

TO-DAY'S Messages.

11.15 A.M.

ENEMY ENTERS MONASTIR.

LONDON, To-day. It is officially announced that one German and one Bulgarian regiment entered Monastir yesterday, says a Reuter despatch from Athens.

THE LONDON BUDGET.

LONDON, To-day. The situation in the Balkans is developing rapidly. The Germans and Bulgarians have reached Kenali on the Greek border, ten miles south of Monastir, thus threatening to outflank the Anglo-French forces, while the Bulgarians who also are supposed to be supported by the Germans, have attacked the Allies' extreme right wing near Strumitza. Under this pressure the French have withdrawn from Krivoiak, and at last accounts had taken up a position at Demirkapou, a deep gorge about 20 miles from the Greek frontier, through which the Salonika railway runs. Here they were attacked by Bulgarians who, according to French reports, were repulsed. The plans of neither of the Allies nor the Germans are yet quite clear, but apparently the Germans are determined on crushing the little force which went to the assistance of the Serbs, which has been and is still being reinforced. The retirement of the Allies to Demirkapou has led to the report that they intended to abandon the Balkan enterprise entirely, but the continued landing of troops at Salonika would seem to deny any such intention. There is very strong military opinion here that Salonika should be held as a base for future operations in the Near East.

There is little news from other fronts. The Germans have scored a minor success in Champagne where they captured about 500 yards of French trenches, part of which, however, has been regained. The British have received reinforcements at Katlamara where they are making their stand after retiring from Ctesiphon, and the Italians, who for the past two weeks have been on the offensive, are now engaged in meeting Austrian counter attacks. The expected offensive of the Allies' in Gallipoli apparently did not materialize, while throughout Russia wintry weather has put a stop to all but small ventures. The cruiser Sydney arrived at the entrance to Tampa Bay to-day, and remained off Egmont Key to-night. The reports that the Austrian steamer Borneo, in port here since the beginning of the war, was preparing to make a dash for New Orleans and go into dry dock, generally were connected with the cruiser's appearance. The warship had not been spoken last night.

GERMAN PEACE MOVEMENT.

BERLIN, To-day. The Reichstag will meet at ten o'clock to-morrow morning. The first order of the day is a speech of the Imperial Chancellor, dealing with the political and military situation. The Reichstag will then discuss the Socialist interpellation regarding the prospects for peace. The Socialist leader, Dr. Scheidemann, will make the introductory address.

STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, To-day. The British steamer Ignis has been sunk and the crew have been landed. Available shipping registers contain no record of such a steamer as the Ignis.

RE-EQUIPPING SERBIAN ARMY.

LONDON, To-day. A despatch to the Times from Salonika dated Monday, says the British and French Governments are arranging for the re-equipping of the Serbs' army, the main body of which has taken refuge in Albania. That the first instalment of supplies arrived in Albania some days ago. The correspondent adds a portion of the re-equipping Serbs reached Epirus, Greece, by skirting the eastern shore of Lake Ochrida.

THE GREEK IMBROGLIO.

BERLIN, To-day. The Associated Press interview with King Constantine, of Greece, is a feature of German newspapers. All Berlin papers this morning headed their columns with the interview. Great significance is attached to King Constantine's declarations regarding the necessity of the retiring Allied troops passing direct through Greece without stop and re-embarking at Salonika. Similar news has been received from Bucharest. The reported decision of the Greek Cabinet and General Staff which it is stated is to be communicated as a note following government's. According to the version circulated by Bucharest newspapers, the note declares the Serbs

troops fleeing through Greek territory will be disarmed and the Anglo-French headquarters at Salonika will be requested to transport troops retreating before the enemy upon Greek territory from Greece by way of Salonika with their entire equipment of supplies. The Greek Government requests the Central Powers not to cross the Greek frontier in pursuit of the retreating forces, Greece undertaking to guarantee that they depart from Greece.

2.00 P.M.

MONTENEGRO STANDS FIRM.

LONDON, To-day. In a despatch from Amsterdam the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co., referring to the Frankfurter Zeitung's reports that Montenegro expressed a desire for a separate peace, says: "A Serbian diplomat now in Holland declares the whole statement without foundation."

WANTS MEDITERRANEAN CLOSED.

