

## TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.30 A.M.

### AUSTRIAN REPLY PUBLISHED.

WASHINGTON, To-day. The State Department late yesterday made public the official text of the Austro-Hungarian reply to the second American note regarding the sinking of the Ancona. It does not differ substantially from the press translation cabled via London.

### OUTCOME OF LABOR CONGRESS.

LONDON, To-day. Resignations of Henderson, Brace and Roberts were the direct outcome of the Labor Congress held yesterday, which was followed by a two hour conference among the Parliamentary Labor Members. At the close of the latter conference, the announcement was made of the withdrawal of the three Labor Members of the Coalition Ministry. It is understood that Henderson will take an early opportunity to explain the position to the Commons, probably at next Tuesday's session. There are now four vacancies in the Coalition Ministry, including that caused by the resignation of Sir John Simon, Home Secretary. Goslip is already busy over the probable successors of the outgoing Ministers.

### THE GREEK SITUATION.

PARIS, To-day. The Greek press is considering with some concern the situation which may arise in case the Allies find it necessary to send away the Greek authorities at Saloniki, if an invasion should be attempted by the Teutonic Allies. The Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency says, it is explained such action would only be provisional, and in no way an encroachment on the sovereignty of Greece, nevertheless newspapers say it would complicate situation for the Government, which is pressed by the Central Powers for a reply to their protest against the arrest of the German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish Consuls at Saloniki. The protest of Greece on this subject to the Entente Powers has not been answered. King Peter of Serbia, who is at Saloniki has sent King Constantine a telegram expressing his satisfaction at being able to enjoy hospitality of the country which is the friend and ally of Serbia.

### IAN HAMILTON'S REPORT.

LONDON, To-day. General Ian Hamilton's report of British operations on the Gallipoli Peninsula was published in the Official Gazette last night. It tells the story of the fighting on the Peninsula from the beginning of May to the middle of October. Probably no more important contribution to the history of the present war has yet been made. The report throws light upon the great landing at Anzac Cove and Suvla Bay, on August 7th, which have been the subject to strong attacks upon the military administration of the Government, the whole operations requiring the combined action of the army and navy. The handling of masses of troops within the limited area probably was the most complicated ever undertaken. Military men are not surprised that some important details failed in the work as planned. The Suvla Bay landing failed to accomplish its object. The report shows partly because the force consisted largely of untried troops under Generals inexperienced in the new warfare, partly through the failure of water supply. The sufferings of troops for lack of water makes the painful reading. General Hamilton bestows the highest possible praise upon the bravery of the men. He believes after the middle of August the Turks outnumbered the British and had plenty of fresh soldiers and munitions, while the British Government was unable to furnish him with the reinforcements he wanted. The General strongly opposed the abandonment of any bases held by British troops. General Hamilton's report was submitted to Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, carries the story of the Dardanelles operations up to the middle of October, when he relinquished the command.

### 336 PERSONS LOST IN S. S. PERSEA.

LONDON, To-day. Announcement to-night by the Peninsular Oriental S. S. Co. says the number of persons on board steamer Persea who have not been accounted for aggregates 336, of these 119 were passengers, 217 members of crew.

### CHURCH UNION IN CANADA.

TORONTO, To-day. Church Union has been carried in the Presbyterian Church. The majority for union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches, according to official figures announced to-day was 53,086. The minority, however, is so

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large that it is considered doubtful if the General Assembly which meets at Winnipeg next June will force the Union on 93,156 members who voted against it. The total vote was 230,398. The majority given by this vote on the Church Union question is considerably lower than that given in 1911. Majority then was 80,251, although 12,199 more votes were recorded.

