

To-Day's Messages.

10.00 A.M.

THE NIEUW AMSTERDAM REACHES HOLLAND.

ROTTERDAM, To-Day. The Dutch steamer Nieuw Amsterdam, with a cargo of Belgian relief, passed the Hook of Holland at noon to-day bound here. The arrival of the Nieuw Amsterdam was an event of the most national importance. Crowds came from all parts of the country and thousands cheered themselves hoarse when the weather-beaten liner came in showing the scars of the Halifax explosion. She sailed from New York some time ago with the same credentials and safe conduct as are supplied to all Belgian relief ships. The vessel was detained for a time at Halifax, the British Government desiring to have additional guarantees from the German Government that she would be permitted to proceed to Holland unmolested.

CONVEYING ENGLISH LABOUR DELEGATION TO RUSSIA.

LONDON, To-Day. At the conclusion of the Conference, Mr. Henderson telegraphed the results to the International Socialist Bureau at Stockholm, requesting that they be communicated to the Chairman of the Workers' and Soldiers' Delegates in Petrograd. Likewise he requested that the strong desire of the Conference against a separate peace be made known to Russia.

2.00 P. M.

MERELY THE BEGINNING.

LONDON, To-Day. That the Austro-German peace proposals to Russia are only the opening gun in an elaborate peace campaign by the Central Powers is the belief here. It is likely that the next step by Germany, according to well-informed London opinion, will be a direct proposal to the Allies, either through the Vatican or neutral powers. The Russian Government in the course of the next few days is expected to endeavour to get the German offer officially before the Entente. At this, but as a formal reply to it will involve recognition of the Bolshevik Government, it is doubtful whether any Entente Government will make reply.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDING.

BREST LITOVSK, To-day. Discussion by the Teutonic Allies and Russian delegates of special questions continued to-day at the peace conference. The deliberations thus far have progressed to the stage where a brief interruption in the negotiations is expected in order to enable the delegates to communicate with their Governments.

AN ORIGINAL VIEW.

AMSTERDAM, To-day. The Rheinische Westfälische Zeitung, the organ of the Krupp, declares that Entente Allies will not regret the principles set forth at Brest Litovsk and argues that the political abandonment of Belgium by Germany must be conditional on the British evacuation of Egypt, which should revert to Turkey in accordance with the desire of its population.

AERIAL REPORT.

LONDON, To-Day. The following communication was issued last evening dealing with aerial operations on the western front: Snow storms on Thursday again made it impossible to do much flying. A hostile scout machine was downed inside our lines and the pilot captured. During the night our airplanes dropped 250 bombs on four enemy airbases around Roulers and on hostile billets south of Lille; several villages also were bombed. A direct hit was obtained on one of them. None of our machines were missing.

Police After the Booze

We understand that during yesterday the police made some sensational seizures of liquors in small quantities and at diverse times and places. The first "raid" they made, we hear, was through a Customs officer, who unearthed a couple of bottles of stuff from the luggage of a seaman, who had just come ashore from a vessel in the harbor. Their next discovery was on board a ship last night. A posse of detectives and Customs officers boarded her on arrival and after a searching investigation got in their possession some startling evidence which they will disclose in a few days. It looks as if there is going to be "something doing" in the Magistrate's Court next week.

A lump of soda and a little sugar will remedy the very acid taste of tomatoes.

What is "Ruin"?

AND WHO WILL BE "RUINED"?

It is altogether right that the first formal repudiation of Lord Lansdowne's letter should come from those who used to be his followers. Fifteen hundred Conservative and Unionist members and delegates met yesterday, disowned their late leader's outburst, and passed an emphatic resolution of condemnation. Mr. Bonar Law described the publication of the letter as "a national misfortune." At the same time nobody since the war has reckoned Lord Lansdowne among even the secondary forces that determine British policy. He has not held office for twelve years, and has been for the last year in retirement. Lord Lansdowne has shown in his plea for a German peace the same insensibility to public opinion that led him fifteen years ago into the grotesque Venezuelan mess. It is an unhappy ending to a long career. The indignant and instantaneous disavowal of his views and sentiments that has come in from all but the professional pacifists shows clearly where he stands—alone.

