TO-DAY'S Messages.

11.00 A.M.

CHARGES IN THE "LEAK" INQUIRY.

WASHINGTON, To-day.

Thomas W. Lawson sprang a sensation before the House Rules Committee this afternoon when he testified that Chairman Henry, of the Rules Committee conducting the inquiry, was the Congressman who told him that a Cabinet officer, a member of Congress and a banker, were said to have profited in the stock market by advance information on President Wilson's peace note. Lawson further testified that Secretary McAdoo was the Cabinet member to whom he referred in his previous testimony as being connected according to rumour with the leak on President Wilson's peace note. Lawson indirectly brought the names of Secretary Lansing and Ambassador Von Bernstorff into the hearing, but not in connection with the leak. Lawson said Henry had told him that information had come to the Committee that the German Ambassador had profited by over two million, but that he did not think it was true. Secretaries McAdoo and Tumulty and Mr. Price at once issued statements denying Lawson's reference to them.

WAR REVIEW.

LONDON, To-day.

The Russian offensive in the Riga region in Russia having abated to such slight proportions that neither the Russian nor the German official statements deal with it. Roumania continues to be the only theatre where vigorous operations are in progress, although there are indications of the possibility of another big battle on the Macedonian front in the near future. There has been engagements in Mesopotamia in the vicinity of Kut-el-Amara, with both Turks and British claiming advantage. On other fronts bombardments and encounters by small parties continue. The Teutonic Allies are now in full control of Vadeni, six miles S.W. of Galatz, in Roumania. Galatz is under fire of the Bulgar artillery from the right bank of the Danube. After the occupation of Vadeni, which was the last town south of Sereth held by the Russians and Roumanians, the Russians made a vigorous attack and attempted to dislodge them. The Turks however put down the attack, according to Berlin, which also reports the repulse of a Russian offensive near Fundeni on the lower Sereth, between Kathena and the Suchitza Rivers near the Moldavian frontier. Petrograd takes issue with the German report as regards the Kasaino River sector and says the Roumanians here forced back the invaders, and that also heavy casualties were inflicted on them in attacks northeast of Fokshani. In Macedonia on the western wing south of Lake Ochrida there have been several encounters between the French and Austro-Germans, in which the Teutonic Allies are declared by Germany finally to have driven the French across the Cerna River. Farther south on the eastern shore of Lake Malik, the French record a slight advance of their troops near Sevezda. East along the Doiran front the British have raided the village of Akinjali and also bombarded the town of Neochari both by land and sea.

2.00 P.M.

STARVATION IN GERMANY.

LONDON, To-day.

The Times published the following information supplied by a neutral who left Germany at the end of last month. "I lost fifteen pounds in weight in a month. All the time I was in Germany I saw no butter. Saccharine, which is used instead of sugar, affects the gums and causes diarrhoea, as does also artificial coffee, which is horrible to drink. The people are living mainly on potatoes and fish. The latter comes from Holland and Sweden. A very small fish costs 1s. 9d. A goose is eight shillings and five pence per pound. The only thing fit to eat is chocolate. Every one is showing characteristic signs of jaundice, with a yellowish tinge in the skin and the whites of the eyes. Money will not buy food. Millionaires are as badly off in that respect as the poor man."

SUB. TAKES CAPTAINS PRISONERS.

LONDON, To-day.

A German submarine has just returned from a cruise with four captains of merchantmen on board as prisoners. According to an Amsterdam despatch, which quotes German newspapers, one of the prisoners is an Englishman.

ALFONSO MAY PLAY BIG PART.

MADRID, To-day.

An intimation that the King of Spain may play a prominent part in the coming peace negotiations was given in a speech by Eduardo Dato, the former Premier, at a banquet given in his honour by a moderate section of Conservatives. Great importance is attached to words of Senor Dato because of his habitual reserve.

HINDENBURG TAKES COLD.

LONDON, To-day.

Field-Marshal Von Hindenburg, it is rumoured on the Berlin Bourse, is laid up at headquarters with a severe chill, according to an Amsterdam despatch.

TO CUT THE BERLIN-BOSPORUS RAILROAD.

LONDON, To-day.

The Allied army on the Saloniki front will be re-inforced as a preliminary to an effort to cut the Berlin-Constantinople railroad, according to a despatch from a British correspondent with General Sarrail's forces. The writer lays it down as the most urgent task of the Saloniki army to cut the railroad and to shut off Germany from her supplies of foodstuffs which she has been drawing from Asia Minor. He describes Asiatic Turkey as a granary which Germany is developing on scientific lines, while it is also the home of 200,000 magnificent fighters, who he says are being trained and drilled under German instructors. Only by cutting the railroad, the correspondent writes, can this process be stopped, and this is the only justification for maintaining our expensive, but hitherto inadequate force in Macedonia. It can only be hoped that the reinforcements that will arrive in 1917 will make it possible by next New Year's Day to have got astride of the vital Trans-Balkan railway.

The checking of German expansion in the near future is specified by the correspondent as an even greater end to be aimed at by the Allied army. He declares that the Germans plan to establish themselves at Saloniki as a stepping stone to a near eastern Empire, and that the Entente Powers must fashion the Balkans so as to build a Slav dam across the tide way of Germany's ambition.

