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TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.45 A.M.

BOMBED BULGARIANS.

LONDON, To-day.

Thirteen French aeroplanes carried out a raid on the town and camps at Strumitza, Bulgaria, yesterday, according to a Reuter despatch from Salonika to-day. The machines dropped 158 bombs, causing several fires. It is added, the despatch states the machines, although subjected to severe bombardment, returned to their base untouched.

POURING IN AMERICAN MUNITIONS.

WASHINGTON, To-day.

American made war munitions now are pouring into Europe at a rate of nearly two million dollars worth daily, with the figures swelling rapidly as the production increases. For a long time afte rthe war began, shipments were negligible. Not until the middle of 1915 did millions of dollars worth of war materials, contracted for, begin to move in considerable quantities. Estimates made at the Department of Commerce put the total munitions shipments since Europe began to purchase for the present war at close to a quarter of a billion dollars. At the rate the shipments are going now, the next four months would see this total doubled, even if the production remained at a standstill, but the production is declared to be growing faster now than at any time since American manufacturers began the conversion of their new plants into munition factories.

BIG SHIPPING FIRE.

NEW YORK, To-day.

No evidence of incendiarism has been found by Chief Fire Marshall Brophy, was announced last night in connection with the fire on the Brooklyn waterfront, early yesterday which caused the destruction of three British steamships, 37 lighters, barges and a new 900 foot pier belonging to the New York Dock Co., and $1,000,000 worth of merchandise consigned to the Entente Allies. The toltal loss is estimated at between $3,000,000 and $4,000,000. Although nearly 300 persons were imperiled by flames which raged fiercely for several hours, only one was unaccounted for last night. The missing man was a member of the crew of one of the steamers. Several persons were injured, however.

DEFENCES AGAINST AIR CRAFT.

LONDON, To-day.

Harold J. Tennant, Under Secretary for War, made the following important announcement: "From to-day," he asid, "the Navy will deal with all hostile air craft attempting to reach Britain, but the control of her defences within the country has been transferred from the Admiralty to the War Office. Sir Piercy Scott has been taken over by the army from the navy and a joint naval army committee will be formed to co-ordinate air defences." Balfour said: "One of the great difficulties in connection with the enlargement of the air service has been lack of material. We are still behind in certain directions," he said, "not because the Government is oblivious of the necessities of the situation, but because material cannot be obtained."

LITTLE ENGLANDER RESIGNS.

COCKERMOUTH, Eng., To-day.

The constituents of Sir Wilfred Lawson, member of Parliament for this district, accepted his resignation which was tendered on the ground he was unable to support the war policy of the Government. Sir Wilfred is one of a small section of the Liberal Party who are called little Englanders.

LONDON, To-day.

To-day's debate in Parliament on air defence of Great Britain was chiefly remarkable for frank admissions made by Cabinet spokesmen, that present conditions are far from satisfactory. Andrew Bonar Law, Secretary for the Colonies; Balfour, First Lord of Admiralty; Tennant, Under Secretary for War; all spoke in this vein. They declared, however, the Government was doing all that was humanly possible. Balfour scored a sensation to-day when he declared one of England's great mistakes in days prior to the war was the failure to develop a Dirigible airship fleet along lines similar to that of Germany. With regard to Zeppelins, he said, looking back on events, am sorry we didn't develop that type of vessel. Government supporters to-night expressed the hope that Ministerial statements to-day would do much to clarify the atmosphere and re-assure the country. Bonar Law summing up the Cabinet's position on air defence in a short speech, follows: "I make no pretence of the Government being satisfied with this branch of the service, but but I assure the House we are trying to effect remedies for all defences. Mr. Tennant, on behalf of the War Office, after outlying a new scheme for the co-ordination of army and navy munitions Department in the statement that while we have made strides providing proper equipment and defence for arsenals and vulnerable points in the country. The safety of every part of the United Kingdom against attack by long range air craft can never be complete.

WAR FINANCES.

