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TO-DAY'S Messages.

11.30 A.M.

REPORTS ON NORTH SEA FIGHT.

LONDON, To-day. The latest reports received from the Admiralty enabled the Associated Press to give the following review of the naval engagements off the Jutland coast, with various incidents. Results as viewed from the British side during the night of May 31st and June 1st: British destroyers made a determined attack on the retreating German battle fleet which hastened its flight. The British fleet remained in possession of the scene of battle during the morning of June 1st, and traversed the field four times, but finding no enemy to fire upon, the Commander-in-Chief took his fleet back to its bases, and five hours after its arrival reported the battle already for action. As regards German losses, definite evidence it is declared has now been obtained:—Two battle cruisers, one at least, probably two battleships, four light cruisers, eight destroyers, one submarine, remainder of German battle cruiser squadron may have reached home port but ships were all severely damaged, as also were the ships of the Koning class which were under the fire of a portion of the British battle fleet. Besides the above the Associated Press obtained information from returned officers of the fleet to the effect that they are able to identify lost German battle cruisers as Hindenburg and Lutzow. Naval officials here point out that on account of their proximity to home ports, some of their vessels, that were as badly injured as the British cruiser Warrior, would have been able to make port. German warships Hindenburg hitherto been classified as battleships; Derflinger and her sister ship Lutzow are believed to be the battle cruisers which have been included in the list of supposed German losses, while another battle cruiser Sylditz as reported from neutral source, as having been seen Thursday morning badly damaged being pursued by British warships. The result of the battle it is suggested, puts an end to German ambition of

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destroying or capturing Teuton positions. Along Bessarbian front, Dniester region, along lower Stripa and Volhynia Russian attacks have been particularly violent. In the region of Olyka some Volhynian forts, a triangle of Russian guns shelled a front of over fifteen miles in length held by Austrian Arch Duke Joseph Ferdinand. Around Verdun bad weather set in and as a result the infantry of both sides kept their trenches, only bombardments have taken place, no new changes in position are recorded. Around Vaux and Damloup, north east Verdun, bombardment on both sides continued with considerable intensity, while west of the Meuse shelling been only intermittent; on remainder of front in France, except around Ypres, the situation reported quiet. About Ypres the Germans and British forces, latter consisting of Canadians, keeping up violent fighting which has been in progress since last week when the Germans under terrific rain of shells captured Canadian positions; which later were retaken in hand to hand and bombing encounters. Returning to the attack on Sunday the Germans again forced the Canadians to relinquish the bulk of recaptured ground but the Canadians disputing strenuously the efforts of the Teutons to oust them from the remainder of the positions. Vienna reports that despite sturdy resistance of the Italians the Austrians have made further gains into Italy, Cengio zone, near Asiago a town in Celsana; 5,600 Italian prisoners, three cannon, eleven machine guns, 125 bomb throwers captured by the Austrians. Rome admits the retirement of the Italians in Cengio zone but says in Dalgone Valley, Largarina Valley, and on Posiha front, Austrian attacks repulsed with heavy losses. In southern Albania, in the region of Avlona the Austrians have dispersed with their artillery Italian detachments operating in that vicinity.

12.45 P.M.

TORNADOES AT ARKANSAS.

LITTLE ROCK, To-day. Fifty-nine persons are reported dead, and many more injured in a series of tornadoes which swept Arkansas this afternoon; all means of communication crippled and it is feared that the list of dead and injured will be increased by later reports.

CANADIAN LOSSES HEAVY.

LONDON, To-day. The Times correspondent at British headquarters describing the situation at Ypres explains the Canadian forces were unable to retain their ground recaptured from the Germans last Saturday owing to the intensity of the German artillery fire, the correspondent concludes his despatch by saying you must be prepared to hear that Canadian losses have been very heavy.

OTTAWA, To-day.