But there is one point in his letter which is worth recurring to lest it should meet with a hasty and unthinking acceptance. Lord Lansdowne pictured the civilised world as being "ruined" by the prolongation of the war. It was to avert this "ruin," and apparently in despair of reaching a victory by force of arms, that he suggested various declarations of policy that would facilitate negotiations for peace.

But was Lord Lansdowne right in his forecast? Who is being ruined by the war? Who is likely to be ruined by it? Certainly not the working man. He has never in the history of the world been better off than he is to-day in all the belligerent lands. Will be fare less well in the first decade of peace when the demand for labour and for goods will be on an unparalleled scale and when we are far more likely to see one man for three jobs than three men for one job?

The farmer, again—was he ever so prosperous as at this moment, or did he ever face the future with anything like his present certainty of receiving high prices for everything he can produce? Is the manufacturer likely to be "ruined" by the immense call that will be made upon his energies to repair the destruction of the war? Will the capitalist be "ruined" when the whole world will be clamoring for money to extract new wealth from the now undeveloped portions of the earth?

It is quite true that as the result of the war we shall all have to get along on a narrower margin and that life will be more wholesome and more democratic. But the only persons who are likely to suffer in the coming era of hard economy are those who "toll not, neither do they spin"—the superfluous non-producers who now live in great dignity by taking their toll of industry.

They no doubt will be forced to an unwonted economy like the rest of us. They may not like it, but it is inevitable. Quite possibly the starting-point of Lord Lansdowne's manifesto was his perception that the future will allot a very small space to the purely decorative and unproductive elements of society.

But is Britain to consent to a German peace in order to preserve their "great possessions"?—Daily Mail, December 1.



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That the armistice was prepared in Berlin is obvious from the most casual reading of the text. Framed "for the purpose of achieving a lasting and honourable peace," it permits the German Government to withdraw all the troops from the eastern front that it desires, and concentrate them in France. To make sure that no question can be raised as to the right of Germany to make such transfers, the armistice specifically provides that "neither side is to make operative any transfers of units from the Baltic-Black Sea front until January 1, except those begun before the armistice was signed." As the agreement was held up to enable Germany to begin a general movement of troops from the east to the west, the effect of this armistice is, to release all the effective German forces in the east against the British, French, American and Italian forces in the west. Maximalist Socialism in Russia has thus made itself the active friend, supporter and ally of the military autocracy in Germany, and a revolution that was once a hope of humanity has been turned into a shameful conspiracy against democracy fighting for its life.

Trotsky boasts, in an interview with the Petrograd correspondent of the Paris Matin, that "we are the sole masters of Russia, and we will do with her what we will." For the time being this is unquestionably true, and what the Bolsheviks are trying to do with Russia is to destroy both society and civilization. As William English Walling explained the Bolshevik programme in a letter printed in Sunday's Times, "not immediate peace, but immediate civil war" is its object. Hence the Lenines and the Trozkys hasten to make peace with the Kaiser in the belief that it will be a means to fulfillment of their fanatical campaign to reduce Russia to anarchy preparatory to reducing the world to anarchy.

It is possible, of course, that the Lenines and the Trozkys are as crazy as they seem and that they actually believe that nations can be governed by lunatics for lunatics. But even madmen usually have some method in their madness, and the policies adopted by the Bolshevik regime in Russia are susceptible to a much simpler explanation than that of insanity. These men were taken to Russia by Germany and they are doing Germany's work. It is the dirtiest work that anybody has done in the war, and men who are capable of understanding the degradation of their conduct.

Russia has been given over to human vermin, and democracies, that are battling against Prussian militarism must make the best of it. They at least know the worst. All the damage that can be done has been done. There need be no talk of hostile measures on the part of the Allies against the present Russian Government, for that is out of the question now. There is nothing to do but wait and see how the Russian people finally solve their own problem. But one fact should be made clear to them. Under its Bolshevik rulers Russia is an outcast nation unfit for honest, self-respecting nations to associate with, and it must be treated as such.—New York World.

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