

**TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.**

**INTERFERING WITH MAILS.**  
DUBLIN, Dec. 20.  
A big raid on a mail train was reported to-day from Charleville, County Cork. Fifty armed and disguised men held up the crew of train at the station and removed twelve mail bags, which later were recovered in a hedge nearby. Two of the bags had been emptied.

**RESTRICTIONS REMOVED.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.  
Restrictions on the importation of coin bullion and currency to Soviet Russia, on dealings or exchange transactions in Russian roubles, and on credit or exchange transactions with Soviet Russia, were removed to-day by the Treasury and Federal Reserve Board, acting with the approval of State Department.

**CARRIED OFF SAFE.**  
TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 20.  
Six men, armed with shotguns, with the lower part of their faces covered with handanna handkerchiefs, overpowered ten guards of the American Railway Express Company here to-night, and escaped with a safe contain-

ing about sixteen thousand dollars in cash and liberty bonds. When the guards stepped outside the store, six bandits drove up in two autos, beat two of the guards senseless, loaded safe into one of the cars and escaped in both. All available policemen in the city have been armed with shotguns and are in search of the ridders.

**ECCLESIASTIC DIES SUDDENLY.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.  
Charles Summer Burch, Bishop of New York Diocese of the Episcopal Church, died suddenly here to-day. Heart failure is thought to have caused his death, which was unexpected, although the Prelate had not been well for several days.

**CHANGE NOT DESIRABLE.**  
LONDON, Dec. 20.  
Premier Lloyd George said in the House of Commons to-day that the Government was unable to consider the desirability of changing the name of Secretary for the Colonies to that of Secretary for Imperial Administration.

**IN PARLIAMENT.**  
LONDON, Dec. 20.  
Though there is still much Parliamentary business before prorogation, it is mostly of a non-contentious nature.

The Home Rule Bill is now safely steered to port, and the Agriculture Bill, which has been drastically amended, was in the House of Lords to-day on report, and will get its third reading to-morrow. Some difficulty may be experienced in the House of Commons on Thursday, when members will consider great changes made in the Agriculture Bill by Lords and the latter have yet to pass the Dye-stuffs Bill. In the House of Commons to-day there were read for the first time bills to secure greater uniformity in the sale of crops, and for amending the dental practice law, but neither will be proceeded with this session. Unemployment is becoming the big question of politics and Government, plans are expected to be disclosed in the House of Commons to-morrow, and will probably include a large plan for co-ordination of effort to find work.

**EARTH SHOCKS AND STORMS.**  
TOKIO, Dec. 20.  
A naval wireless message from the Island of Yap, in the South Pacific Ocean, to-day announced that most violent earthquake shocks occurred in the vicinity of the Island, lasting several days. Earth shocks were followed Saturday by a storm, which created extensive damage.

**VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE.**  
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20.  
The number of persons dead and injured in last Friday's earthquake disaster is now estimated at more than four hundred. This figure is based on reports received from relief parties.

**ULTIMATUM TO D'ANNUNZIO.**  
ROME, Dec. 20.  
An ultimatum issued by General Cavaglia, commander of Italian forces in the Adriatic region, to Gabriele D'Annunzio, is published in newspapers here to-day. It demands the evacuation by D'Annunzio of the Islands of Arbe and Veglia, release of Italian war material in Fiume, and disbandment of D'Annunzio's forces. The ultimatum will expire Tuesday at six o'clock in the evening.

**RIOT VICTIMS.**  
FERRARA, Italy, Dec. 20.  
Socialists and anti-Socialists clashed here to-day, and in the heavy firing which followed, three persons were killed and seven wounded. The encounter came after a Socialist meeting.

**REFUSED DEMAND.**  
DUBLIN, Dec. 20.  
General Boyd, commander of the Dublin district, has sent a notice demanding possession of the City Hall and Municipal buildings by Wednesday. The Dublin Corporation met to-day, and resolved by sixteen votes to seven to ignore the demand.

