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TO-DAY'S
Messages.

10.00 A.M.

THE NEW HOME SECRETARY.

LONDON, To-day.
Herbert Samuel, Postmaster General, has been appointed Home Secretary, succeeding Sir John A. Simon, who resigned.

BOMBED SOFIA.

LONDON, To-day.
A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Saloniki, says a fiftieth of French aeroplanes dropped bombs on Sofia, causing damage and indescribable panic among the inhabitants of the Bulgarian capital.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

LONDON, To-day.
A British official last night says there was artillery activity yesterday near Fauquissart in Bois Grenier at St. Eilind about Ypres. Aircraft dropped bombs near Strazale, Hazebrouck and Stomer. One woman and one child killed.

RECRUITING IN IRELAND.

LONDON, To-day.
The exclusion of Ireland from Compulsory Service led to a request for the numbers of men available for military service or those actually recruited in that country. This information was communicated in Commons to-day. Men between 19 and 41 available for military service in the four Provinces of Ireland on August 15th last were approximately as follows: Leinster, 174,597; Ulster, 169,488; Munster, 136,637; Connaught, 83,392. Up to Dec. 15 returns show the enlistments approximately were: Leinster, 27,458; Ulster, 48,760; Munster, 34,190; Connaught, 4,689.

ECONOMIC PRESSURE TELLING.

LONDON, To-day.
Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, won tremendous applause from the Commons last night by a speech in which he declared the Entente Allies must take steps to see that Germany is unable to carry on a trade war against them after peace is signed. There are signs, he said, that at least Germany is beginning to feel the economic pressure of the blockade. Her supplies are becoming depleted, while ours are increasing, al-

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though our exports have fallen and our imports risen. There is no doubt we bear the strain far better than the Central Powers. Bread riots in Berlin and nearly every other big German city do not occur without good reasons. We have deprived the enemy of many necessities of warfare and possibly some of the necessities of life; her stock of war materials is giving out and the economic pressure—possibly better than any other means—will ultimately persuade Germany of the fruitlessness of continuing the struggle. We can stand the strain longer than Germany, continued Runciman, if we husband our resources. The disaster that will fall upon her will be almost irreparable. We must make it clear, however, that when peace comes we will not permit the outbreak of an economic war which Germany would wage against ourselves and our Allies. Discussing the suggestion of free trade within the British Empire, Runciman remarked the Dominions of Great Britain were not likely to alter their methods or their attitude towards Mother Country. The Colonies were determined to raise revenue and foster their industries. He was afraid the idea of free trade must be dismissed. I feel the same way about the proposed Zollverein to include all the Allies, but if such arrangement is essential to end the war successfully, we shall have it, for there is no arrangement that the Allies are not prepared to make to that end. He declared the British Empire would recuperate after the war faster than any other country. Then it will be our duty, he added, to aid as far as we can France, Russia, Italy and our other Allies. I would even add Germany at the bottom of the list, for no man would wish to see a period of prolonged poverty in Germany, but we have a right to demand that in the recuperation of Germany nothing be done which will make Italy, France, Russia or Britain suffer. Moreover, I am not prepared to wait to take steps to deal with this matter. It has been all along the policy of the British

Board of Trade to capture the German trade, while war is still on. In the case of South America we have since the war began developed trade which I hope will continue long after the cessation of hostilities. British traders despite the handicap of war have worked wonders in trade developments. We have completely broken down the German monopolies in optical glass, dyes, electrical apparatus, certain chemicals. These monopolies will not again be regained. The policy of the Board of Trade is that there shall be no essential article either for arts, peace or war, that we cannot produce either in Britain or within the Empire. I fully appreciate that one of the first necessities is the improvements of our research methods and technical education in the rising generation. There is also a need for putting patents and copyrights on a different basis. The Board of Trade is looking ahead. We must ask for the co-operation of the Dominions. We must see to it that the control of metals of the Empire passes entirely from German hands. We must keep control of the world's coal. We must secure the control of the supply of oils for as regards shipping we must see that foreign subsidised shipping shall not have free run of our ports to the disadvantage of our ships. While the war is on we must do everything in our power to destroy German trade.

Obituary.

