

To-day's Messages.

LOCALS DEFEAT SOVIETS.

PEKING, Jan. 28. Advice from Harbin state that revolutionary forces at Nijnece Udinsk, 800 miles northwest of Irkutsk, have been defeated by Siberian troops and the Soviet Government driven out of the town. The revolutionists were chiefly Local Mutineers.

NO REDUCTION IN CANNED GOODS.

HAMILTON, Ont., Jan. 27. Canned goods in Canada will not be decreased in Price this year, according to information given out to-day by the Dominion Canners Co., which controls considerable of the output in this country.

LABOR LEAVE COALITION.

LONDON, Jan. 27. George Nicoll Barnes, Minister without portfolio, has resigned from the Cabinet. The significance of his resignation lies in the fact that it is the final withdrawal of labor from the Coalition Government.

POWHATAN AT HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 27. The disabled American Army Transport Powhattan arrived here to-night in tow of three ships. The steamer was low in the water and tied up somewhat after toiling helplessly about the Atlantic for ten days. Only three members of a crew of over two hundred were ill.

WERE TREATED HUMANELY.

PARIS, Jan. 27. Repatriation of German prisoners of war, which began last week, is now proceeding rapidly and comment in Berlin papers upon the condition of the repatriated prisoners is favorable.

WILL SIR OLIVER ACCEPT?

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. A challenge to Sir Oliver Lodge, in the form of an offer to bet him \$5,000 that he can deceive him with faked spiritist manifestations, was issued last night by Joe Rinn at a dinner of the Sunrise Club, which he has enlisted with a series of spiritualistic tests. Rinn is a wholesale fruit broker who has attained a great deal of notoriety as a harrier of mediums. Several years ago he exposed Eusapia Palladino and other well known mediums.

NOT GIVING IT AWAY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. Major Richard Lloyd George, son of the British Premier, arrived here to-day on the steamer Mauretania from Southampton and Cherbourg. The Major, who was accompanied by his wife, said he was on a "business trip."

CASTLES IN HUNGARY.

BUDAPEST, Jan. 27. Hungarian palaces and estates, which before the war were valued at from \$100,000 to \$200,000, are being purchased by Englishmen, Frenchmen and Americans for comparatively insignificant sums.

LONDON ATTACKED.

LONDON, Jan. 27. Influenza is spreading here, taking on an unusually severe form, the outstanding feature being the suddenness of attack, rapid variations of temperature and tremendously severe headaches.

GREAT WORK OF MERCHANT SAILORS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. The British steamer Hortensius arrived here to-day from Povey, England, with an improvised funnel, made of wooden planks, to replace the 30 ton steel one carried away in a hurricane on January 14. The vessel's rails and lifeboats also were carried away by the storm.

SUGAR STRIKE NOW.

HONOLULU, Jan. 27. Five of seven sugar plantations on the island of Oahu have been tied up by a strike of Japanese and Filipino plantation workers, which began January 20.

BY INFLUENCE EVIDENTLY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. Of 528 Extremists, sent to Ellis Island to await deportation proceedings after their arrest in Federal raids on the Communist quarters here a month ago, only 275 are still held there, it was announced to-day. The others are out on bail.

Those Smart

Plaid Skirts.

Plaid skirts are being worn to considerable extent this season, and with them the suit coat of the past year, which completely obsoleted. This is a practical and inexpensive scheme for the woman who is conservative in selecting her wardrobe, since the suit coat always outlasts the skirt and is usually discarded before it is really shabby. The becoming wool jersey sport coat may thus be utilized this season, for with the plaid skirt it will look modish. These skirts are box-

Gentle Art of Bluffing.

THRILLING ESCAPE OF FOUR OFFICERS FROM TURKEY.

