



TO-DAY'S Messages.

11.00 A.M.

WANT RESTITUTION OF GOLD.

WASHINGTON, To-day. A request for the restitution of \$1,000,000 in gold, shipped from New York on the Dutch liner Noordam, to the Netherlands Overseas Trust, seized by a British cruiser in the North Sea, was made at the British Embassy to-day by representatives of Goldman Sachs Co., of New York. Britain holds gold as contraband, alleging it was intended for use in paying German trade balances. The New York firm maintains it was shipped in the course of regular business with a Holland concern. Embassy officials said the incident would have to be taken up through the American Government. This will be done.

DYNAMITER RELEASED.

KINGSTON, Ont., To-day. After 15 years in the penitentiary for complicity in the Welland Canal dynamite outrage in 1900, John Nolan was released to-day and taken to Montreal to be deported to the United States. Of his associates, Walsh died in prison, and Dillon (Carl Dullman) the chief instigator was released about a year ago.

IMPORTANT BATTLES FORESHADOWED.

LONDON, To-day. Important battles have begun or are pending in Mesopotamia where the German Field Marshal Baron Von Der Goltz has taken command of the Turkish forces, and is about to attack the British at Kulelamora. In south-eastern Serbia where Bulgarians have already attacked the Anglo-French positions, they have been repulsed. On Gallipoli, according to Turkish accounts, the Allies have taken offensive and in Belgium and France where reports from Holland state the Germans have concentrated strong reinforcements and an immense amount of artillery with the object of striking a blow at the Allied line in Flanders and Artois; except in Serbia, battles have not developed beyond this.

BAGDAD EXPEDITION CRITICIZED

LONDON, To-day. Referring to the criticism on the inadequacy of the force detailed for the advance on Bagdad, Marquis Creve, Lord President of the Council, said in the Lords yesterday afternoon, that this criticism was due to a misapprehension. The force at the disposal of General Townsend, he said, was considerably larger than a division and was believed by competent authorities to be sufficient for the task assigned to it. It was also a misapprehension to say this was a rash military adventure, continued Creve, as it was clear to everybody the early capture of Bagdad if it could be effected would have great results on the war and not only military results. The force set apart for the purpose was by universal competent military opinion considered large enough. It was evident the troops behaved splendidly but the task proved bigger than was anticipated. Baron Sydenham thought one bright spot in a very dark picture was the manner in which General Townsend's forces fought at Ctesiphon. Their stand against greatly superior forces and the capture of 1,500 prisoners, he declared, was a very fine feat. Baron Sydenham emphasized that the force consisted largely of Indian troops and eulogized General Townsend who was wise in retiring, when he found overwhelming forces against him and as he saved his own men from a very grave disaster.

STEAMER RELEASED.

ROME, To-day. The steamer Communipaw was recently held by the Italian Government at Genoa, but was allowed to sail for her destination on December 2, owing to the representations by the American Embassy at Rome.

THE SINKING OF THE FRESNEL.

VIENNA, To-day. The destruction of the French submarine Fresnel by an Austrian warship is announced officially by the War Office. The incident occurred near San Giovanni de Medua. Two of-

ficers and 25 of crew were captured. San Giovanni de Medua is on the Albanian coast of the Adriatic, well to the south of the Montenegrin border, 35 miles north of Durazzo. The presence of Austrian warships in these waters may indicate that an Austrian naval movement attempted an interference with the Allied plans for an expeditionary or other aid for Serbians and Montenegrins by way of Montenegro and Albania.

STEAMERS IN COLLISION.

LONDON, To-day. The steamers Korea and Sophia have been in collision off Deal. The Sophia was badly damaged as a result of being rammed by the Korea while she was anchored.

