TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.30 A. M.

AIR SERVICE BETWEEN ROME AND TURIN.

ROME, To-day.

An air postal service was inaugurated to-day between Turin and Rome. An airplane left Turin at 11.15 a.m. to-day with 400 pounds of letters, 200 pounds of newspapers and a message from the city of Turin to Premier Beselly, and arrived at Rome at 3.30 p. m.

SMUTS ON GERMANY'S AFRICAN AMBITIONS.

LONDON, To-day.

A complimentary dinner was given to-night in honor of General Jan Christian Smuts, the famous Boer leader, at which Viscount Milner, the Earl of Selborne, Sir Leander Starr Jameson, former Premier of Cape Colony, and other prominent men were present. General Smuts in his speech alluded to Germany's desire to establish a great Central African Empire and the menace such a scheme would have been to the whole world. "It was during my experiences in East Africa," said General Smuts, "that my eyes were opened to the serious danger of this plan. In that land there was a gigantic possibility in the huge population of one of the most valuable assets for the creation of the most powerful army the world has ever known. We do not know the value of a black army. If our statesmen had allowed such an army to be created it would have proven not only a serious menace to the future of South Africa but to the whole civilized world." General Smuts said he hoped this matter would be borne in mind when a peace settlement came be made,, and that the league of nations would absolutely forbid the military training of African natives.

WAR REVIEW.

LONDON, To-day.

Although on both the British and French fronts the period of virtual inaction continues, except for minor trench raids by the British and artillery duels of violence between the French and Germans, it is not expected that these conditions will long prevail. The offensive of the British on the Arras front cannot be deemed to have ended until Field Marshal Haig's men once more have thrown their strength against the 2,000 yards of the Hindenburg line still held by the Germans west of Bullecourt and straightened out their lines for the heavy blows that are to come against the Drocourt-Queant switch line on which the Germans place dependence to ward off the advance by their enemies eastward. The last reports had the British busily engaged consolidating the gains they had made along the Hindenburg line. With these completed the expectation is that another of the great battles which have marked the progress eastward of the British will soon be in full sway. Probably finding their counter attacks against the French in the region around Moronvillers, in which they were repulsed on Monday night with heavy casualties, was too costly, the Germans on Tuesday did not renew their efforts to regain the lost ground, instead they engaged with the French in violent artillery duels in the region of Vanelery, on California Plateau, and east of Chevreux, which lie between Soissons and Rheims, not forgetting again to throw numerous shells into the already devastated town of Rheims. According to Vienna, the Italians attempted to advance on the Isonze, but were stopped by the Austrians.

FIRE WIPES OUT JAPANESE TOWN

TOKIO, To-day.

All the public buildings and 3,500 houses in the city of Yenezewa have been destroyed by fire. Yenezewa is an important town in the prefecture of Yamagat with 36,000 inhabitants.

BRINGS CREWS OF TORPEDOED SHIPS.

NEW YORK, To-day.

A British steamer which arrived here to-day brought the members of the crews of several vessels sunk by submarines, including four from the British freight steamer Towergate, torpedoed on April 16 while bound for Galveston, Texas, to Liverpool. The loss of the Towergate had not previously been reported in this country.

PLAIN WORDS TO THE RUSSIANS.

PETROGRAD, To-Day.

Albert Thomas, French Minister of Munitions, addressing a delegation of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates in Moscow, said that thousands of French and British soldiers are perishing while awaiting Russia's co-operation in the war. On this co-operation, the Minister said, the soldiers had a right to count. Russia's inaction at the front was equivalent to a separate peace.

NEW RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN.

LONDON, To-Day.

A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Petrograd says that as a result in the change in the Government, M. Iwelsky has been appointed Ambassador to Britain in place of Sergius Sazanoff, the former Minister, who recently was named for the post. Several days ago, when M. Sazanoff was about to leave Petrograd for London, he was intercepted at the railroad station by an attache of the Foreign Office and requested to postpone his departure.

PROTEST TO GERMANY AGAINST DETAINING AMERICANS.

WASHINGTON, To-Day.

A protest to Germany against the detention of American citizens was made by the State Department to-day through the Spanish Government. The Department has received positive information that Americans are being held in Germany, and has asked for a full and definite statement of the Imperial Government's attitude concerning their departure. It is pointed out that this Government has always acted promptly on the application of German subjects to leave the United States.

