

## To-Day's Messages.

10.30 A.M.

### MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

LONDON, To-day.  
John Hodge, Minister of Labor, has been appointed Minister of Pensions in succession to George Nicholls Barnes, who was appointed to the War Council to take the place of Arthur Henderson. Other changes announced officially to-night are: Minister of Labor, George H. Roberts; Minister of National Service, A. C. Geddes; Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, George J. Wardle. A. C. Geddes, the new Minister of National Service, is Brigadier General Geddes, and a brother of Sir Campbell Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty. He has been a director of recruiting, but under the Ministerial pledge that recruiting should pass into civilian control, he drops his military rank on entering the Ministry of National Service, which will have charge of recruiting.

### THE REPLY TO THE POPE.

LONDON, To-day.  
The Allied Governments will discuss jointly the peace proposals of Pope Benedict, and a reply will be issued in course, Lord Robert Cecil told Associated Press to-night. Whether the reply will be a joint one or not as suggested in some quarters, through the medium of United States, or by some other manner will be decided later.

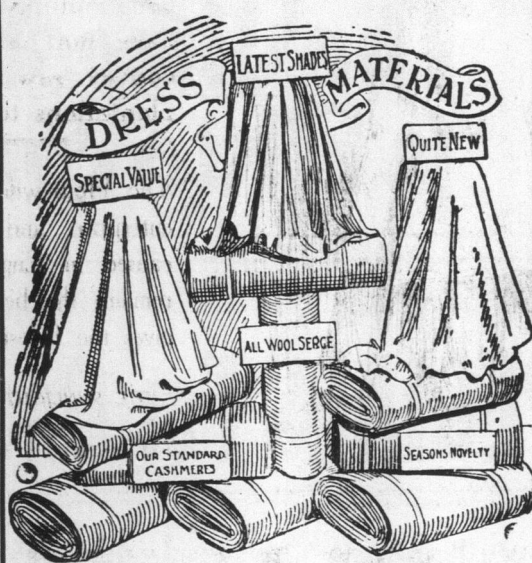
### CANADIANS' FINE WORK.

CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, To-day.—In fair stand up hand to hand fighting on the eastern slope of Hill 70 last night our men beat off two more counter attacks in which the last available battalions of the Fourth Prussian Guards Division were broken and destroyed as a fighting force. In my despatch on Thursday night the story was told of the impetuous charge by which our line was pushed forward east of the Hill. Prisoners say that at the very moment when our assault was launched the Guards' battalions were assembling to attack Hill 70 they came under our barrage and suffered heavy losses in their positions on Boile Hugo and Cite St. Auguste. Notwithstanding this punishment they pierced to the trenches from which their attack was planned to come. Shortly after 7 o'clock they advanced with such determination that our forward posts were driven in and for a time the enemy secured possession of our advanced line. At 9 o'clock another more serious assault was undertaken against our main line in the newly acquired ground accompanied by very heavy shelling. It failed and our men went once more forward on the heels of the enemy and re-established their outposts on the former advanced line, which thus remained in our possession after five hours of the most determined fighting experienced by the Western troops of the original expeditionary force who took part. By midnight affairs had quieted down. This morning Hill 70 is an extinct volcano with our incomparable Infantry in undisputed possession. The struggle was renewed on a part of the front South of St. Laurent at 4 o'clock this morning, when an Ontario Battalion went forward to attack a strong position along a railway embankment which now forms the boundary of the enemy lines West of Lens. Strong opposition was encountered. After bombing their way into a nest of trenches our men were themselves bombed out. More troops were put in and the area of attack extended to the North by the participation of another battalion. For several hours the struggle went on and the Canadians finally won their objectives which were three trenches from which observations could be secured upon the recently won front. A feature of to-day's struggle was the free use of aeroplanes by the enemy in support of the Infantry. Taking a leaf out of our book the German airmen flew low over the trenches and engaged the occupants with their machine guns. There were many aerial fights between these enemy airmen and ourselves. The number of prisoners wounded and unwounded now totals well over a thousand; the enemy's killed and wounded must number at least five times as many. Three enemy divisions, the Seventh, Eleventh Reserve and Fourth Guards have ceased to have any fighting value as the result of their great losses. With the object of excusing their failure to hold ground of such vital importance to the defence of Lens, General Von Ludendorff in the German official statement places the Canadian objectives at Ventin-le-Viel, four kilometers in front of the recent German front line, and shows that this objective was not attained, but that the advance only reached the third trench of the enemy's first line. This is an old trick of the German staff. An imaginary goal is indicated and it is announced with great impressiveness

