

To-day's Messages.

FRENCH DISASTER REPORTED.

LONDON, Feb. 23. It is reported from Damascus that four hundred French troops either have been killed or made prisoners by a force of Turks and Arabs near Hauran, Palestine, says a Central News despatch from Cairo, Egypt, dated last Wednesday. The correspondent adds that it also is reported that the French are evacuating Baalbek (thirty miles north of Damascus) and the Elbika valley, lying between Lebanon and Anti Libanus. There is no confirmation of these reports.

NO REPLY FORTHCOMING.

LONDON, Feb. 23. Bonar Law stated in the House of Commons to-day that no intimation of the decision of the Netherlands Government regarding the former German Emperor had yet reached the British Government.

ANOTHER TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 23. G. Black Murray, pilot, and A. C. F. Lakes, aeronautical engineer for the local Aerial Transport Co., propose to fly from Norwich, England, to Montreal. They leave early in March for England.

PLAYS CANADIAN GOVERNMENT.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 23. Canada's industrial and economic conditions have reached a most critical period in the history of our existence, said Hon. Robert Rogers, former Dominion Minister of Public Works, who addressed here to-night in an open meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Club of Winnipeg. Declaring that he had "no further political aspiration to gratify," and that he proposed to speak plainly, Rogers declared the Union Government to be a government of tinkers and jobbers, a government of second hand dealers, their energies almost entirely devoted to second hand theories that are the product of the diseased brain of some poor unfortunate up-lifter.

EARTHQUAKE IN CAUCASIA.

ROME, Feb. 23. Tiflis despatches say that a great earthquake has occurred in the district of which the town of Gori is the center. Gori lies about thirty miles northwest of Tiflis. There have been numerous casualties and serious damage.

S. A. HOME DAMAGED.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 24. The Salvation Army Home was damaged to the extent of ten thousand dollars by fire last night.

RIBBONERS THREATEN STRIKE.

PATERSON, N.J., Feb. 24. The Silk Ribbon Weavers' Union announced last night that they would strike Wednesday morning if they were not granted an increase of 11 per cent. Some four thousand are affected.

FARMER BEATS SOLDIER.

MILTON, Ont., Feb. 24. Premier Drury's official majority over E. J. Stephenson, his soldier opponent in the Fallon bye-election in Fallon County, a week ago yesterday, was 2,038. The official figures were given out yesterday by R. L. Hemstreet, Returning Officer. The total vote was as follows: Drury, 4,149; Stephenson, 2,111.

TUG CREWS JOIN IN.

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 24. The strike of crews of steamers, which has been in progress now more than a week, has taken on a more serious phase with the extension of the movement to the crews of the principal towing companies. This is delaying entrance and departure of ocean-going vessels as only eight ships are available in the harbor.

BLAMES WILSON.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 24. Full responsibility for delaying the ratification of the Peace Treaty was attributed to President Wilson by U.S. Senator Warren, from Harding, a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, addressing a state gathering of Republicans here yesterday. He said the Republican party would welcome their responsibility of Americanizing the Treaty.

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Yesterday Morning's Fire.

While doing duty on Water Street at 3.30 yesterday morning, Sgt. Long discovered fire in the home of Thos. Lawrence near the Reid Co. Freight Sheds. He summoned the West End and Central Fire Companies to the scene. The fire was caused by soot which had collected between the ceiling igniting the woodwork. The damage done the premises was not extensive.

Horse Race To-Morrow.

To-morrow afternoon being a half holiday, a horse race will be held on Quidi Vidi Lake. The contesting horses are owned by Messrs. Macpherson and Kelly, and an exciting race is expected. No doubt, if the afternoon is fine, a large number of spectators will be present.

Sailing This Afternoon.

S. S. Meigle was to have sailed at 3 o'clock this afternoon. She took passengers and 600 barrels of pickled fish. The Sagona sails west at 6 o'clock. She touches in at Grand Bank to land Mr. and Mrs. Demarest, who are to conduct a revivalistic campaign there.

Weather and Ice Conditions.

