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To-Day's Messages.

10.00 A.M.

PATRIOTISM OF AMERICAN LABOUR.

BUFFALO, N.Y., To-day. A favorable report to-day of a resolution calling for conscription of the citizens of Allied nations in this country brought on one of the most heated debates of the annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor. It reached a climax when Thos. Black, Canadian delegate, who characterized the Conscription Law as "dastardly legislation" was called on to retract or leave the floor of the Convention. The Committee's report endorsing the resolution was adopted by a vote of 224 to 20 amid a storm of cheers, but not until a large number of delegates and President Gompers had replied to Black, and delegate Gary of Toronto, Ont., had declared that Black's statement didn't represent the sentiment of the Canadian Trades Union. The demand for retraction from Black was not put in the form of a motion and the matter was dropped after the adoption of the Committee report. "I would advise the delegate from Canada to look up the definition of dastardly," said President Gompers. "He might then reconsider what he has said. We are at war," continued Gompers, "and if the delegate doesn't realize it yet, he should wake up. It is no longer a question for academic discussion. We are at war for the safety of the world's democracy and every honorable thing that can be done must be done to win it." President Gompers then recognized delegate Gary of Toronto, who said that delegate Black didn't express the feelings of Canadian Trade Unionists or the Canadian people. "If he is of military age, it is his duty to be serving his country. Labor men high and low in our ranks are out to win the war by service at the front and at home, and we are with the American Federation of Labor in every way it does towards that end."

THE POLAND FARCE.

BERLIN, via London, To-day. The Polish Regency Council, upon entering office, says an official statement issued to-day, sent a letter to Emperor William declaring it was its intention to conduct the regency on the lines laid down in the Emperor's manifesto of November 5 and December 12. The letter added: "We expect the Polish people, in the further development of historical events and relying on their own defensive force and pursuing their own interests founded on the common western culture, will strive with both the Central Powers for common political and economic aims. Emperor William in reply said he shared the regency's conviction that on the basis of union with the Central Powers, vital conditions are provided for guaranteeing prosperity to the Polish State and the blessings of peace, culture and welfare to its citizens. The Emperor added he was confident that Poland had been called to enter a new period of national greatness and thereby has become an important factor in Europe's development in accordance with western

ideals of kultur. The Emperor concluded with the words, "May the Almighty bless your work."

CRUMBS OF COMFORT.

AMSTERDAM, To-day. Commenting on President Wilson's despatch to Col. House regarding unity of plan and control among the nations at war with Germany, the Socialist organ Vorwaerts of Berlin says it is ordered that America, which supposedly is crusading against autocracy, should put the thumb-screw on the democratic states of Western Europe by insisting on a joint war council. The Vorwaerts, like other German papers, gloats over what it calls England's growing political dependence on America.

GIVE THEM ENOUGH ROPE.

PETROGRAD, To-day. The Bolsheviks have issued a warning to the wealthy classes and servants, whom the extremists accuse of inciting strikes in the State, and municipal servants. The warning says: "You are playing with fire. You will be the first to suffer from the famine that is threatening the country and army. You will be deprived of the right of receiving products. All your stores will be requisitioned and your property confiscated." The Bolshevik leaders are holding out to their supporters the hope that the proletariat of other countries will start sympathetic revolutions on the Russian model. Thus their decrees says that German and Austrian Socialists hail the Bolshevik revolution and French Socialists greet the Bolsheviks in their newspapers. A number of anarchist papers in Petrograd are now openly urging the abolition of all authority of any kind. A Bolshevik commission visited the State House to-day with the object of opening the treasury safes, but withdrew after the workers and soldiers on guard had refused to permit this violation of State property.

ITALIAN SHIPPING LOSSES.

ROME, To-day. Italian marine losses from sub. attacks during the week ended November 18 were 1 large steamer sunk, another steamer damaged by torpedo and towed into port afterwards.

TO TURN ITALIAN FLANK.

AMSTERDAM, To-day. The war correspondent of the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger says the Teutonic allied movement for the turning of the Italian left flank is now being executed in the face of great Italian superiority of infantry, who have prepared strong defences on the Lower Piave River.

SMASHING THE HINDENBURG LINE.

