

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

ASSERTING HIMSELF.

GENEVA, Dec. 13. The General Secretary of the League of Nations to-day made public another note from Germany, demanding that her protest against the approval of the Plebiscite in Eupen and Malmedy districts, on the Belgian Border, be communicated to the Assembly. The German Government, says the note, does not recognize the competency of the League's Council and it asks that the Assembly send a mission to investigate conditions under which the Plebiscite was held.

WORKING IT UP.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. Charging that the State Department had been placed in a position of contempt by the refusal of British Embassy to issue passports, issued by it to citizens of United States desiring to go abroad to investigate the Irish question, representative Sherwood, Democrat of Ohio, introduced a resolution in the House to-day proposing an investigation, by an International Commission, of reports of violence and terrorism in Ireland. Under this resolution the President would invite France, Italy, Sweden, Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland and Argentina to appoint one representative each to the Commission, and to co-operate with United States Government in the investigation.

CORK COUNCIL RESOLUTION.

CORK, Dec. 13. A special meeting of the City Council, presided over by Lord Mayor O'Callaghan, this afternoon adopted the following resolution, "We the corporation of Cork affirm once more that the Irish nation is fighting for its very existence against an unscrupulous enemy, but is desirous of an honorable peace consistent with the position of a sovereign state, and we express undiminished confidence in our elected representatives, who alone are authorized to speak in our behalf. We proclaim our unshaken determination to seek or sanction no truce, save such international agreement as may be arranged between Dáil Eirann and the English Government."

BOTH HOUSES MAY AGREE.

LONDON, Dec. 13. In the House of Lords to-day, report stage of the Home Rule Bill was taken. Third reading of Bill is scheduled for to-morrow. Recent conferences are stated to have improved prospects of Bill, and it is now expected that there will be no difficulty between the two Houses of Parliament in arranging matter, although the House of Lords has made drastic amendments.

EIGHT HOUR DAY FOR SEAMEN.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13. Back from Geneva, where he has been attending the first session of a joint Maritime Commission, set up by the recent Geneva Labor Conference, Thomas Robb, Secretary of the Shipping Federation, to-day stated that the question of an eight hour day for seamen had been proposed to the former International Conference, to see if it would be possible to fix these hours in a way that would be applicable to all Maritime nations, when, in case of an agreement being reached, it would then be possible for individual Legislation by representative nations, to be dispensed with. This Conference was provisionally fixed for the third week in January, probably at Brussels.

ON THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITY.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13. The Montreal Star to-night publishes the following from London: "British and other traders have re-opened commerce with Russia without awaiting a trade treaty between Governments, the Foreign Office announced to-day. It was denied officially that Great Britain had signed an agreement with the Soviets. However, it was said, it was known that British and other ships were proceeding to Russian ports. These traders are without official recognition by the Government and without its guarantee of protection, it was announced."

TWELVE MONTHS PROHIBITION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. The House to-day transmitted to the Senate the Johnson Bill, prohibiting practically all immigration to United States for a period of one year.

ANOTHER HALF CENT OFF.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. The Federal Sugar Refining Company reduced its prices on refined sugar another half cent to a new low of eight and a quarter cents per pound to-day.

WAR TIME LAWS REPEALED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. Repeal of most of the war time laws was voted to-day by House, which adopted the Volstead resolution for that purpose after two hours of debate. The vote on the adoption of the resolution was unanimous.

ASKING FOR DIRECT INTERVENTION.

LONDON, Dec. 14. The Lord Mayor of Cork, and Messrs. Roch and Walsh, Irish Members of the House of Commons, have sent despatch to Ambassadors of United States, in all European countries, asking "in the name of humanity and

of our tortured people, who are seeking protection from savage tyranny, we respectfully request immediate intervention of your government."

MUST GIVE UP WEAPONS.

DUBLIN, Dec. 13. December 27th has been set as the date when arms, ammunition and explosives, held by civilians in the area under martial law in Ireland, must be given up. General Sir Neville McCready, military commander of Ireland, made this known in a proclamation issued to-day.

EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

LONDON, Dec. 13. The British Government is drafting a reply to the most recent note of United States Government concerning exploitation of Mesopotamian oil fields, in which the United States sets forth its right to be consulted. This reply, after submission to the Cabinet, will be forwarded to the United States Department probably within a few days.

UNEMPLOYED ARMY OF VETERANS.

HALIFAX, Dec. 14. Claiming that three thousand war veterans are out of employment throughout the province, a delegation headed by Lt.-Col. C. E. Bent, C.M.G., D.S.O., have appealed to the Provincial Government for assistance in amelioration of the situation.

RUSSIA AND POLAND.

RIGA, Dec. 14. A note to Poland from Soviet Russia, holds Poland responsible for the action of Allied troops sent to Vilna, by the so-called League of Nations.

VERY INTERESTING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. Charged with the larceny of a gold casket, valued at ten thousand dollars, from Charles M. Schwab, Steel magnate, George Williams, said to have received the casket from an accomplice, and smuggled it to Germany, where he sold it, was arrested last night.

