

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

FRUGHT WITH DIFFICULTIES.

LONDON, May 18.

The freedom, with which Lloyd George and Premier Briand are dealing the Silesian situation through the newspapers, and the strong words they are using, is causing a great stir in England. The British public is accustomed to the courteous and smooth methods of the old diplomacy, and the spectacle of a most delicate difference being handled by vigorous public debate amazes the people. The heads of the two Governments, after their numerous conferences, were expected to understand each other. Apparently each has chosen a plan of campaign which he considers most effective against his opponent. M. Briand will have his next work in the French Parliament to-morrow, and there is great interest in London as to whether he will maintain the same high key of conversation, which Lloyd George started upon in his recent speech in the House of Commons. The Prime Minister's expressed statement to-day is popularly interpreted as a warning to M. Briand not to go too far in his pronouncement before the Chamber. The Westminster Gazette heads it "a grave warning to France." The Standard designates it "Premier's plain talk to French." Lloyd George's reference to Great Britain's willingness to use her fleet, followed by the declaration that Britain cannot stand by while the treaty is trampled on, is taken as significant of future developments, depending chiefly upon whether M. Briand to-morrow proclaims the widening of the gulf between the policies of the two countries, or pictures them as following the same principle. The Government is anxious to have the Supreme Council meet during the week-end, believing that any delay in Allies coming to some sort of an agreement over Silesia, and taking action thereof, will only make the situation worse. Reuters Limited says, "a regret is expressed in to-day's news from Washington that United States Government finds itself unable to participate in a settlement of the Upper Silesian question, on the ground that this is essentially a European matter. Both from an economic standpoint and from the viewpoint of maintaining law and order, the question with its possibilities of far reaching consequences, is thought to be one not only European, but of world wide importance."

ANOTHER BONE OF CONTENTION.

BERLIN, May 18.

The Reparations Commission, according to a semi-official announcement made here, is demanding the surrender of all German rights and interests in concessions mentioned in Article 250 of the Peace Treaty, by which the Commission understands all shares in mines, oil fields, stone quarries and similar undertakings specified in the Article. In the opinion of the Reparations Commission, Article 260 covers not only the territories ceded by virtue of the Treaty of Versailles, but also those ceded in virtue of all treaties concluded be-

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tween the Allies on the one hand and the former Allies of Germany on the other. The German Government declined to accept this interpretation, and has therefore included in the list of securities for surrender only those, which in its opinion, fall without any doubt within the stipulations of the Article. Negotiations on this subject the announcement adds, are proceeding between the Government and the Commission.

UNRESERVEDLY.

PARIS, May 18.

The German Ambassador, Dr. Wilhelm Meyer, called on Premier Briand to-day, and during the course of a long conference, informed the Premier that the Berlin Cabinet accepted unreservedly all the conditions contained in the note of the Inter-Allied Military Control Commission, concerning the execution, for May 18, of the aerial clauses of the Versailles Treaty. The Ambassador received assurances that the new German Government was resolved to carry out all the clauses of the Allied Ultimatum.

DECLINED WAGE CUT.

MANCHESTER, May 18.

The Executive Committee of the Northern Counties Textile Federation has adopted resolutions declining to accept the employers' proposed thirty per cent. cut in wages. Three hundred thousand operatives are involved.

NO DAMAGE DONE.

HALIFAX, May 18.

The Chronicle reports the safe arrival of the British steamer Holby, which was in collision with the Lady of Gaspe off Cape Sable, this morning, at Lunenburg. Neither the Holby or Lady of Gaspe were seriously damaged at the glancing blow of the col-

lision. The Gaspe proceeded for Newfoundland.

CONFERENCE OF PREMIERS.

PARIS, May 18.

The conference between Premier Briand and Lloyd George, it is thought possible here, will be deferred beyond the vote of confidence M. Briand expects to receive in the Chamber to-morrow, and until after the Silesian High Commissioners at Oppeln reach a tentative agreement on settlement of the controversy, so as to form an intelligent basis of conversation, either between M. Briand and Lloyd George alone, or at a meeting of the Supreme Council, whichever is ultimately decided upon. The situation, so far as Premier Briand and the new Government are concerned, officials declare, is unchanged.

PRO PATRIA REFLOATED.

NORTH SYDNEY, May 18.

The French mail steamer Pro Patria, which went aground off Cranberry Head in a thick fog this morning, was refloated this afternoon, and made North Sydney under her own steam, apparently undamaged.

WASHINGTON, May 18.

Representatives of seamen, marine engineers and radio operators, at a conference late to-night with Secretary Davis, agreed to give him full powers to reach a settlement for them with ship owners and United States Shipping Board in the marine wage controversy. The men came here this evening from New York for a conference and reached an understanding after a session of several hours. Secretary Davis, they said afterward, had been given full authority to accept for them such wage reductions as we shall deem proper.

The Irish Bulletin.

