

To-Day's Messages.

10.00 A.M.

BRITISH PROGRESS.

LONDON, To-Day. An official report from British headquarters to-day reads: Further information regarding the operations carried out by us last night northeast of Fontaine-les-Crudaillies shows that all our objectives were gained with little loss. Twenty-seven prisoners were taken. Two hostile counter attacks delivered with considerable strength were successfully driven off. During the day our progress south of Lens continued and our troops extended their gains. Enemy positions astride the Souchez River on a front of two miles, to a depth of two thousand yards, passed into our possession. We have occupied the village of La Coulette. As a result of a raid attempted by the enemy last night west of La Basse, German prisoners were left in our hands. In the air fighting yesterday two German airplanes were brought down and three other hostile machines were driven down out of control. One of our is missing.

THE MESOPOTAMIAN REPORT.

LONDON. Via Reuters's Ottawa Agency. The report of the Mesopotamian Commission, constituting another historic war document, was issued to-night as a Blue Book of 188 pages and deals comprehensively with the operations from the time of the origin of the campaign down through the various stages to the advance towards Bagdad and its incidental happenings. It examines at great length questions which have given rise to public criticism. The main report, embodying findings, conclusions and recommendations, is signed by all the commissioners except Commander Wedgwood, who presented a dissenting report. The commissioners find the expedition was a justifiable military enterprise but that the division of responsibility between the Indian office and the Government of India in connection with it was unworkable. The scope and objective of the expedition was never sufficiently defined in advance. The report criticised the Commander-in-Chief or their representatives for the failure to periodically visit Mesopotamia. It says the advance towards Bagdad was an offensive movement based on political and military miscalculations and was attempted with tired and insufficient forces and inadequate preparation, resulting in the Kut disaster. Responsibility for this untoward advance, says the commission, lies with Sir John Nixon, whose confident optimism was the main cause of the decision. Others responsible in order of sequence were Lord Harding, Viceroy of India; General Beauchamp Duff, Commander-in-Chief; Major-General Barron, Military Secretary of the Indian Office; Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for India; and the War Cabinet. The commissioners pointed out that the last two are responsible political heads, who cannot secure complete immunity through adopting the wrong advice of expert subordinates. In general the armament and equipment were quite insufficient to meet the needs, while system and commissariat was badly organized during the period of the Indian Government's responsibility, although no general breakdown occurred. The

authorities at Simla bestowed meagre attention and illiberal treatment upon the wants of the expedition during 1914-15, and the supply of reinforcements was accordingly insufficient. In connection with the advance towards Bagdad and the Kut relief operations, says the report, the military authorities did not sufficiently realize from the first the paramount importance of the river and railway transport in Mesopotamia. Their responsibility is grave.

EVACUATING LENS.

British Headquarters in France. (By Associated Press.)—Realizing his danger the German commander is fighting for Lens like a wolf in a corner. Lens gone means that a large sector will have to be abandoned, so inside a salient somewhat resembling the shape of a dog's head, the Germans are hanging on, apparently determined to hold until the last hope goes glimmering. The Canadians took Le Coulette this morning at seven, their patrols pushing on eastwards towards Avion while other British troops advanced down the eastern slope of Hill 65. The Germans have extended the floods with the water front of the river Souchez until the plains between Avion and Lens are well covered. The mill on the western fringe of Lens has been razed by order of the German higher command so that machine guns may have a clean sweep at the British as they approach. Lens itself is a mass of ruins. The walls still stand, but the city is roofless making the airplanes' photographs resemble a bird's eye view of Pompeii. Whole rows of houses have been levelled that the field guns may obtain wider ranges. The entire city has been converted into a German fortress. Each ruined house is a machine gun emplacement. Every cellar and sub-cellar is a refuge. For weeks the British refrained from shelling Lens, but the Germans taking advantage of sentiment of staying the hands of the English brought their guns into the town, razing the houses about the gun pits and then blazed away safely. Recently, therefore, the British guns have trained their sights on the gun positions hid in the mining capital. The German forces in the Lens salient are heavy. New drafts are constantly demanded. Prisoners say they had been promised peace definitely by September.

LIBERALS SWEEP SASKATCHEWAN.

REGINA, Sask., To-day. Liberals swept Saskatchewan almost clean in to-day's elections. They will have more than 50 of the 59 seats in the Legislature, a greater majority than was accorded the Scott Government in 1912. Of seven Conservatives in the last house only two are re-elected, W. B. Willoughby, Opposition Leader, and Lt.-Col. Glenn, who was not opposed by the Liberals.

Capt. Gale, A.D.C., to Be Married.