### THE LONDON BUDGET.

LONDON, To-day. The area of the Russian successes over the Austro-Hungarian forces in the east continues to widen. Although the situation around Czernowitz has not yet been cleared up officially, it appears from advices from Russian sources that the Austrians are hard pressed over a long line of defence and are throwing huge reinforcements into the district. The Russians here are expected to strike at the Kolomo-Stanislavsk line, where powerful defensive works have been in preparation for some time by the Austro-Germans. Meanwhile the Russian position 250 miles further north in the middle of Stry River has been greatly strengthened by successful operations in the region of the great marshes, where the Russians are beginning to emerge from the marshes with prospects of being able to use the roads leading either northwest, west or southwest. Their advance here has not been the result of an isolated battle but of a series of engagements lasting over a considerable period. In the capitals of the Entente Allies the opinion is expressed that the Russian offensive completely upset the plans of the Central Powers for the invasion of Saloniki and Egypt.

In connection with yesterday's announcement of the defeat of the German war vessel on Lake Tanganyika in East Central Africa, a half mile above the sea level, it is announced the British ships which accomplished the surrender of the German vessel were especially constructed in England and transported to the heart of Africa. Until the arrival of these vessels the Germans dominated Lake Tanganyika, which is the centre of a large and important territory. The presence of British armed vessels on the Lake will reverse the situation

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there. This is considered here as most opportune in view of the forthcoming campaign in East Africa. Interest in the Serbian refugee army was shown by a question in the Commons yesterday—"Whether a considerable part of the Serbian army is in distress at Scutari, after having suffered great privations in the retreat through the mountains; whether His Majesty's Government will offer the Serbian army some suitable locality in the Mediterranean where the men may rest and recuperate?" In reply Lord Robert Cecil, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said there was a considerable body of the Serbian army at Scutari, where at first the men had been in great distress, but the situation, he added, had now been largely relieved. The Entente Allies, the Secretary said, had considered the matter raised in the latter part of the question, but he was unwilling to make any announcement at this time. Telegrams from Athens say the number of Serbian refugees in Greek territory are now forty thousand, of whom six thousand are at Saloniki.

11.40 A.M.

### THESSALONIKI'S PASSENGERS LANDED.

NEW YORK, To-day. The steamship Patris, having on board three hundred passengers of the Greek liner Thessaloniki, abandoned at sea yesterday, arrived at quarantine at 9.15 o'clock last night and will dock this morning.

### AERIAL ACTIVITY.

LONDON, To-day. The official report of the British forces on the Continent says "additional raid on Aerodrome at Doullens other raid was carried out yesterday by eleven machines against the stores Depot Le Sars. This morning one of our patrols dispersed a party of German aircraft just north of the Somme, with hand grenades. Artillery activity on both sides yesterday was principally confined to the areas east of Arras and south and northeast of Ypres.

### THE LABOR CONGRESS.

LONDON, To-day. The Organized Labor of Great Britain, sitting in Congress at London yesterday decided against the Government's Compulsion Bill by an overwhelming majority of 1,998,000 votes to 783,000. The hostility to the Government's measure was uncompromising and necessitated the resignation from the Coalition Ministry of all three Labor Members, Arthur Henderson, Walter Runciman, and George Barnes, holding respectively offices of President Board Education, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and Lord Commissioner of the Treasury. Their resignations were announced during the evening. The Congress rejected by four to one another motion pledging support to the principle of Compulsion for single men. The Congress closed with enthusiastic acclamations, while the singing of the Socialist anthem, "The Red Flag," by some delegates.

### BALFOUR'S GREAT APPEAL—PRELIMINARY RECEIVES GREAT OVA-TION.

LONDON, To-day. Amid a scene of wild enthusiasm, the Commons last night, passed the first reading of the Government's Bill for Compulsory Military Service by a decisive vote of 402 to 40. The measure came shortly before midnight with galleries packed, every seat on the floor of the House was occupied and the Ministerial benches were filled, and an air of eager expectancy prevailing. The events of the day had increased the tension to a high pitch, notably the action of the Labor Congress and the quick sequel of the retirement of three Labor Members from the Ministry. Throughout these developments outside of Parliament the debate on the House had forged steadily ahead, but had been largely to lesser figures. It was reserved for A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, to close the debate on behalf of the Government and he did so in a persuasive appeal for half an hour, which roused the lagging spirits of advocates and turned the tide of adversity which had been running steadily against the measure through debate and outside events of the day.