The Irish Bulletin, the daily type-written newspaper of the Irish Republic, reappeared in Dublin on Wednesday, says the London Evening News, although the secret head editorial offices were located and seized by the military on Saturday after a search that lasted two years. "Although regarded by the Government as seditious literature, it is," continued the News, "circulated throughout certain Irish circles in England within twelve hours of its publication in Dublin."

"Sinn Fein has a wonderful organization of reserve centres where the paper can be produced with relays of staffs, so that if one is arrested and locked-up, the paper comes out as usual. The daily distribution in Dublin is done by hand by an army of distributors, who receive their copies from trusted agents, who, themselves, do not whence the Bulletin come."

Can the Labrador Deadlock be Lifted?

In a single issue of a metropolitan

paper, note these items: The Canadian Vickers Shipbuilding plant at Montreal will close until labor costs are on a basis which will permit the building of ships in competition with other countries. The Presbyterian Theological College at Saskatoon has decided not to proceed with the new buildings as the lowest tenders were far in excess of the college's ability to pay. From Hamilton comes the third item, to the effect that the building trades in that city will not accept any wage cuts this year.

"It is all too apparent that we have reached a deadlock. Instances, such as quoted above could be multiplied thousands of times over and still be well within the facts. The question is, what are going to do about it? Business men who should know, estimate that Canada to-day requires no less than a hundred million dollars worth of buildings of one kind or another, mainly dwellings, and still there is no move to supply the demand."

Under existing conditions, capital cannot be found to proceed with the necessary work. A wants a house and B. wants to build it. A is not prepared to pay \$40,000 for what a few years ago he could build for \$20,000 or even less. So it is that A. does without the house and B. goes without a job for himself and his men. The Canadian Vickers Company wants orders for ships, but orders cannot be obtained because prices are higher than trade conditions warrant.

After discussing this situation with a great number of business men, I am firmly of the opinion that the present stalemate can only be overcome by sacrifices on the part of both the workman and employer. In other words, we must have a period of business at cost. It is far better for all concerned to operate plants without profit than not to operate at all. And it is far better for a workman to receive from his war scale of wages than not to work at all. And this is exactly the situation we find it.

This question must, if we are to solve it, be met in a spirit of compromise. And I am sorry to say that a section of the workers are not disposed to view the question in this light.

Quite recently a noisy portion of Toronto out-of-workers held a series of "field days." One man appearing before the Board of Control stated that he, the father of a couple of children, was about to be evicted for non-payment of rent. Thereupon a good-hearted Controller gave his individual cheque for a month's rent and ordered that the man be given a job at the standard civic wage for labor, \$28.30 per week.

"Oh, rats," remarked the man. "I won't take that. I'm a painter." That man would rather beg than work at anything but his own job at his own price."

Others who appeared in the noisy



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SPREADING DISEASES.

Defective teeth, diseased gums, discharging abscesses, gum boils are positively dangerous because of the spreading of the infection to other parts of the body; indeed that infection can spread to others. More than this, those suffering from these conditions are more likely to contract diseases entirely apart from the infections themselves. Their systems are likely to be permeated with virulent germs and therefore in no condition to make the resistance necessary to ward off these other afflictions.

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C. C. C. Boat Club Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the C. C. C. Boat Club was held on last Sunday morning, when the election of officers for the coming year took place with the following result:—

Hon. President—J. F. Parker.
Hon. V-President—C. O. N. Conroy.
President—E. F. Collins.
V-President—J. Walsh.
Asst. V-President—J. P. Hand.
Treasurer—J. Perez.
Secretary—J. M. Tobin.

Mr. J. Larkin conducted the election of officers and was tendered a vote of thanks. The members of the Club were very enthusiastic over the entry of the Avalon Club in the Regatta sports. President Collins, who presided over the meeting, announced that a visit was made the Boat House on Saturday by the Executive, who found everything in a very satisfactory condition after the winter, also suggested the repairing of the Shanandit with the possibility of making her equal to any boat on the lake.

The Club has been under a big expense these last two years in running two and three boats on the day of Regatta, and we trust the sporting

public will be grateful to the Club for keeping the Regatta alive the past two years.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.

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Shipping Notes.

S.S. Rosalind leaves Halifax on Saturday morning and is due here on Monday. The ship will make one more trip from New York leaving there on June 1st before laying up for her annual inspection which will take about a fortnight. The regular summer service begins June 25th from New York. S.S. Sable I. leaves Halifax on Saturday for here via North Sydney and is due here on Wednesday morning. S.S. Mapledawn is due from Montreal on Sunday.

S.S. Winona leaves Montreal on the 25th inst. for here direct. S.S. Lady of Gaspe arrived in port at 11 a.m. to-day, 3 days from Halifax with a general cargo to A. E. Hickman.

Schooner Ethel M. Bartlett, 5 days from North Sydney, coal laden to G. House & Co., arrived in port this morning. S.S. Chohan arrived this morning at Agathana with a coal and miscellaneous cargo to the Dominion Iron and Steel Co.

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