

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

NOTHING CONCRETE. WASHINGTON, April 25. The only information received by Secretary of State Hughes to-day, concerning the character of Germany's counter proposals regarding reparations, was contained in press despatches. A communication, embodying proposals, which was handed yesterday to Loring Drossel, United States High Commissioner at Berlin, by Dr. Walter Simons, German Foreign Minister, had not arrived when the Secretary finished his day's work.

FRENCH CABINET COUNCIL. PARIS, April 25. A Cabinet Council, presided over by President Millerand, met at nine-thirty o'clock this evening in the Elysee Palace, and lasted until eleven-thirty o'clock. Premier Briand described at length to his colleagues the results of conversations with David Lloyd George, British Prime Minister, at Lymington and the conditions under which the Allied Premier had summoned the Conference of the Supreme Council in London last Saturday. During the proceedings, Louis Loucheur, Minister of Liberated Regions, left the Palace and started for London, there to attend a meeting of Allied experts, which is to be held prior to the assembling of the Supreme Council. The Supreme Council's work will be upon the German note sent to Washington and reports of Allied experts on the economic administration to be set up in Ruhr, in the event that German counter proposals are unsatisfactory. M. Briand has not yet been informed concerning the German proposals. He said, in talking with an Associated Press correspondent, that he hoped they would be worth while, but he had doubts of it. "If they should be up to the Paris Conference minimum demands of the Allies," he added, "we would accept them with guarantees." When asked what sort of guarantees, he replied that they would be along the lines of participation in the proceeds of German industry and certain checks on German customs receipts and despoils.

MORE MONEY FOR WEAPONS. PARIS, April 25. The Chamber of Deputies to-day gave evidence of what is construed as its intention to support the Government in the occupation of Ruhr, if that becomes necessary, by voting an increase of twenty million francs for artillery.

NO BEER FOR SICK. WASHINGTON, D.C., April 25. As a first step of the fight in Congress to tighten up the Volstead Prohibition Enforcement Law, a Bill, designed to prohibit the sale of beer to sick on doctors prescriptions was introduced in the House to-day by Chairman Volstead of the Judiciary Committee. The measure would not prohibit the use of wine for medicinal purposes, but would make more specific and stringent regulations on this subject.

FRENCH PRESS EXPRESSION. PARIS, April 25. What is termed a vital effect of participation by United States in reparation settlement, and necessity for occupation of Ruhr Region, of Germany, as a guarantee for Germany's execution of any agreement entered into, is

emphasized by evening newspapers to-day. All newspapers consider that the coming week will be gravely important. The Temps says United States has a great responsibility, but that it hopes it will facilitate the Allied task by "rejecting spontaneously, without even consulting the Allies unofficially, any German proposal that is manifestly inadequate."

GETTING READY FOR THE BOUT. NEW YORK, April 25. With the definite selection, to-day, of Boyle's thirty acres, adjoining Montgomery Park in Jersey City, as the site of the arena for the Dempsey-Carpentier heavyweight championship bout on July 2, training plans of contestants to-night were being laid accordingly. The location of Dempsey's camp has not been fixed, but it is generally understood that the champion will select Atlantic City, while Carpentier will train on Long Island, probably at Manhasset. According to present indications, Carpentier's training will be conducted along much more secret lines than Dempsey's.

UNDER CONSIDERATION. PARIS, April 25. The possibility of applying penalties to Germany immediately after May 1st, despite whatever proportions Germany may make regarding reparations in general, is being seriously considered, according to well-informed French circles.

HARVEY FOR LONDON. WASHINGTON, April 25. The oath of office was administered to Col. George Harvey, as Ambassador to Great Britain, yesterday at the State Department. He is expected to leave this week.

FUME IN AN UPROAR. TRIESTE, April 25. A serious state of affairs exists in Trieste, it is reported, that when autonomists appeared to be winning elections. Captain Nostventury, a follower of D'Annunzio and Acting War Minister, occupied the city with military forces. Ballot boxes were destroyed and Facetti poured into the city in lorry loads.

PLANS SUBMITTED. LONDON, April 25. Proposals for the establishment of a wage plan, acceptable to both sides of the mining controversy, were considered at to-day's meeting of miners and mine owners. Lloyd George presided over the meeting and was expected to give the Government's view that the nation become a party to the understanding. The plan submitted by mine owners yesterday provides for the temporary arrangement of the country into five districts, for gradual and uniform reductions of wages, mine owners suggesting that the Government should contribute in this area a sufficient sum to meet the maximum of wages paid. If payment of profits at end of month should entail reduction of wages, owners declare they would forego decision of surplus revenues of their properties.

