

## TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

## THE STUMBLING BLOCK.

GENEVA, Sept. 8.  
Hon. Charles Doherty, delegate from Canada to the Assembly of the League of Nations, to-day, announced he would demand from the floor of the Assembly the elimination of Article Ten from the covenant of the League of Nations.

## ENCOURAGING.

DUBLIN, Sept. 8.  
The Freeman's Journal in an editorial article under the caption "Confidence to Business," says this morning that the "British Cabinet's reply to De Valera is encouraging in many respects, and furnished the most pessimistic of other forecasts."

## NON-BINDING.

GENEVA, Sept. 8.  
That the President of United States cannot alone, under the constitution, bind his Government on the question of mandates is brought out briefly in one of paragraphs of the last United States note on mandates, copies of which are circulating among delegates of the Assembly of the League here.

## PASSENGERS SAFE.

LISBON, Sept. 8.  
Twelve hundred passengers from the British Royal Mail steamer Almansora, en route from Brazil to England, which grounded off Cape Espichel, near here to-day, have been safely landed, and efforts are being made to refloat the steamer.

## Here and There.

See the FANCY COLORED TAPESTRY and VELVET PILE TABLE COVERS at BOWRING'S. All prices reduced. VALUE HARD TO BEAT. Sept. 8, 1921.

**SMALL INSURANCE.**—The amount of insurance carried on the stores of Mr. Vardy at Hickman's Harbor, which were recently destroyed by fire, was only \$15,000. Three stores containing a supply of general goods, were completely destroyed. The owner will suffer a very serious loss as a result of the fire.

## Secret Romances.

It is really remarkable how many cases have come into the Courts lately where a man and woman have gone through the marriage ceremony, separated at the door of the church or registry office, and then lived their lives apart.

Semi-marriages of this kind take place in considerable numbers every year. During and since the war they have increased enormously.

Not so long ago a certain nobleman, much interested in politics, fell in love with the daughter of a viscount, but for party reasons it was most inexpedient that he should marry her. But both were young and impetuous, and although a public marriage was out of the question they were wed in secret, returning to their homes immediately afterwards. At the time, the feelings of both underwent a change, each regretting the rash step taken, and they mutually agreed to remain apart always. Neither attempted to wed again or to annul the marriage, and the well-kept secret only came to light on the nobleman's early death, when the woman electrified her friends by donning widow's weeds.

A strange case of a secret marriage of this kind was brought to light when a steamer came to grief in the Bay of Biscay and many lives were lost. One of the victims was a beautiful girl on her way to friends on the Riviera. When her body was recovered from the sea a wedding ring was found on her finger. It was then discovered that, unknown to anyone, she had been a wife for over a year. Her husband, a young fellow then too poor to support her, had gone to the East in search of fortune. When the vessel was sinking and the girl saw there was no hope, she at last produced the ring and had it put on her hand.

Such instances could be multiplied by hundreds, but I will give just one more. And here, as a contrast, there was a happy ending.

A few years ago a young man with a wealthy guardian was madly in love with a pretty girl. The old man objected strongly to the match, but all his efforts to part the lovers were unavailing.

"No one else shall be my wife," declared the young man.

"You are a fool," said his guardian. "Do as I wish, and with the money I shall leave you you may be able to marry a woman of title."

For some time the other held out, but at last gave way. "If you consent not to make me marry anyone at all," he said, "I will promise that at no time in the future will I wed the girl you object to."

The unrelenting guardian, thinking he had triumphed, willed all his money to his ward. Three years later he died, and then the young man installed in his home as his wife the girl he had secretly married before he had given his guardian the carefully-worded promise. In the interval she had been living with her parents.

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## Bandit King of Corsica.