Flower's Cove.—West winds, colder. Straits still blocked.
Griguet.—West winds, weather fine, ice off shore, seals scarce.
LaSce.—Westerly winds, fine, no ice in sight.
St. Anthony.—W.N.W. winds, fine, good sign of old seals, throughout vicinity, ice off shore.
Seal Cove.—Wind north, weather fine and cold, Bay clear of ice, few seals seen.
Tilt Cove.—Wind southerly, light, dull, Bay clear.
Twillingate.—Wind southerly, snowing, ice still off.
Fogo.—S. winds, mild, no ice in sight, few seals seen Saturday.
Nipper's Hr.—Southerly winds, Bay clear of ice, weather fairly mild.
Bonavista.—Light S.S.E. winds with thick snow, nothing to be seen.
Greenspond.—Wind south, light, thick, no ice in sight.
Weslerville.—Wind S, light; thick snow.
Catalina.—S.W. wind, snow falls; no ice in bay.

Reids' Boats.

Argyle, Clyde, Home, Meigle, Petrel, Sagona not reported.
Glencoe left Hermitage Cove early yesterday morning.
Kyle leaving Port aux Basques this morning.

Why Grey Went Home.

A discussion had been in progress about our difficulties with America and the return of Viscount Grey. All had put forward theories, and then turned to the quiet man in the big arm-chair near the smoking-room fire. "Why are you worrying?" he asked. "I knew he would not stay out there long; he missed his squirrels." "Squirrels!" exclaimed everyone. "Yes," was the response; "you see he has a wood in Northumberland full of wild squirrels. They find out when he is at home and make their way to the house, scale the walls, and invade the library; then, jumping upon his writing-table, are fed with nuts from his hand." This is a curious explanation of a diplomatic mystery.—London (Reg.) Post.

The Turk's Place.

In the past, Europe has learned to her cost the fatal consequences of all attempts to solve the Turkish problem upon the basis of mere expediency. For three hundred years or more the presence of the Turks at Constantinople has been the real source of most European strife. They were one of the principal causes of the recent unprecedented war, for it Germany struck her greatest blows in the west, she found her chief incentive in the wild conception of a German Confederation stretching through Constantinople to the shores of the Persian Gulf. Europe can never again know lasting peace until the Turks return to the uplands of Anatolia, from whence they came.—London Times.

The Old Bernstorff.

Von Bernstorff is not only willing to be tried by the Allies, but thinks that he can put them in a quandary when they come to try him; and no doubt you will readily recall that von Bernstorff is one of the most diplomatic little diplomats that every scuttled a ship.—Indianapolis News.

WINE SHIPPED.—Some ten pipes of wine (1300 gals.) which had been maturing at Newman's Bond Store, were shipped by Sachem to the Old Country.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DYPHTHERIA.

Longevity.

Extreme longevity has its drawbacks. An English paper reminds us of this fact by quoting the story of Janos Mergesi, a Hungarian, who at the age of eighty-four was arrested for attempting suicide by jumping off a bridge at Budapest into the Danube. This, however, was not the case of extreme longevity referred to. Janos, in explanation of his attempt to end his life, declared that he was the sole support of his father and mother, and that the burden of caring for them was becoming too great for him. They were aged 115 and 110 respectively, he stated! The story goes that a public subscription for the three was started, which placed them above want.

Brothers Under the Skin.

Sir David Watson, who won distinction with the original Canadian contingent in the war, admitted to a New York audience that he felt queer and couldn't make his knees behave at the first battle of Ypres. So the general and the rawest of raw recruits are alike human and brothers under the skin.—New York Herald.

A Warm Place for Bill.

According to Sir Auckland Geddes, a compromise with Holland may be arranged by which the former Kaiser will be interned for life on a Dutch island outside of Europe. Java would be a nice home for him—near one of those volcanoes which are usually in a state of eruption.—Hamilton Herald.

Here and There.