"Let this vote to-night show that we are a united people, was his closing appeal. Do not let us give a false impression to the world that in the moment of the country's gravest emergency we are divided one against another. Abandon your theories and remember we are dealing with stern realities, which call for great sacrifices." Then came the vote which was taken amid eager interest, as members filed before the tellers, and the peers crowded their galleries to witness the final result. The announcement of the figures was received with a tremendous outburst of cheering, which rang through the chamber and was echoed to the waiting crowds outside. Scores of members in khaki waved their handkerchiefs and the air rent with white papers flung in triumph at the Government's success. Amid the demonstration, Premier Asquith, his face unusually pale, and now glowing with satisfaction, walked down the floor of the House to present the Bill formally to the Chamber. His appearance was the signal for a rapturous ovation from members on all sides standing and cheering, while the galleries could, with difficulty, be restrained from joining in the enthusiasm. An analysis showed the Government had held the great bulk of the Conservative vote, Irish Nationalists had voted against the Bill, but Irish Unionists supported the measure, and

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the Obrenites took no part in the division. The minority showed a sprinkling of members, the most notable was John Burns, the former Cabinet member. A number of Labor Members also voted with the opposition. Balfour's closing speech was one of the notable features of the debate. He spoke with great earnestness, but with good measured confidence, which kept the members between applause and laughter. This measure, he declared, was not designed to settle military policy of Britain. It was for the present occasion and for the present war. "I have never favored conscription in any form," said the First Lord, "but it is no longer an abstract question. We are dealing with stern reality. First the Prime Minister has given a pledge for this Bill, which it would be dishonourable to ignore, and second the safety of the country is at stake. Let me say with great emphasis that those of us who know the conditions in the field know that this Bill is absolutely essential to the proper carrying on of the war. If this House refuses this Bill to the Government, it refuses what the country considers absolutely necessary. This is not a precedent for universal conscription. It is not the thin edge of the wedge or the first drop of poison to corrupt our whole system. In truth this Bill is a tribute to voluntarism. We have raised six million volunteers. Now this Bill merely brings those few shirkers who have failed to respond to the volunteer system. No future Prime Minister can ever use this Bill as a precedent for permanent fixing on the country the taint of Prussian Militarism. Militarism is an affair of hearts and it is in the hearts of the German people to have militarism, and it is in the hearts of English men not to have it. But for the moment we are dealing with stern necessity. Our greatest danger is not that treason or shall be abandoned, but that we are lulling ourselves with the great illusion of false security." Premier Asquith, Sir Edward Grey and other Ministers warmly congratulated Balfour as he closed his appeal.

1.00 P.M.

### BELGIAN REPORT.

(Delayed.)—The following official statement was issued to-night by the Belgian War Office: Artillery fighting has been very active especially in the regions of Dixmude and Steenstrate; our batteries are successfully opposing the enemy's bomb throwers in action in the region of Poesele.

### GREAT BATTLE NEAR ROMANIAN FRONTIER.

PARIS, To-day.

Fighting on the Russian front near the Roumanian frontier, is fast and

growing in intensity and assuming great ferocity, says the Petrograd correspondent of the Havas News Agency in a despatch filed on Wednesday. Despatches from Kiev declare that the noise of cannon can be heard along a distance of thirty miles, and that windows in all the villages in this region have been broken by the concussion. The battle is raging with great fury on the Tarnopol-Trembowla front, where more than 800,000 men with 3,500 cannon are incessantly engaged. Austro-German Red Cross trains are leaving this front daily for more remote and thinly populated towns, where hospitals have been organized. Wounded Russian officers report that the consequences of this battle already are being shown in certain sectors by the blowing in of the first line of German trenches, and the slow but irresistible progress of Russian forces. The same officers tell of the numerous difficulties the Russians had to surmount on this front, where entanglements of the barbed wire fence often led 24 feet deep and charged with powerful electric currents supplied from sections especially erected as an immediate approach to the entanglements is impossible. The Russian soldiers have invented the following method of surmounting the difficulty: Good marksmen fling ropes with hooks at the ends over the barbed wire, then pull in. The whole entanglement is removed.

