

41st Day of the War TO-DAY'S Messages.

11.30 A.M.

CARSON'S RESIGNATION.

LONDON, To-day.
Much regret is expressed in the London morning papers over the resignation of Sir Edward Carson, Attorney General. There is apprehension expressed that it is not impossible his giving up of his portfolio may be followed by other resignations. The Times says Sir Edward's action was taken on what he holds to be a fundamental question of policy and that it is understood he is by no means alone in his attitude towards the conduct of war. According to the Chronicle, the question of conscription did not come to a head yesterday at the Cabinet meeting, as the matters arising out of the Balkan situation, especially the enigmatic attitude of Greece, occupied the Ministers' whole time, but the Chronicle says Conscriptionists have not abandoned an intention to force an early decision on the question. Before the week is out there may be sensational developments, unless wiser counsels prevail. The newspaper adds that Ministers' resignations were freely talked about and the very existence of the Coalition Government may soon be in jeopardy. Asking where the alternative Government is to come from, the Chronicle contends, that even if conscriptionists should succeed in forming an administration, they would be without a majority in Parliament and have at least half the nation arrayed against them. The Morning Post, the leading Conservative paper, says Carson resigned on the Near Eastern question. The Government against his strong advice and urgent counsel allowed that question to drift. Sir Edward Carson who had strong convictions of what he regarded as the right policy for the country refused to share the responsibility for the results of postponing or evading decision. We cannot quarrel with him for taking the momentous step. On the contrary no man of intellect or courage could remain in a Government which dallies and postpones its decisions from day to day on issues where delays are dangerous and may be fatal.

DEATH OF SIR THOMAS BOWRING.

LONDON, To-day.
The death has occurred of Sir Thomas Benjamin Bowring, Director of Bowring and Co. shipowners, Liverpool and London. Sir Thomas was born in St. John's, Nfld., 1847. His wife was a daughter of James How, Brooklyn. He represented the firm as a resident partner in New York from 1870 to 1891 and was knighted in 1913.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON USKUT-NISH RAILWAY.

ATHENS, To-day.
There is heavy fighting in the Plovdiv-Vranya districts of Serbia. According to reliable news from Salonika, the Serbians have been strongly reinforced. Beyond Vranya the telegraphic communications are interrupted.

12.45 P.M.

ITALY DECLARES WAR.

ROME, To-day.
Italy has declared war on Bulgaria, according to an announcement by Stefani News Agency.

SERBIA'S BIG EFFORT.

MILAN, To-day.
The correspondent of Secola at Bucharest telegraphs the Serbians are striving to occupy Wity to prevent the Germans from obtaining communication with Bulgarians by the Lom-Palanka route. The Serbian army is seeking to envelop the Bulgarian troops operating in the direction of Timok River.

PROBABLE NEW CARDINALS.

AMSTERDAM, To-day.
The Vienna Reichspost asserts the Papal Nuncio at Vienna, Monsignor Count Scapellotti di Leguigno, Archbishop of Vercelle di Bologna and Archbishop of Geneva will be nominated as Cardinals in November.

1.40 P.M.

TURKISH FLEET DESTROYED.

COPENHAGEN, To-day.
A Danish gentleman, who has just arrived from Constantinople, says that the Turkish fleet no longer exists.

ists. The Goeben was disabled and the Breslau's engines destroyed; the cruiser Medjidieh was wrecked during an expedition in the Black Sea and was torpedoed by the Turks themselves, later the Russians set her afloat and took her to Odessa; the Halredin Barbarosso, an armoured cruiser on her way to the Dardanelles with German officers and crew, was torpedoed with a smaller cruiser and destroyer and 1400 perished; the Torgud Reis was disabled by the explosion of its own guns, 25 men being killed. Many small cruisers and torpedo boats were destroyed by mines. The Hamidieh is the only cruiser remaining. Nearly the whole Turkish fleet was destroyed by the Allies' submarines.

ALLIES ON GALLI POLI REINFORCED.

LONDON, To-day.
The Athens correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs that the reports of the depletion of the forces at the Dardanelles or the slackening of operations there in order to assist the Serbians are characterized by high military authority as purely fantastic. The Allies on Gallipoli Peninsula, says this authority, have been reinforced and are holding their positions stubbornly; their pressure against the Turkish line is in fact described as being so strong that not one Turkish soldier can be released for assistance in Bulgaria.

LONDON, Oct. 16.
(Delayed in transmission). The steamship Alpha, of the Wilson Line, is sunk. Reports reaching here today say the crew is saved.