CITY WEATHER REPORT.—1.30 o'clock p.m.—Wind N.E., velocity 12 miles per hour. Weather dull, with indications of snow.
DOCTORS BUSY.—At one doctor's surgery this morning there were 20 people waiting attendance. The epidemic of LaGrippe has given the doctors a lot of extra work.

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True Germanism.

The refusal of the Germans to give up their war criminals for trial by the Allies, was perhaps to be expected, but it is none the less significant. It shows up again the German character. They were in a position to sign anything for relief. They have indicated so far that in this regard the Treaty of Versailles is another scrap of paper. The protest of the nation against giving these men up is another way of saying that they approve their actions. It is to be feared that a repentant Germany exists only in the minds of some pacifists. We have been reading again some parts of the Bryce Commission Report on the German Atrocities in Belgium. We recall the sinking of passenger ships and hospital ships, the shelling of open boats, and the bombing of hospital areas. And the German people are taking to themselves all those crimes. It might be expected that people who declared a holiday because the Lusitania was sunk and wore medals commemorating the event, would not act otherwise.—God help us to forgive our enemies, but it would be so much easier if they would acknowledge these things as crimes.—Canadian Churchman.

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Don't worry about perfect results. Use "Diamond Dyes," guaranteed to give a new, rich, fadeless color to any fabric, whether it be wool, silk, linen, cotton or mixed goods.—dresses, blouses, stockings, skirts, children's coats, feathers, draperies, coverings. The Direction Book with each package tells so plainly how to diamond dye over any color that you can not make a mistake.
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Another Superstition Squelched.

Bathing in the River Jordan, famous in sacred history, has lost its popularity as the result of the discovery by United States physicians that it is a dangerous disease-germ carrier. One of the first steps taken by an American Red Cross unit reaching that region was an analysis of the river water. It was found to be laden with the germs of skin diseases and other maladies.

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Give a Thought to Music!

Don't wait till your piano becomes so bad that it gets on your friends' and neighbours' nerves. If it has begun to get "tinny," the probability is it needs tuning. If you want your piano put in good condition and kept so, send for me. Yearly contracts taken.

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Fruit for the King.

King George is, and has been for years, very fond of oranges. His Majesty invariably has an orange after lunch, and also after dinner, and his favorite variety comes from Teneriffe, whence special consignments are once more reaching Buckingham and Sandringham.

A Financial Creed.

I believe in Newfoundland.
My opportunity and hope depend upon her future.
I believe that her stability and progress rest upon the industry and thrift of her people.
Therefore I will work hard and live simply.
I will spend less than I earn.
I will use my earnings with care.
I will save consistently.
I will invest thoughtfully.

The End of The Annual FEBRUARY SALE

The ROYAL STORES, LTD., will ring down the curtain on Saturday, at 9.30 p.m., on what has been the Greatest February Sale in their history.

With Monday, March 1st, will come the advanced prices, so if you have not taken full advantage of the Sale Prices we cannot be too emphatic in advising you to lay in all you will need for at least six months ahead. There is yet time, however—you have to-morrow morning, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and we will stand here ready, active, and willing to help you till the closing hour Saturday night.

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The Military Hair Cut.

"We are all militarists now," said Representative Kirby of Arkansas.
"I was being shaved in a barber shop the other day when a grizzled chap in a captain's uniform came in. He saluted smartly and seated himself in the chair next to my own.
"Hair cut," he said in gruff tones.
"How would you like it cut, sir?" the barber asked.
"The captain, who was baldish, answered, gruffer than ever:
"Line up the hairs and number off to the right. Odd numbers each want a half inch off. Dress smartly with bay rum and brillantine. Then dismiss."
"Yes," replied the man who wore a diamond scarf pin.
"How did you get into that line of business?"
"I realized early in life that it is human nature for people to count their chickens before they are hatched."
"Well?"
"That makes it easy to sell them phony eggs."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Easy Money.

"You have grown rich as a stock promoter."
"Yes," replied the man who wore a diamond scarf pin.
"How did you get into that line of business?"
"I realized early in life that it is human nature for people to count their chickens before they are hatched."
"Well?"
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