Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

OFFICIAL. LONDON, Dec, 18.

The Governor, Newfoundland: North of Douaumont the French on a six mile front pierced the enemy lines to a depth of nearly two miles,

115 cannon. In Roumania the enemy have occu-

pied Beuzen. We have advanced in Mesopotamia

Kut-el-Amara.

LONG.

HARD ON CONSTANTINE.

PARIS, Dec. 18. tee of prominent citizens has been opotamia expedition is in a much hapthe decision of the Lemnos popula- beginning of the year. tion to the provincial government at Salonika.

PREMIER BETTER.

Premier Lloyd George is much bet ter this morning. His secretary said on Tuesday.

ROUMANIA.

The Roumanian army is now safe according to news received in Paris last night, says the Petit Parisian The paper says that the survivors are now beyond the Sorth River at Jassy and in Bessarabia where they are being regrouped and refitted for further operations. The entire Roumanian front is now stated to be held by Russians alone. After Bucharest and Plochti was lost, the story says the Russians sent divisions and forces of cavalry to support the retreat ing Roumanian army. King Ferdinand fell back as rapidly as possible assured of the possibility of reform ing behind the shelter of the Rus sains, and continued the withdrawal without halting until the Sereth

MESOPOTAMIA.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

stop the advance of the invaders.

By Rail to-day, Dec. 19, '16: XMAS TURKEYS, DUCKS. CHICKEN. GEESE. Selected Dressed P. E. I. stock.

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BORNEO CIGARS.



quiescence is attracting attention. Nothing is known of the new move- Kerr Steamship Co., it was said that ment, except what is contained in the similar reports were received, but up capturing over 11,000 prisoners and official communication. The near to early this afternoon no direct word approach of the British forces to Kut- had been heard from the ship's capel-Amara is not regarded as neces- tain. The ship is returning in ballast sarily of great consequence except in and registers 2,286 tons. to about two and a half miles from finite plan, because it is believed OPEN FOR FREIGHT ENGAGEhere that General Maude, who now ommands the expedition, has been in a position to take Kut-el-Amara at any ime during the past three months The inhabitants of the Greek Island by the Times that if, as is possible, day when the announcement came of Lemnos have issued a proclama- the British now enter Kut-el-Amara, from the local offices of two big Gertion declaring King Constantine to the Turks will be compelled to evachave forfeited his right to the throne, uate Sannay Yat without having the structions had been received to make according to a despatch from Salon- satisfaction of resisting another freight contracts for shipments from The material captured or destroyed ika to the Havas Agency. A commit- frontal attack, and adds that the Mes- New York to Germany after the re-

BRITAIN RECEIVES PEACE PRO-

POSAL. LONDON, Dec. 18. The peace proposal of the Central Government to-day by United States Forign Affairs.

UNDER ARREST IN MEXICO.

LAREDO, Texas, Dec. 18. William Mitchell, a British subject said to be a Canadian, and manager of the Bank of London and Mexico together with several members of the are under arrest in the City of Mex- French Foreign Office to-day ico, according to newspapers received to-day. No cause for arrest is given beyond the statement that the me declined to obey an order from General Carranza.

NO THOUGHT OF PEACE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 18. It has now become certain that from the Greek capital. sooner than leave Germany in her was crossed. The Russians offered present position with ability to constrong resistance to the Germans in summate her united Europe idea and the region of Beuzen, so as to permit also to threaten India, Britain will
the engineers to construct a defenfight to the last man. Under present

12th heavily damaged a French war the Danube marshes, on which front of peace. It is safe to say that ex- 55 knots E.S.E. of Malta. Another it is stated the Russians intended to cept for the most extreme pacifists sent moment. The British people one completely satisfactory to them-Mesopotamia after seven months of selves. The Telegraph says it comes earnest of Allied success. We can Chancellor Von Bethmann Höllweg than that furnished by General Neville's victory. The Post recalling ported. German claims to victory in the war damning refutation at Verdun, and referring to the peace offer asserts that all the Allies all resolved not to accept but to dictate terms of peace. The Daily News says that the value against the increased price of food. of the victory at Verdun is not to be sides. There is no doubt that on both exercised an influence quite disproportionate to its importance. The serious threat to Germany both east and west is in no way reduced by her Roumanian adventure. If the victory

TIONS.

