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### To-Day's Messages.

10.30 A.M.

#### GREECE HEART AND SOUL WITH THE ALLIES.

WASHINGTON, To-day.

Greece is nearly ready to put a large and effective army in the field to co-operate with the Allies, according to despatches from the Athens Foreign Office to the Greek Legation here. Lack of equipment is being remedied rapidly with the Allies' aid. Minister Roussis to-day gave the following summary of the situation in his country as described in the Legation despatches: The situation in Greece is becoming more satisfactory every day. The people are thoroughly confident of the efficiency of their Government and they are willing to allow the present Minister to continue in the work of reorganization of the resources of the country so that Greece may throw her full strength into the war. There is no pro-German party in Greece. In fact, such a party never existed save in the person of King Constantine, aided by certain members of his court, but he knew the real feelings of the Greek people who were attracted by tradition and sympathy with the western powers of Europe, and he never dared to openly expound his pro-German convictions. He did his best, on the contrary, to conceal them, speaking always about his friendship for the Allies and trying to convey the impression that his attitude was that of benevolent neutrality. The Greek people had a real affection for their King and had confidence in his word, which accounts for the fact that his pseudo policy had many supporters. Finally, certain acts of the King's entourage created a suspicion in the minds of the people and they backed Venizelos in his Saloniki movement, which brought Greece frankly and loyally into the war to-day. The real state of affairs as regards the court has been exposed. The abdication of

King Constantine without bloodshed or an uprising of the people indicated the absence of any organized pro-German feeling, although certain of the political opponents of Venizelos are using the argument that there are still German propagandists in the country. Reasoning people in Greece had long realized that Constantine's policy was to carry the country to ruin, and relief was felt when he abdicated. Perfect order now reigns throughout the country and the malcontents have been disposed of. French troops were received with great enthusiasm when they landed at Piræus. Venizelos is cheered whenever he appears, as he is very popular with all the people. All events have proven that his policy was the only one that Greece could adopt. King Alexander is in perfect accordance with his people and the Government, and his good faith is unquestioned. Greece will now use every effort to aid the common cause.

#### RUSSIAN RAILWAY STRIKE NOT SO SUCCESSFUL.

PETROGRAD, To-day.

The railway strike, which went into effect at midnight on Sunday, and which is intended at present to affect the through services, has only been partially effective, according to information received from the Ministry of Traffic to-day. Local trains continue running and the Finnish railway is also operating. No trains have left for Moscow or beyond from Petrograd. Premier Kerensky has received word from the Simferopol railway union protesting its unwillingness to observe the strike order, declaring it is unpatriotic. A similar attitude has been taken by the Vladivostok railway employees. The strike plan contemplates stopping all the local services on Tuesday and all traffic, foreign and passenger, on Wednesday, unless the demands of the men for an increase in wages is granted.

#### ONLY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

ROME, To-day.

Activity was confined mainly to artillery along the whole front, says to-day's official statement. On the Bain-

sizza Plateau our patrols took a few prisoners. On the Carso enemy patrols were driven off.

#### UNREST IN GERMAN POLITICS.

COPENHAGEN, To-day.

The Reichstag has decided to uphold the salary appropriation for Dr. Karl Helfferich's new post of Vice-Chancellor and return the measure to the committee. In addition to this expression of dissatisfaction over Saturday's debate, the Vorwaerts says there is a steadily growing disposition by the majority of the parties in the Reichstag to accept a vote of lack of confidence, as proposed by radical Socialists last Saturday.

### NOON

#### RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

PETROGRAD, To-day.

Intensive scouting operations have been in progress on the Russian Northern Front, both sides participating in them. The official statement follows: (Northern Front)—North of the Pskoff High Road and the Pauske Farm there were heavy artillery preparations and waves of enemy scouting parties appeared. They were received by our fire and repulsed. The enemy several times opened a machine-gun fire on our positions. West of Engelhof of Manor in the Ilukst sector our scouting parties accomplished their purpose and took prisoners. (Western Front)—There were fusillades and artillery duels above the average intensity in the region of Lake Vishnevskokli and northeast of Baronovichi. On Friday in the Rumanian region our airmen bombarded the village of Mikleoh and the Palanka station. They set fire to the saw mill at the station and the stores magazine exploded.

