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To-Day's Messages. 10.30 A.M.

COL. HOUSE PRESENTS REPORT.

WASHINGTON, To-day. Col. House, who reached here last night on his return from the Inter-Allied War Conference at Paris, delivered to Secretary of State Lansing to-day his own report and those of his assistants. He is staying at the White House as a guest of President Wilson, to whom he made a personal report last night. To-day was the second anniversary of the marriage of the President and Mrs. Wilson and the President remained at home, except for a short while in the afternoon when he went to the theatre to hear John McCormack sing for the Red Cross. He and Col. House spent some time going over the situation as Col. House found it in Europe.

CLAIM 1,000 PRISONERS.

BERLIN, To-day. A supplementary statement from general headquarters this evening says: "In successful engagements in the mountains west of Brest (Italian front), the Austro-Hungarians took more than 1,000 prisoners. Italian attacks against Monte Solarolo failed."

SHARP CRITICISM OF THE ALLIANCE.

LONDON, To-day. The serious view entertained here on the successful German double attack on the line in the North Sea is reflected by the great prominence and space given by the morning newspapers to this incident, but much of the editorial comment is restrained, the desire being expressed by several commentators to await the result of the official inquiry. Nevertheless some sharp criticisms find their way into the editorial columns with pointed reference to explanations given at the time of the October raid. The Daily News says: "The occurrence of two such incidents is calculated to convey disquieting anxiety. The public have had more than enough of these things both at sea and ashore and have come to distrust profoundly the efficiency of military and naval services as judges of affairs concerning them."

themselves." The Daily Chronicle says: "A serious feature is the painful reflection cast upon the administrative efficiency of the Grand Fleet. Such a mistake wouldn't be repeated after a night's interval unless some screws in the machinery were very dangerously loose. The circumstances call for a court of inquiry appointed by the Admiralty from the outside. It is not enough for an inquiry to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief nor composed of his subordinates." The Times says: "The attack requires a good deal more of explanation than the raid in October, concerning which the points made by the First Lord were that the wireless was smashed and that the enemy came at night. Neither of these pleas is relevant in the enemy's latest exploits. While judgment must be suspended until after the inquiry, it is impossible not to feel that the things should never have happened."

THE RUSSIAN TANGLE.

LONDON, To-day. Reports on the Russian internal situation to-night indicate that fighting is continuing in the Don region and that reinforcements have been sent south from Petrograd. A Kiev despatch to-night reports that during the disarming of Maximilianist units there, Ukrainian troops seized 72 cannon, 350 machine guns and five million cartridges. It is stated by other advices that the Russian Government Commissioners are drafting an ultimatum addressed to the Ukrainian Rada recognizing the independence of Ukraine, but demanding an immediate expression of the Rada's attitude towards the Bolshevik authorities. The Rada had issued a statement declining to recognize the people's commissioners as comprising a Government of all Russia inasmuch as the Don, Caucasus, Siberia and other parts of Russia have their own Governments. In connection with the signing and publication of the terms of the armistice on the Russian front, it is stated that the Russian delegation at Brest-Litovsk has been augmented to include Pokrovski, President of the Moscow Soldiers' and Workmen's Council and others. The Maximilianist organ Prava takes occasion to denounce as untruths the allegations that the Germans in the armistice negotiations demand the evacuation of Petrograd and Finland, the disarmament of the Russian Army and a grant to Germany of a monopoly in grain exports.

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According to reports of the Bolshevik Public Works Department and Railway Administration the arrival of foods of all kinds in the last days have been satisfactory at Petrograd, Moscow and all populous places in North Asia and on the South fronts.

U.S.A. WILL DO NOTHING.

WASHINGTON, To-day. It is assumed at the State Department that the reply of State Ambassador Francis to the invitation of Leon Trotsky, Foreign Minister of the Bolshevik Government, to participate in the peace negotiations would be that he has no instructions from the American Government. No instructions have been sent to Mr. Francis, and it was indicated that none authorizing him to have anything to do with peace negotiations would be sent. Recurring to the suggestion in Europe for a de facto recognition of the Bolsheviks has not been supposed here and it is believed that the Ambassador will be expected to do nothing more in connection with the peace parleys than to observe developments and report them.

AMERICAN SAILORS PRISONERS.

AMSTERDAM, To-day. Sailors who were saved by the Germans from the American destroyer Jacob Jones, according to an official German announcement received here to-day. The Jacob Jones was torpedoed and sunk in the war zone on December 6th, and sixty-five men on board were listed as missing. The survivors reported that one American who spoke German was taken away a prisoner on the submarine.

INVESTIGATING DELAYS.

WASHINGTON, To-day. An investigation of the delays in the building of the American merchant marine by the Shipping Board and the Emergency Fleet Corporation was ordered to-day by the Senate, which rushed through a resolution by Senator Harding of Ohio after vigorous criticism by several Senators of the failure to produce ships.

URGES EXCLUSION OF FRENCH-CANADIANS.

