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To-Day's Messages.

10.00 A.M.

WAR REVIEW.

The Austro-Germans have renewed in great strength their effort to pierce the Italian line and debouch out on the plains of Venetia. In the region of Bassano, in fierce fighting around Monte Asolano, in which the enemy again suffered severe losses and several times was repulsed, reinforcements in large numbers were brought up and the Italians were compelled to give ground. The fighting lasted throughout Tuesday and, according to the German War Office, more than 200 Italians were made prisoners. Likewise along the southern reaches of the Piave River the invaders and the Italians are engaged in heavy fighting. A crossing of the old Piave on pontoon bridges was successfully carried out by one enemy detachment, but later the Italians drove back the Teutons to the water's edge. The fighting on the other fronts still remains below normal, although artillery duels on various sectors continue intense. Artillery duels between the French and Germans in the Champagne and in the mountainous region near the Swiss border is increasing in volume, probably forecasting infantry attacks of an early date. Again the losses to British ships through mines or submarines show a decrease. According to the weekly report of the British Admiralty seventeen merchantmen were sunk last week, compared with twenty-one the previous week. French shipping suffered a loss of only one ship during the week, and this one less than 1600 tons. An enemy submarine, however, has torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean Sea the old French cruiser Chateau Renault, which was being used as a transport. The submarine which fired the fatal shot was itself destroyed. The soldiers aboard the transport were saved but ten members of the crew were lost. Little material damage was done by the Germans in Tuesday night's air raid over London, Essex and Kent. Ten persons were killed in London and 70 injured. Outside the capital five persons were wounded. One enemy machine was brought down and another is believed to have been destroyed. Another Spanish steamer, the Novembro, was torpedoed without warning by a Teutonic Allied submarine.

THE RIGHT TREATMENT.

FRANCISCO, To-day. Ten years in a military prison will be the sentence imposed hereafter upon

on objectors to the draft, according to an announcement made here to-day by Major General Arthur Murray, Commander of the Western Department of the Army. Alfred E. Bliss, Jr., and Walford E. Maher, both of Seattle, Washington, who expressed scruples against draft service, were sentenced each to ten years by a court-martial at Portwarden, Washington.

TROUBLE IN PETROGRAD.

PETROGRAD, To-day. The Executive Council of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies has proclaimed a state of siege in Petrograd in an effort to repress disorders due to the looting of wine cellars and shops.

A KALEIDINES VICTORY.

LONDON, To-day. A Petrograd despatch to the Post says that the Cossacks finally occupied Rostov on Monday. The infantry joined the Cossacks, the rearwards surrendering. General Kaleidines, Headman of the Cossacks, has proposed to the Bolshevik Government that civil strife cease, stipulating for the independence of the Don territory and non-intervention by the Maximists.

MORE COMMITTEE RULE.

LONDON, To-day. A Reuter despatch from Petrograd says that a decree has been issued turning over the entire administration of the fleets to central committees.

SOUND SENSE FROM TAFT.

BOSTON, Mass., To-day. "The United States is not only fighting the Kaiser and the Prussian military system but the German people," said former President Taft in addressing a gathering of manufacturers at the Annual Banquet of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts here to-night. "It is not true," said Taft, "that we are not fighting the German people. We are not fighting the Kaiser and the Prussian military system alone; we are fighting the German people, a people obsessed with megalomania, and the only way we can win is by hitting the German people with a club." Taft thought that to accomplish the defeat of the Germans the United States must send from five to seven million of American soldiers to France; two million would not be enough, he thought. In conclusion he declared that if the United States didn't win the war, the only alternative would be to make militarism the dominating policy of the Government.

RELATIVE STRENGTHS IN THE WEST.

WASHINGTON, To-day. Germany's strength on the Franco-British Front is placed in official despatches received here yesterday at

154 divisions, or within one division of the great force massed there last July, when the German military effort against France was at its maximum. The Allies, however, are understood to maintain a considerable superiority in numbers on the French Front.

LOYAL WORDS FROM GERMAN-AMERICAN.

NEW YORK, To-day. Warning that if it becomes necessary to intern every enemy alien to win the war, the Government will not hesitate to act was given by Thomas D. McCarthy, United States Marshal, in an address last night to an audience composed chiefly of German-Americans. He urged his hearers to carry the message to their friends and tell them finally that America has never failed in anything she has undertaken. J. F. Wichhausen, who was born near Bremen, Germany, and has been a resident of the United States for only two years, described the efforts of the German and Austrian Governments to cripple the freedom of thought of the common people. "Just compare the life of the people there with our life in this land of freedom and opportunity," he said. "The interests of America are our interests, so let us consider our duty to our new country. German-Americans throw out your chests. You say you are loyal. Make your loyalty notorious. Don't hide your light under a bushel. Count out the stars in your service flag and tell why they there."

TROTSKY GETTING "FRIGHTFUL."

PETROGRAD, To-day. The Commissioner of Justice is preparing a decree reconstituting the death penalty for enemies of the nation. Foreign Minister Trotsky has issued a decree stating that all Consuls abroad are to be elected by the Russian colonies in the cities in which they reside, but that the Ambassadors shall be named by the Government at the Smolny Institute. The decree says that M. Nabokoff, Ambassador in London, and M. Krupensky, Ambassador at Tokyo, must appear before a criminal court to answer to the charge of spreading false information regarding the armistice or that otherwise their lands will be confiscated.