LONDON, To-day. The Morning Post gives prominence to a suggestion by a correspondent that the Mediterranean be declared a closed sea and that no ship be allowed to trade there without license from the Entente naval authorities. The step should be taken, the correspondent argues, in an effort to combat the Teutonic submarines which he declared are supplied with oil, provisions and torpedoes by neutral steamers.

ARMY OF FOUR MILLION WANTED.

LONDON, To-day. With the approach of the time limit for the expiration of Earl Derby's scheme of voluntary enlistment on December 11th, there has been during the last two days a tremendous rush of new recruits to secure the benefit of the group system which permits recruits to enlist for deferred service. Recruiting centres are being besieged day and night, so much so that urgent calls are being made for clerks and doctors to meet the rush. This is not confined to London but is apparent all over the country. Asquith next week will ask Parliament to authorize the raising of another million men, making altogether four million. He is expected at the same time to announce the result of Earl Derby's voluntary enlistment campaign.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON FRENCH FRONT.

ATHENS, To-day. There has been severe fighting on the French front during the past 24 hours, according to press despatches from Salonika. The Bulgarians are said to have made no impression on the French lines in the Doiran-Demir-Katou section. The accurate fire of the Entente artillery decimated the Bulgarians. According to news from other sources the Bulgarians are concentrating considerable forces in Strumitza region. Official Serbian advice place the number of Serbian troops who retired into Albania at 220,000. The Austro-German forces employed in the Serbian campaign are estimated at 20 divisions (240,000), five of the divisions are said to be Austrian.

CONCENTRATING FOR ATTACKS.

PARIS, To-day. A Salonika correspondent of the Journal sends the following despatch regarding the fighting in Serbia. The portion of Von Mackensen's forces descending on Monastir seems to be divided into two columns, stronger of these crossed Vardar River are making for Nerokopok. The German cavalry already is reported around Islop and even in the Strumitza region. Concentration on the Greek frontier, however, requires time. They will not be in position to attack the Allied rear or communications before the twentieth. Adequate preparations have been made to defend Salonika against all attacks and the Allies may now be said to be safe from all surprises.

BIGGER AIR RAIDS.

NEW YORK, To-day. I believe there will be another Zeppelin attack on London within sixty days. When the raid does come it will be bigger than has gone before and will be repeated, night after night. The Germans will probably send at least ten Zeppelins. They are now gathering a fleet so large that they can afford to risk the loss of three or four in the raid. It was because they had no airships to spare that they stopped these visitations this fall. Now they are nearly ready again to strike repeated blows and to cross the Channel in force as they must do to create the amount of terror they desire, but England has been awakened, she knows the game now. She has learned airships must be fought with airships. She is preparing in the light of what the war has taught her to menace the right of way. She is building rigid dirigibles, and when the raiders come she will not be helpless. These predictions are made to-day by Thomas R. Macnechin, aeronautical engineer and President of the aeronautical society of America. He recently returned from England where a small dirigible which he in part designed and which is intended to be a torpedo destroyer of the air, has been completed by a syndicate under official British eyes.

READY TO DISCUSS PEACE.

BERLIN, To-day. If our enemies make peace proposals, compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, then we shall always be ready to discuss them, said the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, in addressing the Reichstag to-day. The Chancellor made it clear that in his opinion it would be folly for Germany to propose peace as long as the countries of our enemies are entangled with the confusion of public opinion. Conscious of her military successes, the Chancellor said Germany declines responsibility for a further continuation of the war. Germany, he declared, could not be charged with the purpose of fighting on to make further conquests. The address which has been awaited with extraor-

dinary interest was made in response to the Socialist interpellation, "Is the Imperial Chancellor ready to give information as to the conditions under which he would be willing to enter into peace negotiations?"

GERMAN PROJECT AGAINST INDIA.

LONDON, To-day. A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Rome says according to indirect news from Constantinople, Germany has abandoned the idea of an expedition against Egypt in favor of a great Turco-German expedition against India. The German project is to organize an army of 400,000 Turks with 100,000 Germans, commanded by Field Marshal Von der Goltz, and an immense number of guns for an expedition in the spring which will be preceded by a large Turkish advance guard which already is on the March to Bagdad. The Bulgarian army would undertake the care of the Balkan lines of communication to ensure supplies to the Germans in Asia.

Here and There.

EXPRESS DUE. — The Kyle express is due in the city at 4 p.m. to-day.

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