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To-Day's Messages.

10.00 A.M.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS.

Over the battle lines along the Piave River, and in the mountainous regions in Northern Italy, where the Allied forces have been holding their positions since last November, after the great Italian retreat from the Piave, there is an increased tension, and the long threatened blow at this front may be launched by the Teutonic Allies within a few days. For many weeks the Italian War Office has been aware that the Austrians have been gathering the legions with drawn from the Russian and Roumanian fronts for a drive at the Italian armies, and it is believed it will not be long before the Central Powers will make another try to reach the plains of Venetia, break through the Allied lines, and seek to bring the decisive combat in that theatre of the war. Emperor Charles of Austria, accompanied by his chief of staff, and high German and Austrian army officers is reported on his way to the Italian front, and the great movement of troops in Tyrol and Trentino would seem to indicate that the heaviest blows are being taken from other fronts to be hurled at the Italian lines. The blow, it is generally believed, will fall somewhere in the mountain section of the front, probably in the Lagarina Astico Valley. These sectors face the northern end, and if broken would permit the heaviest of the lower foot-hills of the mountains, or even reach the plains. If this should occur the armies along the Piave River would be compelled to fall back, probably as far as the Adige River. This would entail the loss of Venice and the vast expanse of the country to the enemy. The decision to launch a series of grand proportions against Italy was doubtless forced by the political and economic conditions prevailing in Austria. An offensive campaign that yields gains of ground might serve to still the elements which are seething throughout the Dual Empire, and would prepare the way of reckoning to the rulers of Austria. German domination of Austria is becoming more complete as time goes on. Tyrol and Bohemia have been annexed for food administration purposes to Germany, but this move in the great game of statecraft has served only to deepen the chasm between the racial factions of Austria. Bohemian troops have deserted from the Austrian armies, and if an offensive is not launched, demoraliza-

tion of the Austrian forces may come sooner than the outside world expects. In the meantime the situation on the front in France and Flanders has remained fairly quiet. There have been local attacks by the enemy here and there along the line, but nothing approaching a general battle has been reported. The Allies have been improving their lines and are waiting for the Germans to make the next move. Pope Benedict has served notice on the world that the Vatican will not be a party to any peace offering at present. It is believed Berlin will seek to bring about a German peace, and if its advances are repulsed, to nerve the German people to a new bath of blood by pointing out that the Allies desire to crush Germany. The Pope has let it be known that he is desirous of taking any steps which may tend to shorten the war, but he does not see at the present time any reason to believe that an appeal would bring about the desired results. The situation in Ukraine and the ruthless methods being followed by the Germans in completing the subjugation of the people, have been reflected in an address by Vice-Chancellor Von Fayer before the German Reichstag.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WERE SECRET.

PARIS, To-day. Premier Clemenceau has asked the Army Commission to hear on May 7th his report of the results of the recent meeting of the Supreme Inter-Allied War Council, held at Abergville, and the decision reached regarding the use to be made of American aid. The Supreme Inter-Allied Council met on Wednesday and Thursday at Abergville. It is announced officially, on Thursday, that all military questions of moment were examined and settled in full agreement, and that the results obtained were unanimously regarded as satisfactory. No inkling, however, of the subjects discussed were given in the report of the meeting.

GOUGH'S TESTIMONIAL.

BELFAST, Ireland, To-day. Sir Robert Gough's first public statement regarding the conduct of the fifth British army, which he commanded in the retreat from St. Quentin, comes in a letter to the Lord Mayor of Belfast, in which the General pays a high tribute to the work of the Irish troops. The letter follows: The fighting of the Ulster divisions, as indeed of all the divisions in the fifth army, against the greatest odds hurled on any body of troops throughout this great war, was magnificent. The main features of the situation to which the fifth army was exposed, are known to every one, and give some idea of what those odds were. Fourteen infantry divisions against forty

German divisions, on March 21st reinforced by some eight to ten more German divisions during the subsequent two days. I can't speak too highly of the splendid calmness and doggedness with which my fellow-countrymen met and fought this storm, and though many laid down their lives splendidly, they saved the British Empire and France and permitted the arrival of reserves.

ITALIAN OPERATIONS.

ROME, May 6. An increase in the intensity of the hostile artillery fire along the front, notably in the Lagarina Valley, and in the Foss Alta sector, is reported by the War Office to-day. The Italian artillery has also carried out many bombardments and there has been additional intensive activity by the Capronis and Briar planes, during which eight enemy machines were destroyed and many tons of bombs dropped.

THE PAPAL ATTITUDE.

