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TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.15 A. M.

ROMANIAN ACTIVITIES.

BUCHAREST, To-day.
Roumanian troops have made progress in their crossing the Austro-Hungarian frontier, and have reached several points, including a village east of Kronstadt, says an official given out by the Roumanian War Office to-day. The statement follows: On the western and northern fronts Roumanian troops crossed the Austro-Hungarian frontier during the night of the 27th and after lively fighting reached a number of points, including Mount Fagatcelub, northwest of Nyerfagapo, Kinspeca Hill west of Gyergo, and the village of Rosscufalu, four kilometres (about 3 miles) east of Kronstadt. Our artillery fired on Orsova, destroying a column, our Fourth Army Column taking seven officers and 734 men prisoners. An armed enemy tug opened fire on Turnu Severin and retired to Orsova, under the fire of our batteries. Austro-Hungarian monitors opened fire on Guirguvo but were compelled to retire by our artillery.

RUSSIAN SITUATION UNCHANGED.

PETROGRAD, To-day.
The situation on the western Russian and Caucasian fronts is unchanged, says an official statement issued to-day.

CHICAGO RAILWAY STRIKE AVERTED.

CHICAGO, To-day.
A general strike of six thousand freight handlers set for 1 p.m. to-day, affecting practically every railroad in Chicago, has been averted. It was announced to-day. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway agreed to the demands of the union for permission to collect dues from company property. Four hundred strikers returned to work at the Rock Island freight houses. There are fifteen hundred men employed by five railroads still on strike, according to union officials.

NATIONAL STRIKE SEEMS CERTAIN.

CHICAGO, To-day.
Throughout the entire country to-day railroads great and small gathered their forces to oppose the strike set for next Monday. An undercurrent of feeling, reported from Washington that the catastrophe would yet be averted, was made by E. P. Ripley, President of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, who was a member of the committee which conferred with President Wilson and spokesmen for the railroads; but the Presidents who returned this afternoon from the conference with the national head intensified the pessimism felt here. The railroads can now see no hope of settlement before Labor Day and are making every preparation for eventualities.

CONSTERNATION IN SOFIA.

ZURICH, To-day.
There is consternation in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, over the approach of Russian troops through Dubrudja, according to the news reaching here from Austrian sources. Roumanian aeroplanes are reported to be directing the fire of artillery in the fighting between the Roumanians and Austrians which is going on in all the mountain passes.

FRANCE FLIES FLAGS.

PARIS, To-day.
For the first time since Italy entered the war the French Government to-day ordered flags to be raised over all official buildings in recognition of the declaration of war by Italy against Germany and by Roumania against Austro-Hungary.

GERMANY IN EXTREMIS.

AMSTERDAM, To-day.
The Frankfurter Zeitung says that at a meeting of the Socialist Electrical Union of Greater Berlin, proposed for yesterday, when Deputy Weydemeyer intended to speak of peace, he was prohibited. The paper says a general examination of all men of military age in Germany, who previously were exempted, was now taking place. German officials who heretofore have been declared indispensable, the newspaper says, are also being examined.

THE RAILROAD STRIKE IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, To-day.
All the influence of the administration was brought to bear to-day in an effort to persuade the Railroad Brotherhood leaders to cancel or postpone the order calling for a nationwide strike on Monday, while the members of Congress began paving the way for legislation designed to prevent or stop the threatened industrial strike. Little tangible progress was made in either direction, but nevertheless in official quarters to-day there still prevailed confidence that in one way or another the walk-out would be averted.

GERARD TO ACT FOR ROMANIA.
BERLIN, To-day.
The Roumanian Minister has requested the American Ambassador Gerard to take over the protection of Roumanian interests in Germany.

TO HELP PRISONERS.

LONDON, To-day.
In response to the prolonged agitation regarding the hardships suffered by Government Old Age Pensioners by reason of the increase in the price of necessities, the Government has decided in special cases to make an additional allowance not exceeding half a crown per week.

THE BALKAN SITUATION.

LONDON, To-day.
Roumania's invasion of Austro-Hungarian territory continues in the mountainous regions from Ostrovo in the Gyergo mountains eighty miles north of Kronstadt. On the Danube from the Iron Gate to Guirguvo opposite Rastchuk in Bulgaria there have been reciprocal successes.

