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TO-DAY'S MESSAGES

9.00 A. M.

HARD HIT.

CAPE TOWN, S.A. Dec. 19.
(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—It is authoritatively stated that the Spanish influenza epidemic in South Africa resulted in a financial loss to the insurance companies of a million and a half sterling.

SHUTTING THEM OUT.

SINGAPORE, Straits Settlements, Dec. 19.
(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—At a great public gathering here of British subjects of all classes, it was unanimously resolved that "representations be made to the Government that no German subjects be allowed to land or reside in, or trade with the Straits Settlements and Malay States, for at least ten years after peace."

NO TRUCK NOR TRADE.

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Dec. 19.
(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The Legislative Council has passed a resolution that no German or Austrian be permitted to reside in Ceylon, at least for some years. The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution that enemy, including enemies naturalized in neutral countries, be not allowed to trade or own or lease property in Ceylon, and also that no imports and exports from and to enemy countries be permitted, except through allied subjects.

HAIG AND FOCH.

LONDON, Dec. 19.
(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The war historian, John Buchan, has an interesting article in the Daily Sketch, on Field Marshal Haig. He says that Haig and Foch were complementary to each other, like Lee and Jackson. The British Army supplied Foch with his weapons, such as tanks and creeping barrage, and it was the British Army that finally crushed Ludendorff. Foch made the plan, Haig provided the material and much of the execution, but Haig was not a mere competent Lieutenant trusted in filling orders. He was a great tactician. Foch and Haig from 1914 onwards, saw eye to eye.

DECLINES CHALLENGE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.
The New York Yacht Club, at a meeting to-night, decided to decline the challenge of the Royal Ulster Yacht Club, for a race for America's Cup in 1919, but announced that if the challenge was renewed for 1920, it would be accepted.

CONFUSION IN GERMANY.

LONDON, Dec. 19.
An extremely confused and doubtful situation has arisen in the Berlin Congress of Soldiers' and Workmen's Councils, according to despatches to the Associated Press from Berlin, and telegrams from correspondents of the London morning newspapers. Invasions of the Congress by irresponsible parties of extremists are reported, leading to frequent uproars. These have resulted in a state of high tension. With the Ebert Government about to resign, the newspaper Vorwaerts, representing the Government, alludes to the danger of the whole apparatus of the Government falling apart. It professes the most serious view of the situation.

THE FREEDOM OF BELGIUM.

PARIS, Dec. 19.
"The lesson of the war must not be lost," says the Matin in an editorial to-day, signed by Major Divieux, its military critic. "Belgium must be free, with solid military frontiers. Present artificial boundaries cannot longer be maintained. The writer advocates that part of Dutch Zealand, and the south bank of the Scheldt, become an integral part of Belgium. He declares also that Maastricht and the surrounding pocket of Dutch territory Sinn Feiners will send delegates. But compensation is necessary," he adds. "Holland can look for it in the country touching the Rhine or the neighboring River Ems."

ANOTHER REPORT.

DUBLIN, Dec. 19.
A statement published in London that the Irish Party was to send delegates to Paris, to discuss Home Rule with President Wilson is declared to be untrue. In authoritative circles, it is impossible to learn whether the Sinn Feiners will send delegates. But this is not believed to be likely, in view of the fact that the Lord Mayor of Dublin, who is a Sinn Feiner, is organizing meetings to invite President Wilson to Ireland.

POLITICS TABOOED.

BELFAST, Dec. 18.
The Lord Mayor of Dublin has called a mass meeting in Dublin, for Sunday, to extend an invitation to President Wilson to visit Ireland. He has suggested that similar meetings be held in other centres throughout the island. Commenting on the action of the Lord Mayor, the Belfast Telegraph says that everyone will join in the invitation, with the imperial reservation that there must not be the slightest suggestion of politics.

CANADIANS FIRST.

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 19.
Australian fighters, from France, will not be allowed to cross Canada, on their way to Australia, as they wish to do, until Canada's own soldiers have been brought back, and their women and children returned to their Canadian homes. A statement to this effect was issued this morning from the office of the Canadian Railway War Board.