ROME, May 4. It is no secret, replied the Vatican authorities, of whom an Associated Press correspondent inquired, regarding the report "That the Pope since the beginning of his Pontificate has interested himself regarding three great issues concerning the war: First to maintain absolute impartiality; second, to limit as much as possible, to the extent of the conflict, and its horrors; thirdly, to work in every way in every perilous occasion to restore concord and brotherhood among the people. Given this program, it is only natural that should a propitious occasion arise, the Pope would do his best to carry it out. It is an easy task to prophesy from time to time within a few weeks or months some action on the part of the Pope, which may occur at any time if a favorable occasion arises, which, however, hasn't yet occurred.

Latest.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, To-day.—Luck seems to go against the Germans, and along the crucial northern battlefield, Sunday still found the Prussian commanders working desperately to whip their organization into a shape, for a renewal of the delayed offensive. While the Allies, forced, aided by weather conditions, made counter operations which are most disconcerting to the enemy, playing against time, it was quite apparent that the Germans intended another assault on Flanders yesterday morning, but the arrangements were upset by a combination of events. These were the Allied operations and a heavy rain, which converted the ground into mud flats over which it was impossible to move either infantry or artillery. There was also confusion arising from wholesale retreats, and the arrival of strange troops. In the German area the Allied artillery has maintained an incessant bombardment of enemy territory, and Friday night before the projected German attack, the French and British gunners played havoc with the German preparation. The Allied troops have also been carrying out in succession local operations, which improved their lines and upset enemy schemes to a marked degree. Yesterday the Allies occupied a large number of important positions at various points along the front of 4,000 yards west of Kemmel. The British also made an advance of 500 yards along the front of 1,000 yards northwest of Doon, thereby regaining a number of positions which had been contested many days.

Secretary Baker saw need of tobacco "Over There" and the American Government has commandeered the entire output of "Bull Durham" and "Duke" mixture and partial output of "Velvet" and "Tuxedo," because the American Soldier and Sailor wants the brands he has been used to. Imperial Tobacco Co. Newfoundland Ltd.

Casualty List.

RECEIVED MAY 4 TH. 3rd Canadian General Hospital, Boulogne, April 25th. 3057—Private John Barnabe, Ferryland. Shell wound, right hand, mild. Removed From Seriously Ill List, Improved, May 5th. 2258—Private Raymond Barle, 18 Allan's Square. Previously reported. Seriously Ill, Improving, April 25th. 2825—Private Raymond A. Cornick, 61 Power St. Previously reported. 754—L.-Cpl. Michael F. Murphy, 47 Patrick Street. Previously reported. Improving. 2340—Private Kenneth Atwood, Safe Hr., B. B. Previously reported. Killed in Action, April 18th. 249—Actg. Sergt. William Simmonds, 13 Long's Hill. Previously Reported Died at Aldamm, Germany, No Particulars given. Nov Reported Died of Tuberculosis. 2214—Private Lewis G. Hudson, Adam's Cove, Bay de Verde. J. R. BENNETT, Actg. Minister of Militia.

Legislators Dined.

His Excellency the Governor entertained a number of our legislators at a dinner in Government House on Saturday evening. Included in those present were Honourables Sir P. T. McGrath, John Harvey, R. A. Squires, Michael Power, Dr. G. Skelton, M. G. Winter, A. F. Goodridge, A. W. Mews, S. K. Bell and Mr. Hugh H. Carter, K.C., Clerk of the Legislative Council; Hon. W. J. Higgins, Speaker; Mr. J. S. Currie, M.H.A.; E. Parsons, M.H.A.; G. F. A. Grimes, M.H.A.; C. O'N. Conroy, K.C., Law Clerk, and P. K. Devine, Assistant Clerk of the Assembly.

Police Court.

A drunk who was taken in for safe keeping yesterday was given his discharge this morning. Another drunk who smashed in a window on New Gower Street failed to show up in court this morning. His case will be attended to by the police. For hitting a neighbour over the head with a lantern, a resident of the Portugal Cove Road was asked to pay \$5 and costs.

Here and There.

REIDS' BOATS.—The Home left Burin early yesterday morning, outward. Save all your Outside Green Wrappers from Stafford's Liniment. (See advt.)—may 1, if TO ARRIVE TO-DAY.—Mrs. (Dr.) Mossell, W. J. Patrie, J. Greaves and C. Ross are on the incoming express due this afternoon. TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—Yesterday's outgoing express left Norris Arm at 9 a.m. to-day. The incoming express is due at 8 o'clock to-night. A mail and freight train is due at 9 a.m. to-morrow. Every Saturday evening after 7 o'clock, Choice Ends of Beef, Mutton, Lamb, Pork will be sold at cost. ELLIS & CO., LTD., 203 Water Street.—nov 29, 17.