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bardments at several points by Austro-Hungarian war craft and Roumanian shore batteries. A Zeppelin hostile aeroplane dropped bombs on the Roumanian Capital, Austria acknowledges retirement of her forces from the Mountain region to previously prepared positions in the rear. It has been followed by claims by Roumania that the troops of King Ferdinand arrived at a point within three miles of Kronstadt, the chief commercial city of Transylvania. Vienna admits that the Roumanians are engaged with the Austro-Hungarian in the Gyergo mountains, which shows that off the northwestern front Roumanian hostile forces have invaded Transylvania to a distance of some 20 miles. The Roumanians are also near Koldzi Vasharhely, about 40 miles northeast of Kronstadt. While Bulgaria thus far has not entered into hostilities against Roumania, a News Agency despatch says that Roumania has decided to send an ultimatum to Bulgaria demanding the evacuation of Serbia. A despatch from Constantinople reports that Turkey has declared war upon Roumania. In the Macedonian theatre violent fighting continues between the Entente Allies and the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians. Paris claims that to the west of the Vardar River the French gained additional ground, and that in the Lake Ostrovo region the Serbs repulsed attacks by the Bulgarians. On the Struma front near Lake Doiran the batteries of the Entente Powers violently shelled the Bulgarian positions. Drama in northeast Greece has been seized by the Bulgarians after a fight with Greek troops, according to unofficial advices received in Paris. An Albanian detachment under Essad Pasha, once commander of the Turkish first army, has arrived at Salonika to aid the Entente forces. No official move has yet been made by Greece to meet the demand of the portion of her population headed by former Premier Venizelos, who has been joined by the Entente Allies, but an unofficial despatch from Athens says that the re-mobilization of the Greek army is under consideration. The extension of the British lines south of Martinpuich on the Somme front in France, there has been little activity except by artillery on the part of the belligerents on the western battle line, where inclement weather still prevails. Likewise on the front in Russia and Galicia the position has been unchanged in the positions, although in the Carpathian region the Russians have captured the Fanker Mountain on the Hungarian border. The village of Rafalovo by the Stritza Nadvorona River near the border. In the fighting between the Turks and Russians in Asia Minor the Persian front both sides claim minor successes.

12.15 P. M.

EXTRAORDINARILY INDEED!

LONDON, To-day.
The British press representative at Saloniki sends a report which is current there that King Constantine, of Greece, has fled to Larissa, in Thessalonica, to take refuge with 300 Uhlans. The text of the official message, which is dated Tuesday, reads: "This evening's sensation is that King Constantine has fled from Athens to take refuge with a German escort of 300 Uhlans who have been waiting for him several days at Larissa. Another report is that the Allies have already landed a strong force at Piraeus, which has been heavily engaged with a Greek army in battle around the King's country house at Lato, where several Greek princes have already fallen. Perhaps to-morrow will bring more light upon a situation which is extraordinarily involved even for the Balkans."

ALL IS NOT WELL WITH THE GERMAN ARMY.

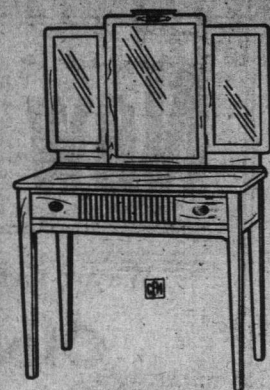
PARIS, To-day.
French military experts hail the Kaiser's dismissal of Von Falkenhayn and appointment of Von Hindenburg to take his place as a sign that things are going wrong for the German army. An official to the North German Gazette states this week that the Germans might withdraw from the great Noyon salient in France which the Somme offensive is intended to obliterate. It is pointed out that only if a popular hero like Hindenburg decreed such a retreat would it be accepted without trouble from the German people. The expectation is that it will be Hindenburg's strategy to begin the shortening of the German lines everywhere. Lt-Colonel Bousset said to-day that Hindenburg's appointment is the complement to a move by the German court party, headed by the Kaiser, to popular opinion. General Delacroix said the incident shows that the German army is badly rattled. Moltke was made the scapegoat for the Marne; Falkenhayn pays for the Verdun defeat and the Russian offensive.

HINDENBURG AND FALKENHAYN.

ROTTERDAM, To-day.
A despatch says the military crisis in Germany is reported on excellent authority to have been the climax of a bitter conflict between Falkenhayn and Hindenburg over the Verdun offensive. Hindenburg was utterly opposed to any offensive in France, but wanted to strike immediately a blow at Russia. For this he was prepared not only with a plan of campaign, but with preparations actually behind the front in Courland. He made a demand on the General Staff for additional forces to carry out the plan. The plan, but they were refused him by Falkenhayn, and Hindenburg's plan was over-ruled in favor of the offensive against Verdun. Behind the scenes, however, in this disastrous decision was the German Crown prince, who is held by well informed persons to be really responsible for the colossal blunder of Verdun. The fall of Falkenhayn is regarded here as one of the greatest significance, even imperiling the Hohenzollern dynasty.

BULGARIANS SEVERELY CHECKED.

