

TO-DAY'S Messages.

11.00 A.M.

WAR REVIEW.

LONDON, To-day. The British troops in France have occupied three more villages in the Somme region and in the Champagne where intense fighting has been in progress for several days. The French have recaptured the positions taken by the Germans on March 28th. A German retreat on both sides of the Peronne-Fins Road because of strong British pressure is announced by Berlin. Two villages were captured by the British, Fins and Sorel-le-Grand, which are on this road, while the other, Ruyalcourt is 13 miles to the south and 8 miles to the east of Bapaume. Field Marshal Haig's men, London says, after hard fighting have also gained ground west of Sorel-le-Grand in the direction of Hendicourt and toward the railroad running south from Marconing. A German attack against British positions south of Neuville Bourjournal, between Ruyalcourt and Fins, is reported by London to have been checked with loss. Canadian troops have been in action east of Neuville St. Vaast. Berlin says that four attacks by Canadian forces were repulsed with heavy losses, while London claims the German lines were entered and prisoners taken, and casualties inflicted on the defenders. Neither Berlin nor Paris reports any infantry action between the Somme and the Oise. Northeast of Soissons, Berlin says, the French grouping for an attack were dispersed. French troops in the sector verging on Margival northeast of Soissons, Paris reports, made progress. West of Massigny, de Champagne a French counter attack resulted in the Germans being forced to give up the positions gained on Wednesday. The French took 62 prisoners, Paris adds. There has been no important action on any of the other fronts. Russian attacks were delivered southeast of Baranovich on the eastern front but Petrograd does not say with what result. German troops entered Russian trenches on the Oginski Canal, but were dislodged. Austrian attacks against Italian positions on Monte Pait on the Austro-Italian front, Rome says was repulsed with heavy losses and prisoners were taken.

PLAIN WORDS FROM BERLIN PAPERS.

LONDON, To-day. A despatch from Amsterdam quotes the Tageblatt as commenting as follows on the German Chancellor's decision to postpone franchise reform until the end of the war. It is a great pity the prospect of internal reforms now appears to have taken the wrong path. The Chancellor ought to have been reminded of his own words, "Curse on the statesman who fails to understand his own age or lets slip his opportunity." The Vossische Zeitung is quoted as saying, "If the Government leaves us in the lurch we shall have to help ourselves. Parliament, as the representative of the people, must take the reform into its own hands. Deeds by a resolute Reichstag are of more weight than the words of a Chancellor." According to the Berlin papers, says the correspondent, five thousand petitions have been placed before the Reichstag. A large number of these demand that the Reichstag confer upon Emperor William the title of "The Faithful" so that it may go down to history and the ages associated with him. The Reichstag Petition Committee will discuss the situation, the correspondent adds.

FRENCH TO FIGHT TO BITTER END.

PARIS, To-day. A resolution affirming that the blockade of Germany is now assured and completely expressing confidence that the Government would take the necessary measures so as to coordinate the efforts of France and her Allies was adopted unanimously by the Chamber of Deputies to-day. Denis Cochin, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in charge of the questions of blockade, admitted that the blockade left something to be desired, because neutrals which were neighbors of Germany were not treated by France as they were by Germany. The outrages committed recently in northern France, he declared, was a reason now for carrying the war to a bitter end, until the enemies of France are completely crushed. His remarks were applauded by the entire chamber.

CABINET SOLID FOR WAR.

WASHINGTON, To-day. The Administration branch of the American Government has determined definitely upon the course of action to meet the hostility of Germany. While official announcement is withheld, pending the appearance of President Wilson before Congress, formal re-

