

TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.30 A. M.

ROUMANIA AND SALONIKI OFFENSIVE.

LONDON, To-day.

The opening of the Allied offensive at Saloniki has been the signal for renewed reports that Roumania is at last about to throw in her lot with the Entente. These reports are more circumstantial than ever before, and the comments of the German press indicate that they are far from being devoid of foundation. One Berlin newspaper goes so far as to declare that Roumania has already joined the Allies, and that plans are being laid for the march of a Russian army through Roumanian territory. Major Morant, the famous German military critic, also believes that Roumania is negotiating with Russia, and hints at an ultimatum to Bucharest from Germany and Austria. The entry of Roumania into the side of the Entente would mean the forging of another link in the chain of foes surrounding the Central Powers. The material aid which Roumania could give would be of a very important character. She has had between 500,000 and 600,000 troops mobilized for nearly a year. Her army is reputed to be one of the best equipped and trained in Europe. Apart from possible Russian reinforcements, Roumania would be in a position to deal powerful blows at Bulgaria from the north and in conjunction with Allies' drive from the south. It has been generally understood that Russia has been willing to concede the Province of Bessarabia, the population of which is largely Roumanian, in return for Roumania's co-operation in the war. Bessarabia, 18,000 sq. miles in extent, has a population of nearly 2,000,000. The great offensive launched by the Allies on Sunday on the Saloniki front is growing in fury, but so far no decisive action has been fought. The British and French crossed the Struma pushing forward in a northeasterly direction toward the Bulgarian frontier; at the same time the Serbians have opened the drive for Monastir against the first line of Bulgarian trenches. On the extreme left, however, immediately south of Monastir, they have suffered a reverse and have evacuated the Greek town of Banica. In a certain mouth of the great valley of the Vardar, the main highway through Serbia, a violent artillery action is in progress. It was down this valley that the Teuton and Bulgarian forces made their victorious advance. According to military experts, its possession is vital to whoever holds Serbia. Unofficial reports from Saloniki say that Italian troops have landed there and will join in the general offensive. This news if corroborated means that Italy has finally decided to declare war on Germany, the Germans admittedly directing the Bulgarian campaign at certain points of

the front. Berlin reports that the Bulgarians have been offensive, but London and Paris interpret this move to be for a political purpose, and not as a serious attack against Saloniki, in the desire to affect public opinion in Roumania. The influence of the approaching Greek elections is the motive behind the Bulgarian aggressive action in the opinion of the Allied capitals. Fierce fighting continues in the region of the Stokhod on the Eastern front, where the Russian advance menaces both Kovel and the German salient. The battle on the crest of the Carpathians also still rages. Both sides claim minor successes on the Western front; there has been no material change in the situation since the Allies launched their great attack last Friday. German counter attacks have been made at several points along the British lines, but according to London without any success. The Germans also made a powerful effort to recapture Fleury in the Verdun sector, but Paris reports its complete repulse. Repeated unofficial reports that Portugal is about to take an active share on the European battlefield are apparently confirmed by an announcement from Paris that a British and French Military Commission has been sent to Lisbon. News despatches from Portugal have described the military preparations as of a very extensive character, but there has been nothing yet to indicate the number of men she has under arms.

PRESIDENT'S APPEAL TO THE RAILROADS.

WASHINGTON, To-day.

As one American citizen to another President Wilson to-day appealed to each executive of the country's principal railroads on the grounds of patriotism to accept his plan for averting the threatened disaster of a nation-wide strike. He emphasized the necessity for keeping the railroads' service as part of the national defense and to make possible the preparation for meeting the conditions that will exist after the European war. On leaving the White House the railroad presidents, augmented during the day by arrivals from the west, held a conference, in which the sentiment is said to be against agreeing to the President's proposal in its present form. Hope was expressed, however, that some satisfactory counter proposition might be advanced. It was decided to turn over to a committee the task of drafting the final reply to the President.

VERY UNLIKELY.

AMSTERDAM, To-day.

