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It is the consensus of opinion among the managers of the stores that the people cannot be too strongly urged to do their Christmas shopping early. In the first place, the Christmas stocks are now all in and the early buyer has the advantage in the matter of selection. Shop Early, Please!

## TO-DAY'S Messages.

11.00 A.M.

## RUSSIA TO HAVE STRAITS AND CONSTANTINOPLE.

PETROGRAD, To-day.  
Saturday a semi-official news agency says: In the Duma to-day Premier Trepoff read a proclamation announcing officially an agreement concluded by Russia, France and Britain in 1915, and later approved by Italy, which establishes in a definite manner the right of Russia to the Straits and Constantinople. Trepoff's announcement, quoted by the News Agency, follows: "For more than a thousand years Russia has been reaching southward toward a free outlet on the open sea. This age-long dream cherished in the hearts of the Russian people, is now ready for realization. From the beginning of the war, wishing to spare human lives and suffering, we and our allies did our utmost to restrain Turkey from a mad participation in hostilities. Turkey received formal assurances guaranteeing her in exchange for her neutrality the integrity of her territory and independence, and also conferring upon her certain privileges and advantages. These efforts were in vain, Turkey surreptitiously attacked us and thus sealed her own doom! We then concluded an agreement without allies, which establishes in the most definite manner the right of Russia to the Straits and Constantinople. Russians should know for what they are shedding their blood. This agreement is made known to-day from this Tribune."

## RAVAGES OF TYPHUS IN SYRIA.

NEW YORK, To-day.  
Soldiers of the Turkish army in Syria are dying from typhus fever at the rate of 1,000 daily, according to a despatch from that country forwarded through Port Said and given out today by the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief. In addition to famine, from which the people of Syria are long reported to have been suffering, epidemics of both typhus fever and cholera are sweeping over that country, the despatch says.

## WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, To-day.  
Even surpassing in its far-reaching importance the actual military operations of the war comes to-day a public announcement by the new Russian Premier Alex Trepoff that by an agreement, concluded in 1915 and subsequently adhered to by Italy, the Allies definitely established Russia's right to Constantinople and the Straits. The existence of this agreement has been for a long time publicly and formally admitted. Simultaneously, while the fate of Bucharest is still hanging in the balance, comes the news that Russia, which has been accused in some quarters of failing to render assistance to its sorely pressed ally, is making heroic efforts to turn the tide of events in Roumania. In addition to existing vigorous pressure against Von Falkenhayn in Moldavia, where the Russians have gained a footing at Kiriababa and the battle is continuing with the utmost energy, a new Russian effort is visible on the Danube south of Bucharest, where the

marines at Roufos barracks and the French marines at Scappion. All the legation's and Admiral DuForent's quarters were then fired on with cannon. Athens has the appearance of a besieged town. Bands of reservists, some in uniform, some in civilian dress, moved along the streets firing at random at the shops and followers of Venezuelas and at the foreign legations. The firing diminished during the night and has now ceased. The Entente troops have been sent back to Piraeus. The Greek Government offered six mountain batteries to Vice-Admiral DuFournet, but the Entente Ministers received instructions from their Governments to declare to the Greek authorities that it is no longer merely a question of the cession of war materials but the far more serious question that reparation must be made corresponding with the gravity of the assault on the Allied troops.

## ITALIAN SUCCESS ON THE CARSO.

ROME, To-day.  
An advance of 300 metres 'on a front of one kilometre was made yesterday by Italian troops on the Carso Plateau, the War Office announces to-day.

## ANOTHER SUB HAUL.

LONDON, To-day.  
Lloyds report the sinking of the following vessels:—The British steamer Burcombe, 3518 tons; the Iskra, 4582 tons; the Harpatus, 1445 tons; the Norwegian steamer Skjold, 489 tons; the French sailing vessels Briantais, 258 tons, and the Capilhou, 252 tons.

## TERRIFIC CYCLONE IN INDIA.

LONDON, To-day.  
A Central News despatch from Calcutta says it is estimated that 1,000 lives were lost in the recent cyclone at Pondicherry, the chief of the French possessions in India. Tremendous damage was inflicted throughout the Madras province; 400 bodies have been found.

## RUSSIAN ACHIEVEMENTS.

PETROGRAD, To-day.  
The Russians have gained possession of the western part of Tchernovoda bridge across the Danube, it is announced officially to-day. South of Bucharest the Teutonic forces have been driven back by the Russians, the statement says, and the villages of Tzomana and Gastinari have been captured. The Tchernovoda Bridge, the only one across the Danube for a distance of 600 miles from the Black Sea, was taken control of by Field Marshal Von Mackensen after the defeat of the Russo-Rumanian army in Dobruja and the capture of Constantza and Tchernovoda in late October. Over it passes the sole railway line directly connecting Bucharest with the Black Sea. Its capture by Von Mackensen cut off the communication between Rumania and Russia by this land and water route. The main span of the bridge itself is only about half a mile long, but the approaches from the west stretch for several miles over the marshlands bordering the Danube. The last reports were that the Russians were fighting their way back in south Dobruja, and were some fifteen miles north of the bridge on the Dobruja side. Their present seizure of the western end of it may only be intended to prevent its use by Von Mackensen in throwing troops across to the rear of the Rumanian forces around Bucharest. Tzomana reported captured from the invaders, is about 16 miles south of Bucharest on the railway. The Giuregevo and Conteniari lines are about five miles east of Tzomana.