GETTING READY FOR THE CONVENTION.

LONDON, To-Day.

The main development in the preparations for the Irish Convention during the past 24 hours is the convening of the Standing Committee of the Unionist Council on Friday at Belfast to arrange for a summoning of a full meeting of the Council for the purpose of considering the Government's convention proposal. The Standing Committee, which is the Council's Executive, consists of seventy members. The Council, which is framed on democratic lines, numbers more than five hundred members. It is inferable that the Committee does not intend hailing (?) matters, for it is stated in Parliamentary lobbies that it will demand information concerning the character and composition of the Convention before calling the Council together. The Irish Unionist Alliance meets in Dublin today under the Presidency of Viscount Middleton to decide the course to be adopted by the Unionists of the west and south toward the Convention. Dublin correspondents of some of the London newspapers say that, while the attitude of the Sinn Feiners is still doubtful, there is no ground for assuming that the extremist section's rejection of the convention will necesarily be endorsed by the whole party.

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Black as Dirt About the Eyes

Liver Was All Upset and There Was Pain Under the Shoulder-blade—Two Interesting Letters.

Toronto, Ont., May 23rd. — So many people suffer from derangements of the liver that we feel sure these two reports, just recently received, will prove interesting reading and valuable information to many readers of this paper.

Mrs. F. L. Harris, Keatley P. O., Sask., writes: "I was suffering from liver trouble—had a heavy pain under one shoulder blade all the time, and was nearly as black as dirt around the eyes, so I concluded to try some of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. I did so, and before I had taken one 25c. box the pain had left me and I commenced to gain in flesh, and by the time I had taken two boxes I was completely cured and felt like a new person. My trouble was caused by heavy work out-of-doors, and, of course, heavy eating and constipation. I would advise anyone suffering from kidney or liver trouble to give Dr. Chase's Pills a trial."

Mrs. Charles Terry, Tweed, Ont., writes: "Before I was married I was troubled with enlargement of the liver. My liver became so enlarged that you could detect the swellings on either side, and it was only with difficulty that I could get my clothes on. A friend advised me to get Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and take them. I commenced this treatment, and used nine boxes, which cured me at that time. Then, about two or three years afterward I was troubled again with the swelling, but only on my right side. I secured some more Kidney-Liver Pills, and took them, which finally cured me. I have not been troubled in this way since. I can cheerfully recommend Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills to anyone having kidney or liver trouble.

"We have also found Dr. Chase's Linseed and Turpentine excellent for coughs and cold. In fact, any of Dr. Chase's medicines which we have used have been good."

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25c. a box, 5 for $1.00, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto. 11

Here and There.

REPAIRING ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.—The contract for putting down a new maple flooring and setting up of new pews which have recently been imported for St. Patrick's Church is being given to M. and E. Kennedy. A new altar rail and pulpit will also be built and general repairs made to the interior and exterior of the chapel. The pews are of the latest pattern and finish and when installed will add much to the beauty of the sacred edifice.

Buy a bottle of Stafford's Phoratone Cough Cure for 25c. and receive a numbered ticket. See advertisement.—may1,tf

JOHNSON'S FANCY BAKERY.

LOCAL CUSTOMERS.

We wish to announce that we are throwing open our Bakery for their inspection. Call at **234 Theatre Hill** any hour of the day and you will see where, how and under what conditions our goods are manufactured.

Wedding Bells.

FRENCH—SNOW.

A very pretty wedding took place at Carbonear on the 9th inst., at noon, when Miss Maria May, eldest daughter of Mrs and Mrs. Thomas French was united in matrimony to Mr. Wm. J. Snow, of St. John's. The bride wore a travelling suit of navy blue serge with white hat and was given away by her father. The bridesmaids were Miss Lizzie French, sister of the bride and Miss Margarete Snow, sister of the groom. The groom was ably supported by Mr. Wm. French, cousin of the bride, and Pte. Selby Clarke. The ceremony was conducted by Adjt. Brace, of No 1 Citadel, St. John's, of which both bride and groom are popular members. The happy couple left by the afternoon's train for St. John's their future home, mid showers of congratulations and good wishes for a long and happy voyage over matrimonial seas, and on the following Friday a reception was held in the Junior Hall Springdale Street, in honour of the bride and groom. The groom being a bandsman and the bride a Junior Worker.