NO NEWS YET.—No further news has yet been received of the S. S. Corsican; however she might be along to-morrow. In reference to the reception of the boys, his Excellency will address them on landing at the pier, and the ladies' reception committee will do its best to get the returning heroes a welcome. Flags and decorations will be flying, the boys will receive the heartiest welcome from the people of St. John's, but we are not going to do it because of requests, but because we revere the boys and are glad heartily glad to welcome them back, after duty well done.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

The Newfoundland Quarterly.

We thank the publishers of the "Newfoundland Quarterly" for an advance copy of their Christmas Number. They have surpassed themselves in this issue, and the reader cannot but be well pleased with it. A large colored picture of the Christ, with the words: "Come to me all ye that labor and are burdened and I will refresh you," adorns the cover. Articles and stories by such well known writers as the Rt. Rev. M. F. Power, Rev. Geo. J. Bond, Dr. Arthur Selwyn-Brown, J. F. Downey, Miss Catherine Harris, H. F. Shortis; and poems by P. Florence Miller, Fred B. Woods, Bona Vista, Robert Gear McDonald, Rose M. Greene and J. H. G. Way and a very high literary note to the publication. The cuts and letter press are more than interesting and will well repay perusal. The publishers are to be congratulated on their success in this issue of their popular publication.

Supreme Court.

Present: The Chief Justice, Daniel McGuire vs. James McGuire. Several witnesses were called and cross-examined. Further hearing of case which was adjourned sine die. Court adjourned till to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Lack of Shipping.

The following message was received by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries this morning from Milley's Island: "Prospero left this morning, could not take more freight. Lots of herring will be left after navigation closes. If no other steamer coming; herring now eight dollars from net; fair fishing."

Reids Boats.

The Argyle arrived at Piacenta at 7.30 this morning.
The Petrel left Britaina at 4 p.m. Tuesday.
The Dundee left Herring Neck at 4 p.m. yesterday.
The Clyde left Lewisport yesterday.
The Fogata left St. Jacques at 6.30 yesterday afternoon.
The Edith is leaving Humbermouth to-morrow.
The Glencoe arrived at Port aux Basques at 9.50 this morning.
The Kyle left Port aux Basques at 1 p.m. to-day.

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SOUTHWARD BOUND.—The following message has been received by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries: "Schooner Premier at Seldom, bound south."

PHONOGRAPHS.—New improved Tone Arm. Plays all make Records. RYAN SUPPLY CO., 227 Theatre Hill.—dec20,tf

CASE OF INFLUENZA.—A case of Spanish Influenza was reported from a schooner lying at Monroe's wharf this morning, and the sufferer, a sailor was removed to the fever hospital.

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.

Yesterday's Westbound express left Quarry at 12.30 p.m.
Yesterday's Eastbound arrived in St. John's at 10.20 this morning.

PHONOGRAPHS.—See the Sterling with Universal Tone Arm before you buy. RYAN SUPPLY CO., 227 Theatre Hill.—dec20,tf

"POT" DAY.—The Salvation Army had its money pots out this morning, and the old familiar cry of "Keep the pot boiling" was heard again. A generous response was made to the appeal.

GREAT IMPROVEMENT.—The Universal Tone Arm on Sterling Phonographs. Plays all Records. RYAN SUPPLY CO.—dec20,tf

YVESLES DUE.—Many yessels from the other side are now due here. Although their trips are in some cases rather long, there is as yet no undue fear for their safety, at the time of the year is such as to make a short trip comparatively rare.

ALMOST EXHAUSTED.—Our stock of Sterling Improved 1918 Model Phonographs. Don't be disappointed. RYAN SUPPLY CO.—dec20,tf

EXPRESS PASSENGERS.—The following passengers are due on the incoming express: L. S. Moore, Mrs. F. C. Rowe, Miss E. M. Wade, Miss J. Joyce, Miss C. Locketts, W. H. Moore, E. Martin, Jas. Carter, L. Ryan, T. Murray, S. B. Shears, W. G. Guy, C. W. Burd, J. Barry, G. Borcher, O. Ricketts, L. Griffin, S. Noel, Miss J. Kelly, Miss A. Carmen, Miss N. L. Knight, Mrs. C. Logan, Rev. J. Joyce, A. Th. White, T. Vickers, J. Clarke, J. G. Quigley, A. Smith, J. Delaney, A. Ryan, J. P. Brown, Bishop Power, W. Churchill, L. Shea, J. Padden.

