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ST. JOHN'S.

LATEST War News.

(Continued from 3rd page.)
12.30 P. M.

DIPLOMATIC RUPTURE IMMINENT

GENEVA, To-day. The latest information received by the Swiss Press from Vienna states that Austrian official circles are opposed to the acceptance of the second American Amos note, unless it is modified. A rupture of diplomatic relations is believed to be imminent, notwithstanding the strong opposition of the Liberal and Hungarian parties to the diplomats who demand that an agreement shall be reached with Washington.

SUFFERING FROM BOILS.

LONDON, To-day. A despatch from Amsterdam says the reports received here from Berlin are to effect that Emperor William is suffering from a non-malignant boil. He is remaining indoors owing to unsettled weather, but is not confined to bed.

HUNGARY AUSTRIAN QUARRELS.

LONDON, To-day. The Budapest correspondent of the Post in a letter published to-day states that the old enmity between Austria and Hungary has burst into a fresh flame and that even the pretence of unity which had existed has disappeared, since the time when the Austrians offered the Hungarians by removing the Hungarian flag from the fortress at Belgrade. The seriousness of the present quarrels, the correspondent says, are instanced in Parliamentary activities of the independence party, which despite the entreaties of Premier have been airing Hungarian grievance.

TALK OF CABINET RESIGNATION.

LONDON, To-day. The Daily Express asserts that there is a group of at least three unionists in the Cabinet, led by Earl Selborne, President of the Board of Agriculture, who are likely to resign because Asquith's plan for a modified form of conscription does not go far enough. Those men contend that it is wrong to force all single men to serve in the army when there is a large proportion of married men who

could be spared more easily, and that altogether the Premier's plan is a useless compromise, says the paper. The Express therefore, anticipates a fair crop of resignations among supporters of voluntary enlistment and determined conscriptionists, but says that the resignations will not be serious enough to imperil the existence of the Government. The paper also expresses the opinion that Earl Derby director of recruiting, will find a place in this reconstructed ministry. According to the Daily Sketch, the Government has a bill under consideration, embodying the following method of securing recruits when it is decided to call to the colours any attested group under Earl Derby's plan. A day will be fixed for men in that particular group to present themselves at the military depot. Until that day any unattested bachelor of the age stipulated for that group may volunteer for the army and by so volunteering will escape the stigma of compulsion, but all failing to volunteer on the stipulated day will be fetched.

1.00 P. M.

INDISPENSABLE NAVAL BASE.

PARIS, To-day. The position of Casteliorzo as a naval base, is characterized as indispensable.

PREPARING FOR BIG PUSH.

NEW YORK, To-day. A cable to the Herald from London says three months since the sharp and successful Allied offensive of last September have seen remarkably rapid accumulation of reserve men and munitions on the western front in preparation for the next general advance. The expenditure in shells has been even less than it was during the summer. If conditions may be judged accurately from official communications and aside from actions at Hartmann's-Werkopfe, where comparatively small forces are engaged, the men have been called on for little real fighting, while the expenditure in human and material has been at a minimum, the production of both necessities has been at a maximum. France and Britain have been working their fully mobilized steel plants night and day, and it is estimated that out of every three shells two have gone into the reserve supply, that will be used when the time comes to maintain the unprecedented train of death on German positions from Neuport to Switzerland. Into this reservoir of men has gone the large proportion of new units which will receive their real baptism of fire in the next big push.

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From Lieut.

LeMessurier.

In a letter to his father, Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, Deputy Minister of Customs, Lieut. Hugh LeMessurier, of the Oxford and Bucks Regiment, who was wounded recently in France, states that he is now at recruiting work under Colonel Holman in the East of London. He feels in fit condition again to return to the fighting line but the medical authorities won't allow him.

Hello!

Have you sent that donation towards the dinner for our Soldier and Sailor Lads? If in doubt about what to send, ring up 362A and Miss MacKay will gladly give you the information.

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From Lieut. Johnson.

Mr. Justice Johnson has received word from his son Lieut. Max Johnson stating that on December 10th he was in a rest billet, somewhere in France, 25 miles behind the firing line. Lieut. Johnson, who is attached to the Fourth Cameron Highlanders and who had been in the firing line since Oct. 19th, is just moved back for a rest. He reports Lieut. J. Clift, son of Mr. J. A. Clift, who is attached to the same Regiment, to be in good health.