From the latest English papers to reach the city we take the following wedding announcement: "A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Captain Frederick Horace Gale, of the Bedfordshire Regiment, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Gale, of Wilby House, Ladbroke-terrace, and Helen Francis, eldest daughter of the late Hon. Frederick and Mrs. Anson, of Cell Barnes, St. Albans." Capt. Gale will be remembered by many in Newfoundland as A.D.C. to Sir Ralph C. Williams, a former Governor. He is now A.D.C. to General Sir Eric Geddes, Capt. Gale was so badly wounded at the beginning of the war that it was found necessary to amputate his left arm. The wedding takes place at St. Alban's this week in the presence of many guests. The Telegram joins with Capt. Gale's numerous friends in Nfld. in extending congratulations.

TO ATTEND FUNERAL.—Rev. Fr. Joy, of Port au Port, who arrived in the city by Monday's express, motor-coach to Conception Hr. last night to attend the funeral of the late Rt. Rev. Mons. Veitch.

And the Worst is Yet to Come--



Military Cross Awarded to Lieut. Jack Turner.

Mr. George Turner, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Mines, has received word stating that Lieut. Jack Turner, has been awarded the Military Cross, this honor having been conferred on him by His Majesty the King for distinguished services in the field. Lieut. Turner is attached to the 14th Machine Gun Company, 2nd Canadian Division, and was fighting for two years in France, during which he took part in many severe engagements. He enlisted as a private and won rapid promotion. He was in hospital for five weeks, suffering from trench fever, but is now convalescent. He will be coming home on furlough shortly. Four other brothers enlisted their services in defence of Homeland and Empire—Private Alfred W., of the 15th Batt. 48 Highlanders, C.E.F., who made the supreme sacrifice on Sept. 5th, 1916; Private W. George, attached to the Signal Corps, Southern Shore, was heard for the first time when he drew the attention of the House to the fact that the adjournment hour had arrived, thereby interrupting Dr. Lloyd, who was about to read scathingly with Mr. Moore's "patriotism" and "recruiting endeavours," particularly in his own district, when Mr. Coaker "brought down the House" by receding that the junior member for Ferryland would not dare to choke off the Premier if he was talking, lest he might make his position awkward as regards all the Government patronage he was getting. Mr. Moore replied that was the same thing Mr. Coaker was trying to get in power for. The Chairman of the Committee, then thought it time to take a hand in and put an end to the personal insinuations, after which the House adjourned.

Methodist Conference

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The Methodist Conference assembled in its first general meeting this morning at Cochrane Street Church, when the following officers were elected: President, Rev. J. R. Saint. General Secretary, Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh, M.A. Journal Secretary, Rev. Norman M. Guy, M.A. Statistical Secretaries, Revs. R. H. Maddock, E. Broughton and W. J. Morris.

Back From West.

The s.s. Portia, Capt. J. Keen, returned from western ports this morning after a foggy trip, bringing a full freight and these passengers in saloon: Messrs. P. Paul, C. Reid, J. Cusiack, J. Abbott, W. Power, J. Murphy, J. Connell, Mitcham, McDonald; Mesdames Maunder, Pike, Giovannini; Misses Lee, Maunder, and 8 second class.

Blue Cross Fund.

In Aid of Sick and Wounded War Horses. Amount acknowledged. \$2 00 Presbyterian College, per W. M. Butt, Esq. 12.50 Bishop Field College, per R. R. Wood, Esq. 40.00 Bishop Spencer College, per Miss Stirling 26.00 Hon. Robert Watson 10.00 J. S. Benedict, Esq. 5.00 Standards I. and II. Meth. College 4.00 Mrs. W. G. Gosling 20.00 Total \$109.50

Beauty Baby Competition.

On Thursday night it's safe to say all are looking forward to the Beauty Baby Show, and the names are coming in in bunches. All you have to do is to send in baby's name and age to the Registrar, at the Royal Hotel, on Thursday night and bring it to the Rossley Theatre, age between six months and two years. There are twenty-two names in already. Names can be sent in to Rossley up to six p.m. Thursday night; 1st prize beautiful baby's cot, 2nd prize solid silver cup gold lined, 3rd prize silver cup gold lined, 4th or consolation prize one dozen large photographs of baby or mother and baby together if desired. Everyone will want to see those beautiful babies, and the names of the winners will be booked; first come, first served. There will be pictures and the act after the competition, so as not to keep the babies up too late. There are the sweetest and cutest babies in the city at this great competition.

