

TO-DAY'S Messages.

1.00 P.M.

ROOSEVELT PLANS TO RAISE AN ARMY.

NEW YORK, To-day. The World this morning says: The "World" is informed on excellent authority that Col. Roosevelt is planning to raise an expeditionary force in the event of war with Germany and to sail to Europe with it just as soon as possible. His intention is to place this force at the disposal of the Entente Generals who have charge of the fighting scheme and to lead it in accordance with their ideas. Those who are acquainted with the Colonel's plans say that he is making them with the idea of joining directly with those who are fighting Germany now, any idea which the army and navy officials of the United States may have for conducting a distinctively American campaign to the contrary notwithstanding. It is declared that Roosevelt feels that the sending of an expeditionary force to Europe would give an additional zest to the struggle of the Allies and convince them as nothing else could that America is wholeheartedly devoted to the cause for which they are fighting. How large a force he would raise would depend entirely upon the conditions obtaining at the particular time at which the United States entered the war. He is known to have obtained pledges from a sufficient number of trained men at the time of the Mexican situation was critical to make the formation of a division possibly within a very short time. His present plans are known to cover the possible raising of a corps or even of an army of 200,000. One of the matters which Roosevelt has under consideration, according to the World's informant, is to go to Canada and organize this force there in the event that his plans would interfere with those of the general staff to such an extent as make the organization of his command here too difficult. This said that he wouldn't do this except with the consent of the President and army chiefs, but he feels that Canada's experience during the last two years in organizing and training expeditionary forces within a short time would be of invaluable assistance to him.

U. S. MAY NOT BREAK WITH AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, To-day. Despite the fact that some papers are taking a gloomy view of Austro-American relations and the situation brought about by severing relations between the United States and Germany, official circles in Vienna are inclined to believe the situation is not entirely hopeless. This is also the view of Frederick Penfield, U. S. Ambassador, who is doing everything possible to assist in reaching a friendly solution of the situation. At this moment there are two indications, though possibly they are of little weight, which permit of the conclusion that Washington is not contemplating an immediate break with Austria-Hungary. One is the transfer to the Embassy here of Joseph P. Row, former Secretary of the Embassy at Berlin, who arrived here last night from Switzerland to assume the duties of Counselor of the Embassy, a post which is vacant at present owing to the illness of Ulysses Grant Smith, who is now in the States. The second indication arises from the fact that Secretary of State Lansing wired here on behalf of various Hebrew organizations the sum of \$250,000, the amount being donated by the American Hebrews' Embassy. Here the opinion was expressed that the United States Government might not have transferred this sum had the break between Washington and Vienna been tentatively decided on. At the Foreign Office no conjectures are made regarding what the near future may bring.

FIREMEN KILLED IN FIRE.

QUEBEC, To-day. Three firemen were killed to-day and five others badly injured under

Methodist Convention.

The convention of Methodist Church Workers to be held this week at Gower St. Church, will open this evening at 8 o'clock. Topic for the first session is "The Church and its Young People." To consider the children first is as it should be; they are the hope of the future in our social and national life; every agency of both Church and State must combine to care for them; "Take care of the child and the man will care for himself." The speakers on this occasion are eminently qualified to handle this subject. Mr. R. F. Horwood has had a lifetime of practical experience in dealing with young people, and the Rev. D. B. Hemmeon is an expert in the study of the child and all matters pertaining to child life. Rev. N. M. Guy will conduct a round table conference for workers. All sessions of the convention are open to the public. Teachers, parents and all interested in young people should attend. A collection will be taken at to-night's meeting in aid of Sunday School work and the programme for the week's meetings is as follows:

Monday evening—Subject: The Church and its Young People, Chairman, Rev. N. M. Guy; subjects for consideration, Troubles of a S. S. Scholar, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon; Troubles of a S. S. Teacher, Mr. R. F. Horwood.

Tuesday evening—Subject: Church Officials, Chairman, Hon. R. K. Bishop; subjects, Systems of Finance, Mr. H. N. Burt; The official as an advisor to the Pastor, Rev. H. Royle; Church Ushers, Mr. A. Christian.