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that the goal was not reached. The people of Canada may rest assured that the operation was carried out as planned and that the German report is more than usually mendacious. As the battalions which took part in the battle got into touch with Headquarters tales of fighting both grave and gay drift back. One battalion mourns a very gallant young officer, a Quebecer, who was wounded in the face and after having his wound bound up insisted on going on with his men. He had advanced only one hundred feet further when he was again hit and fell dead at the head of his company.

### NAILING GERMAN LIES.

LONDON, To-day.  
Concerning a report in the German official communication that the forces of the Crown Prince Rupprecht had retaken a town which was captured by the British on Thursday, the official press bureau this evening issued the following communication. A German wireless official summary in one day contains a series of misstatements. The right flank of the Allied attack on Thursday was on the Ypres-Menin Road; there was no attack between the Lys. The enemy nearly doubled the length of front of the attack. The enemy has not recovered Langemarck, nor did he make any attempt to do so. A British Staff Officer reported at 6 p.m. to-day that he had just returned from Langemarck, where he had been for five hours. The British troops not only hold Langemarck but a considerable length of the German offensive position 800 yards north of Langemarck.

### THE GERMAN LIES.

BERLIN, To-day.  
An official German statement from the Western front reads: The Front of Crown Prince Rupprecht; The second great fighting day of the Flanders battle has been decided in our favour, thanks to the bravery of all arms and thanks to never failing attacking strength of our German Infantry. Yesterday morning after hours of gun fire the flower of the English army accompanied by French forces on the northern wing burst forward despite echeled to attack on a front of 30 kilometers. From the Yser Canal to the River Lys the battle raged throughout the day. Our advanced posts on the Yser Canal were overrun. The enemy captured ground before the battle, a position east of Bix Schoote, which was yielded step by step by our progressing troops. The English penetrated our lines near Langemarck and by means of reinforcements pushed forward but were met by a counter attack on the part of our fighting reserves. In an irresistible assault the foremost enemy troops were overpowered; his rear echelons were thrown back by evening. After heavy fighting at Langemarck our lost position was again in our hands.

### BRITISH CONSOLIDATE THEIR GAINS.

LONDON, To-day.  
Telegraphing from British Headquarters in France to-day, Reuters

The artillery was active and the firm had the advantage of high visibility. Signs are apparent that the Germans are relieving their badly knocked out units on various parts of the front. The French are mainly employed in digging in. Their ground if possible is worse than ours since the advance skirts an inundated country and has been largely over a water-logged country. They have gone ahead magnificently. Their casualties are actually less than the total prisoners. The famous 75's, of which they had a great concentration, have given the Huns a terribly bad time and their drumfire has broken up several attempted counter attacks. Substantial progress toward the liberation of Belgium was made yesterday. Although the gain of territory was not great, it was all to the good. But what is of much more importance, there are now fewer Germans in Belgium than previously. The Anglo-French have now probably got two thousand prisoners in their collecting cages, whilst we know for a certainty that the enemy's dead and wounded must form an appalling total. Counter attacks in dense masses which are still the favorite tactics of the German high command, are terribly costly, even when successful. The price our gunners exacted before the enemy was allowed to retake some high ground yesterday, was such as the prisoners admit very freely. This kind of fighting must weaken the power of resistance of the whole German army in the West. Langemarck is a pile of rubble and consists mainly of water, pools of mud, beds, islands, jagged masonry and tree stumps; all the roads have vanished. The enemy here used an amazing quantity of concrete. The roofs of the cellars were often ten feet thick. A feature of the recent fighting is the much greater part the rifle is playing in the attacks. The Germans have been lavishly using smoke barrages with the idea of fooling our gunners. These sometimes resulted in our men losing touch, and also in reports of casualties that had not occurred. One case is reported of a private leading a bunch of men, who met an officer, who replied that he had other work to do and bade the private carry on. It is this ready initiative of our men which is standing them in good stead amid the turmoil of battle.