MORE SINKINGS.

LONDON, To-day.

According to an unconfirmed report received by Lloyds, the British steamer Brookwood, 3093 tons, and the Norwegian steamer Thelma, 1896 tons, have been sunk. The Norwegian steamer Grasfjeld, 792 tons, has been destroyed through striking a mine. Members of the crew lost their lives.

Fish Oils

While there has been no notable movement in the fish oil market the new year opens with prospects of some activity and perhaps further advances in prices. The fact that the close of 1916 found supplies very low and prices very high. All grades are short, far short of requirements of the trades depending upon fish oils this season. There is a good movement in refined cod liver oil in New York and supplies received have been readily disposed of. Cod, menhaden, whale and sperm oils are held in few strong hands. There is further indication of an interest among oil operators in New York in the announcement in The Fishing Gazette concerning the forthcoming shipments of Norwegian herring oil which is due to arrive in this market during February. No quotations have been made upon this oil in advance of its arrival, but it is understood that there will be grades of crude and refined oil in the lot of about 50,000 barrels.—N.Y. Fishing Gazette, Jan. 6.

Britain Builds Wonderful Bird

New Airplane Can Travel 128 Miles an Hour.

New York, Jan. 8.—Details of the latest aerial developments and the work of the Royal Flying Corps along the battlefront in France are given by Flight Lieut. Lloyd Faulkner, Royal Flying Corps, who was recently invalided after being shot down near Abele, in the Ypres salient.

"The machine used on the battlefront are much in advance of any used over here," he said. "A new machine, whose name may not be mentioned, makes 128 miles an hour. This is the great surprise. It is arriving at the front only now. It can ascend straight up without banking, and has reached 15,000 feet in seven and a half minutes. This makes it the ideal machine for Zeppelin work, as it can get height quickly enough to catch the dirigibles. This unnamed machine is the greatest fighting machine in the world, and will guarantee that we maintain the supremacy of the air, so necessary in this war."

Lieut. Faulkner's home is in Toronto, where he enlisted nearly two years ago.

Returned Lieut. Colonel

Says He Was Told 100 Submarines Have Been Captured.

London, Ont., Jan. 10.—Lieut.-Col. McMullen, commander of the Oxford Battalion, who arrived from England last night, says before leaving Liverpool, a big German submarine was brought in, all of the crew being dead.

He was told that over one hundred undersea boats captured had been brought into a southern port.

Here and There.

WAS AT PLACENTIA.—Rev. H. L. Pike, curate of St. Mary's Church, who was visiting Placentia on church work, returned by to-day's train.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT. —The Hon. Treasurer of the Church of England Orphanage begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of cheque for ($500.00) Five Hundred Dollars, bequest from the late William Cook, per Messrs. Tasker and J. D. Cook, Executors.

WITNESS WANTED.—The volunteer, who had a city shoe repairer summoned last week for the recovery of a pair of rubbers, which the defendant denied having any knowledge of, is so far unsuccessful in locating the person who can vouch for his claim, as he does not know his name or where he works. The case is still deferred and the court has promised the plaintiff that if he can produce the witness criminal proceedings will be taken against the shoe man. The police are aiding the volunteer to find the witness.

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Citizens' Committee

Revise Eighty-Five Sections of Municipal Bill.

Vice-Chairman Mr. W. A. O'D. Kelly presided at last night's meeting of the Citizens' Committee, a large number of committeemen being present. The Vice-Chairman and Secretary Smith, being the members of the deputation that attended the meeting of the Select Committee at the House of Assembly on Saturday night, reported progress.

A revision of the work already gone through was taken up and Sections 92 to 176, inclusive, were considered. Some slight amendments were made, while Section 120, which deals with the turning off of water when city taxes are due for a period of six months, was expunged and a new section made which shall give such power to the Council only in the case of misuse. With regard to Section 130, touching on the construction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, it was the opinion of those present that the Council shall pay all the cost of construction and repairs of curbs and gutters, not one-half as stated in the Bill. Sidewalks to be treated the same as in the Bill: City to pay half and owners of property abutting on the sidewalk constructed with brick, concrete, wood or asphalt to pay an equal amount.

The following amendment was added to Sections 147 to 149 in relation to Railways: "That suitable gates be placed at every railway crossing within the city limits."

The meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.

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German Peace Trick

Herr Von Bethmann-Hollweg's peace trick is the old German hoax. During the Franco-German war of 1870-1 Bismarck spread "peace talk" whenever he thought he would gain an advantage by it. In this way he divided and distracted his opponents and led his unhappy dupes to abate their efforts in the belief that they had only to cease fighting to obtain "magnificent" terms. While he plotted thus the Germans continued their operations with all possible energy.—Acadian Recorder.

ERRATUM.—In the wedding notice of Martin-Earle, in our issue of Saturday, the name of Miss Maggie Murrin should have appeared as bridesmaid instead of Miss Barron.

Our Volunteers.