Wednesday evening—Subject: Church Music; The Minister's Viewpoint, Rev. Dr. Bond; The Organist's Viewpoint, Mr. F. J. King; The Choir's Viewpoint, Chairman, Mr. A. Mews.

Thursday evening—Subject: Lay Agencies—Chairman, Mr. J. W. Taylor; Class Leaders, Mr. Benjamin Taylor; Local Preachers, Mr. I. C. Morris; Evangelism, Mr. A. Soper.

Friday evening—Subject: The Church and the People; Chairman, Rev. Dr. Curtis; Speakers, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon, Mr. Arthur Mews.

the crumbling walls of Simard and Carmichael's dry goods store on St. Joseph Street. The dead are Capt. Edmond Lamontagne, Fireman L. Haroux and St. Lillare.

MILDER WEATHER IN FRANCE.

PARIS, To-day. The intense cold spell of three weeks' duration has been broken up. Milder weather, accompanied by heavy rain, is melting the ice and it is hoped that the Seine river barges and other means of transportation will be able to move shortly, thereby relieving the scarcity of fuel.

Turkeys, Geese and Chicken at ELLIS.

McMurdo's Store News

MONDAY, Feb. 19th, 1917. Saindush is fulfilling its purpose in splendid shape and all who have used it praise it for the thoroughness with which it does its work of cleaning closet bowls and traps, without any trouble on the part of the user. If you have not yet used this household convenience get a tin at once. Price 35c. We have just received from England a full stock of the famous saline remedy, Eno's Fruit Salt.

Don't fail to see the Merry-Makers at the Sociable in the Synod Hall Tuesday night, and Mrs. L. Cooper and Miss Dunfield in a dialogue. Enjoyable programme. Dainty refreshments. All for 30c. admission.

And the Worst is Yet to Come



Hr. Grace Notes.

The sum of \$45.00 was realized by the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church at their 10c. tea, etc., in Coughlan Hall, last night. The carnival at the skating rink on Valentine night was a grand success. Quite a large number of masqueraders and an unusually large number of spectators were present. The representations were very good, and much merriment was caused by Mary, the pair of Charlie Chaplin's contributing a lot to the sport.

Died on Wednesday, Feb. 11th, John Francis, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Collis.

Mrs. John Heater died on Monday after a long illness. Mrs. Heater who was a Miss M. Williams, was very highly esteemed by all her acquaintances. She leaves besides her husband, one daughter, Nellie, at home, and one son, Sgt. Herbert Heater of the 10th Regiment, and now in France. The funeral took place on Wednesday and was largely attended. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all our citizens.

Forty dollars per month is the wages offered here for a seaman to go on a vessel to Brazil.

Several Carbonars and Bay Roberts people were in town on Wednesday to attend the carnival.

Mr. C. H. Barnes, agent for G. M. Barr, is in town on a business trip.

A ball was held by the Knights of Columbus in their Hall last night. A number of their friends were invited, and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

A movement is on foot to have the business of the Harbor Grace Agricultural Society opened up and settled so that the talk of the dissatisfied members might be closed up. The affairs of this valuable Society should be put on a sound basis, as much good could be done by farmers and others interested getting to work in real earnest.

CORRESPONDENT.

Hr. Grace, Feb. 16th, 1917.

Important to Shippers.

Messrs. Holmwood and Holmwood of London have quoted the following risk insurance rates to the Board of Trade:

Sailing Vessels.
St. John's to Brazil 3%
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Ample Assortments still of the good values that have created such lively selling since the sale started. BE SURE AND PLAN YOUR AFFAIRS for Tuesday, so that you can spend some part of the day at

The Royal Stores, Ltd.

Obituary.

MR. ROBERT STRANG.

We note with regret the demise of Mr. Robert Strang, son of Mrs. and the late John C. Strang. Pneumonia was the complaint he suffered from and he was ill only a week. He was 35 years of age and a great lover of athletics. He is survived by a widow, two children, a mother, two sisters and a brother, John, of the Newfoundland Regiment. The Telegram expresses its sympathy to the bereaved family.

MISS BESSIE POOLE.

