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TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.00 A.M.

TWO KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

SYDNEY, N.S., To-Day.
During the worst electric storm that has been experienced at Cape Breton in many years Norman McQueen and his young child were killed by lightning at 5.30 last night. The fatalities were at Dutch Brook, 5 miles from here; two others in the same house were seriously shocked.

GREECE ACTIVELY IN THE WAR.

WASHINGTON, To-Day.
Uncertainty as to Greece's status in the world war was cleared away today with the receipt of official information that the Greek Government has not only severed relations with all four Central Powers but is actually in a state of war with them. Information has reached the State Department that the Greek Minister in Paris has notified the French Government that Greece considers herself a full belligerent and will act accordingly. He said it was not necessary to issue a formal declaration of war as the Government feels it is bound by the declarations previously issued at Saloniki by Premier Venizelos, who took with him to Athens all the responsibilities and commitments of the temporary Saloniki Government. As a semi-belligerent Greece is expected to lose no time in mobilizing her war resources and joining effectively in the common Allied operations in the Balkans. The strength of the Venizelos army is placed at about 60,000, and the remnants of the former regular army, while not over 30,000 now, has at times been mobilized to a total of 200,000, and is capable of reaching 300,000 if munitions are provided. The regulars practically were demobilized by the Allies when Constantine held the organization as a threat to the Allies' rear, but can quickly be called to the colors again, while it is understood the new Government has not yet mobilized for this army the classes of 1916-17, previously prevented by the Allies from being called to the colors about two weeks ago. Commissioner Jonnart, to whom the Allies entrusted the enforcing of Constantine's abdication, has reported that a Greek army of 25,000 will be raised to add to the 700,000 Allied soldiers already in the Balkans. A Greek Mission may be sent to the United States not only to negotiate for supplies for this army but also to present Greece's situation as to the general world reconstruction after the war. For the present it is probable Greece will be munitioned by the Allies, who have stocks already

on hand, but for the future, and as far as general credits are concerned, it is probable the Athens Government will wish to deal direct with this country. It is understood here that while some pro-German anti-war spirit remains in Greece the great majority of the people are happy that a flat decision has at last been made and the perils and uncertainties that have beset the nation's attempt to be neutral are ended. They realize that Greece has a splendid opportunity to strengthen her international position, which suffered through her doubtful policy throughout the war. Bulgaria, her traditional enemy, has occupied an appreciable section of Greek territory and threatens to surpass Greece in her power in the Balkans. While Italy has sent troops to Northern Epirus to connect with the Allies at Salonika and establish a shorter line of communication than the long sea route, since Greece's entry into the war negotiations have been under way for the abandonment of part of this section by Italy. Greece also has further territorial ambitions in the Balkans and solicitation for 300,000 Greeks in Constantinople and the two million Greeks which she claims in Asia Minor particularly about Smyrna.

WAR REVIEW.

LONDON, To-Day.
Again the Teutonic Allies have suffered reverses in the loss to the Russians of part of the village of Lodz in the Lomnica River region in Galicia, in the repulse of an attack by the Russians N. E. of Kalusz and in the Champagne region in France where the French drove them from positions they had recaptured, inflicting heavy casualties. From Riga on the Baltic to the Roumanian frontier the Russians and Austro-Germans along the entire front are engaged in battle, but except in Galicia where the Russians continue to develop their advantage or hold back the thrust of the Teutons, little has become known concerning the operations. Not alone

have the Russians in the drive in Galicia made good gains of terrain, but their captures of men, guns and material have been enormous. From July 1st to 13th, according to a Russian official statement, 36,943 officers and men of the Teuton Allies were made prisoners by General Brussiloff's troops, and 93 heavy and light guns, 28 trench mortars, 48 machine guns and 91 guns of other descriptions have been taken. The Germans in the Champagne have again attempted with large bodies of men to recapture the positions taken from them recently near Mont Haute and Teton. They were entirely repulsed near Teton, suffering heavy casualties. On Mont Haute during the night-long battle their efforts, according to the French War Office were momentarily successful in regaining nearly all the ground they had lost. Violent counter attacks launched by the French, however, succeeded in returning to General Petain's forces all the German gains. Considerable fighting has taken place between the British and Germans on the northern front in France and Belgium, but apparently the infantry attacks are still in the nature of raiding enterprises, although Berlin records the repulse of British attempts to recapture positions at Lombarz in Belgium and inflicted heavy losses.

KAISER'S FAREWELL TO BETHMANN.

THE HAGUE, To-Day.
The Berlin Reichs Anzeiger, a copy of which has been received here, publishes an autographic letter of Emperor William to Bethmann Hollweg on his acceptance of the resignation of the Imperial Chancellor. The Emperor says: "I decide with a heavy heart by to-day's decree to grant your request to be relieved from your office. For eight years you have occupied the highest and most responsible duty in the Imperial State service with eminent loyalty, and have successfully placed your brilliant powers and personality at the service

of Kaiser and Empire, King and Fatherland, in the most grievous time that has ever fallen to the lot of German countries and people, times in which decisions of paramount importance for the existence and future of the Fatherland have had to be taken. You have stood by my side with counsel and aid. It is my heart's desire to express my most cordial thanks for your faithful service."

TO GIVE VETERANS A HOME XMAS.