BIRTH.—The following notice is taken from the Royal Gazette of Bermuda on June 12th: On Sunday, 10th Sir Eric Geddes, Premier, and his wife, at the Residence, Hamilton, the wife of the Rev. Henry Marriott, Canon Residency, Bermuda Cathedral, of a son.

ANGLICAN CURATE GIVEN EXETER APPOINTMENT.—The many friends of the Rev. J. H. Bradford, who has been for some time curate at Cheltenham, will be glad to learn that he has recently been appointed to the living of Talaton in the Diocese of Exeter.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. George Lilly desires to express his sincere thanks to H. E. the Governor and Lady Davidson, the Premier and Colonial Secretary and all other kind friends who expressed their sympathy with him upon the loss of his son, Corp. Augustus Lilly, who was killed in action July 1st, 1916.

FOOTBALL-OPENING GAME.—So far three teams have entered the Football League, namely, the Star, Saints and B.L.S. The first-named team will consist of Star-Terra Nova players, the Saints will be chosen from the ranks of the Saints Collegians, while the B.L.S. will combine with the St. Bona's. The first game will be played on Friday evening, July 6th, starting sharp at 7.30 o'clock. It is to be regretted that the C.E.L. and Feildian football clubs are not in a position to enter the league this year. All profits will be devoted to patriotic purposes.

A Tempest in a Teapot

Just before the closing of the House of Assembly yesterday afternoon the temperate went away above normal, as a hot discussion, lasting for about five minutes, occurred on a trivial matter. Mr. Grimes questioned the right of the Agricultural Board to take the credit in their annual report for the surplus in the potato crop. Mr. Devereaux, a recognized fishery expert, practical and theoretical, gave such an answer as to justify his job as Agricultural expert. He said the new seed distributed by the Government had caused the surplus. Dr. Lloyd replied that this reason was absurd and that the member for Placentia did not know what he was talking about. Here the Premier waxed wrathful and stated that the position was so clear that any baby could understand it. Dr. Lloyd repudiated the imputation and the Premier replied that he did not mean it to apply to him (Dr. Lloyd) personally. Mr. Moore, who is known as the "silver-tongued orator," has not taken part in any debate in the House since elected eight years ago for Southern Shore, was heard for the first time when he drew the attention of the House to the fact that the adjournment hour had arrived, thereby interrupting Dr. Lloyd, who was about to read scathingly with Mr. Moore's "patriotism" and "recruiting endeavours," particularly in his own district, when Mr. Coaker "brought down the House" by receding that the junior member for Ferryland would not dare to choke off the Premier if he was talking, lest he might make his position awkward as regards all the Government patronage he was getting. Mr. Moore replied that was the same thing Mr. Coaker was trying to get in power for. The Chairman of the Committee, then thought it time to take a hand in and put an end to the personal insinuations, after which the House adjourned.

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1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT HEADQUARTERS. St. John's, June 26th, 1917. [No. 85]

Regimental Order. By Colonel Sir W. E. Davidson, K.C. M.C., Commanding Officer. Promotion: To be (temporary) Captain while attached to Headquarters, from June 7th—Lieut. J. Chit.

Appointment: To be Honorary Captain for employment in Chaplain's Department, from June 1917—Rev. G. H. Maidment.

Transfer: No. 2273, Cadet J. A. McGrath, of the 1st Battalion, was granted a Commission in the 11th Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers on the 26th/47. He is to report to the Adjutant-General at Bermuda on 11th/47. J. O'GRADY, Captain and Adjutant.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Rev. D. O'Callaghan, P.P., Messrs. William Shea, John Shea, Joseph Maher and Denis Maher, to be the Roman Catholic Board of Education for the District of Pouch Cove. Dept. of the Col. Secy., June 26. '17.

McMurdo's Store News

WEDNESDAY, June 27, 1917. Mosquitoes is about the simplest, as it is one of the best mosquito scarers. It is sold in bottles of the best quality. Its odor is not unpleasantly offensive, though sufficiently strong for the purpose it is intended for. Rubbed on a mosquito bite, it at once relieves the irritation and neutralizes the poison of the bite. Put up in neat glass containers. Price 25c a stick. At the Ice Cream Centre to-day—The stage for the comedy drama, "The Favorites and some new ones. Every thing, drinks, ice-creams, and attendance in good shape. Give them a call.

A Tolstoi Prophecy.

Philadelphia Ledger: Is "Northcliffe to be the man to whom Tolstoi's prophecy of the war was pointed?" In prospect "all Europe in flames and bleeding" in 1914; "but after 1915 a great Napoleonic leader enters upon the stage for the first time. He is a man of little militaristic training, a writer or a journalist, but in his grip most of Europe will remain until 1925." At any rate, our Northcliffe—already acclimated—is thrice welcome in America as a great, rest-less personal force, backed by indomitable courage and persistence, which must mean an irresistible stimulus to the cause in which England and America have joined hands.

