

## Fourth Day of the War TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.45 A.M.

### THE LONDON BUDGET.

LONDON, To-day.  
Many big battles have been fought on the Eastern front during the past five months. Few, if any, have been fought with such importance for the opposing armies as that now in progress. East and South of Vlna, where the German Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, is attempting to cut off the retreat and destroy the Russian army which defended that city. The German official report issued yesterday throws little light on the progress of the operations, simply stating that the attack against the enemy retreating from Vlna is proceeding. Petrograd continues to express confidence in the ability of the Russians to extricate themselves from the trap. They throw around them. In the opinion of military writers they are in dangerous positions. It is quite likely, however, that they got their artillery away before the Germans moved across the railways at Vlna, decided upon a week ago. Prince Leopold of Bavaria is also approaching the railway South and East of Lida, having reached the district of Dworzeo which is immediately West of the road skirting the Pripiet marshes, running to Rovno. South of Pripiet the Russians still control the situation and keep on harassing the Austro-German armies at Volhynia, Galicia. Although presumably Germany has her hands full in driving the Russians back, she has found men and guns to go to her allies' assistance against Serbia. German official communication announced that German guns have taken up the fight against Serbian artillery across the Danube and claim to have silenced them. Bombardment with heavy guns have become mutual in the West, both sides maintaining almost a continuous fire while the British fleet makes matters lively for the Germans on the Belgian coast. There are no signs as yet of a general offensive however. Another winter in the trenches may be looked for. Intense interest is taken in the Bulgarian situation. The efforts of the Opposition parties are to induce the King and Government to depart from the paths of neutrality and join the Entente Powers. The King, however, despite the denial of the agreement with Turkey that binds Bulgaria to maintain a benevolent neutrality towards Turkey and the German powers.

### PROTEST AGAINST THE HARMSWORTH CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, To-day.  
A strong protest against the Harmsworth Press campaign was made yesterday at the National Brotherhood Conference by Rev. Hughes, successor of Dr. Clifford. All is not ideal in the Government, he said, but we are not ready to change the seats of power for editorial chairs in Fleet Street. Some of us are puzzled to know why this noisy ambition for dictatorship is not silenced, or at least subjected to the same scrutiny as the Labor Journals. The nation's agony must not be exploited for mere political ends. Lloyd George's assurance in his letter to a correspondent that the Government is fully alive to the necessity for giving a definite lead on the conscription question, pleases moderate people of both political parties. The Morning Post, Conservative, says the letter contains good wholesome common sense. The Manchester Guardian, Liberal, suspects the Minister is suffering from overstrain because he uses strong language against personal recriminations.

### CANADIAN TROOPS GIVE EXHIBITION.

LONDON, To-day.  
A fine military display was given Saturday by the Canadian training division in the presence of three thousand spectators. There was a clever exhibition of tent pegging. Various drills were gone through and also feats of horsemanship. High jumping races were the features of the programme and the Highland dancing with pipes was much applauded.

### WHAT GAME IS BULGARIA PLAYING?

PARIS, To-day.  
Despatches from Sofia, Bulgaria, announcing the mobilization of troops, made up of residents of Macedonia, have caused another complication to be introduced in the Balkan situation, which was already tense, through the presentation by the Entente Allies of a joint note requiring Bulgaria to define her attitude. The mobilization of Macedonians caused surprise and indignation in official diplomatic circles here, as it is declared the whole

## T. J. EDENS.

### By S.S. "Staphano"

To-day, Sept. 21, '15:  
N. Y. Turkeys.  
N. Y. Chicken.  
N. Y. Corned Beef.  
Ripe Tomatoes.  
Green Tomatoes.  
Celery.  
10 crates Bananas.  
15 cases California Oranges.  
Cantaloupes.  
Table Plums.  
(Red, Blue & Yellow.)  
Grape Fruit.  
California Lemons.  
Cranberries.