ESSENCE OF GINGER WINE. Having had considerable correspondence with parties in the Old Country, I have at last succeeded in obtaining the genuine and original recipe for the "Essence of Ginger Wine," which I now offer at 15 cents per bottle. This recipe has been safely guarded for a great many years. It was originally prepared by an old Squire in Lancashire, A.D. 1575. It is made from the purest ingredients, and is strictly non-alcoholic. It makes an ideal Christmas drink for the young and the old. The contents of one fifteen-cent bottle, mixed with three quarts of hot water, in which there has been previously dissolved one and a quarter pounds of sugar, makes the Ginger Wine ready for use. I have much pleasure in introducing this old (but still new) preparation.

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Here and There.

CALENDARS.—We wish to thank The Nickel Theatre and The Robinson Export Co., for very useful wall calendars.

Concert and Sociable, under the auspices of Wesley Epworth League, Wesley Church Basement, New Year's Night. Admission 25 cents. Doors open 7.15 p.m.—dec30,21

MARRIED.

At Ealing, London, on the 29th inst., Hugh A. LeMessurier, 5th Service Battalion Oxford and Bucks, to Claire, youngest daughter of the late Colonel H. R. Shelley, 22nd Madras Infantry, and Mrs. Shelley of 40 Windsor Road, Ealing.

This morning after a brief illness, Bride, beloved wife of Fred. Udle, leaving two children; funeral on Saturday, at 2.30 p.m., from her late residence, 87 Gower Street.

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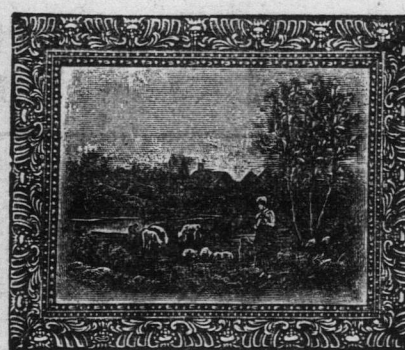
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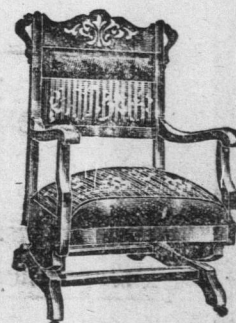
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Terrible Plight of the Armenians.

Nearly a million Armenians in Turkey have perished in the massacres and wholesale deportations of Christians instigated by the Ottoman Government in Asia Minor. This is the "careful estimate" of a competent authority quoted by Lord Bryce, formerly British Ambassador at Washington, in the following further reports on the cruelties collected from statements which have come through the United States from sources on which, he says, the fullest reliance can be placed:

"Some two or three weeks ago, at K., about two hundred of the chief Armenians were imprisoned, then taken at night in wagons, thirty or forty at a time, to the river bank and there killed. Eighteen of the employees of the railway and the director of the bank were among these. I had this on good authority, then, and it is confirmed now.

"Within the past week all the Armenian men, whether Gregorian, Protestant, or Catholic, have been taken, stripped to shirt and drawers, tied together and taken away and heard of no more. The women and girls have been distributed to the Turkish villages, and Turks have been coming and looking over the girls and choosing what they wanted. One of the wealthiest men in K., whose wife and three daughters were taken away before his eyes, went crazy.

"These people are being deliberately done to death at a sufficiently slow pace to allow their oppressors the opportunity of choosing out such of their women and their goods as they care for and getting all their money away from them before they die."

Delayed Post

to Gallipoli.

(Daily Mail, Dec. 15)

Mr. Thomas Mackenzie, High Commissioner for New Zealand, speaking in London yesterday, said, in reference to the statement that parcels and comforts did not reach the soldiers because of insufficient addressing, that nine-tenths of the matter sent out to Gallipoli and the Dardanelles was returned to the High Commissioner's office. It was all distinctly and fully addressed and there was not the slightest reason why all should not be delivered.

Mr. A. D. Steel-Maitland, M. P., said people did not recognise the difficulties of getting ordinary supplies through such a war zone to the Dardanelles. There could not be the regularity of the post in London.

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