Here and There.

Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine only 15c. bottle.—may, if

ANOTHER CASE OF DIPHTHERIA.—A thirteen-year-old girl was removed to the hospital yesterday from her home on Long's Hill, suffering from diphtheria.

Buy a bottle of Stafford's Phoratorine Cough Cure for 25c. and receive a numbered ticket. See advertisement.—may, if

DREDGING AT BAY BULLS.—The dredge Priestman, now operating at Bay Bulls, has done excellent work, removing several mud banks. She will be detained there for another couple of weeks.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURE FOR BURNS, ETC.

Women And Votes.

News has reached us that the right to vote has been accorded to the woman by the British House of Commons. In the British House of Commons All the women put their trust. And to them they have proved loyal. For they knew their cause was just. So out here in Terra Nova Let each girl "throw off her coat" For 'tis time, no doubt about it, That the women had a vote. Ever since the birth of Adam Down upon the present time Woman, ever faithful woman. Have been doing acts sublime In the field and in the forum. To the front she's ever been. On the world's historic pages Many of her deeds are seen. With the pen she's making progress. And before the bar she stands Pleading for her "fallen brothers" Who have erred in many lands. Arthur D. would not have taken Mrs. Earle's little goat, I am certain sure he wouldn't, If the women had a vote. JAMES MURPHY.

N. I. W. A.

EXECUTIVE MEETING. The Executive Committee of the Newfoundland Industrial Workers Association held a meeting in the committee room of the L. S. F. U. Hall last night, when most of the meeting was devoted to revising the Constitution. After much discussion about half of the sections were gone over and approved, amendments being made where considered necessary. The Premier has consented to receive a deputation from the Association at his office on Thursday night at 8 o'clock. At this meeting they will discuss with the Premier the matter of the appointing of a Board of Food Control.

A general meeting will be held on Friday night when the coal issue will be opened and those intending purchasing coal can hand in their names at the meeting.

Big Events in Macedonia Expected.

London, June 20.—The massing of Entente troops in Thessaly, south of the centre of the line now held by General Sarrafi's forces, taken in connection with the withdrawal of British forces on the extreme western wing along the lower reaches of the Struma river, seemingly is an indication that big events are in the making in the Macedonian theatre in an attempt to retake Serbia, or at least that portion of it as far as Nish, through which runs the famous Berlin-Constantinople railway.

Along the Vardar and Morava River valleys northward through Serbia undoubtedly would prove easier ground over which to operate than northward along the Struma and through Western Bulgaria to the junction of the railway at Sofia. No impediment is being placed in the way of the troops that have been landed in Thessaly, and with the departure of former King Constantine from the country the people are declared to have become more friendly to the Allied cause by placing their adherence in the provisional government of Eliptherios Venizelos. Although on the eastern wing the British have given up numerous villages, which they previously burned, they are holding tightly to the bridge-head positions on the left bank of the river Struma in the Lake Tsalonos-Butkovo sector, northeast of Salonika.

Regulation of food Prices.

It is sometimes contended that exaggerated importance is attached to speculation and hoarding food as a cause of high prices—that scarcity of food is a natural and inevitable result of war. It is true that war has a tendency to increase prices. But the existence of an evil that cannot be avoided is no reason for tolerating the contrary. There is every temptation to the speculator. The war tends to confuse with an excuse, and tends to confuse the public mind. In order to maintain prices at a high level. If a small quantity can be sold for the same aggregate price as a large quantity money is saved in transportation, storage, and handling. The same return is received for a diminished service. The evil is very serious. It discourages thrift in consumption. There may be enforced thrift through scarcity produced by greed, but the consumer is angry, and inclined to scoff at those who warn against waste. The producer asks why he should exert himself to create a supply which may be hoarded for profit instead of supplying the needs of the nation and the armies.

The situation would be greatly improved by effective regulation. Producers, distributors, and consumers would feel that they were working in harmony for a common cause—Toronto Daily Star.

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Our Baseball Column. PLAGIARISED AND OTHERWISE.

