

364th Day of the War

LATEST

From the Front.

11.00 A.M.

ASKS FOR CO-OPERATION

WASHINGTON, To-day. The United States has decided to ask the co-operation of South and Central America in the next step to restore peace to Mexico. The Ambassador from Argentina, Brazil and Chile, and the Ministers from Bolivia and Uruguay have been asked to confer with Secretary Lansing here Thursday.

"SIMPLY RECEIVED."

LONDON, To-day. The laying open of peace proposals, the criticism of the people on the institution of open diplomacy and the balance of power were urged by J. R. MacDonald, Socialist, and member of Parliament at a meeting held in Edinburgh. Explaining the aims of the union for democratic control, in answer to a question MacDonald admitted that the labor party was not unanimous on this subject. The speaker's views were simply received by the audience.

12.15 P.M.

GREECE WOULD HELP SERBIA

LONDON, To-day. A despatch to the Athens says that Greek newspapers without distinction of party in commenting on the Bulgaria entente say that in case Bulgaria wishes to attack Serbia, Greece would prove that the Greece-Serbia treaty is not a vain word and would consider it an obligation of honor to aid Serbia immediately.

SUBMARINE BLOWS UP BRIDGE.

LONDON, To-day. The Times Mytilene correspondent reports that an important iron bridge connecting Galatz and Samboul was blown up by a submarine.

FLAX INSTEAD OF COTTON.

ROTTERDAM, To-day. The Germans have already begun using flax as a substitute for cotton in some of their munitions factories.

RUSSIA'S APPRECIATION.

LONDON, To-day. Count Benckendorff, Russian Ambassador to Great Britain, issued in London, to-day, a statement reviewing the Russian position after a year of war, laying stress on the identity of aims of Russia and Great Britain, and assuring that the Russian position was impossible except on our own conditions. Commenting on the report that Russia was dissatisfied with the effort of the Entente Allies were making in the West, he said, it had been said that the Russian public hoped for a strong offensive on the West, while the Germans were making their onset in the East. This may be so, but no trace of ill-feeling has been manifested, and the sober view which considers only military possibilities has always prevailed. Nowhere has the colossal effort of Great Britain and France in the Danubian been more appreciated than in Russia.

12.30 P.M.

BELGIAN GRAY BOOK.

PARIS, To-day. The Belgian Government has published a second gray book, containing documents relating to the war and notably a communication from Baron Guillaume, Belgian Minister to Paris, to Belgian Minister Foreign Affairs, dated Feb. 22nd, 1915, apparently contradicting the documents recently published by Germans and alleged to have been found in the State archives in Brussels and purporting to have been written by Baron Guillaume.

THE VERDUN DEFENCES.

VERDUN, To-day. The German hammering at Verdun fortress on which a drive of a year ago went to pieces, like a wave on a rock, may continue for years and years without making the slightest impression on the underground life, with which the trench combats of this war have familiarized the world, and to which modern soldiers already are accustomed here, has reached its climax in the immense underground city prepared for the defenders of the key to Northern France. Miles upon miles of streets and chambers, stocked with wine, flour, tinned meats, lodgings, recreation rooms, a bakery equipped to make bread for 50,000 men, and heat, light and telephones have been constructed beneath the surface of meadows of valley of the Meuse, surrounding France's barrier which has been placed in the path of whoever attacks from Metz.

GATHERING IN THE COPPER.

BERLIN, To-day. Large crowds of women and boys flocked to the Berlin Gas Works and market halls to-day, carrying copper kettles, pots, and ornaments and other articles, in accordance with recent requests of the Government that the copper supplies of the country be delivered to it for public purposes. This mobilization of the copper will occupy three days. To-day's deliveries yield enormous piles at each receiving depot.

2 P. M.

ITALIANS MAKE CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE.

MILAN, To-day. The first line of the Austrian defence in Carzo having been taken and the Italian front advanced over con-

siderable distance of most difficult country east of Montefalcone and Sagrado, the line of Austrian fortifications hastily erected from Rumbia to Pietro Rosa, along the western slopes of the Vallone depression, are now to be carried. The Italian army is fully equal to its new task. The attack on the Austrians second line has already begun with success. The Italian artillery has been brought forward rapidly and is bombarding the new Austrian trenches. The infantry has maintained a steady pressure on the retreating Austrians. Each day is marked by the capture of a number of prisoners and considerable booty.

STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, To-day. The British steamer Ranza has been sunk and the Captain and probably eleven members of a crew of 24 have been landed safely. The Ranza, of 2,320 tons, was probably sunk by a German submarine, but a statement to this effect is withheld by the British Admiralty, which has announced that it will no longer make public information showing the waters in which German underwater boats are operating.