Shipwreck Crew Here.

Captain Kemp and crew of the ill-fated coal carrier Loulsburg, which became a total wreck at Cape English, St. Mary's Bay, at 7.30 o'clock yesterday morning, reached the city at 12.50 p.m. to-day by train. From first officer A. Porter, who by the way is a resident of St. George's, West Coast, we learn the following facts: The unfortunate steamer left Loulsburg, N.S., on Friday morning last, coal laden for this port, and with the exception of a heavy fog the weather was as usual. At 1.30 a.m. yesterday the Loulsburg, which was feeling her way along in the fog, was thought by the crew to be about 20 miles off Cape Pine. However, to make sure of their position the captain decided to take soundings and signalled the engine room to stop the engines, which had no sooner been done when the ship grounded on a reef and sank within forty-five minutes. Immediately she struck the boats were thrown overboard, the captain and with the officers comprised the ship's crew, got in them and rowed ten miles to St. Mary's. Had the ship been going at full speed at the time she struck the reef believe that there would have been but little hope of saving their lives. The unusual currents in those waters were, in the opinion of the crew, the means of drawing the ship 20 miles out of her course.

Channel Notes.

In addition to the large number of soldiers given by Channel and vicinity to the Nfld. and Canadian Regiments, fifteen others have volunteered recently and having passed the physical test, are now en route to headquarters. Well done, Channel. Conscription will not have to apply to you.

McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, May 6, 1918. Ideal After Shave, made by us from a recipe specially designed to suit the requirements of this climate and the name "Ideal" suits it well. It is very bland and soothing, and as it dries in at once does not show on the face. If you are troubled with tenderness or smarting of the skin after shaving, your remedy is right here. Price 25c. a bottle. Williams' Dentalaetic Cream is worth trying. It is equal as a dentifrice to the Williams' Soap for shaving, and that says all that needs saying. Price 35c. a tube.

Here and There.

When you want Sausages, why get ELLIS'; they're the best. GIVE THEM A "ROYAL" WELCOME.—Capt. Keegan and Morie Stick will arrive by express to-morrow morning about 8 o'clock. At 9 o'clock the returned soldiers will haul them down Water Street. The business people are requested to have their premises decorated and the public are asked to give them a rousing reception. ANOTHER SEALING SCHEMERE REPORTED.—The schr. Cedelia, owned by Emanuel Pike, of Channel, and commanded by Capt. D. Martin, of Codroy, when last reported some time ago, had on board over 200 seals. She has possibly since secured several hundred more and her arrival at Channel is expected at any moment. Her crew of sixteen men will no doubt make a good bill.

To-Night's Opera.

A rare treat is in store for all who attend the "Sorcerer" to-night in the Casino Theatre. Nothing has been left undone by the director, Mr. Hutcheon, the good brothers and the talented performers to make this performance a pronounced success, and the orchestra accompaniments by eight of the best musical artists in the city will alone be worth the price of admission. The proceeds will be equally divided between the W.F.A. the Holy Cross Schools and St. Joseph's Church. Some good seats may still be had at the Atlantic Bookstore.

Fire in R. C. Church, Grand Falls.

A destructive fire broke out in the R. C. Church at Grand Falls, last night, and before the flames could be subdued the altar and sanctuary had been consumed, along with the ceiling and interior fixtures, including some beautiful religious emblems. Having reached the ceiling the fire ate its way through to the roof. While the exact origin of the outbreak is unknown it is thought that it might have been started by the burning candles on the altar.

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DR. G. N. MURPHY will resume practice on Tuesday.—11 When you want something in a hurry for tea, go to ELLIS'—Head Cheese, Ox Tongue, Baked Ham, Cooked Corned Beef, Bologna Sausage. WOUNDED WITH CANADIANS.—A Canadian casualty list of April 24th gives the name of No. 716,178 R. C. Parmiter, of St. John's, Nfld., as wounded while fighting in France.

St. Patrick's Parishoners

TO HONOR THEIR DEPARTING PRIEST. The men of St. Patrick's Church met in the Convent School yesterday morning to make arrangements for the presentation of an address and gift to the Rev. Fr. Pippy, P.P., who is shortly to take up his work at Pouch Cove and Flatrock. Mr. John Barron was moved to the chair and after the appointment of Mr. T. J. Rollis, as Secretary, and Mr. James Power, as Treasurer, a subscription list was opened, the results being very satisfactory. Another meeting will be held later and in the meantime any parishioners who so desire can send their subscription to one of the gentlemen mentioned above.

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