KINGSTON, Ont., To-day. Under the heading "A Victory Election," the Daily Standard to-day says: "For ourselves we should like to see Premier Borden name an English Cabinet without a single French-Canadian in it. The French-Canadian voted to isolate themselves. So be it. As they have made their bed so should they lie. An all English Cabinet is what the Country needs and what they will hope for."

A HIGH RECORD.

ROME, To-day. Lieut. Brachpapa, of the Italian Army, Pilot, recently attained a height of 7,025 metres (20,045 feet) in an Italian aeroplane, mounting to this altitude in 45 minutes. This is said here to be the world's height record.

ROMANIAN MINISTER DEAD.

TOKIO, To-day. M. Xonophol, Roumanian Minister to Japan, is dead here.

BOSTON CIVIC ELECTION.

BOSTON, To-day. Andrew J. Peters, formerly Assistant Secretary, to-day was elected Mayor, defeating Mayor Jas. M. Curley, the nearest opponent, by approximately 9,000 votes, based on unofficial police figures. Congressman Peter F. (Frank) fourth. The tickets were non-partisan.

HOME PARLIAMENT CONGRATULATES DOMINIONS.

OTTAWA, To-day. Lieut.-Col. Ernest J. Chambers, Chief Press Coroner for Canada, in his capacity of Secretary of the Canadian Branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association has received from Howard D. Byille, Secretary of the United Kingdom Branch of the Association, a resolution passed at the annual meeting of the United Kingdom Branch, on the motion of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, seconded by Rt. Hon. Herbert Samuel, Secretary, supported by Adamson, M.P., leader for the party as follows: "The members of both Houses of Parliament, assembled at the annual meeting of the United Kingdom Branch, desire to convey to the members of the Association in the Parliaments of the Dominions their deep admiration for the manner in which the Parliaments of the overseas nations have provided men, money and material for the prosecution of the war. At the greatest crisis in the Empire's history, the legislators of the democracies overseas have risen to a full appreciation of their common responsibilities, and the members of the association of the mother of Parliaments desire to express their conviction that the sacrifices and suffering endured for the common object will be the means of bringing about an even more complete understanding and co-operation between the Parliaments of the Empire in the future."

HURD DEFENDS NAVY.

LONDON, To-day. Archibald S. Hurd, the well-known writer on naval subjects, in the Daily Telegraph refuses to assume any failure on the part of anybody from the Chief of the Admiralty to the youngest seaman concerned. He points out the difficulties of the task and the great results achieved. He contends that the real explanation is that the navy hasn't enough ships for its multifarious duties and especially lacks enough (small) ships. "Although we have been building ships," he continues, "the navy has never been provided with an adequate supply of small craft, owing to the shortage of labor and steel. All that can be said is that our strength is greater to-day than it was, though still insufficient because of the losses incurred at sea. In one recent month this year in home waters alone our naval forces steam-drove seven miles in areas in which enemy submarines were active and in which also enemy mines by the thousands lurked. The navy, and particularly the officers and men who serve in the small craft, have been overworked ever since the war because the naval forces have never been adequate to insure a rest for those who are bearing the main burden." The writer, like some others, recalls Sir Eric Geddes' statement, explaining the October raid, that between April and October 4,500 merchantmen were escorted between Britain and Norway without a single ship being lost by a surface attack. He also says: "Since the beginning of the convoy system until December 1st, less than one and half per cent. of the convoyed cargoes bound inward have been lost."

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VICTORY IN PALESTINE.

LONDON, To-day. A British official communication dealing with operations in Palestine reports the capture of territory south-east of Jerusalem and 117 Turkish prisoners. The statement follows: "General Allenby reports that our troops have seized high ground east of Abudis, two miles southeast of Jerusalem, and have taken 117 prisoners including officers. Our casualties are considerably less in number than the Turkish dead counted by us."

PATRIOTIC IRISH AMERICANS.

CHICAGO, To-day. A declaration upholding the Irish Parliamentary party and charging that any Irishman or organization who seeks to break away from the Allied Powers in the conduct of the war is committing an act of open hostility to the United States was adopted to-night by the Irish Fellowship Club here, the largest Irish organization in the city. It was directed to John E. Redmond and announced the forwarding of \$10,000 as the first instalment of a fund to be collected in America in support of the party. A declaration of principles will be submitted to all the Irish organizations in America of the war. The declaration says, "Any attempt to make distinctions between the Allies is futile, foolish or insane. Any policy which promises aid to the cause of the Allies and at the same time singles one of them out for attack is self-contradictory. We are therefore committed to regard any Irishman who at this time tries to embarrass the conduct of the war by any of the European Powers as trying to embarrass America. With any such policy, we must tell our Irish brethren at home, they cannot look to America or Irish America for any sympathy. On the contrary, we regard any such policy as an act of open hostility to Americans and to us as Americans. There is not a single honest or genuine American who does not stand behind the President and American Government in its policy. The Irish people have now a choice between the amity and friendship of the United States and loyal as we have always been to the cause of Irish liberty we must tell the Irish people that we will not, we cannot retain sympathy for an Ireland that makes war on our beloved country and our sons. We claim no right to enter into a discussion of the international political issues in Ireland. But this moment raises questions far outside Ireland. We have our plain duty and our clear conviction, which is to stand by the men who are frankly on our side and to give you both our financial and moral support to the end of your demands upon us." The approval given the declaration was practically unanimous.