**ALL AGREED.**  
GENEVA, Dec. 20.  
Twenty-two nations to-day signed a protocol, giving executive approval to the League plan for an International Court of Justice.

**OFFICIAL DENIAL.**  
LONDON, Dec. 20.  
At the Foreign Office to-day, denial was made that a Commercial Treaty with Spain was in preparation. It was said further that neither country had even officially expressed any desire for such a Treaty.

**NOT ON AQUITANIA.**  
Cherbourg, Dec. 20.  
Eamonn de Valera, President of the Irish Republic, was not among the seven hundred passengers who landed here this afternoon from the steamship Aquitania from New York. The captain of the vessel said he had not been aware of a report that Devalera was aboard the Aquitania, until he was asked by a correspondent of the Associated Press.

**CANADA'S NAVY.**  
HALIFAX, Dec. 21.  
The cruiser Aurora and destroyers Patriot and Patrician arrived at eight this morning, to join two modern submarines already in the harbor, and complete the fleet presented to Canada by Great Britain. They were greeted by a salute of twenty-one guns and the commanding officers were received by the Governor General of Canada, Captain Hogg, Acting Director of Naval Service, and Hon. C. O. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. After the usual round of formalities the ships will be thrown open to the public and on January 4th they will sail for British Columbia waters by way of the Panama Canal, engaging in gunnery practice with the British fleet while enroute.

**DETAILS CONFIRMING.**  
DUBLIN, Dec. 21.  
The Freeman's Journal has received a report that a party of troops was ambushed Monday afternoon at Mullinahos, in the mountains of Tipperary. Details are conflicting, says the newspaper, but it is understood that troops fired upon the ambushing party, killing ten and wounding or capturing thirty. Military casualties are reported between eight killed and one wounded.

**WILL LAND IN CUBA.**  
MIAMI, Florida, Dec. 21.  
The announcement was made here yesterday by officials of Western Union Telegraph Company that MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES COLDS, Etc.

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The strongest compliment ever paid to  
**SCOTT'S EMULSION**  
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**A REMINDER.**  
All friends of North River Parish who intend to help our Christmas Bazaar are requested to send in their donations before Christmas Day. Donations may be sent to Mrs. Philip Morrissey, North River, Pres. Bazaar Committee, or to any member of the Committee promised.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.**  
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**A Few Conundrums.**  
Why is the sun like a gay person?—Because he turns night into day.  
Why is a piece of mistletoe like a mountain?—Because it's never beneath.  
What is it that works when it plays, and plays when it works?—A fountain.  
Why is "o" the noisiest of the vowels?—Because all the rest are inaudible.  
If your uncle's sister is not your aunt, what relation is she to you?—She is your mother.  
When does a severe cold resemble a brilliant idea?—When it comes into one's head suddenly.

**Line Busy.**  
Those who leave ordering until the last minute are sure to be greeted with "Line Busy" several times before being connected.  
It is indeed exasperating but Central is not to blame, the fault lies in your delay. Ring 207 to-day and get immediate service from us both.  
GADEN'S AERATED WATER WORKS, LTD.  
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**Fruitless Raid.**  
Head Constable Byrne and Constable Simmonds raided a Water Street store last night in the hope of being able to add to the already vast store of prohibited beverages at present in the police station. This time, however, their efforts were futile and they had to depart empty handed. The owner of the store is anything but pleased over the visit.

**GIFTS THAT ENDURE.**  
Diamond Rings, Solitaire, 3 stone and 5 stone, Diamond and Emerald, Ruby, Sapphire and Amethyst combination, at LANGMEAD'S Jewellery Store.  
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**Just Arrived :**  
**Religious Supplies**  
**KNOWLING'S**  
R. C. PRAYER BOOKS — 22c, 45c, 50c, 75c. up to \$1.70 each.  
R. C. PRAYER BOOKS — Celluloid Covers, \$1.75 and \$2.00 each.  
PRAYER BEADS—25c. to \$1.00 each.  
IRISH HORN BEADS—Assorted Prices.  
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**DURING CHRISTMAS OUR STORE WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 11.30 P.M.**

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**Welsh Miners to Work in Nova Scotia.**  
(From the London Times.)  
Canadian government representatives have been conducting an emigration campaign in Wales and a "boom" has set in. Ex-servicemen are most ready to go to Canada. Lectures on alluring prospects for domestics, agricultural workers, and miners have been attended by crowds all ex-service men and have a free of young people of both sexes, at passage, a privilege which will be exercised by Wrexham, Chirk, Llanfyllin, Llanrhaeadr, and other places in North Wales who will follow later on.