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### N. I. W. A.

Addressed by Editors McGrath, Winter and Modell on Food Control.

There was a large attendance at last night's meeting of the Newfoundland Industrial Workers' Association when addresses on the subject of Food Control were delivered by Hon. Dr. McGrath, editor of the Herald, Mr. H. A. Winter, B.A., editor of the Telegram, and Dr. Modell, editor of the Star. On entering the building the speakers of the evening were received by the executive of the association and given seats on the platform. President Bennett introduced the first speaker, Dr. McGrath, who dealt with the various causes leading up to present conditions, the great loss of ships and their valuable cargoes by being sunk by German submarines, unusual demand for fighting forces, scarcity of labor and shortage of crops were responsible for the present state of affairs. Mr. Hanna, the Canadian Food Controller, had said that the wheat supply in sight was hardly sufficient to meet the demands of Europe and if the consumption was abnormal at home the soldiers at the front would be short. In Canada flour is only allowed at two meals a day and on Tuesdays and Fridays the use of meat is forbidden and on other days it may be used only once. As to the position here, all our wheat is imported and no doubt we are the greatest consumers of flour in the world; moreover our supply is principally of the best grades, and it is a debatable question if we will be able to get the necessary supply the next twelve months. The speaker reviewed the prospects for our potato crop, which is estimated to be about \$50,000 barrels. The cost of food has doubled while wages have increased only about 75 per cent. How the machinery will be worked to meet the conditions he was not prepared to say, but it will take time and the Board will be aided by the intelligent public who realize the conditions which face us.

Mr. H. A. Winter thought it advisable to follow the suggestions of economy as outlined by Dr. McGrath, if not, the consequences would rest on ourselves. He was glad to see the interest taken by the association in the appointment of a Board of Food Control which he considered was a long step in the right direction. Can the Board deal adequately with the situation? The question of supply is far more important than food prices. In 1812 the price of wheat was cut in the United States with the result that very little was grown and up-soared the price again. Supposing our supply of Prince Edward Island potatoes were cut off and our local supply not being sufficient, an agitation starts and the authorities reduce prices. It would mean that the farmers would not grow large crops and up would go the price while the supply would be hopelessly short. The Board should give particular attention to the matter of securing supplies. Lord Rindhead has promised a reduction of prices to the people of England, but the people have been warned not to expect too much. But the law of supply and demand is not untrammelled in all its operations and even allowing for transport charges the prices in some instances are higher than they should be. He hoped the Board would be able to work in a satisfactory way with the U. S. and Canadian Control authorities. Flour is one direction in which the Board would do well to pay particular attention and revolutionize the dietary of the country for the people's good. In the United States the people are eating more corn meal and oats, and we should realize the seriousness of the situation. We should avoid all waste and by only buying sufficient food to meet our needs we can do much to economize. All can help the Board by taking a healthy interest in keeping things straight. The fixing of minimum prices is most important and should have been arranged before.

Dr. Modell pointed out that the Board will teach us to help ourselves by encouraging us to grow more and by informing us if prices are legitimate. We must help ourselves to improve conditions. We have played our part in the war and we will be called upon to make further and possibly greater sacrifices. The unfortunate circumstances in connection with the food situation was that it was inclined to set class against class, but judgments should not be formed in a hurry, and by getting at the true state of affairs we will have the support of the Board. We should believe the best till we know the worst. Unity is needed at present and all should take a deep interest in the questions confronting us.

Mr. Warwick Smith proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers, which was seconded by Mr. W. A. O'D. Kelly and supported by Mr. S. Merrill. The vote was tendered by President Bennett and heartily carried by acclamation.

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## Our Baseball Column.

PLAGIARISED AND OTHERWISE.