GERMANY CLIMBS DOWN. BERLIN, April 25. Germany, in the event United States and Allies do desire, is willing, according to the extent of her ability and capacity, to assume Allied obligations to United States, says a clause in her counter reparations pro-

posals, it was definitely learned to-day.

MANDATES AGAIN. PARIS, April 25. Allied chancelleries are exchanging notes regarding points raised in the recent note from United States on the question of mandates, with view to eventually making a common reply.

OFFICIALS GATHERING. LONDON, April 25. Allied officials began to gather here to-day for a conference, preparatory to a meeting of the Supreme Allied Council on Saturday, which will discuss finally Germany's latest reparations proposals.

Farming Operations Begin.

Farmers in the suburbs are now at work manuring their hay fields and completing their spring ploughing. This year, owing to the absence of frost in the soil the ground is in condition to work much earlier than last year. A large amount of ley is being ploughed for turnip crop and it is expected that this year's setting of that vegetable will be a record one.

Eat Mrs. Stewart's Home-made Bread.

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind light and variable, weather fine; two small schooners are in sight bound West; no other shipping sighted; Bar. 30.32; Ther. 48.

Newly-Discovered Portrait of Shakespeare.

An engraved portrait of William Shakespeare, by an unknown artist, was discovered in a London workshop recently by George J. C. Grasberger, a Philadelphia book dealer, and the find has created considerable interest on both sides of the Atlantic.

Mr. Grasberger went to England early in the year with a list of rare books he desired. The first day he sought the intricacies of the stores of the London dealers' shops he laid his hand upon a volume of the 1640 edition of Shakespeare's "Poems." This edition is usually regarded as the first, and is extremely rare. While the book itself is a treasure to the collector, the Philadelphia dealer noted that it had for frontispiece a portrait that differed from the one associated with the volume. He never had seen it before, so straightway he bought it.

Several Shakespearean scholars in England were questioned regarding the portrait, and all of them admitted it to be unknown. The history of the little volume, which is scarcely more than four by five inches, bound in morocco, extends no further than is indicated by the signature of R. Curson, Parkham, September 2, 1854, having formed part of the celebrated library of that name. Recently it was sold by the Baroness Zouche, who inherited a part of the collection, but not the first and third folios of Shakespeare which were in the library. The volume also contains the stamp of the famed Williams Library, Cheltenham, England, which was noted for a large number of the latest books in English literature.

In the known copies of the 1640 edition of Shakespeare's "Poems" there is an engraved portrait by W. Marshall, which, while evidently founded on the famed Droeshout portrait, which appeared for the first time in the first folio edition of the dramatist's plays, in 1623, it differs from it in several important respects.

Two theories have been advanced by Shakespeareans who have examined the new portrait. One is that it had been prepared for an early edition of the poet's works, and appeared in an edition which has been lost. The other is that it was either originally prepared for the 1640 edition of the Poems and discarded, or was made subsequent to the Marshall engraving. It is well understood that there are missing editions of some of Shakespeare's poems to be accounted for, and it is conceded that a portrait might have been engraved for one of them. However, this is purely speculative, for there is no evidence of a missing portrait.

The Grasberger portrait contains the picture as a quarter length included in

a rectangle, without ornamentation and with the inscription:

"MR. WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE For ever live thy fame, the world to tell Thy like, no see, shall ever parallel."

It bears no signature of engraver and no indication of its source. The work does not equal the workmanship either of the Droeshout or the known Marshall engravings. The upper lip of the poet is long, thus resembling the Droeshout plate rather than the Ely portrait. The collar differs in matters of detail from either, and the cloak, which here hangs from the left shoulder (for the portrait is reversed from the Marshall portrait), seems to have been introduced by the engraver as a little bit of originality, since here the head faces the left, as it does in the Droeshout plate.

There is, despite the evident crudeness of the work, a little more of character in the face than in any of the Shakespeare portraits. It seems to be the effigy of a human being, and tears, when compared with the Marshall portrait, evidences of having been an earlier attempt of the engraver.

A close inspection of the portrait shows that it really was the product of the etching needle rather than of the engraver's burin. It lacks what is called finish and regularity of line, such as is seen in the Marshall portrait.

While the newly discovered portrait is bound to be the subject of controversy and speculation, a comparison of it with the Marshall portrait leads to the thought that they were the work of the same hand.

This conclusion is all the more strengthened when the technique used on the two plates is examined. The similarity is striking, and one is forced to the belief that Marshall tried again and succeeded better than at first.

French Girl Soldier.

JOINED THE HIGHLANDERS. A brave 17-year-old French girl's splendid devotion in fighting beside British troops at the battle of Loos has just been rewarded.