## RUSSIANS IN KIRILBABA.

LONDON, To-day.  
A Reuters' despatch from Athens says that according to General Callaris, Commander of the First Greek Army Corps, the following casualties resulted from the fighting in the streets of Athens between the Greek and Entente troops:—Greeks, killed three officers and 26 soldiers; wounded 5 officers, 45 soldiers, 4 marines and 7 civilians. French, killed 2 officers and 45 marines. Italians, none. The correspondent adds that Queen Sophie is personally superintending the care of the Allied wounded. It is reported that 100 British have been missing since the fighting here; details as to their whereabouts are lacking.

## THE POLITICAL CRISIS IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, To-day.  
Nothing is known at the moment upon which to base a precise interpretation of the official statement respecting the reconstruction of the Government. It is obviously a somewhat wide term under the circumstances, and whether it means the more reshuffling of posts or something more drastic is not yet apparent. There is nothing suggesting that Asquith contemplates abandoning the Premiership or indeed that any resignations are impending. For the moment the only important difference in the personnel of the Ministry seems to be the readmission of Sir Edward Carson, David Lloyd George, who

evidently is the moving spirit in the whole crisis, has not, it is definitely stated, offered his resignation to the Premier, but has threatened to resign on certain contingencies. Political correspondents concur that the crisis will result in the constitution of a small war council of five members, exclusive of naval and military advisers, for the more vigorous prosecution of the war. Their information, however, regarding the personnel of this Council differs considerably regarding certain prospective members, especially with reference to Asquith's inclusion therein. The Daily News Parliamentary correspondent, who is almost invariably well informed, says that Lloyd George had two hours talk with the Prime Minister on Sunday as the result of which it was agreed that both Asquith and Lloyd George would remain in the Government. The correspondent understands that Lloyd George favors a small war council which would not include Asquith, who, he thinks, should devote himself to the Government of the country apart from war. Lloyd George's proposed role in the new war council would, according to the same correspondent, not differ greatly from the position which Lord Kitchener held in the War Office, when he was a member of the late Liberal Government,—that is to say, he would to some extent be independent of the Government and he should have advisers, but the power of making war decisions would be his.

1.00 P.M.

## PAPERS RETICENT ON CONSTANTINOPLE.

LONDON, To-day.  
The momentous declaration of the agreement by the Allies to the acquisition of Constantinople and the Dardanelles by Russia is given a secondary place in the morning papers and is only commented upon by a few of them. The Conservative press, which formerly vehemently supported the British statesman of the nineteenth century in keeping the Russians away from Constantinople, received the news in silence. The Liberal Chronicle and the Liberal News were the only papers to make any comment. The Chronicle says that the announcement deserves to be highly welcome in England, and sets out the reasons why it thinks it desirable. The News thinks the present settlement of the vexed question will shorten and simplify the proceedings at the ultimate peace conference.

## POLITICAL CRISIS NOT ACUTE.

LONDON, To-day.  
The Daily News correspondent understands that although the possibility of adding Carson to the Cabinet has been canvassed in minor political circles, he has received no direct invitation to serve with the Ministry. According to the information of other political correspondents, Sir Edward's inclusion is part of a definite scheme of Lloyd George's conception. The Times believes that Asquith will not be a member of the War Council, which it says would, if in accordance with Lloyd George's suggestion, consist of Lloyd George, Carson, Bonar Law and a Labor representative, possibly Arthur Henderson. Nowhere is there a suggestion that the crisis is likely to be prolonged, or that it will lead to the fall of the Coalition Government. The Express, which is well informed from a Conservative viewpoint, says the crisis would be settled on Sunday, and that the Cabinet, which remains intact with twenty-three members, will probably undergo a certain process of reorganization with a view of more definite control of the war by this stronger War Council.

## CORFU GUNS SURRENDERED.

LONDON, To-day.  
A despatch to the Daily Mail from Corfu, under date of Saturday, says that the Greek mountain guns in the Corfu citadel have been handed over to the Allies.

## GREECE GETTING QUIETER.

LONDON, To-day.  
The Greek Government has announced that the fullest protection will be given to the nationals of the Entente, according to an Athens despatch. The Government also guarantees that all legal rights of arrested Venizelists will be respected. In palace circles it is said that normal relations with the Allies are re-established. (See 8th page.)

Come to the old-time Xmas Tree by the Cathedral Xmas Association, Synod Hall, Tuesday afternoon and night, Dec. 5th. Lovely and inexpensive Gifts for Xmas in Plain & Fancy Goods. Afternoon Teas, Candy, etc. Each article on Tree priced 20c. Some articles worth \$1.00. Part proceeds for Red Cross Fund. Admission 10c.—dec2,21

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