The Gas Range!

The Gas Range means comfort for the housewife; shorter kitchen hours for her, and a cleaner kitchen. It is a great mistake to think that cooking with gas is expensive.

Whenever a woman becomes used to gas for cooking, thoughts of a coal or wood stove fill her with gloom. A Gas range is so much easier to operate, so efficient for all kinds of cooking, and so much cleaner, that the idea of going back to the old style methods is decidedly unpleasant. Yet in winter many housewives think they must use a coal or wood stove, because there is no other way of heating the kitchen. THERE IS ANOTHER WAY AND IT IS FAR BETTER THAN THE OLD. THE CLOW GAS STEAM RADIATOR WAY. may23,tf

Here and There.

Fresh Smelts and Fresh Haddies at ELLIS'.

WEATHER REPORT—The weather across country is light N.E. wind and dull, temperature 29 to 45 above.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS'S.

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—Yesterday's outgoing express reached Badger Brook at 8.35 a.m. to-day. The incoming express with first class passengers is not expected to leave Port aux Basques till late to-night.

Received a shipment of Scotch Coopers' Tools. BOWRING BROS., Ltd., Hardware Dept.

WORK FOR THE IMPOUNDER.—We would suggest to the Municipal Impounder that he pay a visit to that section of the city in the vicinity of Rennie's Mill Bridge, where a number of cows are allowed to roam at their own sweet will.

Buy McGUIRE'S Special Big Loaf. Every loaf labeled; 15c. at all grocers.—may18,7i

TROUTERS TAKE NOTICE.—In connection with the trouters train which was set down to leave the city at 7.30 p.m. to-day we have been asked to state that the time has been changed to 7 o'clock. A number of trouters left by this morning's train for points along the Placentia railway.

Here and There.

Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine only 15c. bottle.—may1,tf

FORCED TO HARBOR.— A local vessel, which reached here last night with a general cargo, was forced to harbour on the way along, owing to becoming leaky.

The Best Bread Value: McGUIRE'S Special Big Loaf, 15c. retail. Every loaf labeled.
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PATRIOTIC FOOTBALL.—To-night the Football Association will hold its annual meeting and, we understand, arrange for the playing of a series of games for patriotic purposes.

WOMAN ABUSED.—A woman of Paradise, C.B., was summoned to court to-day by another of the same settlement for using an overflow of "polite" language towards her. The defendant was bound over to keep the peace.

For every 25c. purchase made at Stafford's Drug Store you receive a numbered ticket. See advertisement.—may1,tf

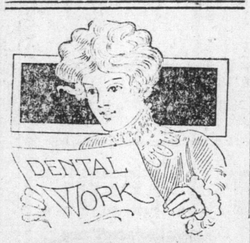
BORN.

On the 22nd inst., a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morissey (R. N. Co.).

DIED.

This morning, May 22nd, after a long illness of heart failure, Thomas Clancey, aged 58 years. He leaves to mourn one brother and three sons; funeral on Thursday, 24th May, at 2 o'clock, from his late residence, 70 Hayward Avenue.

Died this morning, at 17 Bambrick Street, John Power, aged 75 years, leaving a wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 1 brother and 1 sister and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Funeral will take place on Sunday, May 27th, at the usual time from his late residence, 17 Bambrick Street. Boston and Montreal papers please copy.



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All the leading shades, at **75c. and $1.15 yard.**

Then we have a few snaps in Dress Material that are old stock (and to-day old stock is the best stock), these include

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For Costumes, etc., in colors of Myrtle, Reseda, Brown and Grey only, at **$1.15 and $1.30 yard.**

These cloths cannot be replaced at any price to-day. Other old values you can save a lot of money on we show in certain colors of Alpacas, Cashmeres, Voiles, Crepelles, Nun's Veilings, etc., and besides these a lot of Shepherds' Checks at various prices.

NEW BUTTONS,

For Coats, Costumes and Dresses, just opened.

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WE are still showing a splendid selection of : : :

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No scarcity at **Maunder's.**

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MORE DIPHTHERIA. — Another new case of diphtheria was reported yesterday from Wickford Street. The patient is a six year old boy.

Fairbanks Brass Globe and Angle Valves to be had at BOWRING BROS., Ltd., Hardware Dept.—feb6,tf

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