

TO-DAY'S  
Messages.

10.30 A.M.

BALFOUR TURNS THE TABLE ON  
CHURCHILL.

LONDON To-day.  
When Balfour said guns for monitors had been designed for capital ships, Sir Arthur "Basil" Markham, Liberal, interjected, "The Monitor guns came from America." "There was more than one lot of guns," retorted Balfour. Continuing the First Lord said the Monitors had proved of the greatest value, but that all the monitors in the world would add little strength to the Grand Fleet, they could not work with the Grand Fleet and were not intended to work with it. He did not assert that it was wrong to build these vessels, which had done very good service in the Dardanelles, and on the coast of Belgium, might do good service again, but it was not right that those who had deliberately and perhaps rightly weakened the Grand Fleet to create those monitors should turn around and say you are neglecting the Grand Fleet.

RUSSIAN PROGRESS AGAINST  
TURKS.

PETROGRAD, To-day.  
On the Caucasian front and in the coastal district our troops continue to press the Turks closely. We captured the town of Riza on the seventh. On the Persian front we occupied the town of Senneh. Fifty versts northward of Kermanshah.

## BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, To-day.  
A British official on the campaign in the West last night reads as follows: Last night the enemy sprang a mine near Ypres-Comines. Railroad, doing no damage. Our artillery bombarded the vicinity yesterday. By exploding a small mine westward of Ypres we interrupted the enemy's mining. Near Grenay there has been fighting with trench mortars, during which we did considerable damage to the enemy's defences. The enemy shelled positions and craters east of Vermelles. Elsewhere nothing occurred.

## SPIES AND AMERICAN PASSPORTS

LONDON, To-day.  
The stringent regulations put in to effect by the American Government to prevent the issue of fraudulent passports has been so effective, that the use of American passports by spies in England has practically ceased. At the present moment not a single person is held in England for espionage, who possesses an American passport. Not only has it become extremely difficult for an American with legitimate business to secure a passport, but such a close track is kept on those already issued that spies are unlikely to take the risk of attempting to enter England with forged American passports.

TURKISH COAST DEFENCES  
CRUMBLING-UP.

PETROGRAD, To-day.  
The activity of Russian torpedo boats in the Black Sea against coast towns, east of Trebizond, is continuing with success. According to recent despatches from Sebastopol, the Turkish coast defences are crumbling up before the intensity of Russian bombardment. There is apparently a growing disposition on the part of the Turks along the Anatolian shore to

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## WANT TEMPERANCE REFORMS.

BRADFORD, Eng., To-day.  
The National Free Churches Council yesterday passed a resolution, calling on the Government to adopt a thorough-going policy on the temperance question and take more effective measures to prevent the squandering of the nation's resources in drink.

## A FREAK FLEET.

LONDON, To-day.  
German Fleet returned to its base this morning, says Reuters Yandien correspondent, telegraphing on Wednesday. A Dutch trawler which was seized by the Germans, and the correspondent adds, reports many vessels had a peculiar appearance. Those carrying several funnels had a sternmost and funnel painted yellow or covered with yellow cloth, while the other funnels were grey.

## THE WANT OF SKILLED LABOR.

LONDON, To-day.  
Many Irish mechanics are afraid if they cross the Channel, they will place themselves within the scope of the Military Service Act, is the reason given by Trade Union officials for the failure of the skilled to obtain labor from Ireland for the factories in England and Scotland, where it is urgently needed. In order to overcome this objection one Trades Union obtained a legal opinion that Irishmen employed temporarily on jobs in England would not be liable for Military service.

## THE HUN AIR MURDERS.

LONDON, To-day.  
The War Office announces that five persons who were previously reported as having been injured in the recent air raid have died. The total number of casualties in all areas attacked by airships was: killed, 9 men, 4 women, 5 children; injured, 22 men, 22 women, 8 children.

ONLY SIXTEEN ARMENIANS LEFT  
ALIVE.

LONDON, To-day.  
The Russians found only 16 Armenians alive in Erzerum out of usual Armenian population was 40,000 according to information received at Petrograd, forwarded by Reuters correspondent to the Russian capital. The Turkish inhabitants of Erzerum, the correspondent adds, stated that a few days before this capture of the fortress by the Russians, all the Armenians in the town were driven out by the police in a westerly direction, where the Kurds who had been forewarned massacred all of them.

## WAR BUDGET.

LONDON, To-day.  
Fighting with great violence between French and German infantry has been in progress from Bethancourt, northwest of Verdun, to the Meuse, and east of Meuse from the southern slopes of Cote de Telo and in the Douaumont region on the battle front aggregating about ten miles in length. Spirited artillery duels continue along the remainder of the front at Verdun and the continuation of the German drive, northwest of Verdun, is declared by Berlin to have netted by the Germans, French positions over a front nearly four miles, and virtually two miles in depth and enabled them to capture 58 officers and 3,277 men, and the villages of Forges, Regneville heights, Rabon and Cumlerse woods fell into the hands of the Germans. The French did not give up these positions without strong resistance and suffered heavy losses, especially along the southern fringe of the Cumlerse wood which was occupied recently by the Germans. The French launched heavy counter-attacks and drove the Germans out of the greater part and from positions east of Meuse. The Germans recaptured Hardsaumont-rebut, over which there has been much heavy fighting, and the line