The Echo Belge says it learns that General Von Bissing, Governor General of the occupied portions of Belgian territory, has remitted the fine of 50,000 pounds imposed upon the city of Brussels for the celebration of the Belgian National Fete Day on June 21, which the municipality refused to pay on the grounds that it was illegal.

THE GERMAN NAVAL RALLY.

LONDON, To-day.

The Times naval expert, discussing the rally of the German fleet into the North Sea on Saturday, says: "The news that the German fleet has already been able to put to sea after the severe damage suffered on May 31st, is no surprise. War experience has proven that a ship can be repaired very quickly provided she is not vitally injured. This is especially true when there are such resources available as in British or German yards."

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The Germans do not sing without purpose. Saturday's naval movements had a political origin, to keep up the fable of success on May 31st. The German commander must show that his fleet is not confined to the Kiel Canal. It may be assumed that every class of ship was present in the German fleet on Saturday. The advance was made more to the southward than in May. The retreat of the Germans after their abortive raid was a necessary part of their tactics, and justifiable in the circumstances.

2.15 P.M.

HAMBURG A "SLEEPING BEAUTY."

LONDON, To-day.

The Daily Mail quotes from the Berliner Tageblatt a description of Hamburg written by a recent visitor to that port. "If anyone wants to realize the picture of Hamburg as a sleeping beauty," he said, "only take a run round the dock. The sound of sirens, the groaning of cranes, the clanking of anchor chains is heard no more. Only from the shipbuilding yards come occasional sounds of blows of hammers; through the silence of quays and ships everything is completely still; before the war lights made an interrupted chain right to the mouth of the Elbe, but now tenants of villas on Blankenese tell me they rush to the window every time a ship goes by. The whole place is deserted excepting for some warehouse caretakers, a sentinel guarding the margarine depot, and a few women packing salted fish. The Imperial day empty in the docks."

IN THE BALKANS.

ATHENS, Via London, To-day.

The occupation of Kastoria and Corryes, by Bulgarian troops is confirmed by news from an official source, which says that the German Field Marshal August von Mackensen is with the Bulgarians. An initial bri-

Four Men Killed on Bell Island.

Special to Evening Telegram.

EAST WABANA, To-day.

A very serious accident occurred this morning in west No. 3 slope of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co. Five men were engaged in blasting and had fired several charges when a premature explosion occurred killing four men instantly. Their names are as follows:—Stewart Luffman, foreman, Bell Island; Thomas Wall, blaster, Bell Island; John Ross, Portugal Cove; Thomas Gill, Conception Harbour.

CORRESPONDENT.

GREEKS FIGHT BULGARIANS.

LONDON, To-day.

Greek troops have been fighting the Bulgarians in the vicinity of Seres since Sunday morning, says an Athens despatch.

SWEDEN AND THE EMBARGO.

BERLIN, To-day.

What will Sweden do? is the leading question being asked in official and diplomatic circles here to-day. The apparently authentic report via Stockholm that England plans a blanket embargo on all goods to Sweden, and will only permit passage in each case where Sweden gives a guarantee that the goods in question will not be exported is considered the most sensational and significant news of the ominous world war, not excepting the blacklisting of American and other neutral firms. "I cannot believe that Sweden will tolerate it," a leading German said to-day; "and this is the view held in other well-informed circles." The alleged British embargo is regarded here as of the utmost importance as a test case, and if Sweden, the strongest and most independent of purely neutral, bows down to what the Germans characterize as England's economic yoke, it is fit that Holland's turn will come next in the not distant future, and that then England will go out to get complete economic control of Norway, Denmark and Switzerland.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON THE STRUMA.

PARIS, To-day.

The heaviest fighting is on the front northeast of Salonika on the left bank of the Struma River. From Kackala to Baraklio on the western end of the line hostilities are confined for the most part to artillery.

PROGRESS ON THE SOMME.

PARIS, To-day.

