Kavanagh, Pitcher, Evans, forwards. Saints—Ewing, goal; Barnes, Pearce, backs; Kerr, Burns, Porter, halves; Bastow, Reid, Elton, Watson, Auckinleck, forwards. Win or a draw for the Saints will give the B.I.S. the championship. In the event of the Terra Novas winning it will mean a play off between them and the B.I.S. for first place.

Here and There.

STEPHANO LEAVES. — The s.s. Stephano leaves Halifax to-morrow for this port.

BOUND HOME. — The schr. Maggie Bell, Capt. Reid, left Trapani Saturday for this port.

WEATHER REPORT. — The weather across country is strong west winds and fine with temperature from 50 to 60 above.

YESTERDAY'S EXCURSIONS. — Yesterday over 2,500 people travelled over the Reid Nid. Co.'s excursion trains to Tor's Cove, Kelligrews and Bowring Park.

AT ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH. — While the offering was being taken at St. Thomas's Church last night, Mr. Peterson, one of the students of the Halifax school for the blind, rendered a solo.

FLORIZEL OFF. — The s.s. Florizel got away from here Saturday evening for Halifax and New York, taking the following saloon passengers: Mrs. J. McCoubrey, H. Henderson, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Miss Fitzgerald, J. F. Williams, Miss Wetherall, Miss Stafford, Capt. Olsen, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. H. Barnes, Rev. Bro. Strapp, Miss E. Barnes, Mr. Stanny, Miss Ellis, G. Bartlett, E. J. Pratt, Mrs. Griffiths, R. Mercer, G. Brocklehurst, R. Squires and 27 in steerage.

W. Bro. (Capt.) Wm. H. Parsons will address the Brethren on "Incidents in the Western Campaign, particularly Ambulance Work," at the Masonic Temple, Tuesday, July 18th, 8 p.m.

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