LONDON, To-day.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Reginald McKenna, announced yesterday that the British National Debt at the end of the financial year, March 31st, would be £2,200,000,000. Germany's gross war expenditure at the end of 1915 was more than £1,500,000,000. Credits voted by France between the outbreak of the war to the end of December, 1915, was about £1,240,000,000 and for the first quarter in 1916 £300,920,000.

DEFENDING DURAZZO.

LONDON, To-day.

The final struggle for the mastery of Albania has begun, according to despatches received from London. The Austrians and Bulgars have succeeded in forming a juncture of their combined armies, and are now in contact with Essad Pasha's army of Albanians, Montenegrins and Serbians which is defending Durazzo.

NOON.

THE KEY TO ASIA MINOR.

PARIS, To-day.

The capture of Erzerum by the Russians is declared by French newspapers as the best item of news for the Allies in many months, the military experts declaring that it gives the Russians the key to Asia Minor and is a victory which will inevitably have far reaching consequences.

REQUISITIONING MERCHANT SHIPPING.

LONDON, To-day.

The question of requisitioning merchant shipping is one of the important matters which come up for consideration when the debate on the address in reply to the King's Speech is resumed to-day. General interest is manifested in the subject by members of Parliament. The amendment in this connection is presented by Basil Edward Peto, who expresses regret in the amendment, that the Government has not taken measures to utilise economically the available tonnage, and put it under the control of a central expert authority, with full power to requisition and direct movements of all vessels, and to fix and limit remuneration for transport services of all kinds during the war. It is expected that an important reply will be elcicted by this amendment from Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, on behalf of the Government. It is understood that it is the present intention of Premier Asquith to take the new vote of credit in the House of Commons on Monday.

INCENDIARY FIRE IN TORONTO.

TORONTO, To-day.

A fierce fire whose progress was marked by loud explosions broke out at three a.m. to-day at the American Club at Wellington Street West, and resulted in the death of P. I. Hairston, mining broker of this city, formerly of Dallas, Texas, and probably with fatal injury to Edward Johnson, night-watchman. The loss is $50,000. The Club being active recruiting 97th battalion (American Legion) for overseas service. Officers of that Regiment of which Captain Minard is paymaster, state they have been warned that the American Club would be wrecked and a quarter of the battalion at the exhibition camp blown up with fire. The Chief who fought the flames says he has no doubt of the incendiary origin of the fire. The roof was nearly blown off, and the way the floor hang, he says, is evidence of explosion. He himself says he heard three distinct explosions. While the ruins of fire which destroyed the building early this morning were cooling the directors of the American Club met and made their own inquiry into the origin of the fire. The finding was that the fire was without doubt of incendiary malicious origin.

ERZERUM TAKEN BY WHIRLWIND ASSAULT.

PETROGRAD, To-day.

The Fall of Erzerum which had been confidently awaited since the news of the taking by the Russians of nine of the eighteen forts guarding the gateway to Asia Minor, is the cause of great elation in Petrograd. Controlling the roads through Armenia with access to Trebizond Tabris Mesopotamia, the capture of Erzerum is calculated to have immense strategic importance in the Russian campaign in the Caucasus and will indirectly affect the Balkan campaign by relieving pressure on the Allies at Saloniki is the conviction entertained by all. Russian military observers say that Erzerum would be forced to capitulate was based on the fact that the remaining nine forts were considered of less importance than those already in Russian hands, and could be readily flanked or even ignored in forcing the evacuation of the Turkish stronghold. By taking the first front, it is believed they have destroyed the plan of defence, since the impregnability of Erzerum rested on the assumption of German engineers who constructed the fortifications that the position was safe against assault from the South. Despite the intense cold and deep through and flanked other positions snow, the Russian artillery broke which went like a house of cards. The result of the Russian onslaught exceeding all expectations. The Caucasian campaign derived great benefit from the Russian domination of the Black Sea, which enabled the army to receive a plentiful supply of provisions and ammunition. The number of men in the garrison and Turkish positions before the recent retreat of the Turkish Army is estimated at 8,000. These numbers are believed to have been considerably augmented by the falling back of the Turks upon the position. The recent improvement in the Russian artillery was the cause of the victory which has been received here with the same spirit of enthusiasm as marked the fall of Przemysl, nearly a year ago. Contrasted with the taking of that fortress which entailed a long, painful investment, Erzerum, is the first instance of a strong fortress being taken by a whirlwind assault.