INVESTIGATION PROCEEDING.

LONDON, Dec. 14. Investigation of Cork fires by a military commission, under Major General Strickland, is expected to be completed to-day. The Mayor of Cork and two Sinn Féin members of Parliament have been called to explain the allegations they made in despatches sent to Foreign Ambassadors here, relative to the outrage they declare to have been perpetrated in Cork, in the Commons last night. Sir Hamar Greenwood asserted the auxiliary police did not start the fires, pointing out they were not equipped with incendiary bombs, which news despatches state were used to spread the flames. "Prospects of a truce in Ireland appear to have been blasted by recent events in that island," declared Sir Hamar. The telephone service, between England and Dublin, has been resumed with no explanation of the interruption.

A GERMAN PROTEST.

LONDON, Dec. 13. The German Ambassador at London delivered a note to-day to the British Government, protesting against the decision of the Allied Powers that plebiscites in Upper Silesia should be taken on different days, with voters placed in categories according to their length of residence. The note declares that this violates the Versailles Treaty. Germany suggests a Conference of British, French, Italian and German representatives on the subject.

TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION CUT OFF.

LONDON, Dec. 13. The Daily Mail says prominently, in its second edition this morning, that telephone communication between England and Dublin ceased early this morning. London officials said they were unable to communicate beyond Belfast, and the Post Office reported that it was unable to get in connection with Dublin.

ASKS FOR TIME.

LONDON, Dec. 13. Rev. Michael O'Flanagan, Acting President of Sinn Féin, has requested Premier Lloyd George for time in which to consult with Eamonn de Valera and Arthur Griffith, respecting an endevour now being made to bring about a truce in Ireland.

GREENWOOD HAD COPY OF MESSAGE.

LONDON, Dec. 13. As a result of direct charges that Crown forces were committing various atrocities in Ireland, the Lord Mayor of Cork, with Irish Commoneers Roch and J. J. Walsh, will be summoned before a military board investigating the fires in Cork on Saturday night. The charges were brought by Commander Joseph M. Kenworthy, who demanded that an impartial tribunal be set up to give an unprejudiced report of what happened. Commander Kenworthy said his information came in a message from the Lord Mayor and Messrs. Roch and Walsh. The message was not read by Commander Kenworthy, but when Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, spoke to defend the Government's position he read the message to the House. It charged that women were held up and robbed in the streets and that citizens were publicly whipped and shot, and it was believed, in some instances, burned alive in their houses. The Chief Secretary said he would wire the military authorities at Cork to-night to summon author of the message before them.

CORK UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

CORK, Dec. 14. All auxiliaries were leaving Cork last night. It is understood that city being under martial law, the military will do duty with the assistance of the regular police.

LOOTERS WERE ACTIVE.

CORK, Dec. 14. City witnesses of the burning of the city graphically relate how men, masked with scarfs, removed loot from flame enveloped shops. Some of them had leather bags overflowing with plunder, and additional booty ported over their shoulders. It is reported that a large number of employees in firms, anticipating their destruction, insured their salaries with British firms.

ACCUSES CROWN FORCES.

LONDON, Dec. 14. Two members of a British Labor



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Regular \$3.00 pair for	82.70

Plain Cashmere Hose.

Regular 65c. pair for	56c.
Regular \$1.00 pair for	88c.
Regular \$1.50 pair for	81.25
Regular \$2.00 pair for	81.70
Regular \$2.50 pair for	82.20
Regular \$3.50 pair for	83.15

Women's Heather Hose.

Assorted sizes and ribs.

Regular \$1.20 pair for	81.05
Regular \$1.65 pair for	81.50
Regular \$3.00 pair for	82.70

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Regular \$16.00 garment for	8 14.20
Regular \$17.25 garment for	8 15.50
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Children's Hose.

Size 2. Regular 9A. pair for	79c.
Size 3. Regular \$1.00 pair for	88c.
Size 4. Regular \$1.10 pair for	87c.
Size 5. Regular \$1.20 pair for	81.05
Size 6. Regular \$1.30 pair for	81.15
Size 7. Regular \$1.40 pair for	81.25
Size 8. Regular \$1.50 pair for	81.35

Black Cashmere Hose—Ribbed.

Sizes 4 and 5. Regular \$1.20 pair for	81.05
Sizes 3 and 6. Regular \$1.25 pair for	81.10
Sizes 4 and 6. Regular \$1.30 pair for	81.15

Black Cashmere Hose—Plain.

Size 2. Regular 30c. pair for	26c.
Size 3. Regular 35c. pair for	30c.
Size 5. Regular 45c. pair for	40c.
Size 6. Regular 80c. pair for	70c.
Size 7 1/2. Regular \$1.00 pair for	88c.
Size 3, 4. Regular \$1.15 pair for	81.05

Wool Scarves

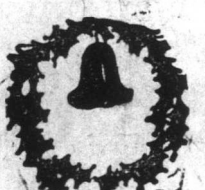
Wintry winds will soon be blowing and the demand for Woolen Scarves will be great. We have Scarves in all the smart colors and in every size—all marked at Sale Prices.