from Mort Homme Hill to the south of Cumiers. This is considered as of considerable importance in the French position in that section. The faith of the public in the solidity of the line west of the Meuse is regarded as justified by the results of the first day's serious attacks. The whole front yesterday was copiously shelled by the German heavy artillery, but the German infantry attacked our positions at Bethancourt on the left of the more westerly of the two plateaux, between which the French line runs. Wave after wave of densely packed masses dashed forward, but the Frenchmen, having emerged from shelter as soon as the preliminary bombardment had ceased, directed such an effective fire from carefully placed machine guns, accompanied by fire from rifles and 75 millimetre guns, that after struggling boldly and bravely, the German salients finally gave up and retired. Encouraged by their successful resistance, the Frenchmen won back the Corbeaux wood, which they had lost the day before. It was considered that the honors of the day rested with the French, but the situation remained undecided.

## AGE LIMIT EXTENDED.

AMSTERDAM, To-day.  
Constantinople advices state that the Chamber of Deputies has adopted a Bill abolishing for the duration of the war import duties on petroleum, sugar, coffee, rice, linens, watches, drugs and other such articles as the Government may later regard as necessary. The Turkish Chamber also adopted a Bill extending to fifty years the age limit for military service.

The Most Daring  
Air Feat.

Dropping 10,000 Feet in a Parachute.

Undoubtedly the most daring aeronautical feat on record was that performed by Lieut.-Col. E. M. Maitland, who commands the Airship Section of the Naval Air Service, and who recently jumped from a balloon flying over London at a height of 10,000 feet, descending by a parachute. Hitherto, the record seems to have been held by that intrepid balloonist, Captain Baldwin, who in 1887 claimed to have descended from a height of one mile (5,280 feet) in just over three minutes.

Colonel Maitland was fifteen minutes coming down, and he confesses that the most trying part of the experience for him was before the parachute opened. He fell several hundred feet dead weight, and the suspense "seemed like an eternity," but at last the parachute opened, and the descent continued steadily.

The feat was the result of a discussion which took place concerning a certain official project, a question arising as to whether a balloonist could make a safe descent from such a height. "Someone," said Lieut.-Col. Maitland, "must make the experiment. I must know what will happen. I will take the jump myself, as there is only one person whom I have the right to ask."

An extremely large parachute was used for the experiment, the descent safely accomplished, and thus the official query was satisfactorily solved. The experiment also demonstrated the fact that a parachute descent in no way interferes with the stability of an airship, so that a man could be landed after a long journey with reports while the airship continued its flight.

This is by no means the first parachute descent which Colonel Maitland has made, for in October, 1913, he made descent from the airship Delta at a height of 1,800 feet. The airship on this occasion was travelling at twenty miles an hour, and the lieutenant-colonel fell 300 feet before the parachute opened, but he landed safely in the Colne Reservoir at Aldershot.

## CALLING OUT MARRIED MEN.

LONDON, To-day.  
Newspapers announced that a proclamation will be issued next week calling to the colors married men between the ages of 27 and 35.

1.45 P.M.

"HONOURS OF THE DAY RESTED  
WITH THE FRENCH."

PARIS, To-day.  
As a result of yesterday's operations the French line west of the Meuse in the Verdun battle now runs from Bethancourt by Corbeaux wood and the northern part of Cumiers to the upper end of Cote de Lole, and is thus in advance of the first line of resistance constituted by positions running



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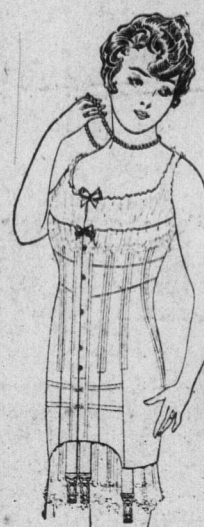
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## THE USE OF POWDER.

Many women flatter themselves that powder is not visible under electric or gas light. The fact of the matter is that searching electric light tends to give a haggard, dry expression to the face that has been injudiciously powdered. White powder looks ghastly, pink looks purplish and the whole physiognomy seems to appear drawn, under such circumstances.

No woman appears well without face powder. It all depends on the kind of powder used, the way it is applied and the condition of the skin. The skin should, of course, be smooth and just

enough powder used to make it look soft and fair.

Many women complain that powder will not adhere to the skin. In winter and early spring, thanks to the dry, hot atmosphere of our homes and offices, this is true and the use of cleansing cream, put on and wiped off before using the powder, is necessary.

It is always a mistake to use powder upon a surface that is not absolutely clean. This is true for several reasons. First, such a skin is apt later to exhibit clogged pores; second, powder spread over a surface which is not clean or which is dusty, loses its quality of purity and takes on the color of the surface beneath it, thus

giving a dingy look to the whole countenance.

When it is necessary to go outdoors, when chill drying winds are abroad, it is well to use cleansing cream twice, the first time to remove all dust and soil, wiping it off thoroughly before applying the second coat. This should be manipulated thoroughly and also wiped off, after which the powder is applied using plenty of it.

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