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Wedding Bells.

St. Patrick's Church, Riverhead, was the scene of a very pretty wedding last evening when Lillian M., only daughter of Mrs. Maggie and the late Matthew Power, of Witless Bay, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony, by the Rev. Father Renouf, to Mr. M. J. Williams, of Buffalo, New York, put formerly of Bay Bulls. The bride who is one of the city's most popular young ladies, looked charming. Her gown was of real cream Japan silk, with cream Persian picture hat with large ostrich plumes, and carried a beautiful bouquet of lillies of the valley and maiden hair fern. She was attended by Miss Rose Walshe who was prettily attired in a beautiful costume with hat to match. The groom was attended by Mr. M. J. Power, brother of the bride. After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the residence of the bride's aunt, Henry Street, where supper was served, only the immediate friends of both parties been present. After supper they drove to the Ivy Hotel where they will remain until they take the 5.30 train for Bay Bulls where the honeymoon will be spent. Amongst the presents received was a purse of gold and a cheque from the bride's aunt. After the honeymoon they will proceed to their future home, Duluth, Minnesotta.

C. M. B. C. Annual Tea and Entertainment will be held in the Synod Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 23rd, at 7 p.m. Grand programme. Tickets 40 cents.

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LATEST

1.40 P.M.

STORY OF AUSTRIA NEARING EXHAUSTION.

ROME, To-day.

An American business man who has just returned to Rome after months of sojourn in Austria-Hungary said: Austria-Hungary is rapidly nearing exhaustion. Apart from the growing scarcity of food which verges on famine, all industries are paralyzed, Austrians officers complained, because offers of peace had been rejected by the Allies. They said they could not understand why the Allies did not wish for peace, and why they were determined to continue war, when the Austrians and Germans repeatedly had assured them that they were well disposed to negotiate for peace, and when the Hungarians at Budapest openly admitted that the war had failed to strengthen the unity of Austria, which now they said had been reduced to the position of a German Colony and had practically lost its independence, and hence was powerless to seek separate peace. The American visitor says he is convinced that Austria-Hungary will not hold out more than three months longer.

BULGARIA DISAFFECTED.

ROME, To-day.

A despatch to the Daily News says a neutral diplomatist who recently returned from Bulgaria, says Bulgarian losses so far amount to 150,000. The army is now reduced to about 180,000. This is absolutely insufficient to aid the Germans in an attack on Salonika. The soldiers who are on short rations, as the Germans requisitioned all available supplies of wheat, are disheartened and tired of the war. They fear Russian reprisals in the near future. The King is openly blamed for selling the country to the Germans and is becoming very unpopular. His journey to Germany and Austria was taken because he feared it would be impossible to avoid a revolution unless Austro-Germans took the precaution of organizing timely measures. These, the King personally urged in Berlin and Vienna.

Here and There.

REMAINS SENT HOME.—The remains of the late Michael Puddister, who died at the Hospital, were sent to Bay Bulls for interment by last evening's train. Undertaker J. T. Martin was in charge of the arrangements.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. Agnes Peddle and family wish to thank Mrs. (Hon.) John Harvey, Mrs. Ed. Lidstone, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Raynes who sent beautiful wreaths; also all kind friends who sympathized with her on the death of her daughter Norah.—1i

UNDERGOING REPAIRS. — The steamers Home, Clyde, Ethie and Dundee are now undergoing repairs at the Reid Nfld. Co's. premises, and a staff of workmen from the machine shops are busy making the annual overhaul to the engines.

M. C. L. I.—The M. C. L. I. meets to-night at 7.45. Debate:—Resolved—"That an Imperial System of Government based on the Canadian system would lead to a greater solidarity of the Empire." Leaders: Rev. Dr. Curtis and Capt. A. Kean. The notice of motion that judges be appointed for the debates will also be considered.—1

REV. F. SMART WILL GIVE THE ADDRESS.—St. Thomas's Men's Bible Class meets as usual this evening in Canon Wood Hall at 8 o'clock. Rev. F. Smart, Rector of Heart's Content parish, and Rev. Dr. Jones will be present. The address will be given by Rev. F. Smart. All are welcome.