MRS. R. D. McRAE.

With regret we record the passing of Mrs. McRae, widow of the late Rodrick D. McRae, whose death occurred at her late residence, Harbor Grace, yesterday afternoon. Deceased had reached her 70th year, and had been ailing for some time past. To the sorrowing relatives and friends the Telegram extends sincere sympathy.

The World's
Wheat Situation.

The following extract from an article dated London, England, November 23rd, addressed to the Northwestern Miller, is of interest:

"Any material reduction in prices can hardly occur until there is a modification in the rates of ocean transport. It remains to be seen what the Government can accomplish by means of the freight committees which have been appointed, but in the meantime the position is somewhat uncertain, except as regards Australia, where, as was announced some weeks ago, contracts have been made to carry the crop from Australian ports to Great Britain.

"In this connection it is stated that the rate arranged represented about 1/4d. per lb., which seems reasonable for a voyage of 11,000 to 13,000 miles. The ocean transport rate in other directions will of course be subject to the control of the freight committee, which will in turn be subject to the conditions prevailing in respect of the supply of tonnage.

"Reports as to the intentions of the Australian Commonwealth with regard to marketing the wheat crop has had considerable influence upon market opinion. It was at first intimated that the whole exportable surplus would be handled on the account of the Commonwealth, and that shipments to Europe would be duly controlled according to the possibilities of the supply of freight room.

"Subsequently, further information came to hand that the wheat was to be paid for in two instalments, the farmer to receive on delivery 24s. per qr., the balance of the price obtained to be handed to him at the close of the season. This was taken to indicate that the wheat would be sold at auction on its arrival here, and this method did not, of course, commend itself to the market.

"Reports from Australia continue good, and harvest is drawing near, farmers are exercised as to the procedure of the Government with regard to the marketing of the wheat."

Germany Under
War Conditions.

(News notes compiled from latest available German newspapers by the New York Evening Post.)

The Friedenswarte criticises the statement in the German press that whereas the Allies have occupied only a small area of German and Austrian territory, the Germans have occupied enormous tracts of Belgium, France and Russia. The peace journal ridicules the pride in the number of prisoners captured, and the number of cannon and machine guns taken. It marks that in this summary of the results of a year's fighting no mention is made of the cost to Germany of Germany's terrible toll of blood and treasure, and it is more notable still, that although Germans are regaled with these "monstrous successes," no mention is made of a time when the final victory may be expected.

The Chief Burgemeister of Berlin, Herr Wermuth, was guilty of the same suggestive fall when he boasted lately that the number of unemployed in the capital had sunk from 15,000 in July, 1914, to 3,354, and that the night asylums now shelter only one-tenth of the normal number of refugees. Are these high officials juggling with these figures in order to prove that Germany is passing through an unexampled period of prosperity?

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A Manly French-Canadian Avowal.

(From the Toronto Globe.)

Those who know Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux will feel no surprise at his recent reply to La Croix, a weekly French newspaper of Quebec.

Mr. Lemieux, at a meeting held in St. James' Methodist Church, when the Australian Cadets were in Montreal, said he "would like to see all the churches, both Catholic and Protestant, open their doors that they may become recruiting tents."

For this La Croix took him sharply to task, and its rebuke elicited from Mr. Lemieux a frank avowal that he had used the language above quoted, and which he had no intention to retract.

Asserting that this is no time for "bickering and quarrels," he went on to say:

On New Year's Day, on board the S. S. Bellevue, John Connolly, formerly of the Battery, leaving a wife, father, mother, one sister, one brother and three step-sisters to mourn their sad loss. Montreal papers please copy.

This morning, at 2 o'clock, Miss Alice Nolan, native of Carbonear; funeral takes place to train on Thursday morning, at 8 o'clock, from the residence of Capt. Edward Murphy, 169 Pleasant Street, Interment at Carbonear on arrival of train.

This morning, at 8.30, after a long illness, Mrs. Mary Ann Cahill, aged 60 years, mother of Sergt. John Robinson, 1st Nfld. Regiment, and daughter of the late Thomas Gardner, of Re-nuvs; funeral on Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., from her son's residence, No. 3 Cumming's Street.

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