

403rd Day of the War TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.30 A.M.

THE MUNITIONS PLOT.

WASHINGTON, To-day. The American reply to the Note on Arabic probably will be delayed until officials can learn whether to expect anything additional from Berlin. It may be stated, however, that if nothing comes of the nature of modification of Germany's explanation, the American Note will reach Berlin probably early next week, which will set forth the views of the United States in a brief and unmistakable manner. Captain Von Pape is involved in the Dumba case because he forwarded by James F. J. Archibald, the American Consul, travelling under an American passport, a personal letter, which made offensive statements about American officials. Moreover, Ambassador Dumba's letter to the Vienna Foreign Office, found on Archibald, mentioned Von Pape as having approved of what this department in its Note to the Austro-Hungarian Government characterized as a conspiracy to cripple legitimate industries of the United States. Consul General Pershed is drawn into the case because the Dumba letter disclosed he was connected with this strike plan. High officials indicated yesterday that the Government would take steps of some kind against the editor of an Hungarian newspaper in this country, from whom a memorandum, enclosed in the Dumba letter, outlined carefully prepared plans for putting into effect a scheme for handicapping munitions plans. Count Von Bernstorff is involved technically, because Archibald carried a letter for him, but as it was a copy of a statement previously made to the Ambassador by Secretary Lansing of wholly an inchoous character, officials do not regard the German Ambassador's affair as approaching that of his military attaché or the Austrian Consul General. Probably the Vienna Foreign Office replies to the request for the withdrawal of Dumba nothing further will be done in his case nor in the cases of Von Pape or Pershed.

11.15 A.M.

THE LONDON BUDGET.

LONDON, To-day. The Germans have repeated in the Vosges mountains and Artois, the attempts which they made to break through the French lines at Argonne forest, which seemingly indicates the long expected German offensive will not much longer be delayed. By these attacks, the Germans claim they were enabled to occupy some of the French trenches, and a report issued later admits this, but says German progress was accomplished by use of asphyxiating gases and that counter-attacks of the French regained the greater part of their lost ground at Hartmannsweilerkopf and later they repulsed another violent attack against that position. Hartmannsweilerkopf, which was taken by the French during their Spring and Summer operations probably has been seen since as much hard fighting as any place on the whole front. It has changed hands a dozen times. Yesterday the Germans by assault again got a footing on the summit, but according to the French report, they were driven down again during the night. Outside of these events, the armies West have been engaged in almost continuous artillery duels, bomb throwing and air raids. In the East there is little change in the situation. Two Russian forces on the Sereth River in Galicia, while they made big advances, further north the Austrians have taken Dubno, the second triangle fortress to fall into their hands with the help of the Germans they are advancing on Rovno the third of these fortified centres. Meanwhile the Germans from the South in the Pripiet marshes region and south west Vilna are fighting hard with some success for the strategic railway system. Brest—Vilna—Arra have lost their railway already, and now Riga runs through Dubno, Vilna, and East Pripiet marshes to Rovno and onward to Lemberg, Galicia. Military critics express this opinion that once this line is in the hands of the Austro-German forces, they will go into winter quarters, for more important military purpose. The bringing any of a large part of Russian forces to receive battle under disadvantageous conditions now seems out of the

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question. Autumn rains already have set in. The three main Russian armies although reduced and outnumbered are still in full flight, as is shown by their offensive at Sereth River, and the Austro-Germans must look to their own defense before reinforcements reach their opponents. There is still a dearth of news from the Dardanelles. On the Austro-Italian frontier, the Italians continue their attacks in the mountain regions, where their progress is slow. It is declared by a Sofia correspondent of the Associated Press that Serbia offered to cede Macedonia as far as Vardar River to Bulgaria, but that the latter wants the whole of Macedonia. This is where the negotiations it was feared would reach a deadlock, for above all things Serbia desired to maintain a common border with Greece, while Bulgaria always demanded the cession of Monastir, which being near the southwestern border would make a common border impossible.

STEAMER TORPEDOED.

PARIS, To-day. The British steamer Alexandria, owned by the Cunard Steamship Co., was torpedoed on Thursday, 96 miles from Cape Pariz near Murcia, Spain. According to the Madrid correspondent of the Havas Agency, twenty of the crew have been landed at Mazarin, Spain.

NO DIFFICULTY ABOUT PASSAGE.

LONDON, To-day. While there are no precedents of exact similarity, there is good authority for the opinion that no difficulties will be placed in the way of the return to Vienna of Ambassador Dumba and a passage to his successor at Washington. Diplomatic usage doubtless will provide a safe conduct. In event that Washington makes such a request, a favourable reply from Britain may be expected as a matter of courtesy to the American Government.