### SAVIN' NUTHIN'.

During the past ten days we have said so much about and elaborated on the B.I.S.-Red Lion game that we are not going to say any more to-day except that the clash should prove a thriller; that both teams are in fine fettle; that a win for the B.I.S. gives them the pennant; that if the Lions win it will likely mean a playoff; that Carow and Kieley will be the star artists; that Chief Chessman and Major Montgomerie will be the umpires; that Messrs. Outerbridge and Hartnett will score; and that all is needed is on Tuesday fine weather and a crowd, and a good fast classy game will be the result.

### THE ROMANS HAD THEM TOO.

"Some of these classic writers," says Bill Rodgers of the Red Sox, "must have known something about baseball, and had pretty good ideas. There was one fellow, named Gibbon. He wrote 'The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire,' and I intended to read his book as soon as I can get a little leisure."

### THE OLDEST BASEBALL INSURED.

The oldest baseball in existence is owned by the president of the East End Church Baseball league in Pittsburgh. The ball is nearly fifty-three years old. It was first used in a championship game between the Eclipse team of Kingston, N.Y., and the Hudson team of Newburgh, N.Y. The game was played on June 20th, 1862, and ended 49 to 18 in favour of the Kingston team. The ball is made of one piece of horsehide, sewed in the centre. When it was used, underhand pitching alone was permissible. Curses were unknown. They carried \$500 burglary insurance and \$500 fire insurance. It was given to its present owner by John Miller, who played first base on the Eclipse team. Miller is 100 years old now and lives in New York.—Baseball Magazine.

(The writer has the first baseball used in league games in Newfoundland being the one thrown over by the then Mayor, Hon. W. J. Ellis, to Dave Duff, who was backstop for the Lions when the opening game was played on June 12th, 1913, the first year League baseball was played in St. John's).

### BONEHEAD PLAYS.

A New York paper, just two or three years ago, added a column for boneheads in the boxscore, but it didn't last. After each score came out there would be insistent enquiries for the fellow that wrote it, and it would take Jess Willard, to keep a full score along these lines. Still the world is all for progress and novelty these days—let's have some more columns in the boxscore. A separate score for the umpires, reading something like this, might make a hit:—

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C.D. means correct decisions.

### LD. incorrect decisions.

Or a deportment table showing the number of kicks by each player, or a special table for the ladies to register their "impression scores," showing how the different players looked to them, the table containing spaces to set down the headings "Handsome," "Perfect," "Darling," "Awful Ugly," "Caveman," "Very Polished," etc.

### OF INTEREST TO FANDOM.

We have to thank Mr. Hawtermale, Vice-President of the League, for the following excerpt from a letter received by him from an officer of "Ours" wounded at Monchy on April 14th:—

Glad to know that Baseball keeps going. There is no reason why all sport should become stagnant; after all, we are merely fighting for the preservation of these privileges, and mournful faces at home will not help us in the least. Our playgrounds have been our best recruiting grounds. I am sure you will be surprised, or at least pleased, to know that we had a BIG game here yesterday. Kind friends, a restful car, and attentive nurses made it possible for most of us "broken down" enthusiasts to attend. The turf arena of historic Lords' was the scene of the fray, and the competing nine were Canada and the United States. All the details of the big game were in evidence—howling crowd, flagwaving, and in the middle of the diamond a white cat with a red tuxedo. Canada won by 12 to 3 before 10,000 spectators. One of the leading London papers has this to say: "Baseball is a great game. It is high time we imported it into Britain. The after-war 'gate-money' public will demand something less staid and prolonged than cricket. Baseball is a swift, brave, and as skilled a game as exists. It is packed with thrills, it has not a dull minute, and that's going some."

## Presbyterian Clergymen

### TO VISIT NEWFOUNDLAND.

A delegation of well known Presbyterian clergymen representing the Halifax Presbytery are shortly to pay a visit to St. John's and other places in Newfoundland where the Presbyterian Church is established. The delegation will consist of Dr. Thomas Stewart, agent of the church in the eastern division; Dr. A. B. Dickie, former Moderator of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, and Dr. Clark, minister of St. Matthew's Church, Halifax. All three will be heard in St. Andrew's Church and will visit Harbor Grace, Bell Island, Grand Falls and Bay of Islands.

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