To One Bombardment 375,000 Pounds.

"Countless millions are at this hour going up in powder smoke," says a writer in a German paper, in which are given some startling figures regarding the expenditure in munitions in the present war. According to an official report of the French War Office, dated June 17th, the French artillery fired nearly 300,000 shells against the German positions near Arras in one day. This is nearly as many as the total number fired by German field artillery during the entire Franco-German War. The German writer claims that the day in question was "triflingly expensive" for the French as the attempt to blast a way through the German lines failed, despite an expenditure of shells which at 25s. apiece represented a cost of £2,750,000. In 1871 the German battery in any battle fired more than 200 shots per gun. Even in the Manchurian campaign the number of shots fired by many batteries did not exceed 400 per gun. In 1871 the German artillery fired about 317,000 shots, including 479,000 fired at French positions and 232,000 in the field. One-tenth of the latter were fired in the battle of St. Privat alone. In the Russo-Japanese war 954,000 artillery shots were fired, the largest portion of them in the field operations.

Artillery statistics of the present war are, of course, still inconclusive. The German War Office reported, under date of March 10th, from the western theatre, that the Allies had fired more than 1,000,000 shells within twenty-four hours against one front of only five miles wide, or in other words six times as many shells per yard of front as St. Privat, which was one of the hottest engagements of the 1871 campaign.

Here and There.

ARTHENIA AT BOTWOOD.—The S.S. Parthenia has arrived at Botwood from Sydney with 6,000 tons of coal and after discharging loads pulp and paper for the Old Country.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Vivian G. Snell, of Moncton, N.B., and Mr. Webster, commercial agents of the Grand Trunk Railway system, are in the city on a brief business visit and are guests at the Crosbie Hotel.

NAVAL RECRUITS.—Three recruits enlisted for the navy at the Calypso yesterday. Their names are John E. Young, Marche's Point, Bay St. George; Llewellyn Pelley Pasher, Sound Island, P. B., and William H. Brett, Joe Batt's Arm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.—The regular meeting of Terra Nova Council, No. 1452, Knights of Columbus, will be held this Tuesday evening, Oct. 19, at 8.30 o'clock. JAS. A. MacKENZIE, Recorder.—Oct. 19, 11.

TO-DAY'S ALARM.—At 1.30 p.m. today an alarm of fire from Box 28 summoned the Central and Eastern companies to a residence on Livingstone Street where a slight fire was in progress. The blaze was caused by the placing of a lighted pipe in the pocket of a coat hanging on the wall. Very little damage was done.

TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE LODGE.—The Methodist College flag is flying at half mast today as a mark of respect to the memory of Private Samuel T. Lodge of the Newfoundland Regiment whose death was reported in the casualty list received yesterday. Private Lodge, who was a nephew of Mr. Ezra Lodge, the Assistant Supt. of Methodist Schools, and was an ex-pupil of the Methodist College.

Keeping the Zepps Off

About Sir Percy Scott, Who is Defending London Against Airships.

Admiral Sir Percy Scott, who has been appointed to take charge of the gunnery defences of London, is probably the greatest gunnery expert in the world.

Sir Percy Scott is, indeed, the creator of modern gunnery. He invented a system of directing the fire of heavy guns in warships which was promptly adopted by our Navy and copied by every foreign navy. But there are certain gunnery inventions of Sir Percy's which fortunately are only known to British gunners.

It was in 1896 that Sir Percy Scott electrified the heads of the world's navies by the remarkable shooting record of the ship Scylla. When he joined her the average number of hits was 31 per cent. When he left her it was over 90 per cent.

Invented the "Dotter" Target.

It was Sir Percy Scott who invented the famous "dotter" target, by means of which our Jack Tars have become the most deadly shots in the whole world. If it had not been for that, and one or two other ingenious target inventions by Sir Percy Scott, our gunners would not have begun hitting at a range of nearly ten miles, as they did in the Heligoland battle.

In 1906 he received a special award of £8,000 for his inventions in naval gunnery.

Two years earlier Sir Percy Scott had become a Director of Target Practice, and the gunnery returns of the Fleet jumped up so much that the German naval authorities jeered at them and openly stated that the high percentages of hits were faked to please the British public.

Among his more recent inventions in gunnery is a system of electrical fire-control which was actually being fitted to our big ships when war broke out last year. Naturally this system is quite secret, though it is known to be one by which one officer can control a whole broadside, instead of each gun having to be sighted separately by a gunlayer.

One Night's Good Work.