#### WEATHER HINDERS OPERATIONS.

LONDON, To-day.

Although stormy weather still continues in the fighting area in Flanders artillery continues active, says an official report from British headquarters in France and Belgium. The test follows:—Stormy weather continued throughout the day, heavy rain having fallen. Both artilleries were active during the day on the Ypres battle front; there was nothing of interest on the remainder of the British front. There was a short spell of fair weather on Sunday before the heavy rain, which fell almost all day. While this lasted considerable work was done by our artillery machines and our bombing machines dropped over two and a half tons of explosives on the Staden and Courtrai railway stations and on other targets. The enemy showed marked activity in the vicinity of our newly won territory and attacked our bombing machines ambitiously. Two hostile machines were brought down and three were driven down out of control; one of our machines is missing.

#### BEAT OFF U-BOATS.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, To-day.

With forty-one members of the ill-fated steamship Wilmore, torpedoed by a German submarine in European waters some time ago, an American steamship has arrived here from Genoa, Italy. It is stated that the vessel sighted several submarines while traversing the war zone and that her naval gunners shelled the undersea craft, with the result that after a few attempts at effective work they scattered and withdrew.

Nyal's Assorted Talcums arrived to-day for Stafford's Drug Stores, Duckworth Street and Theatre Hill.—sep/7,17

## LATEST

#### HUGE ENTENTE ARMY IN BALKANS.

WASHINGTON, To-day.

A glimpse into the military situation as revealed by an authoritative official source, indicates that within the next two months or certainly by the first of the New Year there will be an international Entente Army of 1,250,000 men remaining for the Balkan campaign. This would include the Serbian and Greek forces.

#### STRIKE ENGINEERED BY GERMANS.

NEW YORK, To-day.

Intimations that the strike of one thousand longshoremen employed on the piers of the Clyde and Mallory Steamship lines, which began yesterday, is the result of sinister influences were contained in a statement issued by P. H. Raymond, President of both lines. He declared they had presented no demands and had no apparent grievances. The walkout has resulted in a blockade of large quantities of Government freight. The gates leading to the piers have been securely locked, the guards have been doubled and watchmen have been ordered to take extraordinary precautions.

#### A WISE PRECAUTION.

MONTE VIDEO, To-day.

The Uruguayan Government, which had severed diplomatic relations with Germany, has notified the German Charge not to leave the country until Uruguay's diplomatic representatives are safe out of Germany.

#### WAR'S DESOLATION.

British Front in France and Belgium, To-day.—Nowhere on the western front has the war printed more cruel marks of devastation than on the wide zone east of Ypres where such bitter fighting has been proceeding at intervals since the British launched their initial attack. The whole region, which in peace times was a prosperous farming country, has been turned by the artillery fire into a desolate waste of vast and deep shell craters which are so close together that in innumerable cases they interlock. Farm houses have been pulverised and ploughed under in the ruthless sweep of shells and village sites are marked by little portions of walls where churches or other big buildings once stood. Cottages are buried beneath heaps of turned up earth and there is scarcely a trace of grass or other green thing to be seen in miles of tramping. Trees have been smashed into matchwood and their roots turned up in grotesque shapes to add to the sinister aspect of the country. Here and there, where little forests had stood, the harder trees have clung to their birthright, but their limbs have been torn from their trunks.

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St. John's, Sept. 17th, 1917.

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#### DIED.

On October 1st, at Le Duc, Alberta, Canada, Mary LeC., eldest daughter of the late F. Berteau, Esq., and wife of A. W. Scott, Esq., of Stone's Corner, Alberta.

There passed peacefully away at her late residence, head Pleasant Street, St. John's, on September 25th, Isaac Butts, aged 82 years, eldest daughter of the late George and Mary Ann Pynn, of Carbonate, leaving to mourn a husband, three daughters (one in Halifax and two in St. John's), two sons on active service, Corpl. William with the Canadians and L.-Corp. Charlie with "Ours", also three sisters, two in H. Grace and one in the city—Halifax and H. Grace papers please copy.

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