MINISTRY MET AT ROME.

ROME, To-day. The Council of Ministers met again yesterday and conferred for three hours, continuing the discussion on the situation. No communication has yet been published concerning the results of the meetings.

1.15 P.M.

VAN HORNE SAID TO BE DYING.

MONTREAL, To-day. Sir William Van Horne is thought to be at the point of death in the Royal Victoria Hospital. A bulletin says his condition has taken a much more serious turn during the past 48 hours. Grave fears for his recovery are entertained.

RUSSIANS REPULSE SERIOUS ATTACKS.

PETROGRAD, To-day. An official communication issued says: On the Sereth-Galicia, our troops having repulsed a series of enemy attacks, delivered counter-attacks in the section above Trembowla, and in the district of Tchortkova. The Austrians were forced to beat a precipitous retreat. According to a provisional estimate we took five thousand prisoners, among them sixteen officers. Generally the situation of our armies is one of calm confidence in themselves. The initiative in these isolated engagements is gradually passing into our hands.

Drowned at Catalina.

Mrs. Adams, of Young Street, received a message to-day from Catalina, stating that her husband was drowned this morning while entering Catalina in a schooner.

Our Naval Heroes.

(From the London Daily Telegraph.) The glory of the Fleet consists in this: its competency on the one hand, and on the other its impressive silence, a silence that can almost be felt as one walks the streets of our towns and villages, and recognizes in the normal aspect of things the influence which the Navy has exerted firmly, decisively, and yet how quietly. Have there been mistakes? Perhaps; who can say? We miss some ships, which were old, but they have already been more than made good; we have lost nearly 8,000 officers and men whose places can never be filled. We can forget the vessels which have sunk; let us bear in grateful remembrance those who have died for their country and for us, bearing their memory in our hearts with at least as intimate and sincere a feeling as is shown by the Japanese towards their heroic dead. There is one requital we can all make to the men who hazarded their all, and losing, won. We can work, each in his sphere, to make victory assured, and then the sacrifice will not have been made in vain.

A NEWSPAPER FORECAST.

New York, Aug. 23.—According to the New York Times, President Wilson is determined, if the facts establish that the sinking of the Arabic was a deliberate unfriendly act, to recall Mr. Gerard from Berlin and dismiss Count Bernstorff. After that if the situation is critical he will summon Congress and ask authority to organize a standing army of 200,000 with provision to increase it to a war footing of 600,000, and in addition establish a large reserve army. The President will also urge Congress to add six Dreadnoughts to the Navy, besides providing for a considerable number of sea-going submarines, scout cruisers, destroyers, transports, aeroplanes and dirigibles. Berlin messages expressing disbelief that the Arabic was sunk by a German submarine are construed as an indication that at the thirteen-hour the German Emperor may guarantee the safety of Americans at sea. The Times.

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"On June 5 during the operations south of Krithia, Dardanelles, when a detachment of a battalion on his left, which had lost all its officers, was rapidly retiring before a heavy Turkish attack, Second-Lieutenant Moor immediately grasping the danger to the remainder of the line, dashed back some 200 yards, stemmed the retreat, led back the men, and re-

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Few young women have been told much about the care of babies and no one knows but a mother how utterly helpless and overwhelmed she feels when the little live bundle is placed in her care for the first time. She realizes that its health, both of body and soul, depends upon her, and not only that, but, perhaps the whole happiness of the family is hinged on her care of that baby.

Here and There.

BOWRING'S SHIPS.—The Prospero was at Catalina last night. She left Trinity at 9 a.m. to-day, and is due this afternoon at 4. The Portia left Grand Bank at noon yesterday, going west.

MARRIED.

On the 25th Aug. at St. John's Episcopal Church, Truro, N.S., by the Rev. Wm. P. Robertson, Rector, West-on-Edgar Stirling, of St. John's, Nfld., Ethel Mary Uphill, of Salisbury, England.

DIED.

At Boston, Mattapan, Aug. 31st, Sarah M. Whitten, beloved wife of Wm. Walsh, aged 41 years, leaving a husband, two sons, a father, one brother and two sisters to mourn their sad loss. The funeral took place from her late residence, 1420, Blue Hill Ave., on September 3rd, at 8.30 a.m. Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Angela's Church, Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan, at 9 a.m. The remains were laid to rest at Calvary Cemetery, Brockton, Mass., amidst a large concourse of friends and relatives. R. L. P.

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