ENGINEERED BY GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

PARIS, To-day. It would be a mistake to believe that the discussion of peace conditions in the Reichstag will be instituted against the will of the German Government, according to trustworthy information from Germany, says a special correspondent of the Temps at Berne. It must not be forgotten, the correspondent writes, that the interpellator is the Socialist member Schenide-mann, well known to be in harmony with the Government and violently opposed to a small group of Opposition Socialists of which Dr. Karl Liebknecht is leader. The Social Democrats seek by means of the interpellation to prevent this minority from voicing a claim that it is inducing the Government to express itself publicly on the question of peace. They are endeavouring at the same time to facilitate indirectly the propaganda of a certain group of Socialist pacifists in the Reichstag. On his side, Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg is satisfied to have one occasion to explain himself regarding the conditions of peace making. It appears he was being forced to expression by popular will of the Government and thus could not be reproached with having taken initiative in this matter. The Chancellor, the correspondent asserts, also counts on certain neutral influences, particularly the Vatican and White House taking notice. The program, which he will set forth, making efforts to have it accepted, says the despatch to the Scenario, is well prepared for the use of neutrals.

PREPARING FOR BIG BATTLE ON THE VARDAR.

LONDON, To-day. So far as is known artillery alone of the different armies is active along the Vardar Cerna Karasu front in Serbia. The Bulgarians have already commenced their attack against the Anglo-French. It is reported the army of General Von Gallwitz has been reorganized and reinforced and is marching south to take part in the operations. It is evidently the intention of the Germans to strike hard before the Allies who continue to land troops at Soloniki, have completed preparations. It is reported the Germans have forty thousand men available. There is no indication of the Bulgarian or Anglo-French strength, but one report says five Allied divisions, nearly one hundred thousand men have landed thus far. The battle, therefore, will be one of the greatest importance. According to the French all Bulgarian attacks have been repulsed, but the Germans claim the French were compelled to give up the positions at the junction of the Vardar and Cerna Rivers to avoid being enveloped. The situation for the Allies is complicated by the attitude of the Greek Government. Negotiations at Athens have not yet reached a satisfactory conclusion, although the Greek King has re-affirmed his neutrality and repeated the assurances that Greek troops will never attack the Allies. This situation still causes great anxiety. The Austrians continue their offensive against Montenegrins and Serbs and are following the Serbs into Albania, where the retreat is rendered extremely difficult, owing to cold weather and bad roads. There are said to be one hundred thousand Serb troops and twenty thousand refugees in Albania and it is reported the Serbs are taking with them forty thousand prisoners who were captured during the previous campaigns.

ONLY WRECKAGE OF TORPEDOED SHIP FOUND.

LONDON, To-day. The Athens correspondent of the Daily News, in a despatch dated Dec. 6th, states the local wireless station received appeals for help from an American ship, torpedoed by submarine. The Greek Government despatched a torpedo boat, but by the time she arrived only some wreckage was found. On Dec. 4 an Athens despatch announced a wireless call for aid had been received that morning from an unnamed American ship. The message stated the vessel was being attacked by submarine south of the island of Crete. Subsequently efforts to communicate with the vessel were fruitless. The London Times says today there should be no surprise if Italian reports of the retreat of Entente Allied forces in Serbia from Krivolak and fortified camp at Kava-

dar prove correct. The newspaper says the German occupation of Monastir evidently made itself felt on Vardar and that the Allies have withdrawn to strong positions in the Dumarapou Pass, the great gorge in the hills through which runs the Saloniki-Uskup railway 20 miles north of Greek frontier. Only a narrow pathway was offered to the Entente forces together with the precarious line of communications with the Teutonic Allies overrunning the country to the west of the line, the need of the retirement of the Entente Allies is obvious.

DERBY WILL REPORT ON ENLISTMENT ON SATURDAY.

LONDON, To-day. Fearing for the success of Earl Derby's voluntary enlistment scheme, Liberal newspapers are advocating an extension of the time limit for the scheme until the end of December instead of the 11th of December, as already been fixed; Earl Derby however announced there will be no extension of time that "for good or for all" he will on Saturday present the Government with his report as a base for future action.

OFFENSIVE IN DARDANELLES.

