

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES

U.S. TO BUY PANAMA.
WASHINGTON, March 2.
Ratification of a treaty between United States and Columbia, whereby United States Govt. pays Columbia \$35,000,000 as compensation for the loss of Panama, was arranged yesterday, according to newspapers, which indicate a wide upset of public opinion.

NEW CONSTITUTION FOR EGYPT

CAIRO, March 2.
Adel Khalil, the new Premier, today explained that the withdrawal of the British Protectorate had brought a profound change in the situation, and made it necessary for the Government to draw up a new constitution.

CAN GHANDI IMPROVE IT?

LONDON, March 2.
Bombay newspapers of all shades of opinion throughout India, comment on the seriousness of the financial situation as revealed in the budget imposing new taxation. Non-co-operators attribute the government deficit to bureaucratic extravagance.

THE PREMIER'S ULTIMATUM.

LONDON, March 3.
March 3 is the date set by Premier Lloyd George for the fulfilment of his ultimatum to Austin Chamberlain, according to a report in parliamentary circles. If by that day he has not received satisfactory assurances of the loyal support of the Coalition Unionist Conservatives, it is said, he will present to the King his formal resignation. Numerous private meetings of politicians yesterday led to no official announcement of developments, tending toward a solution of the crisis. One of them indeed resulted in hardening opposition of "die hard" Conservatives to Lloyd George's leadership. More than eighty Conservatives of both-houses were at this meeting, and adopted a resolution affirming the order to restore confidence throughout the country, and with a view to an approaching general election, there is urgent need for a reassertion of Conservative and Unionist principles. The meeting is reported to have further decided that the utmost should be done to hasten the formation of a Conservative-Unionist Government.

Special Challenge Relay—Won by Old Terra Novas—G. Hunt, J. M. Tobin, E. Churchill. Time 1:26 1-5.
Press Relay—Won by Advocate.
Tug-of-War—Won by M.G.O.C.

Beginning Afresh in Ireland.

The Imperial Government were bitterly attacked for dividing Ireland by setting up Northern and Southern Parliaments. Mr. De Valera has gone one better—or worse—and divided Southern Ireland between the Republic and those who accept the Peace Treaty. By his insistence, during a whole month's volubility, on loyalty to the Republic he came near to making himself ridiculous and to plunging Ireland into new tragedy. The Irish people wherever they have had an opportunity have made it clear that they are in favour of the settlement. Mr. Arthur Griffith and his friends were on strong grounds in upholding the Treaty to which they had put their names. But a large element in Irish Sinn Féin was not amenable to reason, and to the last the issue was in doubt. When the Treaty was approved by a majority of 7-64 to 57—Mr. De Valera handed in his resignation as President, and a motion, promptly proposed for his re-election, was defeated by 60 to 53. Mr. Arthur Griffith became President and the way was open for the summoning of the Southern Parliament elected under the Government of Ireland Act. As the supporters of De Valera did not attend, the business of setting to work machinery for the taking over by the Provisional Government from the British Government was as short and simple as the proceedings in Dublin. De Valera was the reverse. Mr. Griffith struck a note which, if it be the keynote of the future, means a new Ireland. "No distinction between Irishmen and every guarantee for fair play all round. We are starting a new era and we want the old differences banished for ever." The response came instantly from the representatives of Trinity College, Dublin, the non-Sinn Féin element present, and the hand-grip between them and Mr. Griffith pledged the sincerity of their sentiments. A general election will show in what degree De Valeraism has secured a hold on the country. All political prisoners have been annihilated by the King, the British forces are taking their departure, and Mr. Michael Collins and Sir James Craig have already been in conference. Doubts as to the economic effect of the British withdrawal are audible. Whatever else gains in Ireland, trade will feel the adjustment from the old order to the new. It is one of the consequences for which Irishmen who insisted on their right of self-determination were not all prepared.

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MEN'S FANCY VESTS—Sample line of Men's Fancy Vests, in Fawns, Checks and Spotted; some warm, snug-fitting ones among them. Prices range from \$2.00 up.

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Children's Boots—Laced and Buttoned

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