### BRITISH SUBMARINE SUNK.

LONDON, To-day. The sinking of a British submarine off the coast of Holland, was officially announced this morning. The crew was saved.

### ADVISES APPEAL TO ELECTORATE.

LONDON, To-day. The Daily Telegraph, which throughout the crisis had displayed the greatest moderation in its views says that some of the principal members of the Cabinet consider that the important minority against the Conscription Bill should be taken as a signal for the early appeal to the country, and that the difficulty about the votes of the men in the trenches could be overcome by collecting the votes at the front. Much is made of the fact that three Laborites connected with the Government, resigned, not because they opposed the bill, but because they accept it, and undoubtedly political leaders of the Labor Party seem to favor the Bill. The decision that the three members of the Coalition should resign, was carried at an executive meeting of the Parliamentary group of the Labor Party held in the House of Commons after the Labor Congress. The decision was taken by only thirteen votes to ten.

The Miners Federation which held

aloof from all of yesterday's doings will hold its own conference next Thursday and the result of it may have an important effect on the situation. The Liberal newspapers are strongly against a general election apparently because of the very general belief that despite the opposition of the Labor Conference the country would vote by a big majority in favor of conscription, and that in the event of the fall of the Ministry the new administration would surely bring in a stiffer compulsory bill than Mr. Asquith's which would be easily carried into law.

2.20 P.M.

### CREW OF 33 RESCUED.

LONDON, To-day. The Admiralty statement says that the submarine, the name of which is not given, was sunk yesterday off the island of Texel, the largest and most southerly of the Frisian group. The entire crew numbering 33 was rescued by the Dutch cruiser Noordbrabant, and brought into the Dutch port of Helder.

### HARDSHIPS OF SERBIAN REFUGEES.

PARIS, To-day. The hardships encountered by the Serbian army in the flight through the mountains of Albania, are described in a letter to the Temps sent from Scutari on Dec. 11. This is the sixth capital Serbia has had during two months, says the writer, first Nish, then Kraljevo, Theresa, Mitrovitza, Priester and finally Scutari.

As a tourist I am acquainted with the Alps, the Carpathians and the Pyrenees, but I have never seen such goat paths for roads running along the edge of the terrible precipice and the sides of peaks in the clouds. The officials of the Serbian Government are incessantly engaged. Austro-German Red Cross trains are leaving this front daily for more remote and thinly populated towns, where hospitals have been organized. Wounded Russian officers report that the consequences of this battle already are being shown in certain sectors by the blowing in of the first line of German trenches, and the slow but irresistible progress of Russian forces. The same officers tell of the numerous difficulties the Russians had to surmount on this front, where entanglements of the barbed wire fence often led 24 feet deep and charged with powerful electric currents supplied from sections especially erected as an immediate approach to the entanglements is impossible. The Russian soldiers have invented the following method of surmounting the difficulty: Good marksmen fling ropes with hooks at the ends over the barbed wire, then pull in. The whole entanglement is removed.

