

War News.

Messages Received

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GREECE SEVERS RELATIONS WITH CENTRAL POWERS.

ATHENS, June 29. The Greek Government has broken diplomatic relations with Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey.

INSTRUCTED LEGATIONS.

PARIS, June 29. Telegraphing from Athens under to-day's date, the correspondent of the Le Temps says the Greek Government directed its Minister at Switzerland, G. Caradja, to communicate with Greek Legations at Berlin, Vienna, Sofia and Constantinople, instructing the ministers to break diplomatic relations between the Greek Kingdom and the Governments of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey. Greek Ministers at these capitals were instructed to leave their posts with their staffs and place their archives with the Netherlands legations. The rupture is based on the incompatibility of maintaining diplomatic relations with Governments that are carrying on war on Greek territory.

BRITISH OFFENSIVE.

LONDON, June 29. British troops last night in an offensive gained their whole objective says a telegram from the British headquarters in France. The British captured German front positions on a 2,000 yard front south and west of Oppy in the Arras sector. The official statement says that the British captured prisoners and machine guns. They also continue to gain ground south of the Souchez River and have entered the town of Avion about two miles south of Lens.

GERMANS ATTACK FRENCH.

PARIS, June 29. Picked German troops made a heavy attack last night on the Verdun front, near Hill 304 and Avocourt Wood, after especially severe shelling. To-day's official statement says the attack was disorganized by the sharp reply of the French artillery, and that the Germans obtained a footing only at a few points in the first line. This morning the Germans made a violent effort east of Hill 304, but it failed completely. The Germans were more active on the Aisne front also, but all their attacks were repulsed.

GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED.

PARIS, June 29. The following official statement was issued this evening: The enemy after his bloody defeat last night in the region of Cerny, directed some new attacks on our positions to the northeast of this village. After several vain attempts, which cost him severe losses, the Germans succeeded again in entering the first line elements, from whence they had been expelled. To the southeast of Cerny the Germans, in the course of the same night, started an attack, which was violent. The enemy brought up several battalions and special storming troops, which several times attempted to carry the salient in our line on both sides of the Laon-Rethiers road. The assaulting waves were shattered by our fire and did not penetrate our trenches on any front, being forced to fall back with heavy losses. On the left bank of the Meuse in the Verdun sector, artillery activity continues intense in the sector of Hill 304 and in Avocourt Wood. During June 27th German long range guns shelled Dunkirk.

AUSTRIA AND PEACE.

VIENNA, June 29. The Lower House of the Austrian Reichsrath yesterday concluded the debate on the subject of peace without taking a vote. This was in conformity with the provisions of the

orders of the day. Deputy Hauser, Christian Socialist, who had just been received in audience by Emperor Charles, declared the Chamber's peace aspirations had the powerful support of the Emperor, who had informed him that he desired peace as soon as possible. Our Emperor is a peace Kaiser, said Deputy Hauser. A German Socialist submitted a proposal that the decision as to war or peace should belong to the Reichsrath sphere of activity.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

PETROGRAD, June 29. The official war office communication says: On the western front in the direction of Kovel, west of Koutary, the enemy emitted gas waves which the wind dissipated before they reached our trenches. South of Brzezany the enemy attacked one of our advanced trenches and showered grenades on the defenders. In the region of Kuropatki and Chiblain the enemy directed intense artillery bombardment against our trenches. On the Roumanian front fusillades and aerial operations. Six enemy airplanes bombarded the town of Treucia. No damage was done on the Caucasian front. In the direction of Rendiye, east of Bisban, our detachments after two attacks by superior Turkish forces retired to the northern bank of the River Abis Sirman, south of Banehud. Northwest of Senna our detachments occupied a height and trench near the summit of Garra.

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EMPEROR CHARLES WANTS PEACE.

AMSTERDAM, June 29. It is reported in advices from Vienna that Emperor Charles in an audience given to party leaders in the lobby of the Reichsrath, several times stated he was striving actively and untiringly for peace.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, June 29. Merchantmen entering French ports during the week ending June 24, 1,088; cleared, 969; merchant ships 1,600 tons or more sunk by submarines or mines, 2; less than 1,600 tons, 2; merchantmen attacked by submarines without success, 3; one fishing boat was sunk. During the week ending June 10, a French steamer fired on by a sub. without result. A French steamer on June 23, fired on a submarine which had sunk a vessel within sight of the Spanish coast. On the same day a sub. fired two torpedoes against a French steamer which avoided them by manœuvring.

GERMAN STEAMER REPORTED SUNK.

THE HAGUE, June 29. It is reported that the German steamer Westfalen, bound from Rotterdam to Copenhagen, struck a mine this morning near Terschelling, outside Dutch territorial waters, and sank. Accounts say that 13 members of the crew were rescued by Dutch torpedo boats.

AERIAL MAIL SERVICE.

NAPLES, June 29. An aerial mail service with Sicily was inaugurated yesterday. An airplane which left Naples at 6:05 a.m. arrived at Palermo three hours later returning to Naples in the evening with Sicilian mails.