LANGUAGE MORE PACIFIC.

ROME, To-day. Discussing many messages and statements received in various countries on the first anniversary of the war, the Observatore Romano, the official organ of the Vatican, says, reading these foreign messages, we are pleased to note that the language adopted has been modified in tone, so that its sense is more pacific or more humane. In place of inexcusable war cries and proposal to annihilate the enemy, there begins to be substituted a more human accent, although circumscribed. We see in this a possibility of a discussion leading to peace. It is a most comforting sign although very weak as yet.

2 30 P. M.

HEAVY FIGHT AT HOOGE.

AMSTERDAM, To-day. Heavy fighting is again in progress on the British front near Ypres. According to telegrams from Courtrai, Belgium, the boom of great guns and mine explosions were audible there for hours, quickly followed by a steady stream of wounded men from the vicinity of Hooze. Most of the casualties were the result of shrapnel wounds.

TURNED CREST AT KRITHIA.

LONDON, To-day. The crest of the ridge in Gallipoli Peninsula has been turned by the British troops and the positions of the British in the Dardanelles has been improved, according to a statement given out to-day by official statement to press bureau.

Supreme Court.

The case of Capt. C. B. Mason of the schtr. Metapedia, sunk off Cape Ballard on Friday last, vs. Capt. Pederson, whose steamer cut down the vessel, was begun at the Supreme Court to-day. The case is being heard in Chambers before Mr. Justice Emerson. The action is for damages in the sum of \$30,000. M. W. Furlong, K.C., represents the plaintiff, and A. B. Morine, K.C., is for the defendant. The evidence of Capt. Pederson was being taken up to 1 p.m. when the Court adjourned for recess.

Reids' Boats.

The Argyle sailed from Placentia for the westward early this morning. The Clyde left Botwood at 4.40 p.m. yesterday, inward. The Dundee left Bonavista at 7.20 p.m. yesterday, outward. The Ethie is due at Carbonear to-day. The Erik left North Sydney at 3 p.m. yesterday for this port. The Glencoe left Channel at 10.40 a.m. to-day coming east. The Home is on the way to North Sydney. The Kyle left Port aux Basques at 10.25 p.m. yesterday. The Meigie left Flower's Cove at 4.45 p.m. yesterday, coming south. The Sagona is north of Battle Harbor.

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A PADEREWSKI STORY.

Paderewski was once at the house of a noted Polish poet, who gave it as his opinion that no living composer could compare with Mozart. Paderewski said nothing, but the next day he visited the poet again and said that he would like to play to him a little Mozartian piece which perhaps he did not know. The poet expressed his delight and was charmed with the music. "What he exclaimed when the pianist had finished. "Now you must surely acknowledge that that beautiful piece could not have been composed in our time." "Perhaps," answered Paderewski dryly, "only it happens that I composed it myself this very morning."

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ships plying between here and France and set epidemics raging throughout England.

There is one remedy, and one only, and it is the duty of every person to see that the remedy is carried out.

Your home must not harbour dirt! Dirt is the breeding place of every harmful kind of vermin. Fleas breed to profusion in such stuff as potato rinds and tea-leaves, and from such places they feed on our jam, milk, and other food.

Therefore burn all such refuse, instead of throwing it into the dustbin, and sweep and garnish everywhere,

so that your house, at any rate, doesn't harbour a breeding-place for flies. It is a good plan also to clean the window-ledge thoroughly, and brush them with paraffin. Fleas breed on window-sills owing to the warmth, and the paraffin keeps them away.

Fleas carry disease germs, and a bite from an infected insect may cause a serious illness. They breed behind dirty wall paper, in cracks in the floor, in dust, and in dirty mats or carpets. Therefore dust should be destroyed, and the other places kept scrupulously clean. Dogs harbor fleas and must be kept clean.

Dirty clothes and hair breed lice. Clothes infected with the vermin should be thoroughly boiled or baked, and dirty hair should be washed with a mixture of malt vinegar and warm water (one teaspoonful to a cup), and then combed.

Insect powders should be used to keep away lice and fleas. It is exceedingly important that every person should realize that, necessary as cleanliness always is, it is doubly so now, and that it is their duty, not only to their own family, but to the State, to destroy and keep away disease-spreading vermin.



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THE UNION JACK.—We are in receipt of a little pamphlet called "The Union Jack." What it is and what it means. It also contains twelve lyrics on patriotic themes. It is by Dr. Frederick James Johnstone-Smith, a native of St. John's, and a C. E. clergyman, now resident in England.