## Musketry Notes.

Recruits of H Company (Platoon 15) are making satisfactory progress with the Service Rifle and on Wednesday last the following scores were made at the 500 yards Range, the possible being 20 points:

| Name          | Score |
|---------------|-------|
| P. Carter     | 16    |
| H. Tansley    | 16    |
| H. Gillingham | 15    |
| W. Cole       | 15    |
| H. Turner     | 13    |
| A. Sheppard   | 13    |
| B. Abbott     | 11    |
| B. Burton     | 11    |
| J. Moore      | 11    |
| H. Greene     | 9     |

On Thursday rapid fire practice at the Figure Target resulted as follows: Privates F. G. Matthews and C. A. Read scored possibilities, making five hits in 40 seconds, at 200 yards.

| Name             | Score |
|------------------|-------|
| F. G. Matthews   | 20    |
| C. A. Read       | 20    |
| H. Lawrence      | 18    |
| A. Read          | 16    |
| Job Jeans        | 16    |
| J. George        | 14    |
| F. J. Wornell    | 14    |
| A. Banfield      | 12    |
| J. Field         | 12    |
| D. W. Carter     | 12    |
| A. Guy           | 10    |
| W. E. Swainfield | 10    |
| J. R. Pool       | 10    |
| J. Moore         | 10    |

There are a number of very promising marksmen in H Company, and with a little more training they will equal any of the previous Companies.

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## Our Soldiers & Sailors Entertained.

An entertainment consisting of a dinner and concert for the Volunteers and Naval Reservists was given at the Presbyterian Hall last night, and was attended by His Excellency the Governor, Lady Davidson, Miss Davidson and Capt. A. Goodridge, A. D. C. Amongst the other guests present were Private C. Frampton who has seen active service in France, and Corporal R. Hickey who was with the Newfoundland Regiment at Gallipoli. His Excellency read the following extract from Brigade orders by Brigadier General D. E. Cayley, C. M. G., dated 8th Nov. 1915, which was received with much applause:—

"The G. O. C. wishes to place on record his appreciation of the excellent work of the Newfoundland Regiment during the operations of the last few days. By their conduct in this, their first important work, they have brought distinction to the Brigade and have proved themselves to be possessed of self-reliance, bravery and tenacity, the first qualities of a good soldier."

He then announced the confirmation of the honours conferred on Lieut. Donnelly, Sergt. Greene and Private Hynes for their good work on Caribou Hill, and referred in glowing terms to the work of the Colony's sons in aid of the Motherland. His Excellency then proposed the toast of the King's Army and Navy, to which Commander MacDermott, of the H. M. S. Calypso, responded, paying a very high tribute to our men in the Navy.

Following the dinner an excellent concert programme was given by Mrs. Overbridge, Misses Mare, Heron, Hayward, Messrs. T. H. O'Neill, Luxon, Lloyd, Jago (2), Laundry, MacIn, Berley, Wheeler, Crocker and Hussey.

To the ladies who arranged the entertainment much congratulation is due particularly Miss McKay and to Misses E. Ayre and E. Dickinson who had the arduous task of preparing the dinner.

### ESSENCE OF GINGER WINE.

Having had considerable correspondence with parties in the Old Country, I have at last succeeded in obtaining the genuine and original recipe for the "Essence of Ginger Wine," which I now offer at 15 cents per bottle. This recipe has been safely guarded for a great many years. It was originally prepared by an old Squire in Lancashire, A.D. 1675. It is made from the purest ingredients, and is strictly non-alcoholic. It makes an ideal Christmas drink for the young and the old. The contents of one fifteen-cent bottle, mixed with three quarts of hot water, in which there has been previously dissolved one and a quarter pounds of sugar, makes the Ginger Wine ready for use. I have much pleasure in introducing this old but still new preparation.

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## Hockey Notes.

The Hockey League meets to-morrow night when the programme of the season's games will be outlined. The Feildian Hockey Club and supporters will hold a meeting this evening to arrange about their team. Six of last year's team enlisted and consequently some delay will be experienced in getting a regular seven together for this year.

The Terra Novas have practically chosen its team already.

The Victorias are expected to put forward a strong aggregation. Two of their new-comers here have participated in battles that were fought on Nova Scotia ice. Fred Brien is again going into harness.

The St. Bon's will have also a strong representation this season and are hopeful of coming out on top. The teams will begin practising on Monday next.

LEAVING THE ELEVENTH.—The S. S. Tabasco is now set down to leave Liverpool for here on the 11th inst.

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