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PROCESSION OF WITNESSES. — Shortly before the barratry case began in the Supreme Court this forenoon an unusual scene was witnessed when 21 Crown witnesses belonging to outports, accompanied by Constable O'Neill, who was also a witness in the case, were seen marching in processional order to the court room.

Don't miss the splendid Tea and Concert at the Methodist College Hall Wednesday next. Teas served from 6 to 7.30 p.m. Grand Concert at 8, in which the following ladies and gentlemen will take part: Mrs. King; Misses Chaplin, Herder, Duley, Johnson, Hanlin; Rev. W. H. Thomas, H. M. S. Briton String Band, Glee Club (8), Messrs. King, Bulley, Ruggles, Christian, Kendall, P. F. Moore, Mackintosh, Kerr, Young, Herschell. Part proceeds to the Red Cross.

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Supreme Court.

Court met at 10 a.m. Present: Chief Justice Horwood.

The King vs. Archibald Thompson.

The prisoner is arraigned and pleads guilty.

W. J. Higgins is heard in mitigation of sentence. Prisoner was sentenced to two years with hard labor from this date.

The King vs. Francis Piercey.

The prisoner is arraigned and pleads not guilty.

W. J. Higgins moves for a day and special jury.

It is ordered that the hearing be set for Monday, 21st inst., with a special jury.

The King vs. Job H. Roberts and Others.

This is an indictment for conspiracy.

Howley, K.C., for the Crown.

W. J. Higgins for the accused..

The special jury were present and are sworn in as follows:—

James Davis, James Whelan, Stanley Rodger, Henry Thomas, William O'Dea, Samuel Ryan, Wm. H. Hynes, John J. Connolly, Fenwick Crane, Francis Wadden, Wm. Casey, Thorburn McNab.

Howley, K. C., states the case for the Crown to the jury.

Cyril W. G. Tessier was sworn by Howley, K. C., and after letters and much correspondence was handed in as evidence the Court adjourned. There are some 20 witnesses to be heard and it will be two or three days before the case is finished.

The Recount.

Owing to Mr. Jas. P. Crotty being summoned as a juror on the Roberts' barratry case, the recount was slightly disarranged this morning, and only 100 ballots of the Twillingate count which totals 3,909 votes, were handled. Of 89 rejected ballots by the returning officer, 9 were reinstated by Mr. Justice Johnson, 5 of the votes are for No and 4 go to the affirmative. The count will be continued this afternoon.

Reids' Boats.

The Argyle left Lawn at 5.25 p.m. yesterday, inward.

The Glencoe left Port aux Basques at 1.30 a.m. to-day.

The Kyle left Port aux Basques at 2.25 p.m. yesterday for Louisburg.

The Meigle is not yet reported as having left Louisburg.

The Sagona is not reported.

Here and There.

The House of Assembly opens on March 16th.

WEATHER ALONG RAILWAY. — The weather along the railway to-day is: Wind N.W., light and fine, with temperature ranging from 4 to 22 above.

CARPENTERS BUSY.—The carpenters with the R. N. Co. are busy just now making repairs to some of the box cars a the company's premises. It is not unlikely that one or two new passenger cars will be built in the near future.

CONGRATULATIONS. — Mrs. Donnelly, the mother of Capt. James Donnelly, and Mr. M. F. Donnelly of Hon. J. D. Ryan's employ, are to-day receiving congratulations on the promotios of Lieut. Donnelly to Captain for distinguished services on the field.

APPRECIATED SERVICES.—Cabman Roud, who stopped Bowrings' runaway horse on Saturday night last whilst driver Simmonds was delivering some parcels on Pleasant Street, will receive a tangible recognition from the firm, which always does those things well.

A charming frock is of brick-red chiffon, with black taffeta points reaching up into it from the black taffeta band around the foot.