Squads of volunteers drilled at the C. L. B. and C. C. C. Armouries yesterday. The work of inoculating the men has been finished by the doctors. In the afternoon the soldiers received an informal visit by His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Capt. Riley, M. C.

Llewellyn Club Entertainment.

An unusually large audience filled the concert flat of the Canon Wood Hall last night and the entertainment, which was presided over by the Rev. D Jones, was greatly enjoyed. The programme, which consisted of songs, instrumental selections and recitations, was nicely rendered by Mrs. C. Cahill, Miss Hanlin, Sergt. G. Edwards, A. Bulley and T. H. O'Neill, the latter replacing Mrs. J. Baxter whose absence through a slight illness was greatly regretted by all. The two-act comedy: "Winning an Heiress" was greatly enjoyed. The characters were: Messrs. F. M. Stirling, R. Dowden, R. W. Jeans, P. B. Rendell, F. Clarke, A. Carnell and W. E. Stirling, all of whom filled their parts in a very satisfactory manner. Mr. W. H. Stirling acted as accompanist and during the evening the Girls' Guild sold candies, the remainder being auctioned by Mr. Reg. Dowden at the close of the entertainment.

Death of Michael Kelly

At St. John, Who Was Composer of "We'll Never Let The Old Flag Fall."

St. John, N.B., Jan. 8. — Michael Kelly, of St. John, who died this morning in the County Hospital as the result of tuberculosis, was the composer of the music for "We'll never let the old flag fall," a song which has become well known over the entire Empire since the war began. He was a professional musician and the composer of many other works which were less well known. Last year he abandoned a large and profitable connection to become bandmaster of the 132nd Overseas Battalion, but was forced to give up the post on account of ill health. He was 35 years of age and was unmarried.

Halifax Sealers.

We understand that both the Halifax sealers Seal and Sable I, will prosecute the sealfishery on the front the coming spring. Last year the Seal operated in the Gulf and made a very poor voyage whilst the Sable I., Capt. Jacob Kean, was the first arrival from the northern floe log-loaded.

Here and There.

Ayrshire Bacon and Scotch Beef Ham at ELLIS'.

DUST STORM. — A terrific dust and clay storm swept over the city today and caused much annoyance to pedestrians who had to parade through it.

CARD TOURNEYS.—At the Star of the Sea Club Rooms last night a card tournament was held, 100 players participating. To-morrow night the British Society will hold a similar event.

RINK OPEN. —The Prince's Rink opened last night, the first time for the season. The ice was in excellent condition and there was a large attendance of skaters. Next week the first of the hockey matches will be played.

PATRIOTIC YOUNG MAN. — Mr. Owen Feaver, son of Mr. Samuel J. Feaver, Bond Street, who for the past three years has been employed at the Commercial Cable Office, Heart's Content, arrived in town a few days ago to enlist. He passed a most successful examination and is now in training.

AT THE CRESCENT.

Go to the Crescent Picture Palace to-day and see the big all-feature opening show. Bryant Washburn and Marguerite Clayton, the great Essanay stars, are presented in "The Promised Land," a splendid feature in 3 acts. Blanche Sweet in "The Spirit Awakened," a strong Biograph western drama, and Rose Melville as "Sis Hopkins" in "The Stenographer's Strategy," something new in comedy. Prof. McCarthy plays a first class programme for this big show. To-morrow, "The Two Orphans," a Selig Diamond specail feature in 3 reels.

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REID'S BOATS.

The Argyle left Sound Island at 8.40 p.m. yesterday.

The Home left Springdale at 2.10 p.m. yesterday.

The Kyle left Port aux Basques at 7.15 a.m. to-day.

The Meigle left Hermitage Cove at daylight, going west.

The Sagona is due at Port aux Basques this afternoon.

Train Notes.

Sunday's outgoing express reached Port aux Basques at 6.50 p.m. yesterday.

The mail and freight will leave Port aux Basques this afternoon after arrival of the Sagona.

The local from Carbonear reached the city at 12.20 p.m. to-day.

To Commandeer Potatoes.

The Wholesale Price in Canada Higher Than Retail in England.

London, January 7th.—The next article of food likely to be commandeered by Lord Devonport is potatoes. The scarcity is apparently due to the speculators rather than by actual shortage in the supply, but a reliable authority informs me that some months hence there may be no potatoes for civilians. Appeals have been made in Canada, but the latest reports of the Board of Trade show that there is a poor supply in the Dominion, and the prices are so high that the Government here will not consider them. In fact, the whole sale price in Canada is higher than the retail price here.

At present the restaurants and private houses show no sign of the dearth of the tuber.

Baron Davenport, the food controller, has fixed the following prices which home growers may charge for their 1917 crops:—

Wheat, 60 shillings per 504 pounds (about $1.75 a bushel;) oats, 38 shillings, six pense per 336 pounds; potatoes, a varying price of 115 to 130 shillings per ton (about 90 cents to $1 a bushel.)

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.

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The Time Machine—H. G. Wells.
A Daughter of the West—Morice Gerard.
The Whirlwind—Eden Phillpotts.
Trepass—Alice and Claude Askew.
The Turnstile—A. E. W. Mason.
The Sign of the Stranger—William LeQueux.
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