RECRUITING STATISTICS

Of Towns of a Population of a Thousand and over

TOWNS.	Males 20 to 30 (Years of Age, Census 1911).	Volunteers for Regiment.	Volunteers for Royal Naval Reserve.	Enlistments Outside the Country.	Total.	Population. (Census 1911).	Percentage of Population Volunteered.
St. John's ..	3263	2784	322	247	3353	34,515	9.71
Catania ..	116	30	35	3	68	1,916	6.69
Trinity (North & South) ..	169	50	41	10	101	1,602	6.3
Brigus ..	100	22	35	8	65	1,035	6.28
Pogo ..	168	30	52	4	86	1,464	5.87
Harbour Grace ..	431	122	71	45	238	4,279	5.56
Placentia ..	102	35	13	12	60	1,083	5.54
Pouch Cove ..	99	56	2	3	61	1,175	5.2
Grand Falls ..	214	79	1	3	83	1,643	5.05
Bay Roberts ..	205	36	59	10	105	2,187	4.8
Greenspond ..	119	27	31	4	62	1,304	4.75
Spaniard's Bay ..	169	25	21	16	62	1,421	4.36
St. Lawrence ..	306	20	15	5	40	1,019	3.92
Heart's Content ..	81	17	9	8	34	1,017	3.34
Burgeo ..	106	23	7	3	32	1,039	3.97
Bonaville ..	343	51	41	16	108	3,911	3.01
Change Islands ..	114	21	9	2	32	1,087	2.94
Winterton ..	98	8	21	1	30	1,039	2.87
Burin ..	146	48	18	20	86	3,015	2.85
Torbay ..	128	31	8	1	40	1,463	2.73
Broad Cove, B.D.V. ..	99	23	9	3	30	1,096	2.72
Twillingate ..	348	58	16	13	87	3,348	2.56
Lamaline ..	138	12	27	3	42	1,676	2.5
Carbonara ..	302	29	37	22	88	3,540	2.45
Channel & P. aux Basques ..	122	17	6	6	29	1,223	2.37
Holyrood ..	120	17	3	10	30	1,407	2.13
Grand Bank ..	155	19	8	7	34	1,746	1.94
Curling ..	77	14	3	0	17	1,047	1.62

cognition of the existence of a state of war is expected to follow soon after the extra session begins. The President, having decided on the principal features of the address to be delivered to the joint session of the House and Senate, is putting the document in writing to-day. He had a final discussion with his Cabinet. The meeting lasted only an hour and a half, but the conclusions were quickly made known, and time was found to give attention to individual department matters. Later the President conferred briefly with Secretaries Parker and Daniels, heads of the United States Navy Departments. There is said to have been no difference of opinion in the Cabinet on the great question. The States officials believe that Germany is making war on this nation, because she has taken more than 240 American lives on the high seas, because she has destroyed American vessels by wholesale, because millions of dollars worth of damage has been done as a result of German plots in States, because she attempted to set on foot a conspiracy with Mexico and Japan to dismember the Republic and because of the belief that a German triumphant will constitute a future menace to the peace of the world in general and of the United States in particular.

12 30 P.M.

SIGNIFICANT!

AMSTERDAM, To-day. The Munich Post says that in the past fortnight the world has become quite another place through Russia going over to democracy and the United States entering the lists. Against Germany now stands an alliance of world democracy, and the people of the world are persuaded and are daily becoming convinced that the triumph of the freedom of the world is impossible as long as Germany remains what it is.

VILLA WORSTED AGAIN.

CHIHUAHUA, CITY FRANCISCO, To-day. Villa at the head of a cavalry force of 3,500 men made a determined attempt to-day to capture Chihuahua City, but was driven back with a loss of 500 prisoners and 350 killed and wounded.

WHITLOCK LEAVING BELGIUM.

LONDON, To-day. Brand Whitlock, American Minister to Belgium and the members of the American relief commission, will shortly leave Brussels for Switzerland.

BOMBS FOUND IN CARGOES.

Buenos Aires, To-day. A report received here says that on a voyage from New York to Rio de Janeiro, a bomb was found in the coal cargo of the steamer Tennyson. According to newspapers, eight bombs were discovered in the coal cargo of the Norwegian ship Alderney during her trip from New York.

FURTHER EXTENSION OF DANGER

LONDON, To-day. The British Admiralty announces that in view of the unrestricted use of mines and submarines by the Germans and the sinking of merchantmen without regard for the safety of their crew, the area of the North Sea which is rendered dangerous to all shipping by operations against the enemy will be extended on and after April 1st.

NEW SWEDISH CABINET.

LONDON, To-day. Strict neutrality will be the policy of the new Swedish Cabinet, according to a statement issued by the new Premier. The members of the new

Cabinet are: Admiral S. Aalundman, Foreign Minister, M. Stenberg, Minister of Justice, Colonel Akerman, Minister of War, Captain Hansericon, Minister of Marine, C. F. von Sydow, Minister of Interior, M. Charlestone, Minister of Finance, M. Hammarstrom, Minister of Instruction, M. Dalberg, Minister of Agriculture, Hakonericon and M. Falk Ministers without portfolio.

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SHIPWRECKED NEWFOUNDLANDERS.

HALIFAX, To-day. There left last night for Newfoundland Captain Dawe and his crew of five men, who have recently arrived from across the Atlantic via New York after a thrilling experience in the Gulf of Lyons, where their schooner Percy Roy was torpedoed on February 13th. The men narrowly escaped with their lives, and after a considerable time in a boat were able to make France. They were very generously

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WELL KNOWN SCIENTIST DEAD.

NEW YORK, To-day. Dr. David Brown, widely known as a metallurgist of note, has died.

LARGE ORDER BY CUNARD CO.