Progress was made by the French last night on the Somme front north of the River in the outskirts of Clercy, the War Office announced to-day. South of the River, the French captured trenches near Estrees and Soye court.

PRIZE BOUNTY, £12,000.

LONDON, To-day.

The Prize Court to-day awarded as prize bounty to the officers and crews of the squadron of Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee which destroyed the German-Patrol squadron in the battle off Faulkland Islands in December, 1914. The bounty was determined by the number of men aboard the destroyed ships.

Hand-to-Hand Fighting Was Appalling

Bayonets, Knives, Bombs, Cavalry Swords, Pistols and Arms of Every Description Used by Italians and Austrians.

Rome Aug. 10 (via Paris, Aug. 11).—The latest reports show that the Lower Isonzo action is drawing to a close in its first stage, with the number of Austrian prisoners still growing. The number of men killed or wounded in the battle is large. Neither side has yet been able to make an accurate estimate of the casualties, though the total for both sides will probably reach 30,000.

From evidence arriving here the belief prevails that the victory of the Italians was not due to the demoralization of the Austrians, as the fighting was the severest yet seen on this front. The Austrians contested every foot of the ground about Gorizia, even after the loss of the strategic points of Monte Sabotino and Monte San Michele.

While the success of the Italians undoubtedly was due largely to the new heavy artillery, which matched at last, after a year of waiting for their manufacture, the heavy 305 millimetre Austrian guns, yet the hand-to-hand fighting was appalling. In ferocious bayonets, knives, bombs, cavalry swords, pistols and arms of every description being used. Personal deeds of heroism were plentiful, especially in connection with the use by the Italians of a new method for destroying barbed wire entanglements, involving the almost certain death of the soldiers who plant the bomb for this purpose.

The victory of the Italians is considered all the more creditable, since the Austrians on the Lower Isonzo front had long prepared for an attack on a large scale, having successfully resisted many previous ones on small sectors.

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HOUSEHOLD NOTES.

—Prune Salad.—This is delicious for luncheon. Stew one pound of large prunes until soft, without sweetening. Drain and pit; then fill the cavities with nut-meats or cream cheese, and serve on lettuce leaves with mayonnaise dressing.

A pretty garden effect is obtained by two or three tubs sunken in the earth and filled with water in which some little water plants are growing. Spaces between the tubs should be filled up with some low-growing plant like sweet alyssum.

When one is nervous or tired, a sponge bath in water, either hot or cold, will often prove stimulating and refreshing. Elderly people and those whose circulation is feeble should avoid the cold plunge so delightful to the young, because it robs them of vitality. But those in advanced years, as well as boys and girls, are better for the daily bath from head to foot. A bathtub and a copious amount of water is not a prerequisite if all that one has to depend on are a basin and picher.

Here and There.

ENGLISH MAIL.—The mail for Great Britain will not close until 6 p.m. on Thursday.

The Studio of S. H. PARSONS & SONS, Photographers, corner of Water and Prescott Streets, will be open to-morrow, Wednesday. Opposite Royal Stores.—11

MATERIAL FOR NEW PLANT.—Some material to be used in the new oil plant at the Southside, came from Halifax on the Tabasco and is now being landed at the Furness Wharf pier.

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WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is strong N.W. wind and fine, temperature 52 to 53 above.

Don't forget the Grand Dance in the Star Hall, in aid of the Cot Fund, to-night at 9.30 o'clock.—aug22,11

LEFT WITH PIT PROPS.—The Norwegian steamer Hothang left Bear's Cove to-day for Cardiff with 849 cords of pit props.

Daughters of Empire Garden Party, Silverton, Waterford Bridge, Wednesday, Aug. 30th. C. L. B. Band.—aug17,11

SUSU SAILS.—The s.s. Susu sailed north at 10 a.m. to-day with a large freight and the following first class passengers: Mrs. Woolfrey, Miss S. Keough, T. Lockyer, M. O'Neill, Mrs. Winsor, Mrs. A. M. Benson, Mrs. Whiteway, D. O'Neill and several in storage.

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