"Infant Phenomenon."—The latest "Infant phenomenon" hails from Philadelphia. Her name is Edith Greenberg. At the age of eight months Edith, from the confines of her cradle, mimicked the call of the quail, with such conviction that the bird would answer back. At the age of two she could distinguish all the colours of the spectrum. One month later she was discovered in the act of humming Schubert's "Serenade," and at three years and a half she could recognize 100 popular airs, including the latest things in rag-time. Three months later Edith's favourite composers were Tchaikovsky, Wagner, Leoncavallo, Handel, Rubinstein, Liszt, Sullivan, Puccini, and Beethoven. Her mother seems anxious to clear Edith of the charge of being a prodigy.

"She is wholesome, playful, and often mischievous"—but the evidence against the child is great.

Irish Soldier Murdered in a

GERMAN PRISON CAMP.
London.—A recent article in the London Morning Post, gives particulars of the murder of Pte. J. Sullivan, of the First Irish Guards, by a sentry in a German prison camp. Sullivan, who was taken prisoner at Ypres during the early part of the war, was transferred in June, 1915, to the camp at Merseburg, and was, in company with other prisoners, employed at work on the Hackpuff estate. His death on July 28 was reported in the official list by the German Government, who gave no explanation of it.

Noting a paragraph in a German paper, the British Foreign Office demanded a full explanation of Sullivan's death. The reply was that the Englishmen "were unwilling to go to work before six o'clock, but after being told two or three times to get up, except John Sullivan, who at last attacked the guard, trying to snatch his weapon from him. The guard forced by necessity, fired on Sullivan, and he died on the spot."

The truth is now reported on oath by two repatriated British N. C. O.'s, fellow prisoners of war with Sullivan. "On the 17th July," says the principal witness, "we were told by the captain of our company before leaving the laager that we should only be employed on very light work from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. On the first morning we were roused at 4 o'clock and marched to a cornfield, where we worked until 6 p.m., when we marched back to the farm in an exhausted condition. This went on every day until the 28th July, when, being roused from our beds at 4 a.m., we informed the German sentry that as the captain of the company had told us that the work would be done from 6 a.m., we should not commence any earlier. The sentry and another soldier fixed their bayonets. The senior sentry in charge then struck me a brutal blow in the face, so the remainder of the prisoners thought it better to proceed to work and filed out leaving me alone with No. 3749, Pte. John Sullivan, Irish Guards. Pte. Sullivan had been badly wounded. The two sentries kicked and beat us with their rifles out of the passage as far as the second landing, where Pte. Sullivan halted, trying to explain that it was impossible for him to work with a septic in his wounded condition."

The sentry at once put his rifle up and shot Pte. Sullivan through the chest. Pte. Sullivan fell without speaking, and the two sentries at once reversed their rifles and placed the butts between Pte. Sullivan's legs. In this way they levered him up and threw him down the stairs, where he fell on the landing at my feet. I was not permitted to assist Pte. Sullivan in any way. He was left on the ground alone until he died. I saw the German officer shake hands with the soldier. The witness then goes on to describe how he and another soldier dug a grave for the murdered Irishman, how "about fifty people from the Hackpuff district attended the funeral, laughing, talking and occasionally bursting into loud roars of laughter."

The second N. C. O.'s, a corporal in the Grenadier Guards, corroborates in every detail the evidence of the first witness as regards the funeral of Pte. Sullivan.

Scraps of Interest

They Took Them.—Dame Agnes Weston, the sailors' friend, whose death leaves thousands of seamen the poorer, liked to tell a story against herself. Once at a Sailors' Rest she placed a pile of tracts on the buffet counter with a card, "Please take one," on top. A sailor transferred the card to a near-by dish of jam tarts with the result that many be guessed.

The Grand Duke's Error.—When Mr. Gerard was at the American Embassy at Berlin one of the German Grand Dukes said to him: "Germany will win the war. Mr. Gerard, with perseverance. As you know, perseverance always conquers." "Always?" said Mr. Gerard. "How about the hen on the china egg?"