## KEEPS PRIVATE ARMY TO DEFEY GENDARMES.

That Corsica is still the land of the bandit type of man may be gauged by the story told in "Le Matin" by one of its correspondents who describes the romantic life of the famous Corsican bandit Romanetti-Romoli in these terms:—

On May 5 last 15,000 persons were mustered in the public square of Ajaccio. Among them were a Marshal of France, an Italian prefect, newspaper men, parliamentarians, an archbishop, two prelates, and a large number of priests, a small army of photographers, a few gendarmes, the Prefect of Corsica, and M. Romanetti-Romoli, the bandit. All were in a happy mood and fraternized. Romanetti displayed a perfect and discreet attitude. Indeed he was an example of moderation, for he was there in close disguise. This man, who received the archbishop's blessing and applauded the speeches was a much-wanted man. He had been three times sentenced to death. Seven warrants were out for his arrest, and during the past eight years every effort had been made to arrest him.

## An Infamous Traffic.

His first acquaintance of the law dates back to 1909. He had just been married, and, as he was poor and intended to supply his wife with all the possible luxuries of life, he joined a gang of ruffians at Marseilles who piled an infamous traffic. He attempted to induce a young girl of good family to follow him. Her mother interfered. The Corsican killed the girl with a dagger and narrowly escaped being taken prisoner by the girl's friends, who witnessed the murder. He was finally caught and sent to prison for three years. He returned to Corsica in 1913 and turned cattle thief. A farmer accused him of stealing his cattle. Romanetti thought it safer to escape to the hills than to have to answer the charge of sheep-stealing, and was sentenced in his absence to five years' imprisonment. A few days after the sentence the cattle dealer who was the chief witness for the prosecution was shot dead.

Then five gendarmes who happened to come across Romanetti in the bush fell under his deadly gun, as also did a couple of his followers who were seeking to mend their ways and live honest lives. At the end of 1913 there were seven warrants for murder against him, but he defied the gendarmes and took up the life of a country farmer on the plains of lava.

## How He Wins Races.

His annual revenue is stated to be at least £300, which allows of his keeping a body-guard composed of deserters and bandits, a motor-car, and a splendidly organized intelligence department, which permits him immunity from surprise visits by gendarmes. He actually owns a racing stud, and last year his colours won a race at Bolognole. He had little difficulty in winning, as he had informed the other racehorse owners that if he did not win they would be killed.

## A Kidnapped Bride.

Mrs. Helen Whitley, a bride, recently arrived at San Francisco after one of the most thrilling adventures that has befallen a white woman in recent times. And it came near to turning her honeymoon into tragedy. She was kidnapped by a band of natives on one of the Fiji Islands, and was held a prisoner three days before she was finally rescued by an armed band led by her frantic husband, Jesse Whitley. Blonde and extremely attractive in face and figure, and always fashionably attired, Mrs. Whitley holds the attention of all who behold her. Her beauty hypnotized the natives of the island where she and her husband and their party landed during a thirteen months' tour of Australia, New Zealand, and the islands in the South Seas just now ended.

Groups of them followed her, and then one day, while the attention of her husband was attracted elsewhere, a small army of them noiselessly surrounded her and at a signal swooped down on her, stifled her cries for help, and carried her off into the heart of the sandwood forests in the mountainous region of the island. After a journey of an hour or so the party came to a thatched hut. Here Mrs. Whitley was placed on the ground while hundreds of natives crowded and jostled to look at her. None of them could speak English. The men would look at her and jabber among themselves. Then they would stroke her blonde tresses and jabber some more. Apparently they had never before seen hair the colour of gold or eyes the colour of skies on a summer day. All this feminine beauty awfully made a big hit with the natives, all of whom were great big men, but were exceedingly gentle in their handling of this strange human being from another world. None of them offered to harm her, though they indicated they had stolen her to hold for ransom.

**WORK SCAUSE.**—Except at one or two places there is now very little work for labourers along the water front. Scarcely any fish have yet arrived from the outports, but it is held that with a few fine days there will be an influx of schooners.

## A Viking Ring.

When cutting peats at Marriester, island of Whitley, a woman turned up, at a depth of 3 feet 5 inches from the surface, a finger ring of thick plated gold wire, in perfect condition, and beautifully made, the ends being beaten together very neatly. The ring has been secured for the National Museum of Antiquities, Queen Street, Edinburgh, and is pronounced by the authorities to be a Norse ring of the period of the Viking occupation of the islands. It is said to be the second ornament of gold to have been found in the Shetland Islands, the first being the beautiful Orma bracelet or armband.