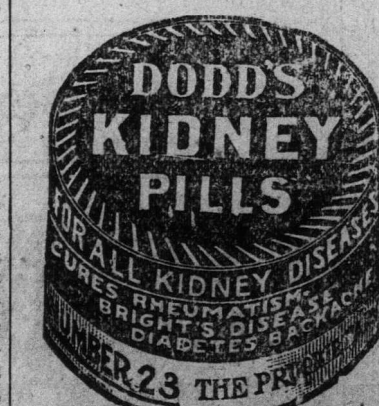
Evidences of toll paid by the Canadians during the recent fighting about Ypres is shown in casualties being received by the Militia Department; about seven hundred names of rank and file have been received and the list is steadily growing.

GERMANY TALKS PEACE.

BERLIN, To-day. The Imperial Chancellor has again discussed peace in Reichstag. Six months ago, on December 9th, he said, discussing our military situation I spoke here for the first time of our readiness for peace. I could do so in entire confidence that our war situation would continue to improve and developments have confirmed this confidence as we made further progress on all fronts, we are stronger than we were before. If with this development before my eyes, I declared that we were ready for peace, I need not regret my statement even if our offer evoked no response from our enemies.

WANT VON TRITZ RECALLED.

LONDON, To-day. A despatch to the Daily Mail from Hague says Leaders of German Conservative and Nationalist Liberal parties as well as of other German political factions are making concerted and determined efforts to secure the recall of Admiral Von Tiritz as the head of the navy, because they are not satisfied with the result of the North Sea battle.



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LATEST

OFFICIAL.

Lord Kitchener and Staff Lost.

Code Telegram from the Secretary of State Received 6th of June.

To Governor:—
Deeply regret to inform you that H. M. Ships Hampshire, Porcupine, and Prussia with Lord Kitchener and Staff on board, was sunk by mine or torpedo, west of Orkney last night, in heavy sea; feared little hope of any survivors.

(Sgd.) BONAR LAW.

Loss of Lord Kitchener and Staff Confirmed.

LONDON, To-day.

Kitchener and his staff were on board a British cruiser which was sunk by a mine or torpedoed off the Orkneys. It is feared that all were lost.

REPORT CONFIRMED.

LONDON, To-day.

The Admiralty confirmed Kitchener report.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH.

BERLIN, To-day.

In the critical times of July, 1914, it was the duty of every responsible statesman before God, his country and his conscience, to leave nothing untried that could preserve peace with honor; we also desired after successful repulse of our enemies to neglect nothing that was calculated to shorten the terrible suffering experienced by the people of Germany in such a conflagration. I told an American journalist that peace negotiations would only reach a settlement if they were conducted by statesmen of belligerent powers, on the basis of the real war situation, as shown by the war map. This proposition was rejected by the other side. They will not recognize the war map, as they hope to improve it in their own favor, but it has constantly changed in our favor. We have added to it since that remark was made. The surrender of the British army at Kut-el-Amara, the defeats with tremendous losses of the French at Verdun, the collapse of the Russian offensive in March, the mighty thrust forward of our Allies against Italy, the strengthening of our lines before Salonika, and just now we have received news of the naval battle off Jutland with jubilant and grateful hearts. This is how the war map looks now. If our various enemies desire to shut their eyes, then we must fight on until final victory.

ADMIRAL JELlicoe REPORTS LITTLE HOPE OF ANY SURVIVORS.

LONDON, To-day.

Admiral Jellicoe reports to the Admiralty as follows: "I have to report, with deep regret, that His Majesty's Ship Hampshire, Capt. Herbert J. Savill, R.N., with Lord Kitchener and his staff on board, was sunk last night at about 8 o'clock, to the west of the Orkneys, either by a mine or torpedo. Four boats were seen by observers on shore to leave the ship. The wind was northwest and heavy seas were running. Patrol vessels and destroyers at once proceeded to the spot and a party was sent along the coast to search, but only some bodies and an upturned boat have been found up to the present. As the whole shore have been searched from seaward, I greatly fear that there is little hope of there being any survivors."

No report has yet been received from the search party on shore. H.M.S. Hampshire was on her way to Russia.

SAYS GERMANS REPULSED.

PARIS, To-day.

Two attacks by Germans on the French lines between Fort Vaux and Damloup, on the Verdun front, were repulsed by the French last night, according to an official statement issued by the War Office to-day. The heavy bombardment of Fort Vaux continues with intermittent cannonading on the west front.

Recruiting Meeting at Burin.

Special to Evening Telegram.