COLOGNE, To-day. The Cologne Gazette Constantinople's correspondent says the Entente Allies have begun a grave offensive at the Dardanelles, perhaps in consequence of Earl Kitchen's visit, but the Turkish authorities are inclined to believe that it is a bluff only. Thirty Entente Allied aeroplanes on Saturday attacked Usun Kueprue an important military railway centre on the line from Constantinople to Adrianople and threw many bombs but the traffic on the line was maintained.

A GLADSTONE VETERAN DEAD.

LONDON, To-day. Baron Armistead, who was one of Gladstone's closest friends, is dead. He leaves no family, and the barony thus becomes extinct. It is understood Viscount Gladstone is designated as heir to his large fortune. George Armistead, created first Baron Armistead in 1906, was born 1824 and for several terms represented Dundee in parliament.

CAPTURED HUN OFFICER.

BUENOS AIRES, To-day. Word has been received here that a British cruiser captured the steamer Minneva. It is reported the British cruiser captured on the high seas on board the steamer Vouban, a German officer who it is alleged was involved in certain affairs in the United States from which country he made his escape.

1.30 P.M.

GREEK PREMIER INTERVIEWED.

ATHENS, To-day. An agreement for a conference between the Greek military authorities and the military representatives of the Entente Powers to examine into and report upon the necessities of the situation respecting the Allied demands upon Greece has been reached. Preliminary steps toward holding a conference have been taken by Premier Skouloudis, it is announced to-day. "Tell the American people the Government of Greece has only two aims, to safeguard Greece and not to abandon neutrality no matter what inducements or pressures are brought to bear," said Premier Skouloudis to the Associated Press correspondent in an interview to-day. "I think I may say," continued the Premier, "that the air surcharged for months with misunderstandings is at last clearing and that the Entente Powers are beginning to understand that while we are 'immovable' on the two heads just stated, we are disposed in every other respect to give material expression of feeling every Greek has towards France, Britain and Russia dating from Navarino. The two points which caused the recent friction are now in a way of amicable settlement. As far back as Nov. 10 I suggested the inappropriateness of non-military diplomats in seeking to arrange details of the situation essentially military and in which they understood little therefore. I proposed a conference between military authorities on either side, authorized to study necessities of the situation and report on them, giving the Greek Government and Entente diplomats the benefit of their conclusions from which a settlement could then be reached. Respecting the railroads, the Greek Government has never been unaware that the personnel was inadequate for the handling of immense increase of traffic due to military uses which the railways are now put, but M. Bouralli was unwilling to surrender control of our property, but as General Sarraill offers to assist in the operation of railways, leaving Greek control unquestioned, the Government is only too glad to accept." "What about hunting down Austro-German subs in Greek territorial waters?" asked the interviewer. "That touches our sovereignty," replied the Premier. "We protest to the world, especially to America, also neutral, that we cannot sanction a violation of our territory; but what can we do, we have only a small navy and a vast coastline; we can only protest what we want to avoid. What we shall avoid is associating Greece with the

uncertain outcome of the war. Had we joined the Allies last spring, when we were urged to do so, to-day we would have to bear the bulk of the cost of failure in the Gallipoli venture. Had we joined at the inception of the recent Austro-German-Bulgarian attack on Serbia we would now be bearing a large part in the price of blood and devastation, following the crushing of the Serbians. By following these two principles we stand by as governing Greece's foreign policy and have been saved these two disasters. We should continue to follow them, for in them is our only salvation."

1.45 P. M.

WIRELESS FROM FORD TO CONGRESS.

On Board S. S. Oscar II, Sea, via Wireless. Henry Ford head of the party of peace advocates now en route to Europe has sent a wireless message to Congress asking support for his plans to end European war.

FORT COGNELCO DESTROYED BY EXPLOSION.

AMSTERDAM, To-day. Fort Cognelco, one of the most important features of the old defenses of Namur, Belgium, has been completely destroyed by an explosion, according to the newspaper Echo de Belgique the explosion caused the death of 80 German soldiers.

SECOND GENERAL WAR COUNCIL HELD.

PARIS, To-day. The second general War Council of the Entente Allies was held at the general headquarters yesterday.