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Military Road.

purpose of the present negotiations between the Allies, Bulgaria and Serbia is to determine whether Macedonia belongs to Bulgaria or Serbia. That Bulgaria should mobilize Macedonia, while the future of Macedonia is still in issue, is declared to be the highest Serbia-Greek quarters to be an affront to the Allies and other Balkan States. One of the legations that is taking part in the negotiations outlined the situation to-day as follows: Bulgaria demanded from Serbia its recession of Macedonia, as an essential condition to Bulgaria's joining the other Balkan States and co-operating with the Entente Allies. The latter took up Bulgaria's claims and presented them to Serbia in a joint note. Serbia after mature consideration yielded to the desires of the Allies and conceded virtually nine-tenths of the territory of Macedonia, demanded by Bulgaria. The only portion of Macedonia not conceded was a small section which was considered essential to Serbia's military defenses. These concessions of Macedonian territory were made in order that Bulgaria should give something in return, namely her co-operation with the Balkan States and the Allies. The Allies, therefore, handed Bulgaria a joint-note last week, rejecting Serbia's concessions of nine-tenths of the disputed Macedonian territory and in effect asking Bulgaria what she proposed doing as a result of the concessions. Now, however, before giving the answer, Bulgaria assumes that she is master of Macedonia and begins the mobilization of Macedonian residents, that is to assume control of Macedonia before stating what she is willing to do for the Allies in return for such control. This diplomatic authority pointed out gives the situation a new phase, which may cause another trap for the Allies in addition to that of last week, asking an explanation of Macedonian mobilization at the moment when the Allies are negotiating terms by which Bulgaria may secure the recession of Macedonia. It is understood the Allies' joint note of last week was accompanied by a verbal request to M. Radoslawoff, the Bulgarian Premier, for a reply at the earliest possible date.

### GERMANS DENY HESPERIAN WAS TORPEDOED.

BERLIN, To-day.  
The German Admiralty is now absolutely certain that the Allan Line steamer Hesperian, was not destroyed by a German submarine. All underwater boats which were out at the time of the disaster have now returned to their bases, the Associated Press was authoritatively informed. They

stated none of them torpedoed the steamer. On the contrary, the Admiralty is convinced the disaster was due to a floating non-German mine. As a confirmation of the Admiralty's belief, it is pointed out that a mine painted green which it is declared was not a German mine, was driven ashore a few days ago on the coast of Ireland in the vicinity where the Hesperian was blown up.

### BRITISH ADMIRALTY HAS PART OF TORPEDO WHICH SUNK THE HESPERIAN.

LONDON, To-day.  
With respect to the German denial of responsibility for the sinking of the Allan Line steamer Hesperian, the British Official Press Bureau issued the following statement: According to information to the press, a semi-official statement has been issued at Berlin that it was practically impossible that a German submarine could have sunk the Hesperian, since according to the war plans no German submarine was, on Sept. 4th, in the locality where the Hesperian was sunk; also, because, according to the description from English sources, the explosion was of such a kind that it must be inferred that it was caused by a mine rather than a torpedo, undoubted proof exists that a German submarine was actually in the locality where the Hesperian was attacked. Ships were sunk both north and south of this spot on Sept. 4th and 5th. The explosion was caused by a torpedo. This is conclusively proved by a fair sized fragment of a torpedo now in the possession of the Admiralty, which was picked up on board the ship, before she sank.

### LOAN WILL BE USED TO SOLVE EXCHANGE PROBLEM.

NEW YORK, To-day.  
Munitions of war will not be allowed to block the proposed big credit loan of Britain and France, nor will the six hundred million or eight hundred million be secured to be locked up at once in the New York Treasury chest, according to the consensus of opinion to-day of these close in touch with the negotiations for raising the money. It would be secured, said the banker who has been almost in daily conference with the Commission, to solve the whole problem of stabilizing Exchange, thus providing for a continuance of all American exports. The big thing is to stabilize the exchange, then the matter of paying for munitions automatically takes care of itself. Exports of munitions was estimated to constitute considerably less than twenty-five per cent. of the total value of American shipments to Britain and France. Leaving them out of the calculations, if provision be made for shipments of soil products and the chief manufactured articles, exchange will, in the opinion of bankers, become stabilized and it would not then be difficult to find a method of paying for munitions, if it were absolutely necessary to adopt a different method. It is believed gold or American securities or both, or even some other method of payment would be arranged. On this point the Anglo-French Commission is said to be in accord with the views of their American associates. The Commission is reported to have taken the attitude that their first task was to stabilize exchange and that the matter of paying for munitions, which was said recently to have become a question of considerable variance of opinion, is to be subordinated to this.

