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TO-DAY'S Messages.

OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Dec. 2. To Governor, Newfoundland.
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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 advice indicates 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 Montenegro troops in their efforts to defend Plevlje against the reinforced Austro-German armies is admitted in an 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 Frisend since the beginning of the war against Serbia. On September 14 to the occupation of Frisend, Nov. 29, we captured 50,000 prisoners, 285 guns, 136 cannon, about one hundred thousand rifles, thirty thousand grenades, three million cartridges, 2350 railway carriages, 63 locomotives. After the capture of Kichevo and Krushevo we occupied the Brodina 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 were 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 in the organization of the Southern 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 Russley Park, 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 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, but 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 was produced 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 agents of margarine factories, for the strengthening of the Netherlands Overseas Trust, and for preventing of 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 endeavored, 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 evidence that this country had lightened the blockade. This question of exports was a vital one, said Lord Robert, for if the Government could stop the export they automatically stopped imports, for the Germans would have nothing with which to pay for them. He believed the Government's policy was to prevent this had been very great indeed. By successful diplomacy the Foreign Office and navy had been enabled to prevent the country into any serious trouble with any neutral country.

1.40 P.M.

"WAR TO END SOONER THAN MOST PEOPLE BELIEVE."

LONDON, To-day. Redmond in a speech at Waterford yesterday recounted talks he had with Kitchener at the beginning of the war. Kitchener said to Redmond: "Can you guarantee me 5,000 men from Ire-

land? If you can I will say thank you. If you can guarantee 12,000 I will say I am deeply obliged." Redmond added, amid ringing cheers, "It is not 5,000 or 12,000, but 1,000,000 that have been sent from Ireland, a perfectly amazing performance when one considers the past history of the country and how it has been drained by emigration. I am convinced," continued Redmond, "that so far as the western front is concerned we have got the upper hand definitely. I am also convinced that the war will come to an end sooner than most people believe."

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 has been 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 correspondent at Saloniki indicate that the Bulgarians, notwithstanding promises made by the Germans that the Burs 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. Reuter's 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 the 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 even across the seas. Born a slave, Hale's Ford, Va., in 1855, he early showed a strong desire for an education and manifested the qualities of leadership. Having studied at Hampton Industrial Institute and Wayland Seminary, he became an instructor at Hampton, and later a teacher in the public schools of West Virginia. His monumental work was the founding of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute. As a result of the practical education of colored youth. Mr. Washington 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. He insisted upon a practical and technical education for the negroes that they may devote themselves particularly to some branch of industrial life and his efforts in this direction were attended with great success.

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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.

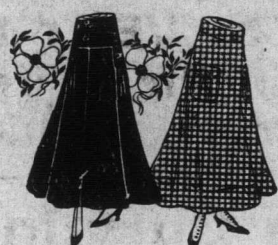
"I'M FOOLING A FEW."

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 is the world as you are 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."

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