BURIN, To-day.

A magnificent recruiting meeting was held last night in the Parish Hall by Mr. Blackall, and accompanying returned soldier heroes. Greatest enthusiasm prevailed. Mr. Blackall made a powerful appeal which resulted in eight recruits joining the colours. We believe that the good seed sown will result in still larger numbers offering themselves in the cause of King and Country.

Harrowing Stories of Bulgar Abominations.

Scenes of Desolation Witnessed in Macedonia Equalling in Horror the Exodus From Belgium and Northern France.

(By Gaston Richard, correspondent of the Petit Parisien, Paris.)

Salonika, June 2.—I have just returned from a visit to Demir-Hissar and Serel, where I witnessed scenes of desolation equalling in horror the exodus from Belgium and Northern France. The roads of Eastern Macedonia are choked with panic stricken Greeks, fleeing before the oncoming Bulgarian hordes. The refugees are driving their sheep and cattle before them, pushing hand carts containing their belongings, and carrying weeping children. Beneath the torrid sun, the wretched, homeless people struggled along concealed in a choking cloud of dust.

Demir-Hissar, when I arrived, was dense with refugees. They had been swarming into the little town since Sunday, clamoring for protection and begging bread. But there were only forty sacks of flour for 30,000 persons, and the majority of the refugees are starving to death. The same scenes occurred at Serel, where the authorities vainly endeavored to collect food. Every one of these wretched people tell harrowing stories of Bulgarian abominations. Led by Bulgarian Greeks the invading troops swarmed into the frontier villages, and seized all the available food, killing all the beasts and striking down with their rifle butts the civilians who attempted to interfere.

I saw a girl with a deep cut eight inches long, around her neck, caused by a Bulgarian soldier, who had brutally snatched a tawdry necklace from her. Another girl who had been wearing ear-rings had the lobes of both ears torn away. A great majority of the young girls were carried off by the troops under the eyes of officers, who also allowed the most wanton pillage.

When the population begged for mercy and asked to be allowed to leave their homes, the officers cried: "Where will you go? we shall take Seres from Talva and Salonika and hurl the allies into the sea. Men who returned to the villages to try to find their missing women folks never returned to the refugee columns.

All stories agree that Ulians encouraged the Bulgarian pillage, although they did not participate in it themselves. The German officers made no effort to prevent Bulgarian orgies. When a young woman covered with blood, threw herself at the feet of a German colonel and implored his aid, he merely shrugged his shoulders remarking: "You knew we were coming, why didn't you leave before?"

Along the road from Demir Hissar to Seres, Bulgarians raided groups of fleeing Greeks, taking all their belongings and even removing the clothes from their backs and leaving them nude.

As soon as the miserable procession reached the Franco-British lines the troops gave the famished people bread and soup until they had disposed of all their own rations. At the frontier village of Beles, the Bulgarians expelled the population at the point of the bayonet. At Youle, a Greek school mistress who attempted to prevent the Bulgarian troops from raiding her home, was dragged to the village square and publicly attacked, being stoned as she ran shrieking towards the country. At Youle, also, five thousand sheep and 100 cows were seized. Thirty inhabitants of the region were arrested and four were shot on suspicion of spying.

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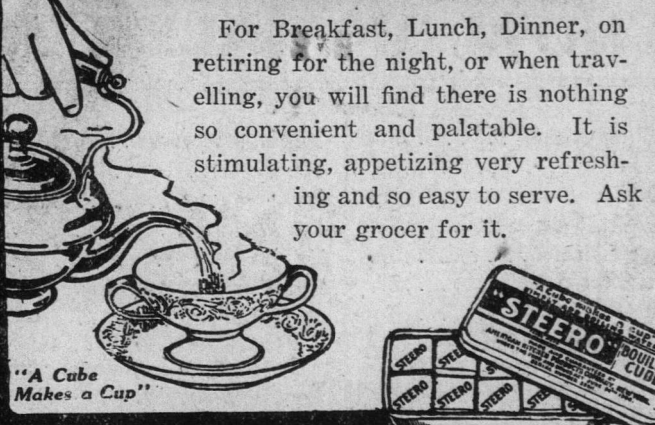
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