2.00 P.M.

### PLEA FOR ARMENIANS.

LONDON, To-day.  
Viscount Bryce has sent to the Associated Press a plea that America try to stop the slaughter of Armenians.

### STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, To-day.  
The announcement is made that the British steamer Horden has been sunk. The crew was landed. She is 1424 tons and owned by the Burrill Steamship Company, Newcastle.

### THREATENS BULGARIAN KING.

ATHENS, To-day.  
Advices from diplomatic sources are to the effect that freight traffic has been suspended on the Bulgarian railroads since last Saturday. Forty-five thousand Bulgarians in Macedonia and Thrace have been called to the colors. The leader of the Agrarian party in Bulgaria is declared to have threatened King Ferdinand with revolution if the alleged Germanophile policy of Bulgaria was continued. The King is reported to have replied that the Government was pursuing a policy which best served Bulgaria's interests.

### ACTIVITY IN THE CAUCASUS.

PETROGRAD, To-day.  
The following official statement was issued to-day at the headquarters of the army in the Caucasus: There was rifle firing on the coast on Saturday in the direction of Olti. Our scouts disclosed the Turks near the village of Khistapora in the Passine Valley. Our advance troops had successes near Erdek in the direction of Melaghart. Our cavalry dispersed the Turks near Indjaton and Roustemlia. Douka, capturing a transport train. In the region of Van there has been a collision between the Russians and Turks west of Angh. The situation is unchanged on the rest of the front.

### DROPPED FROM ZEPPELIN.

LONDON, To-day.  
One member of the crew of the Zeppelin concerned in the most recent raid on London, either fell or was blown from the car, and his body was mangled beyond recognition somewhere in England, says the Daily Express, which asks whether this explains the reported death of Dr. Joseph Sticker, widely known in Germany for his researches in aeronautics.

### SEVENTY THOUSAND PRISONERS REGISTERED.

LONDON, To-day.  
Seventy thousand prisoners, taken by the Russians on front South of

Polesie in the last days of August and beginning of September, already have been registered and it is expected this number will be increased when the final reports are received, says a Petrograd despatch. This statement was issued at the Russian capital and is the official reply to the Vlna report denying Russian claims to large captures.

### CHANNEL SERVICE SUSPENDED.

PARIS, To-day.  
The Channel service between Boulogne and Folkestone, which was stopped on Friday because of a false alarm regarding submarine activity, was again suspended yesterday. Officials were unable to give a reason, according to Boulogne advices. On Friday a trawler reported sighting a submarine and a floating mine. The port defense was mobilized, but nothing was seen of the submarine and the mine proved to be a bad day.

### A BAD BUSINESS.

LONDON, To-day.  
Commenting on Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's latest coup, the military correspondent of the Times suggests that the recent changes in the Russian higher command and the wise strategy of Grand Duke Nicholas seems to have lost favor, and instead of continuing their orderly retreat the Russians held on too long. This gave the German commander an opportunity of which he availed himself fully. It was the greatest coup, the correspondent says, for the German cavalry to reach Vlika and the railway junction at Molodacino, which must have been the main artery for supplies, not only for the Vlna army but for all Russian troops fighting on the Vlna-Slonim front. It was a bad business for the Russians to lose this point even temporarily.

### TWO SPIES CONVICTED.

LONDON, To-day.  
Two more spies have been convicted by court martial. The official announcement was made to-day that a man and a woman of German origin, whose names were not given, were found guilty yesterday of attempting to communicate information to the fleet. The man was sentenced to be shot. The woman, who is said to have been under the influence of the man, was sentenced to 10 years in jail. Both will be permitted to appeal.