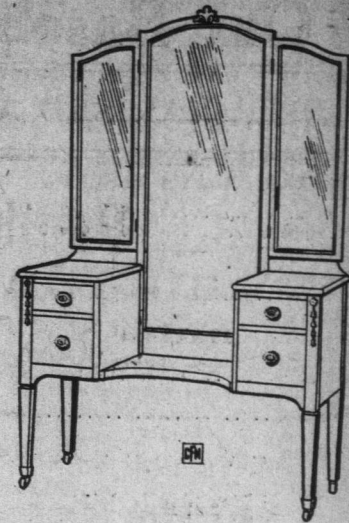
LONDON, To-day.
Fighting is very severe all along the Macedonian frontier says an Athens despatch, which adds that the Bulgarian regiments suffered a severe check at the hands of the Serbians on



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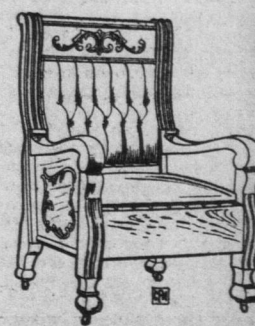
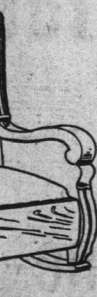
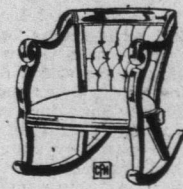
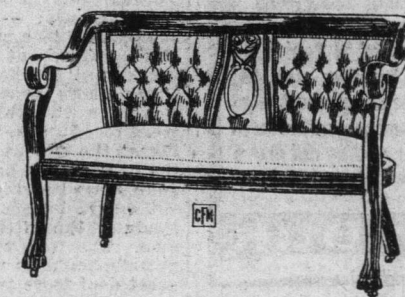
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the Entente left flank and that Bulgarian losses are estimated at 15,000.

NO CONFIRMATION OF CONSTANTINE'S FLIGHT.

LONDON, To-day.
No confirmation of the reported flight of King Constantine from Athens to Larissa has been received in official circles here.

HEAVY BANANA LOSSES.

KINGSTON, Ja., To-day.
Information collected from all parts of the Island respecting the damage done by the hurricane of the 15th indicates that for all practical purposes this year's banana crop has been completely destroyed, and the crop for 1917 reduced by 50 p.c.

2.00P.M.

ENGLISH COMMENT ON GERMAN CRISIS.

LONDON, To-day.
The morning newspapers to-day devote many columns to a discussion of the retirement of Von Falkenhayn and the appointment of Hindenburg as Chief of the German General Staff. Under such headlines as "A Crisis in Berlin" and "Welcome to the Wooden Man," all profess to see in the sudden change of leaders a sign of Germany's weakness. The Times says: "In her deadly peril Germany is unlikely to have chosen a new Chief merely to

placate public feeling. We shall do well to take Von Hindenburg seriously and to recognize that though conditions are against him, he is no weakling."

The glimpses we have had of him suggest a man with simple ideas which often make for success in war. The Times military correspondent expects some immediate alterations of strategic ideas in the German conduct of war, adding "all this summer Von Hindenburg has been eating his head out on the Russian front while the troops for whom he clamored have been frittered away at Verdun. His strategy and predilections are believed to lie in the east. He belongs to the strategic school which would have struck in the east. The position points to the probable shortening of the front in France and Flanders, and he is to-day the only man in Germany who could order the ruthless shortening of western front without collapse of public faith."

A Hot Weather Joke.

There are those who declare that the Germans have no sense of humor. Whether they have or not is not in our province, for the moment, to determine. But we are strongly of the opinion that evidence exists that the recent hot wave has extended over the territory of the Teutonic Allies. Witness the following from the Scottish American:—"Recently a Dutch paper invited replies to three questions regarding the future of The Hague Congress. Is it desirable (1) to continue the work of the Congress? (2) to hold a third Congress after the war, attended by neutrals, with the object of preventing future wars? and (3) to ask such a Congress to conclude a treaty for securing the better maintenance of international law?"

"Of the many replies received, that from Baron Stengel, of Munich, one of the German delegates to the first Hague Congress, is perhaps the most remarkable. He declares that in future The Hague Congress will be quite superfluous, as the final and decisive victory in this war must fall to Germany, which will then be in a position to give peace to the civilized world. The whole course of the war has proved that amongst all the nations the Germans have been specially chosen by Providence to stand at the head of all cultured peoples, as they have not only the necessary strength and power, but possess all the intel-

lectual qualities, and form the garland of culture in the whole of creation. Therefore, it is unnecessary to continue peace work of any kind, as the Germans, with the sovereignty over unruly neighbors, will also assume the office of guardians of the peace. Subjection to Germany's superior leadership in every respect, he concluded, is, therefore, the surest and only means to the prosperous existence of the neutrals, who would do well to join Germany voluntarily, and trust in her. There is no more tender and more ideal nation than the Germans, and under her guardianship all international law is entirely superfluous, as we from our own instinct allot each his right."

Mere comment is of course superfluous. It must have been a hot, a very, very hot summer in Berlin.—Halifax Morning Chronicle.

To clean a white wool coat, it is said to be a good plan to rub the soiled spots with dry ground rice, and then shake off. Bits of fresh cloth should be used as each becomes soiled.

A good French dressing is made with ½ cup olive, 2 tablespoonfuls of red wine vinegar, 1-3 teaspoonful salt, ¼ teaspoonful paprika and a dash of onion jusice. Blend thoroughly.

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