PHILADELPHIA, To-day. The Cunard Company is planning to place orders with the United States for 114 passenger steamers at a cost of \$120,000,000, according to an announcement by the agents of the Company here to-day. The new ships will range in size from 8,000 to 17,000 tons.

OIL IN PLACE OF GAS.

PARIS, To-day. The question of lighting the streets of Paris with oil lamps will be considered at a meeting of the civic council. The increasing difficulty of obtaining sufficient coal for the Municipal Gas Plant had made a decision in the matter imperative.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

LONDON, To-day. The Reichstag by a vote of 227 to 33, with five members absent, adopted the resolutions proposed by the National Liberals, appointing 28 members to examine into Constitutional questions, especially as to the composition of the Reichstag and its relation to the Government. A supplementary resolution offered by the Socialists referring to the same Committee with proposals and rescutions submitted to the Reichstag with reference to constitutional questions also was adopted.

REICHSTAG ADJOURNS.

BERLIN, To-day. A despatch says the Reichstag has adjourned until April 24th.

WORK OF THE RAIDER.

RIO JANEIRO, To-day. The French barque Cambronne arrived here with 200 men, the crews of various steamers and sailing ships sunk by a German raider off the Island of Trinidad. They reported that many sailors from the sunken vessels were drowned.

2.00 P.M.

ANOTHER RAIDER AT LARGE.

RIO JANEIRO, To-day. A new German raider has reached the South Atlantic and sent nine or more merchantmen to the bottom, according to survivors from the sunken vessels. The raider is the Sea Adder, or the Sea Eagle, a formidable armed craft operating with the same daring as its predecessor the Moewe, which recently returned to a German port from the same waters. News of the activities of the raider was brought to Rio Janeiro by the French barque Cambronne which arrived here yesterday. She had on board 285 men from the crews of vessels sunk by the Adder. The Cambronne encountered the raider on March 7th in latitude 21 south, longitude 7 west, a point in the Atlantic almost on a line with Rio Janeiro and about two-thirds of the way to the African coast. After the survivors had been put on the Cambronne she was ordered to proceed to the coast of Brazil, a voyage of 22 days, according to the Journal de Brazil.

The raider was loaded with mines, which explains the destruction of vessels off the coast of Brazil. The commerce destroyer is reported to be armed with two guns of 105 millimeters and 16 machine guns. The vessel has three masts and is equipped with wireless. Its crew consisted of 64 men, under command of Count Hkner. According to the refugees, the raider left Germany on December 22, escorted by a submarine. They say that the commander declared that the German Emperor and Crown Prince alone know of the expedition. No complaints have been made as to the treatment of the sailors while they were aboard the raider. They gave the name of the boat as the Sea Adder.

Here and There.

REACHED LOADING PORT. — A message was received from Captain Courtney yesterday afternoon stating he had reached his loading port in the south, from where he would proceed direct for home. All the crew are well.

NOTHING DOING IN COURT. — This was the quietest day in magistrate court circles for a long while. Not a single item of business was transacted—not even a Prohibition case!

THE PROSPERO. — The s.s. Prospero was detained by fog and ice coming along the S.W. coast. She did not get away from Marystown until this morning and is expected to arrive here to-morrow. She is bringing a large shipment of fresh frozen codfish and halibut which will be greatly welcomed in the local market next week.

Here and There.

ETHIE AND GLENCOE. — The Ethie left Baine Harbor at 5.20 p.m. yesterday en route to Placentia.

VETERAN SEALER. — Mr. James Pond, of Greenspond, who was at the ice with Capt. W. Winsor, in the Thetis as flagmaster, has spent fifty-one springs at the sealfishery and tells some interesting tales of his long experience.

ST. ANDREWS (Presbyterian). — The pastor will preach at both services. A children's service will be held in the morning. In the evening the subject of the sermon will be, "First things first." Mrs. F. J. King will sing at the latter service.

BORN.

On March 30th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Davis, 168 Pleasant Street.

MARRIED.

On March 27th at George St. Methodist Parsonage, by the Rev. N. Guy, Beatrice F., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Taylor, to James Butler, both of this city.

DIED.

At Bay Bulls, on March 10th, after a short illness, John Gatheral, leaving a mourn his wife, 2 sons and 2 daughters.

Passed away this morning after a long and painful illness, Mr. Benjamin Scoules, aged 63 years; he leaves a wife, 4 sons, 4 daughters, 2 brothers, 2 sisters, 2 of his sons are on active service and a large circle of friends to mourn their sad loss; funeral on Monday, at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, South Side, Blackhead Rd.; friends and acquaintances will please accept this, the only, intimation.—Boston papers please copy.



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