STRENGTHENING THE ITALIAN LINES.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN ITALY—There is a growing confidence in the strength of the Allied forces to hold back the Austro-Germans from breaking through into the plains. The snow which, after falling last week only in sufficient quantities to make the frontal positions plainly visible but not enough to obstruct the enemy's progress, has now begun again and apparently in earnest. Although the Austrians have had Boer efforts for three days, a very desperate effort to advance has been frustrated. A marked strengthening of the French

positions since they took up their front has been noted, principally of greatly reduced casualties. The attacks have not ceased nor lessened in violence, but the crack French troops have altered and deepened their trenches, on the one hand making themselves more secure against the enemy and on the other hand taking up positions that give them controlling observation advantages such as the Austrians have elsewhere and which enable them to outflank any Austrian attack in the Upper Piave. The alteration of the trenches is going on everywhere and is considered of special importance, as the original shelters were so shallow that the men were constantly exposed to rifle fire and sniping unless they moved about bent nearly double.

SEVERE STORM IN QUEENSTOWN.

LONDON, To-day. A northwest gale accompanied by snow and extrême cold swept Queenstown on Saturday night according to a Central News despatch from that Irish port, which was delayed on account of wire trouble. Many persons were injured in the streets. St. Columba's Cathedral was damaged and the police barracks and many houses were unroofed. A heavy snow swept over the vessels in the harbor and for several hours they were cut off from communication with the shore.

ITALIAN REPORT.

ROME, To-day. The Italian War Office to-day issued the following statement on military operations yesterday: the seventh day of the battle between the Brenita and the Piave enemy concentrated his efforts almost exclusively on the Monte Solarolo Salient. At eleven o'clock in the morning, after several hours of the most violent fire, extending from the Colleda Orse to Porte di Salton, columns of infantry from the north-east and the north were launched against our positions. The former, which advanced from the south eastern slope of Monte Shinone, was caught by our artillery and a most effective and concentrated fire from the French batteries. It was forced to stop and give up the attack before getting in contact with our line. The latter, consisting of a whole division of German troops pressed by assault detachments, made a direct and decided thrust against Monte Solarolo and the northern slope at head of the Calcino Valley. Our troops put up a most stubborn resistance and the enemy, after a desperate struggle being badly cut up by our fire and worn out by our counter attacks, was obliged to suspend action and return to his own lines. He captured prisoners and some machine guns. In the Colleda Beretta region a thrust on the part of the enemy infantry was crushed by our fire. On the remainder of the front the fighting activity was very moderate.

NORWEGIAN SHIPS LOST.

COPENHAGEN, To-day. The loss of two small Norwegian steamers is reported by the Norwegian Foreign Office. The Maidag, 1250 tons, was torpedoed with the loss of three men. Twelve other members of her crew were saved. The steamer Narvik, 1000 tons, was struck by a mine and five members of the crew were killed.

THE PORTUGUESE HEARD FROM.

LONDON, To-day. The Portuguese troops near Lavenç, north of Arras, last night repulsed an attempted German raid, according to an official statement issued from British Headquarters in France and Belgium. The German artillery was active in the Ypres sector.

SMALL ITALIAN LOSSES.

ROME, To-day. The weekly report of shipping losses shows that two sailing vessels of more than one hundred tons and one of less than that size were sunk. One steamship was damaged by a mine but reached port.

UKRAINE STANDS FIRM.

PETROGRAD, To-day. The Rada, the governing body of the Ukraine, has sent a negative answer to the ultimatum of the Council of People's Commissaries of the Bolshevik Government. The Ukrainian Rada, and the Bolshevik Government in Petrograd have been at odds since

the successful revolution of the Maximists in November. The ultimatum referred to probably is the demand made by the Bolsheviks that the Rada permits troops to go through the Ukraine to aid in putting down the Kaledines revolt.

1.30 P. M.

AT LAST!

PETROGRAD, To-day. According to press reports, Russia has been informed by the Central Powers that they intend to make peace proposals to the Allies.

TERRIBLE PRIVATION OF AUSTRIAN CHILDREN.

GENEVA, To-day. Living proofs of the terrible economic conditions in Austria were furnished yesterday by the arrival at Bels on the frontier of 275 pale and suffering children between the ages of seven and nine. They are from Vienna and other Austrian towns. The children had not tasted milk for months. They had derived (?) bread in insufficient amounts, stomach diseases resulting. Their clothing was most scanty and there was no fuel in their homes. The children are being distributed among various places in Switzerland until their health is restored.

Presentation of Prizes

At Presbyterian College. In the presence of a large audience the pupils of the Presbyterian College were presented with prizes last night. Rev. Mr. Dickie, M.A., who presided, congratulated the scholars and paid a tribute to Principal Butt, and the rest of the teaching staff of the splendid results achieved by them. A pleasing entertainment took place, the following contributing songs, dialogues and recitations: Misses Wiley, Calver and Butt; Masters MacFarlane, Nosworthy and Hamlin. Rev. Mr. Dickie distributed the prizes after which the National Anthem was rendered, bringing the event to a close.



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