And he bellows "strike three" in your ear. He's part of the show, and you ought to go slow. Instead of emitting a sneer. Remember that he would much rather be Your little old pal than your foe. And suffers, no doubt, when he's calling you "out" Much more than you probably know. Be kind to the Umps. Only ill-natured chumps Talk back, and make longwinded kicks Remember that you were mistaken once, too. And again may go back to the "sticks." Please keep in your mind a resolve to be kind And act like a man among men— And if you use saline, then the Umps will not have Any spite when your turn comes again. The Umps can feel pain, and time and again He shrinks from a verbal attack, Though they've rehearsed and are very well versed. In the matter of answering back, 'Tis better by far to avoid a rude jab And kindness should ever be kept blue. So do not be chumps. Be nice to the Umps. Or else he will surely "get" you. Our Brothers overseas, they fight and die And suffer more than tongue can ever tell. While you and I as in the days gone by Work at the peaceful tasks we know so well. Oh! you and I, the ones who cannot go, The ones unfit to serve, or growing old, Are we unmindful of the part we owe? Are we too mean and grudging of our gold? Let you and I when this cruel War is o'er Meet face to face our conscience without shame, And say "We could not fight on Foreign shore, But in our humble way we played the game."

THEY'RE OFF TO-DAY. Oh! Banish Old Man Worry. The city's on a lark. The cars are crammed, The "vics" are jammed, All headed for the park. The country chap is happy, The city guy is gay. The suburbs neat and muddy street Are pals with Avenue A.

The Baseball season's started; The two League Clubs are there; And fandon's mob is on the job To raise a hectic cheer. They're piling in the bleachers, And crowding in the stand; To call the ump's pair of chumps And root to beat the band. The stars are back in harness And oiling up their wings; The singers great are at the plate And taking healthy swings.

Punk Brown is primed for pitching, And Brit is primed for hits. The Red Lions bugs when Jenkins shags, Are having forty fits. The bat-boy's in his glory; The pliceman's in your way; The catching lads in masks and pads Are fretting for the fray. The fans are eating peanuts, Each matron, youth, and lass; And round at third This Brien bird is eating all the grass. Fred Chesman's voice is ready To warble "Safe" or "Out" And Hiltz, the vet, is groomed and set To put MacLeod to rout.

Oh! Ramble to the ballyard, Each baseball hungry bloke, Watch Cooney's bat and Dykile's fat, And watch for Punky's smoke. McLeod and Hiltz are ready; Mullins and Ford are there; And now the band up in the stand Has stopped its noisy blare. The grandstand starts to murmur; All fandon cheers some more; Now all the crowd howls right out loud Then thunders to a roar. The fans are in a frenzy— A mad, excited pack, For all the Clubs, the stars, the subs, Are off at Balldom Track.

Don't forget that the game to-night starts at 6 o'clock. Every player should have insomnia when on the bases. All Volunteers, Foresters, Naval Reservists, and those wearing "RETURNED" badges have free admission to the game this afternoon. As Shakespeare said:—"The good a ball player does is oft interred with his bones."

"You are old, Arthur Hiltz," the pitcher cried, "And your arm is decrepid and lame. 'Tis many a year since your old wing died." "Pray how do you stick in the game?" "I am aged and feeble," old Art replied, "And my arm's a bit bum, I admit. I often feel peevish about it," he said. As he stamned out a three base hit.

TO-DAY'S LINEUP. Red Lions. Wanderers. Cooney, McQuadeFord Pitcher. PowerBritten 1st Base. QuickBrown 2nd Base. HiltzMcCrindle 3rd Base. EllisMacLeod Short Stop. MullingsPritchard HeathDobbin Right Field. JenkinsBrien Centre Field. GowansBerbeau Left Field. BuckinghamJerrett Spare.

THE UMPIRE. Be kind to the Umps when you're getting your bumps

Christian Science Monitor: The imitable motion picture performer who is known to all the habitable world immune to German censorship as Charlie Chaplin, has taken the great war and his relationship to it very seriously. Like Harry Lauder, he has put a large part of his professional earnings into British bonds. On June 5 he was among the first to register at Los Angeles, Cal., and under the call of his native England, he will cross the ocean and report for military duty at an early date. Meanwhile he will enter into no new film contracts. Whether it shall be screened or not, however, he has never appeared in a more creditable role than that of an obedient son of his mother country.

Bulgarians Fear

THAT GREECE WILL ENTER WAR. Geneva, via Paris, June 26.—The semi-official Balkan Agency says that King Ferdinand of Bulgaria has been impressed deeply by the abdication of King Constantine and considers it certain that former Premier Venizelos will take office at the head of the Government and that Greece will enter the war against Bulgaria. King Ferdinand therefore intends to go shortly to German great headquarters to demand assistance. Consternation has been caused in Sofia by Constantine's abdication. Wrist watches have improved their favor by reason of the general military trend of fashion.