British forces on the Tigris front

ensiderable scale is indicated in to-

day's official report on these opera

tions. The gains made below Kut-

d-Amara last week were achieved

with comparatively small losses. The

tatement says: During Saturday

and Sunday General Maude extended

his hold over the Hai River and con colidated the line at Magasis, Kali

laji and Fahau, while the enemy's ositions were bombarded with good

esults. Cavalry reconnaiss

during the day disclosed the fact that

he Turks are constructing new pos

tions on the bridge west of the Shu-

LONDON, Dec. 18.

CAPTURES SINCE DEC. 15th.

have improved their positions during the last two days, although no reimption of offensive operations on a DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS KIDNE

ran bend of the Tigris, some six of everal large parties of Arabs have

WIRELESS CALLS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. Wireless calls asking for help sent out by the American steamer Portland, were received by the naval radio stations at Bermuda, according to advices received here to-day by the Maritime Exchange. The Portland is owned by the Kerr Steamship Co., of New York, and the latest records show that she left Havre for New York on Nov. 20. At the office of the

MENTS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. That action is taken by German shipping interests in evident anticipaif he had so desired. It is remarked tion of peace, was revealed here toman trans-Atlantic lines that insumption of the regular service. "We formed, the despatch adds, to convey pier position than it occupied at the take pleasure in announcing," said lish Music Hall Comedian, is present- PEACE PROPOSALS DELIVERED. burg-American line, "that we are now open to make freight engagements from the United States to Hamburg for shipment upon the resumption of our regular shipping after the con-Powers was handed to the British clusion of peace, or such earlier time as obstacles to such resumption may that he could certainly make the Ambassador Page. In the absence of be removed." In the notice sent out promised statement in the Commons the Foreign Secretary he presented to freight agents and brokers by the the note to the Under Secretary for Oelrichs Co., the general agents in this country for the North German Lloyd Shipping Co., a similar announcement was made.

POSAL.

The American Embassy transmitted Board of Councillors of that bank, the German note on peace to the

CHARGE OF HIGH TREASON. LONDON, Dec. 18.

A warrant has been issued in Athens for the arrest of M. Venizelos. high treason and libelling the Greek months ago, says a Reuter despatch

BERLIN OFFICIAL.

BERLIN, Dec. 18 (Official.) ship of the Patrie type with a torpedo submarine on Dec. 11th torpedoed there is no idea of peace at the pre- E.E. of the Island of Pantelleria the

MADRID, Dec. 18. The 24-hour general strike called by the labor organizations to protest measured by the prisoners and guns tories, stores and other business sides the campaign in Roumania has streets and great precautions are taken against disturbances.

PARIS (Official), Dec. 18. South of the Ancre, an enemy de at Verdun reminds both sides of this, tachment which tried to raid our it will not have been won in vain. It lines southeast of Berny, was repulis an additional argument as far as sed. On the right bank of the Meuse the Allies are concerned, not for an following heavy bombardment, the the Allies are concerned, not for an following heavy bombardment, the arrogant refusal even to consider the Germans violently counter attacked will determine the nature of the joint arrogant refusal even to consider the question of peace, but for cautious willingness to terms which the sobering influences of the war is inducing Germany to offer.

BRITISH IMPROVE THEIR POSI
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Germans violently counter attacked during the evening on our new positions. They only got a foothold on one opint, at Chambrettes farm, of which we still hold part. The number of German prisoners captured by us since the 15th December on the Verdun front, are now actually known.

We will determine the nature of the joint reply, though informal conferences already have prepared much of the ground. It is understood the assertion made in the German note that the war was forced upon Germany will not be permitted to go unchally will not be permitted to go unchally the war was forced upon Germany will not be permitted to go unchally the war was forced upon Germany after a rough trop. She to be 11,387 of which 284 are officers.

iminary conference was held in Vienna in 1854 and proved abortive, bu when the peace congress which finally settled the terms was held in Paris a year later, the discussions of as a basis for a settlement.

LONDON, Dec. 18. The Teutonic offensive in Rouma nia has been arrested by the Russian fire, the Russian war office announ

THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

Don't wait until that Cough or Cold develops into the Cough that you are not able to throw off. If you have contracted a Cough or Cold (which no doubt you have) don't keep on saying:
"Oh, 'tis only a Cold: that will wear
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you are making one of the biggest mistakes in your life. Nine cases out of ten it doesn't wear off. Try a bottle of STAFFORD'S Phora-

tone and Cold Cure and watch results Price 25c.; postage 5c. extra.