## Here and There.

The first showing of Paris Millinery and Ready-to-Wear Hats will be on display at BISHOP'S Saturday morning. The smartest Hats and most reasonable prices ever shown here.

School days are now on. Your BOYS need a good TWEED SUIT. Send them into BOWRING'S. Get your choice in a NORFOLK, SUFOLK or RUGBY SUIT. All sizes to fit ages from 8 to 18 years. The reduced prices in this line of Ready-mades cannot be equalled. Sept. 8, 1921.

## Fashion Plates.

## A PLEASING MODEL FOR HOME OR BUSINESS WEAR.



In this style, Child Waist 3700 and Skirt 3700 are combined. The Skirt is a new seven gore model, is cut in 7 Sizes: 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34 and 36 inches waist measure. The Waist in 7 Sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. The Waist will require 3 yards of 27 inch material. The Skirt requires 3 1/2 yards of 40 inch material if without nap, and 3 1/2 yards of 44 inch material with nap. The width of the skirt at the foot is 3 1/2 yards.

Crepes, linen, satin, taffeta, crepe de chine, damask and madras are attractive for the waist. The Skirt may be of washable materials or of taffeta, satin, broadcloth, serge or velours.

This illustration calls for TWO separate patterns which will be mailed to any address on receipt of 15c. PER EACH pattern in silver or stamp.

## NEW DRESS IN SHIRT WAIST STYLE.



Pattern 3761 was used for this design. It is cut in 4 Sizes: 8, 10 and 12 years. A 12 years size will require 3 1/2 yards of 36 inch material.

Gingham, seersucker, percale, drill, linen, repp, serge and gabardine, also pongee and poplin are good for this design.

A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 15c. in silver or stamps.

NOTE:—Owing to the continual advance in price of paper, wages, etc., we are compelled to advance the price of patterns to 15c. each.

## Quaint Callings.

In Seven Dials there used to be a queer character known as the "Freckle-man." He was a young London cabman who deserted the rank for the ponds of Middlesex. He rented a small shack in a disused claypit at Cowley, and from there he sent daily consignments of freckles and aquatic life, via Seven Dials, to a regular clientele of naturalists, schoolboys, and fishermen.

Freckle-painting was a few seasons ago a paying job at the seaside in the States. Freckles were fashionable. If you returned home from the lake without a sprinkling of sun-spots you were considered to be quite out of things. Beauty and freckles were synonymous terms.

## Freckles at 2s. Each.

So what the ladies could not get from the sun they got from a professional freckle-painter. The charge was half a dollar a freckle, and if the lady did not wash herself too frequently, or "babe under" when bathing, one application would last quite a long time.

The making of glass eyes is a Birmingham speciality, and during the war this art was largely called upon. But even in pre-war times one firm is said to have kept a stock of 5,000 of all colours and sizes, from big and blue to small and grey. Eyes are sent from Birmingham to all parts of the world.

Another peculiar Birmingham trade is jewel-lapping. There is one firm in the Midlands capital which specializes in these tunnel instruments. It is said also that Birmingham does quite a good trade in idols, but we cannot vouch for the truth of this saying.

The question has often been asked, too, where those splendidly-made fiddles come from which burglars use, not to mention other highly-finished and finely tempered instruments whereby the professional crackman follows his avocation so successfully.

## "Breaking-in" Boots.

The scent-smeller is an essential to perfume manufacturers as the taster is to the tea-merchant. The gift of scent-smelling is a thousand times more rare than the gift of wine sampling.

In recent manufacture everything depends upon the proportions in which certain ingredients are blended. That is the fine art of scent-making, and there are certain gifted ladies who can tell, by applying their dainty nostrils to the mixture, when it is "just right." They are invaluable, and can usually command good salaries.

One of the most painful occupations must be that of "boot breaker-in," but it is a fact that there are a few enterprising women who make a good living that way by wearing other women's boots and shoes for a few days and taking the newness off. As a matter of fact, they only wear one pair about an hour a day, and have a dozen pairs, at a fee of five shillings, on the go at one and the same time.