By bluffing the Turks, and representing themselves as Germans, four British officers, after the capture of Kut, effected a wonderful escape from captivity. The story was told by Captain E. H. Keeling, M.C., to the members of the Royal Geographical Society in London. He explained that a number of officers were quartered in some Greek houses at Kastamuni, where, speaking generally, they were well treated, a remarkable fact being that they could cash cheques on London up to any amount with the local tradesmen, although they did not present them for payment until long after the last prisoners had left Turkey—a striking tribute to British credit in Turkey. Speaking of his escape, Captain Keeling said it was during the spring of 1917 that he and Captain Tipton, Captain Sweet, and Lieutenant Bishop made up their minds to get away, the idea being to get down to the Black Sea, to steal a boat, and to make for a Russian port. They decided to make for the month of the Kizil Irmak, this involving a walk of at least 200 miles. In August they started, each man wearing a fez, and carrying a load of food and necessary articles, including water bottles, weighing about 35 lb. A passport in Turkish, bearing a fictitious stamp, inscribed "Mahomet Ali," was forged, and the party progressed through the dense forests with immunity, living on wheat, beans, pumpkins, and maize from the fields. It had been decided that they should bluff through, if possible, as German officers engaged on survey work, and this ruse at times served them in good stead, the simple Turks whom they met giving them food, and passing them along. Thirteen days after leaving Kastamuni, the party sighted the Black Sea, and several boats of about three tons were observed sailing close in shore. Boldness and bluff, remarked Captain Keeling, had served them so well up to this point that they were over-confident, and disaster followed. To their horror, they had only gone a few yards, when