If you have an impression or tight ness on your chest mix equal parts of Camphorated Oil and Stafford's Liniment and apply to the chest on a piece of thick flannel.

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is as follows, 115 cannon, '44 bomb throwers, and 107 machine guns.

LONDON, Dec. 18. There were no formalities in con nection with the presentation of peac proposals by Mr. Page. The Ambas sador was received in the Foreign Secretary's room by Lord Robert Cecil, who was acting for the Foreign Minister, Mr. Balfour having just started on a three weeks' vacation. The note was enclosed in a larg white envelope and was handed by Ambassador Page to Lord Rober without any comment. The recipien FRANCE RECEIVES PEACE PRO. made no reference to the question o peace, simply thanking Mr. Page for the transmission of the message from the Central Powers. The two diplomats spent a short time in consulta tion, but as one said, "we talked abou everything but the contents of the envelope." The note will be con sidered by the British cabinet, but was received too late to-day to enable the council to be called. The next step after the meeting of the cabinet the former Premier, on the charge of will be to get into communication with the Allies with whom joint ac General Staff in a newspaper several tion will be taken. This is expected to take at least a week. It has been

closed a conference is impossible. ALLIES SERVED WITH DOCUMENT

ascertained that the note contains no

terms, and the impression prevails in

official circles that until these are dis-

LONDON, Dec. 18. The presentation of the German note to the Entente Allied Govern ments is now practically accomplish armed French troop transport Maghe- ed. While the British Foreign Office have made up its mind to fight on lan, of 6,002 tons with more than was receiving the document from the and not to accept any peace except 1,000 white and colored troops on American Ambassador Page shortly after noon, it is believed similar de-London, Dec. 18.—It is stated by the livery was taking place in Paris. The French Admiralty to-day that there Swiss minister at Rome presented the is no truth in the statement that a note of the Central Powers to Italy French man-of-war of the Patrie without comment. Through the same class was damaged, and that the loss channel a message was presented to of the Maghelan already had been re- Belgium and Portugal, also without comment. The Netherlands ministe tendered the peace proposal to Ser says that France has given a most PROTESTS AGAINST FOOD PRICES bia on behalf of Bulgaria. Prior to the receipt of the note by the British Foreign Office deliveries to Italy, pital yesterday evening. Belgium and other countries permit ted an exchange concerning the exresulted in a complete tie-up of fac- act official contents, which proved to be substantially the same as given \$1.80 per barrel delivered. taken, or the ground recovered. Its throughout Spain. Quiet prevails in the speech made in the Reichstag real significance lies in the effect it everywhere. All shops, cafes and by Chancellor Von Bethmann Holl must have on the morale on both restaurants in Madrid are closed. weg and without containing any spe Soldiers and civil guards fill the cific indication of terms. It is also being asserted in official circles that the note was presented without comment. This is taken to indicate that the Germans so framed the communication that neutral intermediar ies would act only as forwarding agents. Lloyd George's speech in the

Commons on Tuesday is expected to show the general attitude of the British Government. Thereafter ex clearly shown. What is termed by cante, sailing about Friday next. the British officials as Germany's methods of conducting war against the civilian population-women and & Co., Ltd., when starting out children-and particularly the recent to buy Linoleum. They have the German deportations are also likely largest stock in the city and to be pointed out. According to the latest advices reaching the Entente Allied Governments the number of GLASS & CO., Ltd.—dec13,tf Belgians deported has reached 120,-Beigians deported has reached 120, 1000. While the note presented makes no reference to a conference there continue to be indications that Germany is seeking a conference. This videon at 3.30 this afternoon in the led to a careful scrutiny of the last Presbyterian Hall. To-night a Scotch a relative of the deceased.

the former conference served largely

OFFENSIVE - ARRESTED.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18. The Foreign Office to-day presented Parliament with a draft resolution covering the cession of the Danish West Indies to the United States.

JAPAN TO RECEIVE PEACE PRO-POSAL.

TOKIO, Dec. 18. The German peace proposals wil be delivered to the Japanese Govern ment io-morrow. Commenting on the proposals the newspapers declare that Japan will never agree to sur render Kiao Chow. In general they express the opinion that the peace project as it has been reported in the newspaper despatches is a farcial procedure and will be unacceptable to the Entente, because such would be tantamount to an abandonment of the object for which the Entente Powers have waged war.