It was of course, thanks to Sir Percy Scott, that Lady Smith was able to hold out. Sir George White found that he had no guns to compete with those of the Boers, and wired to the "Terrible" in Simon's Bay to ask if they could send up some 4.7 inch guns. "Give me one night, to think it out," said Sir Percy, who was in charge of the "Terrible."

During that night he invented a new gun carriage, and before sunrise twenty-four hours had expired, twenty 4.7 inch guns and four twelve pounders were on their way to Ladysmith. Sir Percy, who is sixty-two years of age, entered the navy at thirteen, and fought in the Ashanti and Egyptian wars. He retired in 1913, but was appointed to "special services" last November. What that special service is has not been revealed, but there is reason to hope it may prove one of the pleasantest surprises of the war.

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MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIS-TEMPER.

Escaped Custody

AND JUMPED OVERBOARD BUT IS RECAPTURED.

After escaping from police custody and in attempting to gain his liberty, Herbert Dicks, aged 22 years, jumped overboard to day. He has frequently given the authorities trouble and only last week he was convicted of setting fire to his father's house and fined \$10 or 30 days, the fine being paid for him. This morning he and some more fellows were drinking rum. When he got well primed, "Blokey," as Dicks was called by his chum, moved up Water Street as if he owned the whole place. He was ordered to stop his disorderly conduct by Constable Chafe and gave a vulgar retort. The officer then started to arrest Dicks, but before he a tight grip on him, the prisoner broke clear and made for Baline Johnston's archway, running down on the wharf and jumping overboard. The policeman gave hot chase and was close on the heels of Dicks. With the aid of workmen and a rope Chafe succeeded in rescuing and recapturing his man after much difficulty and escorted him to the police station. Needless to say "Blokey" came quietly and was much the worse of his cold bath.

In Hospital at Lemnos

Word has been received in the city that Private Lloyd Woods, of the Newfoundland Regiment, and son of Mr. Sidney Woods, of the Customs Department, is in hospital on the Island of Lemnos, suffering from a slight attack of dysentery, and that Surgeon Major Macpherson is attending him. We understand also that Private Alec Fraser, son of Dr. N. S. Fraser, this city, is in the same hospital and that he too is being treated by the Surgeon Major who is giving special care and attention to the boys of the Newfoundland Regiment. We sympathise with the parents of our young soldiers in the anxiety felt by them and trust that the recovery of their sons may soon be announced.

Greece Badly Off Financially.

She Must Soon Come Off the Fence or go Bankrupt.
(By Gordon Gordon-Smith in the New York Tribune.)

Salonica, October 12.—It is absolutely certain that Greece is unable to stand the strain of armed neutrality created by mobilization. She has put under arms 350,000 men who have to be clothed, fed and equipped. She has militarized her whole army railway system and requisitioned her entire merchant marine. Two-thirds of the employees of the banks and commercial houses are under arms.

The Government has allowed each newspaper to retain three editors and typewriters in order that the Greek press won't disappear entirely.

Only old men and boys are found in the restaurants and cafes.

Of course, this entails tremendous losses to Greek finances while the indirect loss to the commercial and industrial world runs into millions of francs daily.

Greece must have aid from without to bolster her financially. Who is going to give it to her—the Quadruple Alliance or the Central Powers? While Venizelos was in power there was a guarantee that no assistance would be sought in Berlin or Vienna.

Now it is a different question, but perfectly plain that Greece must come off the fence or go bankrupt. There is no disguising the fact that the long drawn out negotiations with Bulgaria, during which great pressure was brought to bear on Serbia, Roumania and Greece, hurt the Allies' cause, alienating thousands of persons who formerly favored the entente.

Every one in Serbia, Roumania and Greece knew that Bulgaria was only fooling the Allies and sparing for time.

What is needed is a clear public declaration that the Allies are prepared to put a sufficient army in the Balkans to back up the efforts of Serbia, Roumania and Greece, if the Entente hopes for favor from these States. The fiasco of Bulgarian diplomacy does not make for blind confidence on the part of the other Balkan States. The German Ministers in Sofia, Athens and Bucharest can get an answer to any question in twenty-four hours, while with the Allies it takes weeks. The present chaos is the answer.

Here and There.

HERE FROM SYDNEY.—The schr. Mark A. Tobin, 2 1-2 days from Louisville, arrived in port this morning with a cargo of coal.

PERSONAL.—His Grace Archbishop Roche, accompanied by Rt. Rev. Mgr. Reardon, P.P., Placentia, leaves for Harbor Grace by this evening's train on a short visit to His Lordship Bishop March. His Grace will return to the city on Thursday next.

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