### STRENGTH OF GERMAN ARMY.

PARIS, To-day.  
Colonel Feller, the famous Swiss military critic, discussing the strength of the German army, says Germany has now 4,000,000 men in the fighting line, and 1,250,000 with which to make good the wastage of the coming winter campaign. At the end of the winter she will have a further 500,000 of young troops of the 1916 class also, who will fill the gaps for the spring campaign. It is not therefore until the end of the spring of 1916 can the Allies expect Germany to begin to feed the lack of men to repair the wastage.

### GERMAN APPOINTED MAYOR.

BERLIN, To-day.  
The appointment of Mayor Bohm of Tilsit as Mayor of Vlna, has been announced. This announcement following so quickly on the capture of Vlna is regarded here as showing the certainty with which the Germans counted on taking Vlna.

### SUMMONED TO WASHINGTON.

MEXICO CITY, To-day.  
Thomas Hoppler, British Charge d'Affaires here will leave for Washington to-morrow. He said last night that he did not know the reason for the summons to the United States. He expects to remain there a week and then return to Mexico.

### RUSSIAN OFFICIAL REPORT.

PETROGRAD, To-day.  
The war office to-day made the following official communication: In the Riga region, there have been further encounters. At Ekau the fire of the enemy's artillery has increased. The Russians blew up a bridge constructed by Germans northwest of Mitau. In the region of the railway, southwest of Ilukst, stubborn fighting occurred at Steiker. The Russians re-occupied trenches they formerly held and captured a quantity of rifles and cartridges and other booty found in them. In the region of Dvinsk on the road southwest of city, there have been violent engagements at the Lake region, the enemy has been repulsed from Widay, East of the Lovno-Svintany-Dvinsk railway. In the Vlna region the Russians after much fighting on the forts over Viliya River retired to the East. In the region North West of the line of Viliya-Molodacino, fighting at many places for possession of forts over the Viliya continues. In their encounter with the Germans the Russians continuously showed their high military efforts and maintain the demeanor of calm confidence in circumstances of extreme gravity. On the front of Binyankon Lida and also on the eastern bank of the Stohara the situation is unchanged.

### HUNDREDS OF MINERS ENTOMBED.

NUNEACTION, Eng., To-day.  
Several hundred miners are entombed in Exhall colliery as a result of fire. The rescuers have already sent up ten bodies.

### Here and There.

HEALTH LECTURES.—Another large audience gathered at the Grenfell Hall last night and listened to the instructive lectures on Health given by Miss Hall and Mrs. McIntyre.

LAID TO REST.—The mortal remains of the late Gordon Bulley were laid to rest yesterday afternoon, in a large concourse of mourners attended the funeral. At the Cathedral Rev. Fr. Greene officiated. Interment was at Belvedere Cemetery.

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BOWING'S SHIPS.—The s.s. Prospero left St. Anthony yesterday, going north. No word has been received of her since. The s.s. Fortia sails to-morrow for the westward.

CLEANING LAKE.—At the last meeting of the Municipal Board Mr. P. Malone offered to clean up Quidi Vidi Lake from the head of the pond to Dooley's stable.

DAMAGED STEAMER.—The S.S. Carsbrook, which was ashore near Little Bay, is still at Burlington, discharging her cargo of pit props before coming to St. John's for repairs.

Mapleton's Peanut Butter is made in England. When you buy it you will know its value. When the children get it on their bread they know its quality. Cheap nourishment these strenuous times. The proof of the pudding is the eating of it.

COLLISION CASE.—In the Admiralty Court this morning before Chief Justice Horwood, the collision case, in which the Norwegian barque Ravenscourt and American steamer Allagash are the plaintiff and defendant, respectively, was resumed. Three witnesses named Carl Johansen, Geo. Olsen and Carl Kittelsen, members of the crew of the Ravenscourt, were sworn and examined for the plaintiff.

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