GERMAN STEAMER STRANDED.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18. The German steamer Prinz Freder ich Wilhelm, which escaped the British blockade, is stranded between Samsce Island and the Northern Funen, and salvage steamers are trying

ENEMY TRENCHES ENTERED.

LONDON, Dec. 18. Official. We successfully entered enemy and taking some prisoners. Armentieres, killing a number of the enemy an dtaking some prisoners. Beyond artillery activity there is nothing to report

What Are You Doing for that Eczema?

"Nothing: I've about given up trying to cure it."

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Here and There.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken

BEACHED DESTINATION .- The S S. Barbara reached Naples yesterday. She left here on November 27th with a cargo of codfish.

Don't forget Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine for Xmas. Price 15c. a bottle.—dec16,tf MORE DIPHTHERIA.- A 21 year

old young man, suffering from diphtheria, was removed to the Fever Hos-GEO. KNOWLING offers 500

sacks Choice Local Turnips at BIG SEA ON.—One of the heaviest seas for years ran in the Narrows all

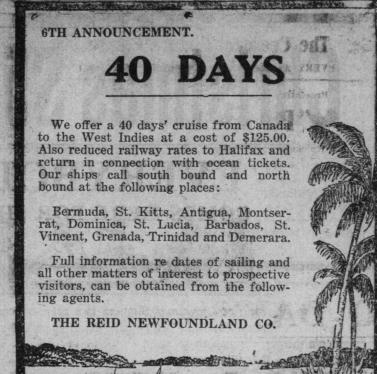
yesterday making it difficult for shipping entering or leaving port; also a big swell prevailed in the harbor. ORGANS.-We offer this Xmas two

Mason and Hamlin Organs, slightly used. Secure one for the home. CHESLEY WOODS, 282 Duckworth Street.—dec16,tf big rush of business last night the Water Street stores remained open

Verdun front, are now actually known lenged. That matter of historical afternoon, after a rough trop. She record of Germany's part in the came in ballast and will load fifteen events leading up to the war will be thousand quintals of codfish for Ali-

> REMEMBER Cailahan, Glass e every piece and quality at the old Genuine Prices. No advance

precedent, that of the conference pre- concert will be held. The proceeds eding the peace congress at the will go towards a fund for our inlose of the Crimean war. The pre- valided soldiers and sailors.



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Message

10.30 A.M.

THE FUGITIVE STRAN LONDON, Copenhagen despatches s the German steamer Prinz Wilhelm is stranded betwee Island and Northern Funer salvage steamers are trying her. The steamer was en Bremen from Vardo, Norwa

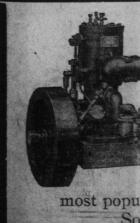
she had been sheltered sine break of the war, after h cording to German reports last night, succeeded in run gauntlet of British destroy gen, in Norway. The Islan soe belongs to Denmark and ted in the great belt north land of Funen between Se Jutland.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH.

LONDON, Yes The speech of Prom George in the Commons to looked forward to by the public as the most imports ance of its kind since the r speeches in which Viscount cussed whether Britain wo into the war. Lloyd George covered from his indispos was at work to-day. He wi address the Commons about four o'clock and wil speak for an hour and a Prime Minister's speech only a reply to the German but will also outline the icy of the new National Go the trend of which may be anticipated from the fact new ministry is avowedly for the definite object of ca the war with all the vigor t can command to a succe To-day's news from Gover cles included the announ the departure of Balfour, for Foreign Affairs, for three vacation. Although the comes at an important jun organization of the Foreign permits affairs to proceed ruptedly under the direction Robert Cecil and Baron Under Secretaries; while t question of general policy will receive the attention of cabinet over which the Prim ter presides, Lords Curzon ner also being members w diplomatic experience. It is that Balfour's designation as Minister met with severe from the Northcliffe pres Northcliffe himself urged George to follow the prece Lord Salisbury in directing affairs as well as assuming miership. While Balfour's a said to be due to indisposition ing an illness, there is no st of its being prolonged beyon weeks; yet it has the effect ing the shaping largely in th

> BRITISH OFFICIAL LONDON. An official report from eadquarters in France to-n

of the Premier.



GEO. M