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Regular \$3.50 each for	83.19
Regular \$7.00 each for	86.15
Regular \$8.25 each for	87.32

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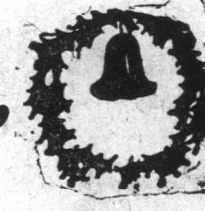
Assorted colors; fringed ends.

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Regular \$12.00 each for	8 9.60
Regular \$18.00 each for	8 14.40



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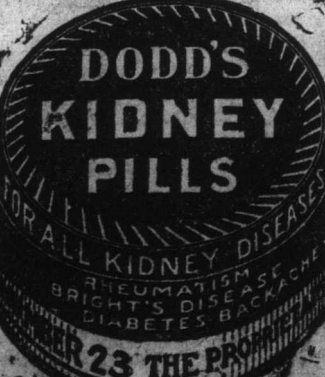
ing "in the name of humanity and

delegation, now in Ireland, have telegraphed the Parliamentary Labor Party that they visited Cork yesterday, and found abundant evidence that the fires had been started by Crown forces, according to the Labor Herald.

WRESTLING CHAMPION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. Ed. Strangler Lewis, of San Jose, Cal., won the world's heavyweight "catch as catch can" wrestling championship here to-night by throwing Joe Strecher of Dodge, Neb., in one hour and forty-one minutes, with head and hip lock.

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Sable I. Passengers.

S.S. Sable I. arrived in port this morning from North Sydney bringing the following passengers: Mrs. J. A. Cameron, Master Jas. Cameron, E. Cameron, Miss Lillian Carroll, L. Carroll, R. A. Daws, Mrs. Capt. Don Carroll, Master Don Carroll, F. W. McCully, Lewis Neville, Miss Nellie Peddie, Thos. Randall, Mrs. J. Shafter, Thos. Williams.

A Commercial Transaction.

The claim of H. W. Dickinson against Franklins Agencies, Ltd., for the sum of \$500.00 brokerage on the sale of 400 barrels of flour which was up for hearing yesterday forenoon, before Mr. Justice Kent, was concluded in the afternoon, judgment being given in favor of the plaintiff for the amount of the claim, and also in favor of the plaintiff in a counter claim, the latter being entered by the Franklins Agencies for the sum of \$8000 for loss through the non disclosure by Mr. Dickinson of information that the market price was about to rise. In reply to this claim the plaintiff contended that as he was broker for the purchaser he was not bound to disclose any information as to the state of the market.

McMurdo's Store News.

TUESDAY, Dec. 14, '20. One of the most useful presents we know of that may be given at this season is a Thermos Bottle. There is now no need of describing the properties of these very convenient appliances, their value being well known. But we would say that we have some new styles in these Bottles in addition to the ordinary styles, and these are specially attractive. Prices \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$8.50. Just arrived: A new lot of Page and Shaw's Chocolates, etc.

BASKET BALL TO-MORROW.—A basket ball game will be played to-morrow afternoon in the C.L.B.C. Armory between teams representing C. Co. of the C.L.B. Cadets, and the City. Quite a good exhibition is anticipated.

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Halifax Shipping Men

Disapprove C. G. M. M. Service to Nfld.

Strange to say, the recent announcement that the port of Halifax is to have another steamship service to St. John's, Nfld. commencing on the 15th of this month, has been received with regret by some local shipping men. It strikes the uninitiated as rather odd that there should be any objection to an addition to the steamship services out of this port. But when these shipping men state their reasons for opposing the establishment of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine's Halifax-St. John's service, some may think that they have "made out a case."

"It's all very well to say that 'competition is the life of trade,'" said one shipping man to The Morning Chronicle, "but when there's virtually no trade to compete for, it seems like a silly stunt to add to the 'competition.' There are now four steamship services from Halifax to St. John's. These are the Furness-Withy fortnightly service to Liverpool, taking part cargo to and from St. John's en route; the Red Cross fortnightly service from New York to Halifax and St. John's; the Nova Scotia steamships ten day service from Boston to Halifax and St. John's; and the Farquhar Company ten day winter ser-

vice from Halifax to St. John's. This makes a total of ten trips a month to and from St. John's. And now the C. G. M. M. proposes to add another four trips a month."

"Well, isn't it a case of the more the merrier?" the newspaper man inquired.

"Not at all," was the reply. "There is not enough freight offering for Newfoundland now to keep going the services already established, and if more bottoms come into the trade, there'll be still less proportionately. As for freight for the return trip, there's practically none to be had."

The newspaper man suggested that this additional competition would force freight rates down, but the shipping man replied that they were at about rock bottom now and that lower rates would force the steamers to suspend service. He contended that the C. G. M. M. boats were intended for the development of Canada's foreign trade, not for semi-coastal service in competition with established and well conducted private lines.

The shipping man added that these C. G. M. M. steamers were of the ocean freighter type and not suited for the Newfoundland service.—Halifax Morning Chronicle.

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