There passed away at the home of her parents, 7 Bulley Street, at 6 a.m. yesterday a well known and popular young lady in the person of Miss Bessie Poole, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poole. The late Miss Poole was highly educated and a most accomplished musician. She was an pupil of the Presentation Convent School, but finished her education at Bournemouth, England. Her sad demise came as a great shock to her many friends as on Saturday, though suffering from a slight cold, she was up and around. Miss Poole was 28 years of age. General sympathy will go out to the bereaved parents in the loss which they have sustained, in which the Telegram joins. The funeral will take place at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow.

MR. J. P. NELSON, GRAND FALLS.

The passing of Mr. J. P. Nelson, of Grand Falls, will be heard with deep regret by his many friends in Newfoundland.

Mr. Nelson came to this Colony from Nova Scotia about fourteen years ago for the Reid Newfoundland Company. For five years he held the position of Chief Engineer on the S. S. Argyle and S. S. Glencoe.

For the past nine years he held the position of Mechanical Engineer with the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Co., Ltd. He was a thorough, honest and reliable mechanic, and will be greatly missed by his co-workers here.

Mr. Nelson was born in the Isle of Man seventy-two years ago, and before coming to this side of the Atlantic, had sailed around the world many times. To hear him relate his travels and experiences in foreign lands was both interesting and instructive.

He leaves three daughters and a son in Nova Scotia to mourn their loss. To the bereaved we tender our sincere sympathy.

TWENTY-FOUR YEARS PRESIDENT OF B. I. S. — For the twenty-fourth year, succession the Hon. J. D. Ryan assumes office as President of the B. I. S. During that period he has rendered invaluable assistance to this venerable institution and to the cause of education; and many a successful man to-day can attribute his success to the untiring efforts of its President and members.

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" — Next practice in Basement of George Street Church Thursday next, at 8.15 p.m. There is no subscription and copies of music will be lent.—Feb. 19, 21

Gosse and Wife Stand Charged With Manslaughter

Both Faced Trial this Morning.—Dr. Rendell and Sergt. M. J. Savage Give Evidence.

His Lordship Justice Kent presided at the Supreme Court this morning in the case of the King vs. James Gosse and Elizabeth Gosse, who are charged with unlawfully killing Mary Gosse, aged 6 years, whose death took place on Dec. 18, 1916. The following jurymen were sworn: Fred Callahan, John Winsor, William J. Moore, William Bugden, Richard Boggan, Thorburn A. McNab, William Bowden, George Hall, Thomas Hanna, William Ebsary, David Dempsey, Patrick Foley, Mr. L. E. Emerson, Counsel for the Crown addressed the jury and pointed out the serious nature of the case. The victim was a child of 6 years and for some time previous to the second marriage of her father was looked after by the Belvidere Orphanage, but was taken from that institution about seven weeks previous to her death and was then in a good state of health. Dr. Scully visited the home on Dec. 8th and prescribed for the child. On Dec. 16th Dr. Rendell advised nurse Malone to visit the home and reported the child to be in an unhealthy and dirty condition and to be covered with vermin. The opinion of Dr. Scully and Rendell was that the child had been starved to death. Dr. Rendell was called and sworn and examined by Mr. L. E. Emerson. He said in part, "On December the 16th I visited the house of James Gosse, Pleasant Street, and in the top room of the house lying on the floor was the child Mary Gosse, covered by a dirty quilt, part of which it lay on. She was partly dressed in day clothing and extremely filthy from dirt and vermin, and in the last stages of emaciation. I examined the child, and found two bruises on the left arm and leg while the head was swarming with vermin. There was no trace of food under the skin or on the internal organs. At the top of the left lung there were tubercular indications, but the brain and heart were in a healthy condition. There was no evidence of food having passed through the body for a considerable time." There was a dark fluid which he described as water stained with bile and in his opinion the child met death by starvation. Mrs. Gosse was dressed neatly and no evidence of poverty other than what was seen in the room where the child lay was apparent. "I spoke my feelings very strongly to the woman at the time of my visit, but cannot quite remember the words I used," said Dr. Rendell.