"Heroine of Loos," as she is known to the French, Mademoiselle Emilienne Moreau has been established in a small grocery shop among the ruins of her native town.

"My British friends have been wonderfully good to me," said Mademoiselle Moreau. "They bought me the land and built the shop, and also provided money wherewith to acquire stock."

When the British attacked the Germans in Loos, Emilienne came out of a cellar as the victorious Highlanders surged through the streets. Joining their ranks, she borrowed a rifle from a wounded man and stood shoulder to shoulder with the Highlanders, firing on the retreating Germans. Afterwards she helped to tend wounded British soldiers while the Germans were subjecting the village to intensive bombardment. A few days later she was received with enthusiasm in Paris and decorated with the Croix de Guerre by President Poincare. She was the first woman to receive this distinction.

Veteran's Tragic End.

Whilst on his way to meet the South African Pension Commission with a view to securing compensation for the wounds received when he fought in the South African War, a man met an untimely death as the victim of storm and flood. Exceptionally heavy showers of rain fell in Roxville and district, flooding the sprouts and making them impassable. The town dam almost overflowed. Two well-known residents, Christian Swanepoel, of Roxville, and Piet Swanepoel, of Priefontein, were travelling to Altwal North on a cart in the early morning, where the latter was to meet the Pension Commission and the former was to give evidence in his favour. They never returned, and when a search was made the cart and horses were found in the second spruit from the town, and then the corpses of the two men were found washed out on the level veiled about 70 yards further away. The heads of both men were badly gashed, and death must have been instantaneous, as the drift is made with a high embankment of stones. In the ordinary course, the spruit is a narrow sluic, but marks showed that the water must have run about 50 to 60 yards wide.

King's Posthumous Daughter.

An Athens message states that Madame Manos, widow of the late King Alexander of Greece, has given birth to a daughter, King Alexander, it will be recalled, died from the effects of a monkey bite. He married Mlle. Manos, a beautiful commoner, secretly in November, 1919, and there were complications when he took his morganatic bride to Athens. Eventually she went to stay in Paris, where the King visited her. By virtue of a new law passed before the King's death, however, Madame Manos was made his legal wife, in spite of the fact that the marriage was solemnized without the fulfilment of the usual formalities.

Notes and Comments.

London maintains a laundry school where girls are taught the true art of washing clothes.

"Is it any wonder coal is dear," says the Simcoe, Ont., Reformer, "when a Russian peasant, working in a Pennsylvania mine, eight and a half hours per day, earns in twenty-six working days \$602.67?"

"Do you happen to know what kind of a place Onkville is?" asks the Brockville, Ont., Reformer. The Messenger of that town reports: "Hypocrites was the subject of the evening discourse. There was a goodly number present."

After being blind from birth, Ellen Shannahan, 114, died in Listowel Co. Kerry, Ireland, Workhouse Infirmary. Twenty years ago, when she was 94, she entered the workhouse in consequence of a fractured limb. This is believed to be a record period of sightlessness. The woman missed the battle of Trafalgar by a couple of years, and was old enough to remember the battle of Waterloo, in June 1815. She passed a sightless life without a complaint.

Very sad was a domestic tragedy which occurred at Burnbank, Hamilton, Eng. in a family named Callaghan. The son was preparing to go to the pit, and asked his sister to clean his boots. She was cutting bread at the moment, and he made a playful rush in her direction. She turned round with the knife in her hand, and he collided with the point, which punctured his heart. Crying "Oh, mother," he fell and died.

An extraordinary case of a man walking about with a broken neck is reported from the Metropolitan Hospital, London, G.B. He is L. Mennie. He sustained his injury in an elevator accident. Beyond the fact that he wears a support for his neck and that his movements are somewhat restricted, there is little evidence of his condition. He is over 70 years of age.

"Eat onions." Is the advice given to the public by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Unless there is increased consumption of the vegetable, the Department said in a recent announcement, "there will be a great waste of the old crop, of which there is now an estimated carry-over of 2,500 cars, and the spring crop is almost ready."

There has just arrived in London an Italian countess, who conceals her aristocratic title under the name of "Mlle. Gioia." Having lost most of her money during the war, she has accepted engagements as a dancer at a London hotel and on the variety stage. "Mlle. Gioia" was educated at the Convent School, Boscombe. She has danced incognito in several resorts of society on the Riviera.

Seeing a farmhouse on fire and a child's face at a window, Engineer John Nelson and his fireman on a Transcontinental railway train left their locomotive near Cochrane, Ont., Thursday, to rescue the youngster, who jumped from the second story into their arms. The men then rigged a scaffolding with fence rails, and, scaling the side of the house, rescued the boy's mother, who was ill in bed.

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