

To-Day's Messages.

10.00 A.M.

A BREATHING SPELL.

NEW YORK, To-day.
As yet anticipated, the renewal by the Austro-Germans of their infantry attacks on a large scale against the Italians on the Venetian front has not materialized. The enemy artillery, however, continues active from Asiago Plateau eastward towards the head of the waters of the Piave River. On the Trentino front, where there has been no fighting for some time, the enemy has essayed an attack which was prepared for by a heavy bombardment but it met with a repulse. Along the Piave Valley the Italians have again dispersed Austrian bodies concentrating for attacks. Likewise in Palestine the battle between the Turks and British has not begun for the possession of Jerusalem. Taken all in all there is no change in the situation in this region, although General Allenby's forces have carried out small offensives in the nature of raids and killed, or captured the occupants of the enemy trenches.

TROTSKY MIGHT READ WILSON'S SPEECH.

PETROGRAD, To-day.

Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, has taken the recent note sent by Lieut. Col. Wm. V. Hudson, Chief of America's Mission to Russia, to the Chief of General Staff at Petrograd as an effort to cultivate friendly relations with the Bolshevik Government. The note, in which the American officer said he saw no reason why the relations of the Allies to Russia or to any influential part of its population shouldn't rest on the most friendly basis is also commented upon favorably by Trotsky in Maxim Gorki's newspaper, the Novaya Zhiizn. "The friendly relations which Trotsky assumes the note was attempting to promote would constitute a splendid measure meeting the competition of German and especially British capitalists after the war," Trotsky said to-day in commenting upon it. Speaking before the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council, Trotsky dealt with the question of an embracing embargo, the quitting of Russia by British subjects, Lieut. Col. Hudson's note and the protest made by Major Kerth against American Military Attacks on General Dukhomin, against the Russian negotiations for an armistice with Germany, the Allies lost their presence of mind," he said, "This alone would explain the almost simultaneous appearance of two documents, the letter of Major Kerth to General Dukhomin and letter of Lieut. Col. Hudson to his chief. If you read them you see one absolutely conflicts with the standpoint of the other. However, this is not the chief affair to-day. There came to the Smolny Institute (the Bolshevik Headquarters) two Americans who have close relations with American capitalist classes, who informed me that the state of mind in America was correctly stated in the letter of Lieut. Col. Hudson and not in the letter of Major Kerth." In the Novaya Zhiizn Trotsky comments upon Lieut. Col. Hudson's statement that Russia was right in her present position to raise the question of a general peace. For the first time since the revolution, he says, we hear from the lips of a representative of the Allied Powers a sanction of the right

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of Russia to bring forward the question of peace independent of "victories" on the front or the overthrow of "Prussian Imperialism." The recognition comes somewhat late perhaps, and many will smile when reading how Lieut. Col. Hudson "makes" the "note of necessity." "It is difficult to talk of any country's right of raising the question of general peace when it is on the eve of a separate one." In any case the words of the representatives of America raise the hope that the question of peace may be put. "I am inclined to believe that this state of affairs has arisen, not because of the platonic sympathy of America toward Russia, of which the American capitalists wish to convince me, but because after the events of the last few days American diplomats have understood that they cannot overcome the Russian revolution and therefore wish to cultivate friendly relations, thinking this would be a splendid means for meeting competition of German and English capital after the war."

TAKEN TO MURDER NOW.

LONDON, To-day.

The Russian General Headquarters on the Northern front has been captured by Bolshevik troops under Ensign Krylenko. The headquarters capitulated without fighting, but General Dukhomin, the Commander-in-Chief, who declined recently to carry out the orders of the Bolsheviks to negotiate an armistice with the Germans was thrown from a train by Bolshevik troops and killed.

A FOUL DEED.

PETROGRAD, To-day.

Via London—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press)—An official announcement was issued to-day signed by Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik Commander-in-Chief, confirming the killing by infuriated members of the Bolsheviks of General Dukhomin former Commander-in-Chief of Russian Armies, who was recently deposed because of his refusal to request German army officials to enter into an armistice with the Bolsheviks. General Dukhomin was killed by being thrown from a train after Bolshevik forces had captured the headquarters at Mohilev where he had remained after his deposition. General Korniloff, also a former Russian Commander-in-Chief, who some time ago started an unsuccessful revolt against the Kerensky Government, fled from Mohilev before the arrival of the Bolshevik forces. The text of the statement of Krylenko follows: "I entered into Mohilev at the head of the revolutionary troops. The headquarters was entirely surrounded without fighting. The last obstacle to the cause of peace has fallen. I can-

not be silent on the sad act of treachery practised upon the former highest Commander-in-Chief, General Dukhomin. Popular hatred surpassed the limits of reason and in spite of all attempts to save him he was thrown out of the railroad train at Mohilev station and killed. The flight of General Korniloff the day before the fall of headquarters was the cause of this excess. I can't allow the banner of the revolution to be stained and it is necessary strongly to condemn such acts. A revolutionary people are fearful in a struggle but they must be soft after victory."

NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE.

BERLIN, To-day.

Supplementary report from General Headquarters this evening says that no events of importance have occurred on any of the fronts.

NORWEGIAN SHIPPING LOSSES.

LONDON, To-day.

The Norwegian Legation reports that 13 Norwegian steamers of a gross tonnage of 19,092 tons were lost in November by causes arising from the war. Forty-one Norwegian lives were lost through the same causes.

GREAT TOTAL.

TORONTO, To-day.

According to the latest reports issued to-day the grand total of subscriptions for Canada to the Victory Loan now amount to \$408,475,400.00, the bond holders numbering 707,113.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, To-day.

The following official statement was issued to-day: In Champagne we have repulsed two attempts against our small posts between Tahure and Maisons-de-Champagne. We inflicted losses on the enemy. Violent artillery actions were reported to-day on the right bank of the Meuse on the sector of Beaumont and also in the Vosges in the region of the Bonhomme Pass.

HAS NOT ACCEPTED POST.

LONDON, To-day.

It is officially denied that Dr. Christopher Addison, Minister without portfolio in charge of reconstruction, has been offered and has accepted the post of Minister of Public Health. No question as to the policy of the proposed Ministry of Health has been raised.

RUSSIANS IN ITALY REPUDIATE LENINE.

WASHINGTON, To-day.

A cable from Rome to-day said that the Russian Embassy in the Quirinal and the Russian Legation at the Vatican had given notice of their refusal to recognize the Lenine Government in Russia. They have stopped all correspondence with the Lenine Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Presentation to Forestry Officers.

A pleasing event took place on Monday last, when a deputation from the Forestry Company now in training here waited on Sergeant-Instructor Hussey, Sergeant McKinley and Private B. Ellis, and presented them with a shaving set, smokers' outfit and pipe, respectively. Accompanying the gifts was the following address:

Forestry Company's Headquarters,
St. John's,
Dec. 3rd, 1917.
To Sergeant-Instructor Hussey, Sergeant McKinley and Private B. Ellis, R.P.
Dear Sirs:—Before starting on our journey across the ocean we deem it our duty to tender you our very cordial thanks for the kindly help and instruction you have given us during our course of training.
In the first place, we have to thank you, Sergeant Hussey, for the patience and care you exercised in our physical development. We feel that the instruction and training we have received from you will be of very great service to us in the hardships we may have to endure in lands beyond the sea.
We must also express our sincere regard for the kindness and assistance we have experienced from Sergeant McKinley. Indeed we cannot easily forget how much we are indebted to you for the almost paternal care bestowed on us by you since we joined the Forestry Companies.
Finally, we have to express our appreciation for the consideration shown to us by Private Ellis, on all occasions. No doubt we may have often caused him some trouble in the discharge of his duties, but at the same time we must acknowledge that he has succeeded in discharging an office which is not always popular to the satisfaction of all concerned.
We will ask you then to accept the accompanying gifts as a slight token of our appreciation for the kindly assistance you have given us in the various ways since we volunteered for service.
Signed on behalf of the Company,
L. A. Miller, Charles H. Peters, Ed. Driscoll, S. J. Thomey, J. J. Angel.

Casualty List.

RECEIVED DECEMBER 4th, 1917.

Died of Wounds at 48th Casualty Clearing Station, France, Nov. 1: 1091—Pte. Arthur W. Hurdle, Dunfield, T.E.

At 5th General Hospital, Rouen, Dec. 2nd—Dangerously Ill. Gunshot Wound, Cheek.
3471—Pte. John G. Butts, Henley Br. Labrador.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

At Richmond Military Hospital, 3004—Pte. Geo. B. Darby, Methodist College Home.

3043—Pte. Fraser W. James, Western Arm, Boone Bay.
3512—Pte. Jesse Norman, Catalina.
543—Pte. Wm. B. Shave, Fogo.

At Wandsworth.

795—Harold S. Butler, Burn.

At Stoke-On-Trent War Hospital, 892—Pte. Howard F. Cutler, Saint George's.

At St. John Hospital, Etaples, Dec. 3.

Now Seriously Ill. (Previously Reported at 5th Casualty Clearing Station, France, Dec. 1st, Dangerously Ill. Gunshot Wound Head.)
1113—Lance Corp. Stephen James, Bishop's Falls.

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New Christmas Number.

Among the Christmas publications this season, we understand that quite a new venture will be made by our two enterprising young townsmen, Messrs. A. B. Lehr, Jr., and J. H. Smallwood. For some time they have been compiling their magazine, and intend to have it on the market for the early Christmas mail. The title

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of the magazine will be "Avalon Leader," and its pages will be edited by some of our most prominent literary contributors. There is always room at the top, and we wish our young beginners a successful climb on the ladder of journalism.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Whittle desire to sincerely thank all those kind friends who sent wreaths and crosses to adorn the casket of their beloved daughter Mercedes, and also to the very many who sympathized with them by letter or otherwise.—adv.

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