The L.C.C. used to employ an official, and probably does still, whose work it was to get rid of the bronze coins collected on the tramcars, often between four and five tons of copper coins pass through this distributor's department in the course of one day, for the total number of "coppers" taken in a year exceeds two hundred millions. So this official has his work cut out.

## The Only Unique Job.

There is possibly only one absolutely unique occupation. It is that of Royal draught-hunter. Anyone who is in the habit of attending public functions knows that the draughts are calculated to rule the hair, and our loyalty cannot be subjected to this great danger. The draught-hunter caused all the fruitcake to be rearranged at a certain State banquet at the last moment because there was a dreadful down draught just where the Royal chair was to be placed.

But occasionally the names by which trades are known among those familiar with them are very misleading. "Concave operators" are not, as one might think, something on the Stock Exchange. Their operations are conducted on the boat-bench. A "common hanger" sounds distinctly "Bolsky," yet he is merely an artist in wallpapering. A "budget-trimmer" would be of little use to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for he is not an expert in finance, but a skilled mechanic in the coach-building trade.—Answers.

## Drought Reveals Priory.

A complete ground plan of Silchester Priory, which had been raised to the ground so that not a single stone remained visible, has been revealed by the drought.

The Priory stood at Compton, two miles south of Winchester, and was destroyed by Henry VIII. Until a week ago there was nothing to mark its site, but a series of lines, burnt out brown on the grass, have appeared and resolved themselves into a perfect plan of the priory, each line marking the position of a wall.

Every detail of the structure can now be traced quite plainly, even to a levelled bowling green, once enclosed by four walls.

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## Fire Put Out With Beer.

## DESPERATE MEASURES TO SAVE A VILLAGE INN.

Rarely has such a sacrifice been entailed in quelling a fire as during a conflagration at the Harrow Inn, on the Oxford main road at Boscom's Bottom, near Stokesbury, Buckinghamshire. Owing to shortage of water the villagers, with willing hands, but sore hearts, poured 5 1/2 gallons of good old English beer and two gallons of ginger-beer, on the fire, before it was subdued. One of them estimated the sacrifice at "152 half-pints of the best."

It was either beer or the building, remarked Mrs. Bennell, wife of the host, describing the "tragedy." "I had not so early to give my husband, who was in charge of the village tower, show a cup of tea, when he looked out of the window. I saw smoke coming from the outhouses which adjoin the Harrow. Except for a few buckets of water for washing we had none in the house. Water here, owing to the drought, has had to be carried for

miles. Villagers soon came to our help, but they could do nothing. One bucket of water was brought a mile. Then someone suggested using the beer in the cellars. We hesitated at first, but it was the only way. A ladder was obtained, and we poured the beer from the casks into a big bath. The villagers formed a chain, and, using all the receptacles we could find, we passed them up the walls of the main building, which were scorched hot. When the beer was getting low we used a big jar of ginger-beer. This completed the work. It left five quarts for the helpers to drink, for it was hot work. The only casualty was a duck which was sitting on a nest in one of the outhouses. One of the goats was got out just in time, but its beard was slightly singed. The beer on the hot walls, declared an eye-witness, gave out a strong smell of burning hops, which almost overcame some of the fire-fighters. This is not the first time in which beer has been used to put out a fire. In the early history of London it is recorded that the beer in the Temple cellars was used to ex-

tinguish an outbreak in these buildings, on which occasion, as reported, the then Lord Mayor of London became drunk.

## What Is Coal?

Official Definition.—After Eight Months.  
Coal has been defined at least eight years the Departmental Committee on the spontaneous combustion of coal in mines issued a report recently. The report included a definition of coal which will become popular as the police "blackleg" law, or any other standard test of sobriety. "Coal," the report states, "is highly complex conglomerate of dehydrated products of cellulosic substances."  
So now we shall know the time we had a complex compound or degraded cellulose, or whatever it is called.

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## Our Great Empire

Lloyd George made a brief statement regarding the conference of Prime Ministers. He should be emphasized. He has the faculty of putting a serious matter, and in this instance it was the proposal to enlarge the Imperial Conference to include the dominions, that it would be a mistake to lay down rules and definitions as to what the Empire means. To do so would be to limit its growth. He said that the fact was the thing that counted.

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