The Coward's Courage.—A young Jew went to a dentist and asked him to extract all his teeth. "What is wrong with the teeth?" said the dentist. "They are a fine set." "Never mind," replied the Jew, "I am going to have them out"—and out they came. When the Jew went up for medical examination he was much distressed to find that he was rejected for fat feet!

A Queer Coincidence.—The war has furnished many strange coincidences. Here is another. A young officer came home on leave and brought him a piece of a shell fired by the Hun, but which had evidently been among ammunition captured from us. He thought it would interest her, and it did for she was able to identify it as having come from the munition works in which she worked. It interested her still more when she found her own mark on it.

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Police Court.
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MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

Proclamation.

By His Excellency Sir Charles Alexander Harris, Knight, C.M.G., Governor.
[L.S.]
Whereas it is of great importance that full information should be obtained with regard to claims by persons, firms and companies of British nationality—
(a) to property situated in territory which on the 1st day of August, 1914, formed part of the Russian Empire (including Finland);
(b) against the Russian Government including any government exercising de facto authority in any part of that territory;
(c) against any person, firm, company, municipal or other local authority in that territory.

AND WHEREAS for the purpose of obtaining that information it is necessary that returns of such claims should be made to the Officer appointed to receive the same:
NOW THEREFORE I direct and enjoin British subjects within the Dominion of Newfoundland who have any claims as aforesaid, to make returns thereof to the Colonial Secretary at his office, St. John's, in form and with such particulars as he may require: PROVIDED that it shall not be necessary to make such returns respecting property or claims whereof returns have before the date of this Proclamation been voluntarily made.

I do, however, desire it to be understood that the registration of a claim by the Colonial Secretary does not imply any undertaking on the part of His Majesty's Government to put forward or any assurance that if put forward it will be satisfied.
Given under my Hand and Seal, the Government House, St. John's, this 17th day of December, A.D. 1918.

By His Excellency's Command,
W. W. HALFYARD,
Colonial Secretary.

Household Notes
The six absolute necessities for health are cereals, fresh vegetables, fruits, sugar, fats and milk.
Save rice water to make hearty pudding with, and cook the pudding in day in the fireless cooker.
When paraffin is taken off the oil of jelly, etc. it should be melted once to free it from the fruit.
A white stocking drawn over sleeve board makes an excellent cover which requires no tacks to keep place.

Prize Day at Little Dale College.

Little Dale obtains first place in the Dominion, in Junior Associate Grade, C.H.E.—1918; also first place in the Dominion in Associate Grade—Trinity College of Music; and by very few marks missed carrying off the Jubilee Scholarship.
Wednesday afternoon the annual distribution of Prizes took place at Little Dale College, in the presence of a very large gathering of visitors. Personally at 4 o'clock His Grace the Archbishop arrived, accompanied by Mr. McDermott, while a few minutes later His Excellency, the Governor, with whom was Capt. Campbell, to the strains of the National Anthem, entered the Great Hall.
Proceeding the distribution of prizes, several vocal and instrumental duets, splendidly rendered, had taken place, and a short sketch was also presented with much success.
At the vocalists special mention may be permitted of the Misses Krentzlin and McCarthy, both of whom are gifted with rare voices—the former being very warmly applauded for her rendition of "The Song that Reached My Heart."
Among the many interesting items in the programme, that which evoked the greatest applause, and admiration, was the Skipping Song and Dance, which was faultlessly given.
In the course of the evening the graduates' Address (a comprehensive and splendid address it proved to be) was admirably read to His Grace the Archbishop by Miss G. O'Reilly.
The programme concluded with a strikingly beautiful tableau—"The Crib," which lent a singular charm to the happy evening.
The presentation of prizes over, His Grace addressed the pupils, and paid well-merited compliments to them and their zealous and painstaking teachers, and dwelt upon the striking success of Little Dale College and the splendid achievements of the past year. The Archbishop, for the benefit of His Excellency, explained the many difficulties that had, during the past three years, to be met and overcome at Little Dale, chiefly on account of building operations. Hence, said His Grace, Little Dale has achieved wonders and won high distinction having, amidst difficulties, not only held its own but even surpassed many of its rivals.



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