Nova Scotians has asked for 500 miners, offering an average wage of over 10 dollars (£2) a day, and the number of miners asked for is likely to be exceeded. The first batch of 50 (40 from Wrexham and 10 from Chirk pits) will sail for Canada shortly in the Megantic. They are

Cameo Brooches, gold and gold filled; Photo Brooches, a few in Black, Bar Pin, Pearl Set; Gold Brooches, Neck Chains in gold, silver and gold filled, at LANGMEAD'S Jewellery Store.  
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**Xmas Goods**

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Medium Price, All Marked Plain Figures.  
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Per doz. \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00

**DESSERT SPOONS.**  
Per doz. . . . . \$3.20 and \$4.00

**TABLE SPOONS.**  
Per doz. . . . . \$4.00 and \$5.00

**DESSERT FORKS.**  
Per doz. \$2.50, \$3.20, \$5.00 and \$6.00

**DESSERT KNIVES.**  
White Bone Handle; per dozen \$8.00, \$9.00.

**TABLE KNIVES.**  
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**NICKEL PLATED DESSERT KNIFE.**  
Per doz. . . . . \$8.00

**PLATED TABLE KNIVES.**  
Round Handle, best quality, per \$12.00.

**COLD MEAT FORKS.**  
\$1.25 and \$1.50 each.

**SUGAR SHELLS.**  
\$7.20 dozen; 79c. each.

**BUTTER KNIVES.**  
\$8.40 dozen; 75c. each.

**BABY SPOONS.**  
50c each; 65c. each.

**PIE SERVERS.**  
\$2.60 each.

**Razors.**  
We are showing the best quality GILLETTE RAZORS, \$2.25, \$3.00, \$4.00 each.

**Lather Brushes.**  
Just what Daddy needed, a SHAVING BRUSH, 35c, 45c, \$1.15 and \$2.00 each.

**Razor Straps.**  
We have a good assortment, put in Daddy's stockings, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.20 each.

**Pocket Knives.**  
1 BLADE—50c, 55c, each  
2 BLADE—70c, 80c, \$1.00,  
PEN KNIVES—50c, and \$1.25 in Chrome Case.

**Nickel Kettles.**  
\$3.25, \$4.00, \$5.00 each.

**Asbestos Sad Irons.**  
HOT IRON COLD HANDLE—\$3.75 a set. These are last year's stock and are worth to-day \$1.25 set.

**Brass Stair Rods.**  
ROUND.  
24 inch—\$2.00 and \$2.70 dozen.  
27 inch—\$2.70 dozen.

**OVAL AND FLAT.**  
24 inch—\$2.70 dozen.  
27 inch—\$3.00 and \$3.30 dozen.

**Cake and Bread Knives**  
40c, 45c, 55c, 75c, \$1.00 each.

**Sleigh Bells.**  
NECK STRAPS OF BRASS RATTLE \$2.00, \$2.60 and \$3.20 Strap.  
NECK STRAPS OF OPEN BELLS \$1.50, \$3.70, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$5.50 Strap.

**SHAFT CHIMES.**  
BRASS—90c, and \$1.00 a pair.  
NICKEL—\$4.00, and \$5.50 a pair.

**SLEIGH PAD CHIMES.**  
with Dangles, \$5.00 a Chime.

**SLEIGH CHIME.**  
For back 2 large Bells, Nickel Brass—\$3.75 a Strap.

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Yet we know one may have a lot of  
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