THE CONTROLLER'S POWERS.

LONDON, June 29. The official Gazette to-night publishes an Order-in-Council conferring

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GERMAN SUBS EQUIPPED WITH WIRE CUTTERS.

Base of the American Flotilla in British Waters, June 29.—The captain of a torpedoed merchantman has turned over to the naval authorities here a sketch of a new type of German submarine, equipped with wire cutting device designed to release it from nets. The sketch shows several strands of stout steel hawsers stretched from the bow through the conning tower to the stern. Attached to these is a series of heavy circular knives a foot in diameter, and placed about a yard apart. The captain made the drawing while in a small boat after his ship had been torpedoed. He had been shelled and torpedoed in two other ships, but on neither of these occasions had he noticed anything new in the type of the German diving boats. While he was not close enough to the last submarine to examine minutely the addition to its upper works, he was able to sketch. The theory of the captain is that a boat so equipped would have hope of being able to cut her way through any steel nets in which it might become enmeshed.

FEARS MANY LOST.

LONDON, June 29. The Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company announces that it fears that three passengers and six white and fourteen native members of the crew of the steamer Mongolia were killed in the mine explosion which sank the ship off Bombay, June 23. The Company announces that the remainder of the passengers and crew, numbering about 450, landed safely on the coast.

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS HAVE TO BE QUIET.

LONDON, June 29. A special despatch from Rotterdam says it is inferred there, in view of the gagging of the German press, that something drastic has happened or is about to happen in Germany. They quote the Frankfurter Zeitung as complaining that it was compelled to issue its political section until further notice without an independent expression of opinion, and saying the

ensorship now far exceeds anything previous. The press is declared to be completely muzzled. It is said the real secret of the paper shortage is a Government move to compel the newspapers to print such bare news allowed, excluding commentary matters. The belief is ripe in Holland that next week's sitting of the Reichstag will produce startling developments.

IN MESOPOTAMIA.

LONDON, June 29. The military correspondent of the Times gives a long detailed account of the present conditions of the British forces in Mesopotamia, showing complete contrast with the revelations in the report on the Mesopotamian expedition on Tuesday in the Blue Book. The correspondent says the army now there is admirably provided and medical arrangements are thoroughly satisfactory. A great change has occurred in India, which still is the base of the expedition, although the control has been transferred to the War Office at London. Bombay is the base depot and is most efficiently administered. Shipping and cargoes are well and quickly handled and hospital arrangements are very good. Everything is efficiently organized. Indeed, the correspondent says, is now doing more than she is receiving credit for. Her Government, recognizing the slackness of the past, is determined to do all humanly possible, and altogether a new spirit has arisen. The writer says events in Russia considerably influenced the British position in Mesopotamia, and in consequence of the inaction of the Russian army in the Caucasus, the situation of General Maude, the Commander-in-Chief, has radically changed. If the Russian offensive under General Yudevitch, ex-Commander-in-Chief of the Caucasus, had been prosecuted, the Anglo-Indian Army would now form the left flank of the Russian line. General Yudevitch was removed, and no offensive occurred. The situation required and presumably received the earnest attention of the British Government, the writer concludes.

ROUMANIAN MISSION.

WASHINGTON, June 29. Rumania's mission to the United States reached Washington yesterday, it is announced, and sought quarters at an hotel.

THE EGYPTIAN SITUATION.

LONDON, June 29. The official on the situation with the Egyptian forces was issued this evening. The general situation is unchanged. There has been patrol activity in which we secured prisoners. In successful air raids six hundred and fifty rounds of bombs were dropped

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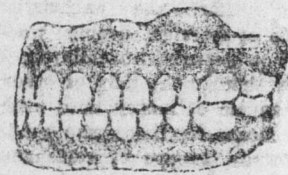
ped on the supply depot at Tukeron on June 23, severely damaging rolling stock and station building. Bombs which weighed 180 pounds were dropped on the aerodrome at Ramles. On June 26th 50 bombs were dropped on military establishments near Jerusalem.

I. W. A. Have Big Increase In Members.

President Bennett presided at last night's meeting of the Newfoundland Industrial Workers' Association, held in the L. S. P. U. Hall. Upwards of four hundred people, including many visitors, were present. Over seventy new members signed the roll, which makes a total membership of 475. The Registration Committee reported and were given power to continue their work in conjunction with the General Committee in revising the Constitution. The delegation that called on the Premier on Thursday night handed in their report, which was conveyed to the meeting. The Premier had expressed his sympathy with the request of the Association to the effect that a Board of Food Control be appointed, and the Government had the matter under consideration. The taking back of excess profits made on account of the war would also be considered. He had not received a communication from the flour dealers on the Food Control question. Should no answer be received by next night of meeting, the Association will adopt other measures to have their decision on Food Control carried into effect. The coal list was opened and members present gave orders for two-thirds of the cargo arranged for. They will hand in a deposit on next Friday night and pay the balance when the ship arrives. The Workmen's Compensation Act was also discussed and many cases where it was evaded were spoken of.

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