MELBOURNE, To-Day.
Australian newspapers publish the names of 5,000 Australians who have completed one thousand days' service at the front. The Victorian Recruiting Committee are making a special recruiting appeal, commencing on the 4th. Any new recruits will relieve the veterans, enabling them to spend next Christmas at home.

1.00 P. M.

CHANG HSUN STILL TROUBLE-SOME.

TIEN TSIN, To-Day.
It is reported that the troops of General Chang Hsun at Suchowfu Province of Anhwei, who previously had agreed to surrender, have now revolted, and are completely out of hand. The railway north of Suchowfu is said to have been torn up. Premier Tuan Chi Jui was due to leave for Peking to-day. All traffic on the Tien Tsin-Pukow line is interrupted.

BIG COAL STRIKES IN GERMANY.

OPENHAGEN, To-day.
Extensive strikes are reported in progress in the Silesian and Rhine coal fields of Germany. The trouble has arisen over food restrictions and objections to the labor service law.

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French Consul Gives Thanks.

St. John's,
July 15th, 1917.
Editor of the Evening Telegram,
City.

Mr. Editor,—I wish to express publicly my gratitude to the ladies and gentlemen who so generously contributed towards making the various events in aid of the French Red Cross such a success. While it would be quite impossible to name all of them, I hope you will allow me space to name at least those with whom I have been more personally connected in this matter.

I have first to acknowledge the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, who headed the subscription list and so readily undertook to put the matter before his Committee headed by Mr. Steer, and of Lady Davidson, whose lady workers of the W. P. A. have contributed so much to the actual work. Mrs. George Emerson accepting the charge of Treasurer, and Mrs. John Harvey and Mrs. Gosling acting as members of the special committee for the purpose.

The first event was the most enjoyable entertainment given on the grounds of Mrs. Emerson and Hon. Chas. Emerson at Quinipiac under the management of Mrs. Alex. Winter and Miss C. Emerson, who spared no efforts during several days to prepare it and made it such a success even in face of unfavourable weather. I should have acknowledged this splendid and voluntary help long ago, but for the necessity of waiting for a complete list in order not to trespass too often upon the hospitality of the newspapers.

In the matter of the Band Concert, I have to thank the Municipal Council, from whom Mayor Gosling very kindly secured permission to use Bannerman Park; the C.L.B. and C.C.C. Bands, whose Bandmasters, Mr. Morris and Mr. A. Bulley delighted the public with their pieces during the whole evening; Major Montgomerie and the Volunteers sent by him; Mrs. Tasker Cook, Mrs. Alderice and many ladies whom it would be impossible to name, but whose help proved extremely valuable, and Mr. H. D. Reid for street car advertising.

For the Flower Day, a fitting closing to this series of events, my best thanks are due to Mrs. Charles Mackay-Harvey, who willing accepted the charge of Convener, although just back from a fatiguing trip, and whose efforts have proved a big success. Here again, it is quite impossible to name all the ladies, fair and kind, who so effectively helped supplying or selling flowers. So I must be satisfied to say that the memory of the graceful gesture of the women of Newfoundland, offering their flowers to help the French soldiers, will always live in my heart and will make a strong appeal to our stricken people in France.

Last, but not least, I wish especially to express my heartfelt thanks to Col. Rendell, who throughout the whole series of events has placed at the service of the French Red Cross his well known qualities of public spirit and business ability; to the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. G. Leve, who with Mr. Steer, the President of the Patriotic Committee, gave a generous start to the public subscription in the most courteous and gentlemanly way; and to so many of the prominent business firms of this city; to my dear colleague, Mr. Tasker Cook, who ably seconded by Mrs. T. Cook, has been in the forefront throughout; to the Editors of the daily press, who unstintingly advertised in their columns, and especially so to Hon. Dr. P. T. McGrath, to whose pen we are indebted for the various paragraphs printed in this connection. To the general public I express my deepest gratitude for its ready response to our appeals. It seems that the people of Newfoundland, even after doing so splendid a part, both in men and in money, for the Empire, were still eager to show its appreciation of the part played by France in this common war. I have no doubt that the French Government will duly appreciate the magnificent contribution of Newfoundland to the French Red Cross, and I hope to be able to

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French Consul.

Teutonic Bankruptcy.

(From the New York World.)
Austria is virtually bankrupt and confesses it by paying interest on its gold-bearing bonds to outside as well as to home creditors in paper kronen at a discount of 60 per cent. in neutral money equivalent to gold. Germany, with the mark down a week ago to 44.9 per cent. discount in the same money, was evidently tottering on the edge of this financial abyss when the Reichsbank decided to release gold by way of restoring its highly disorganized exchanges with Switzerland, Holland and Scandinavia. It gave up about \$20,000,000, which exceeded its gains in gold for over three months preceding. The effect has been a slight advance from the mark's greatest depreciation, but this is hardly a drop in the bucket for the need to be dealt with. Austria practically has no gold to give up. Germany cannot

give up what it has for exchange purposes without further weakening the Reichsbank's immense paper circulation based on its gold. Austria is close to the bottom of the decline. If there is any durable arrest for Germany short of that and short of peace it is not now observable unless through a resort by the Kaiser to the mailed fist applied to his neutral neighbors who dare to place such doubts upon German solvency.

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