Cross-examined by Mr. Higgins, Dr. Rendell said, "On Saturday afternoon on the 18th of December I received a message which was written on my book. It may have been put there before 11 a.m. or possibly on Friday night; the exact time I cannot say. I instructed nurse Malone to go to the house where the child lay and report to me, which she did at 8 a.m. on Monday, the 18th inst. It is the custom where tuberculosis is not, in the nurses' opinion, apparent not to do anything further in the matter. No thing could have been done to save the child if she was too far gone." Even though he knew the child was on the verge of death he ordered Nurse Malone to bring her some stimulating food. In doing this he acted as a man would, but knowing as a doctor of long experience that there was no hope to save the child. He saw two of the three living rooms in which the Gosse family lived and in the matter of furniture the house had the look of poverty. His opinion of Mrs. Gosse at the time was that she neglected the child to clothes her and to feed her. He stated that he attended a case of compulsory starvation caused by cancer, and that death from other diseases could be attributed to hunger. He made no chemical analysis of the dark fluid found in the body; for the simple reason that there is an utter want of facilities for a satisfactory post-mortem provided by the Government, grave necessitates which he has requested to have supplied for years.

Re-examined by Mr. Emerson Dr. Rendell said that the absence of the foregoing did not alter his opinion that the child was starved to death. The surroundings may have caused the child's heart and brain being so healthy, it was not necessary for the child to refuse to eat. The intestines were so transparent that the could not be handled.

Sergt. Michael J. Savage was then next witness and in reply to question asked by the Counsel for the Crown said: "I visited the home of James Gosse about 2.30 p.m. Dec. 18th and found both prisoners at home. I also saw a female child about seven years old, lying on an empty onion bed about two or three feet long and 18 inches wide. The feet of the child projected over the side of the bed and between the box and the child was a brick bag stuffed with hay. She was covered with a few pieces of dirty quilt and the window was closed. The child had on some of her day clothes including a shirt and a pair of trousers, both of which were dirty. Vermin were noticeable all over the child, while her face and hands were also unclean, and I would describe her as a living skeleton. I asked Mrs. Gosse if she had not a better place to put the child and her reply was that if they put her in the bed they would have to sleep on the floor." Mrs. Campbell, who testified that owing to the smell coming from the child she could not attend to her wants as she herself was in a deplorable state of health. He spoke to the father of the child's condition and Gosse's reply was that he expected to get into trouble for not reporting the case before. Gosse also informed him that he was a teamster and earned \$8 a week. He described Mrs. Gosse as dressed a little better than the ordinary woman. When he was removing the remains of the child the morgue at 10.30 p.m. on the day her death Mrs. Gosse commenced crying.

The hearing was then adjourned this afternoon.

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B. I. S. Annual.

At the annual meeting of the Benevolent Irish Society held Saturday night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—Hon. J. D. Ryan, re-elected. Vice-President—J. L. Slattery, re-elected. 1st Asst. Vice-President—J. C. Pippy, re-elected. 2nd Asst. Vice-President—P. F. Moore, M. H. A., re-elected. Treasurer—J. Campbell, re-elected. Secretary—T. P. Halley, re-elected. Chairman of Schools—J. P. Crotty, re-elected. Chairman of Charity—E. Leo Carter, elected. Chairman of Review and Correspondence—W. B. Comerford, re-elected. Secretary of Schools—Alan Doyle, re-elected.

Stafford's Drug Store (Theatre Hill) is open every night till 9.30.—Jan. 21, 17

ANOTHER GREAT COMEDY AT ROSSLEYS

Opening their fourth week at Rossley's British Theatre to-night, Fox and Carr, assisted by Mrs. Rossley, will present a hilariously funny comedy. Mr. Fox will make his first appearance here as a black face comedian, and both he and Miss Carr will have exceptional opportunities to display their wonderful versatility. Additional interest has been aroused in this production as a cash reward has been offered for a suitable two-word title for this play, owing to the original one being too lengthy for a comedy act. Tuesday night will be "Country Store Night" again, and judging by the enthusiasm aroused last week the British Theatre will be packed to the doors at to-morrow night's performance, when a mammoth assortment of very useful articles will be distributed to the audience at the conclusion of the first performance. To avoid congestion in the lobby, doors will be open at 8.30 sharp on "Country Store Night". The latest and best pictures. Great feature by the Kaleidoscope, in 3 parts; also funny Lubin comedy, "The Wishing Plug."

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