Household Notes.

The princess one-piece dresses are apt to have front panels of braiding and buttons.

Golden brown velvet and pewter gray satin is an excellent and uncommon combination.

It takes a flawless complexion to dare the brilliant white fur close to the face.

It is said that the balayouse, or lingerie ruffle, showing beneath the skirt, is to return.

Colored organdy is being used in neckwear and some of the new blouses are trimmed with it.

A touch of chinchilla or sable on the tulle corsage of an evening gown is a charming effect.

Soft chiffon velvets are combined with sheer silk crepe or chiffon in the making of afternoon dresses.

Velvet-covered ball buttons are an important item of decoration in many of the new wool frocks.

Many dresses of taffeta and tulle have folds of tulle on their draperies for their only ornament.

If you are stout, confine your wardrobe to dark shades, as lighter colors tend to make one look larger.

The vogue for velvet has reached the children's world. They are wearing velvet dresses trimmed with fur.

There are so many uses for whole-skin fox furs that they are as good an investment as a velvet coat.

White lace waists are fashionable and they are often touched up with metallic buttons or colored pipings of silk.

Bright sapphire and cobalt blue are popular colors for the velvet sashes and shoes worn with white tulle dresses.

With the promise of winter sports, the proper hat to wear when playing with ice and snow is close fitting in shape.

When flesh pink tulle is used in a gown, the tulle should be left entirely unadorned, as its elusive softness is its great charm.

A brilliant hued velvet must be chosen and worn with care—it looks twice as assertive as the same color in any other fabric.

One of the new frocks has a pleated skirt of silk, with a bodice of chiffon velvet extending down over the skirt in points reaching to the knee.

The newest thing in neckbands is the small black silk cord from which hangs a jeweled pendant. These may also be used as well fasteners, pinning the cord and pendant over the veil.

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Suspects Arrested

Last night, four boys, each about fourteen years old, were arrested under warrant by Detective Tobin, charged with stealing from Mrs. Bowcock, of Mount Pearl, a hand-bag, containing \$46.71, the previous evening on board an outbound train from St. John's. At the police station the suspects were searched and in each of their clothes was found money aggregating over \$43. Some three dollars and odd cents could not be accounted for and is supposed to have been spent. However, nearly all the amount reported lost by Mrs. Bowcock has been recovered and is now in the possession of the police. We are informed by the police that one of the suspects admitted voluntarily last night that he was a party to the theft. To-day the lads were arraigned before the magistrate but were not asked to plead and were remanded for 2 days.

PRELIMINARY HEARING.—The preliminary hearing of the charge preferred against Job Roberts, Nathan Roberts and Earl Burgess, commenced before Mr. F. J. Morris, J.P., in private court this forenoon. The defendants were represented by Mr. Higgins, Mr. Howley appearing for the prosecution. At 1 p.m. an adjournment was taken until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Norwegian Barque Leaves at Last.

The big Norwegian barque Ravenscourt, which came here on the 30th of September last in a battered condition and which made history in local marine circles as well as in our law courts, the outcome of a collision with the steamer Alagash off Cape Race, moved off from the Southside this morning and sails this evening for Penarth with a cargo of lumber that she took from Pictou, N.S., three months ago. The Ravenscourt was on dock here several weeks.

Here and There.

Riverside Blankets and Yarns made up to a Standard, not down to a price.—dec8,61

CORRESPONDENCE.—Some interesting letters on the matter of Loans are held over owing to pressure on our space.

LEAVES TO-NIGHT.—The Sagona, which is to ply in the Cabot Strait service in conjunction with the Kyle, leaves North Sydney to-night for Port aux Basques bringing mails and passengers.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

Here and There.

QUICK PASSAGE.—The S.S. Stephano reached Halifax on Monday at midnight, making the run from here in 39 hours, which is very quick for this time of the year.

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R. C. HOLY DAY.—To-day Mass was celebrated in all the R. C. Churches of the city, the same as on Sunday, as it is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation.

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