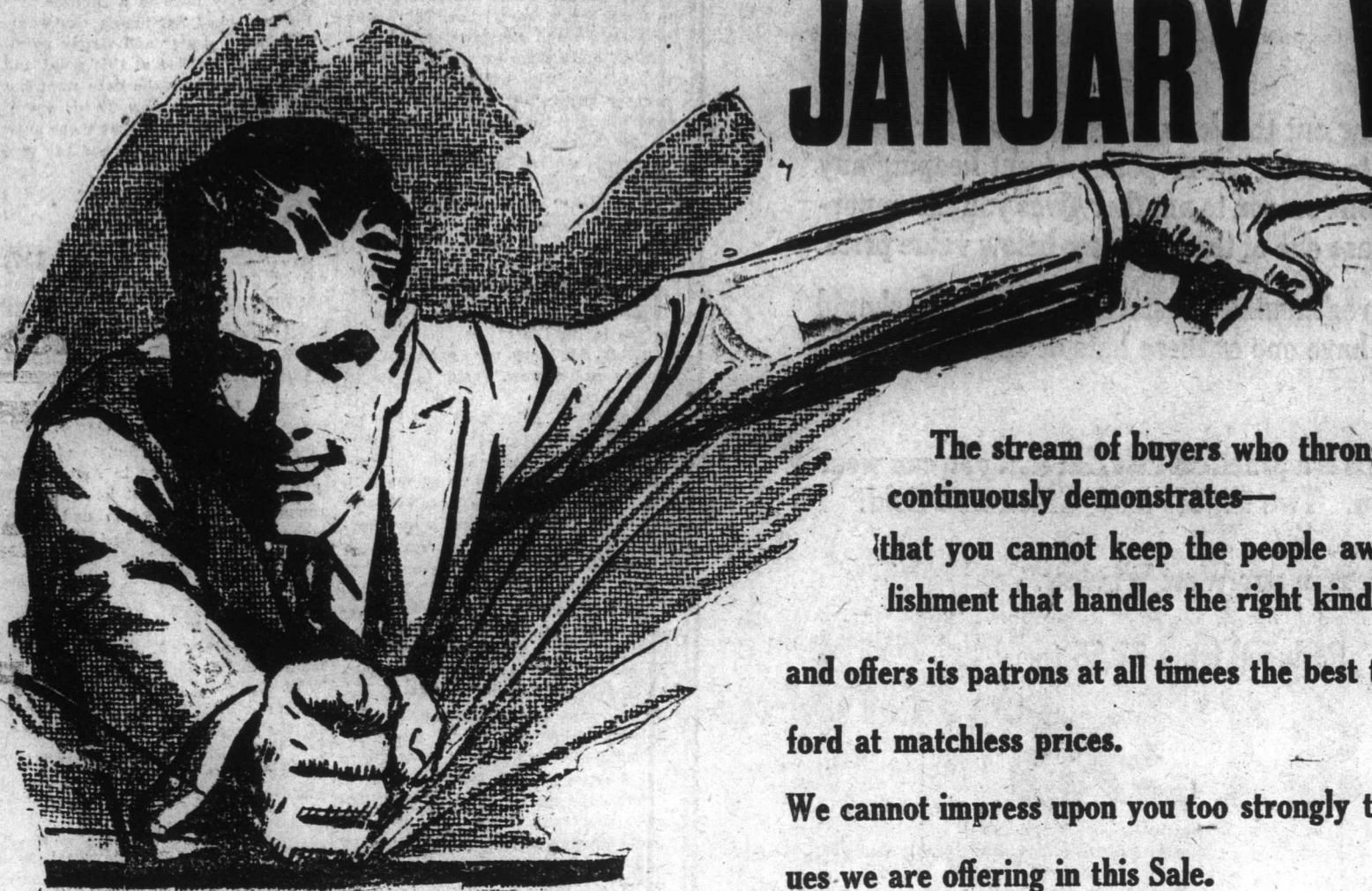
They Stumbled on a Sentry

who was passed with the usual Turkish greeting. The sentry, however, took them to his sergeant, who suggested that they should go with him to the small port of Jerse to see the gendarme officer, to whom he was responsible. Captain Sweet, who personated a German captain, actually convinced the gendarme officer that the party was German, and the officer was conducting him back to the boat, when they met a naval officer, who insisted that they should see the governor of the town. This officer sent for Tipton, and asked him to speak to a German officer in Sinope, but the game was up, as Tipton knew no German, and the party confessed their identity. They were ordered back to Kastamuni under escort, but the unexpected happened on the third day of the march. The party were fired upon by Turkish insurgents, and some of the escort disarmed. The prisoners, with the exception of Sweet, regained their liberty, each taking possession of a rifle. They were lead towards the coast by an Armenian, a search for Sweet having failed, and, after many days of alternate hiding and marching, during which time enemy parties were out searching for them, a boat was obtained, the crew being seized and tied to trees. There were 14 on board, seven Circassians, two Georgians, one Turk proper, one Armenian, and the three British officers. Their adventures, however, were by no means over. While they had been embarking, another felucca had been creeping along the coast from the west, and it was decided to anticipate any attempt she might make to stop them. "Accordingly," went on Captain Keeling, "all the rifles were hidden, and after quietly pulling alongside, all our friends suddenly jumped up, and, in true pirate fashion, levelled their rifles at the crew. The latter, five in number, were unarmed, and surrendered at once, and it was decided to take both the boat and the crew along with us, and two men were placed on board as a prize crew." Eventually, the other boat was abandoned, the crew being taken on board, and, after many vicissitudes, by means of steering by the sun, they landed on the east coast of the Crimea, about 80 miles south-east of Sebastopol, just seven weeks after they left Kastamuni. The rest was easy. Tipton and Bishop got home without difficulty, via Odessa, Petrograd, Finland, Sweden, and Norway, but Tipton was afterwards killed while flying in France. Sweet, who was left behind after the attack by the insurgents, attempted to make his way alone to the coast, but was recaptured, and, after serving six weeks' imprisonment in a civil goal at Angora, died at Yozgad of influenza just before the Armistice. —News of the World.

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Infants' Winceyette and

Flannelette Underskirts

Infants' Robes & Bodies

Men's Negligee Shirts

Men's Pyjamas

Men's Nightshirts

Men's Combinatoins

Stanfield's Underwear

Circular Pillow Cotton

White Holland

White Sheeting

White Flannelette

White Shirting

White Twill Calico

Blay Calico

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Blay Sheeting

Satin Striped Holland

Toweling

Huckaback

Crash

Face Cloths

Towels, Etc., Etc.

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A Great Billiard Player.

(From the Boston Herald.) Little has been said in American newspapers about the death of John Roberts, who twenty-five years ago was a British institution. At one time he was Court Billiard Player to the

Maharajah of Jeypore with a salary of £500. Roberts said that his greatest stroke was in the presence of Chinamen at a place on the gulf of Pechili. His task was to cannon a ball that had been put in a hat. He accomplished it so well that the object ball was broken in two. So imposing was his dignity that, to quote an ad-

mirer "one never lost the impression that for him to knock balls about on a green cloth was an act of supreme condescension."

Lenine's "Peace Offer."

(From the Brooklyn Eagle.) If Lenine wants peace why is he

pushing the campaign in Bokhara? He must know that the threat he is making in the direction of India with almost certainly force Great Britain to resume the fight against the Reds. Sentiment in England against intervention in Russia, would vanish overnight if the Bolshevik forces became a real peril in India, Persia or Afghan-

istan. If Lenine wants peace he is going about getting it in a strange way. He is deliberately forcing Great Britain, Japan and the United States to take defensive measures, which may lead to aggressive action on short notice.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.