2 00 P.M.

WHAT RUSSIA IS COSTING THE ALLIES.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN FRANCE, To-day—Before signing the armistice with Russia, Germany, according to assessments of numerous prisoners, withdrew all soldiers between the ages of 20 and 35 from the divisions on the Russian front. These divisions were reinforced by older men and recruits of the 1919 class, thus nominally retaining some formations on the eastern front as in the past. The divisions now occupying the western front lines consequently are composed of the best fighting material at the disposal of Germany.

A GENERALISSIMO NOT A GOOD SCHEME, SAYS TIMES.

LONDON, To-day. The Times' London correspondent discusses the question of appointing a generalissimo of the Allied armies and dismisses the idea as impractical. He admits that such an appointment would meet the wishes of the French, who he says are disappointed because the British will not consent to this, but is one of the schemes that would prove a failure. The writer cites various occurrences to show that centralization of the command in Germany has not prevented great German successes. He says the successes are more owing to the international weaknesses of Germany's enemies than to her own strength. He maintained that the appointment of a generalissimo for the Allies would start friction. Everyone would grumble and become suspicious, and if the troops of one of the nations failed, everybody would denounce the generalissimo and the resentment would be intense. The fact that he accepts the correspondent's view that an army can stand defeat under its own command but cannot stand defeat incurred in obeying the orders of a foreign general. National pride, arrogance and prejudices are aroused, and the real bond of an alliance and mutual understanding is broken. It must be accepted as an axiom of this war that

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not a single one of the Allies is prepared to accept a position of subordination. The writer also thinks it highly improbable that the Governments would accept the dictum of a foreign generalissimo.

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His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Lieut.-Colonel Hugh William Knox-Niven (Indian Army, retired), to be Private Secretary; Captain James Hugh Campbell (5th Black Watch), to be Aide-de-Camp; the Hon. Robert Watson, to be Assistant Private Secretary. Government House, 17th December, 1917.

Note—In the appointments of Justices of the Peace for the Colony, gazetted August 21st last, the name "John P. Roach" should read "James P. Roche."

Department of the Colonial Secretary, December 18th, 1917.

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At the Casino Theatre last night the pupils of St. Hilda's School presented the Cantata "Fairy Pearls" before a crowded house. Among those present were Miss Armored Harris, daughter of His Excellency; Sir W. H. and Lady Horwood, Capt. Campbell, A.D.C., Rev. Canon White, Bishop-Elect, and other prominent people. The performers, who acquitted themselves admirably, were:—Misses M. Syme, Helen Reid, M. Dawe, Stella Droge, M. McNeil, F. Reid, F. Winter, D. Baird, G. McNeil, G. Milley, E. Tranfield, F. Ashbourne, J. Hodge, Jean and Elizabeth Knowing, C. Urquhart, E. Brinton, Myrtis Dawe, A. Noseworthy, E. Hopkins, E. Squires, F. Ford, H. Garcia, A. Shorter, Sybil Earle, Ruth Hickman and Gladys Chaplin.

Following the Cantata, Miss Harris, who was given a hearty welcome by the Bishop-Elect, graciously consented to present the prizes to the fortunate winners during the past year. Sir W. H. Horwood in a brief speech proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Harris, which was heartily accorded. Miss Dawson, Principal of the school; Mrs. Cleary, who trained the dancers; and Miss O. Wood, who was responsible for the musical part, are to be congratulated on the success achieved.

PRIZE DAY.—The distribution of prizes of the Mercy Convent, Military Road, will take place to-morrow afternoon at the Archdiocesan Library when the operetta "Pearl, the Fish-Maiden," will be presented by the pupils.

Some of the new coats are lined with velvet.

Fire Patrol Board

Annual.

At the annual meeting of the Fire Patrol Board held yesterday afternoon in the Department of Agriculture and Mines Hon. W. Halford presided, and those present were: Messrs. Hansen and W. Scott, of the A. N. D. Co.; Harris, of Bishop's Falls; Chief Woods Ranger Howe; Fisher, of Bay of Islands; Gilmore, Woods Supt. with the A. N. D. Co., and E. Collishaw.

The report showed that no less than 911 fires were extinguished during the past year, thus saving hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of good timber.

DIED.

Passed away at Mundy Pond after a short illness, Mary, wife of the late Terrance Kennedy, of Carbonear, aged 73 years, leaving two sons, three sisters, two brothers and seven grandchildren to mourn their sad loss; funeral on Friday, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, Ropewalk Range—R. I. P.

Killed in action Somewhere in France, on November 20th, 1917, Lieut. John Edens, 1st Newfoundland Regiment, second son of Thomas J. and Margaret M. Edens, aged 21 years.—R.I.P.

At Deer Lake, yesterday, John D. Withycombe, aged 74 years, leaving a wife, 3 daughters, 1 brother and 1 sister to mourn their sad loss; funeral will take place on arrival of train. (Funeral notice later.)

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES COLDS, ETC.