LONDON, To-day. The great Hindenburg defence line upon which the German Commander-in-Chief had built his hopes of having the British from inroads into the open territory beyond, has been smashed and the task apparently was an easy one. Attacking over a front of 32 miles, extending from the Scarpe River east of Arras to St. Quentin, Field Marshal Haig with his English, Scotch, Irish and Welsh troops has made one of the most rapid and spectacular drives of the present war, catching the Germans completely by surprise in the onslaught, capturing numerous positions which were considered impregnable and taking in addition thousands of prisoners and numerous guns. The apex of the offensive is apparently in the center on the important railway junction of Cambrai, lying to the east of the old line midway between Arras and St. Quentin. Having taken the town of Marcelling, Annuin, Graincourt and Noyelles, the victorious troops at last accounts were well within gun range of Cambrai with its railway lines, and roadway branches towards all the main points of the compass. Latest advices indicate that the British have not yet ceased their attack, but aided by monster tanks, which are leading the way followed by infantry and machine gun attachments, are pressing forward for further gains. Synchroscopically, to the south around St. Quentin and east of that point in the Alsine region the French have begun an offensive. As no details of this offensive had been reported it doubtless has the object of pushing back the Germans eastward in the former sector and northward in the latter region toward Laon, strategic moves which if successful doubtless would compel that portion of the German line north of St. Quentin which is still intact to fall back precipitately eastward. The British drive was begun without the usual artillery preparation and as the tanks and infantrymen made their way through the wire entanglements and pressed into the German first line the surprised enemy began sending up myriads of signal rockets calling for assistance. Whether aid was rushed up is not known, but seemingly the surprised Germans fled in disorder, leaving all kinds of equipment behind and in most cases did not take time as usual to apply the torch to the villages they evacuated. The British casualties are described as extremely light, while German dead covered the ground as the British pressed forward. Reports to-day indicate that the penetrations in the region of Cambrai have exceeded five

miles, and at one point the troops swept on five miles beyond the German lines, capturing additional villages. The offensive was under the direction of General Sir Julian Hodgkin, General Byng, and General John J. Pershing, Commander of the American troops in France, was an interested observer of it. An indication that the Germans' fortified line has been passed by the British at some points is the entry of cavalry into the Trossy. Not since the famous retreat of the Germans along the Ancre and Somme in the spring of this year have horsemen been engaged. At that time they performed valiant service in harassing the retreating columns and in rounding up prisoners. Meanwhile the Italians everywhere are holding the Teuton invaders along the Piave River and in the hilly region from the upper reaches of that stream to Lake Garda. Nowhere has the enemy been able to gain additional ground. On the contrary several violent attacks in the hilly country have been repulsed with heavy losses. Probably owing to the pressure of the Austrians, the enemy has not renewed his attacks against Monte Tomba and Monte Montefena, vital points barring his way to an invasion of the Venetian plains from the north. On the coastal front Italian and British warships are bombing the enemy positions. Still further progress has been made by the British in Palestine, the line of General Allenby now having been advanced to points five miles northwest and six miles west of Jerusalem. The former position was taken at the point of the bayonet. British shipping losses last week aggregated seventeen vessels, only ten of which, however, were craft in excess of 1,000 tons.

GERMAN CATHOLICS SUPPORT TYRANT.

WASHINGTON, To-day. An official German statement radiographed from the Government station at Naun says that the Catholic clergy of Germany, rejecting the principle of the sovereignty of the people, have aligned themselves in support of the ruling House and monarchic constitution. The communication to-day follows: German bishops will read from the Episcopal throne this coming Sunday a pastoral letter in which it is declared that the Catholics of Germany repel the attacks against the German ruling House and Monarchic constitution of the state. Catholics should protect the throne against outside enemies and internal revolution. The Bishops reject the sovereignty of the people, which only brings other forms of inequality and servitude and constraint, of which the world war offers many examples.

TREMENDOUS BATTLE IN ITALY.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Tuesday. (By Associated Press).—The heavy fighting which began on Sunday in the principal German attacks, centering on the slope of Mont Feren, the enemy's masses have made alternate fierce attacks with infantry assaults, which have been repulsed by the heroic bravery of the Italian troops. The battle is taking a wide range and gradually concentrating on three main fronts. It is not a question of gaining or losing kilometres but it is a gigantic battle in which Italy's part in the war with its result and effect on her allies is largely at stake. The Austro-German offensive which began three weeks ago has not diminished but is steadily intensifying. The three main fronts have failed on the Piave and northern Asiago Plain. This compels the enemy to attempt to make a break in one of the Italian flanks as the only resort after the bloody repulse of the last few days, but the Austrians and Germans are still on the east bank of River with formidable forces pressing against this narrow stream. At the other end of the line behind Asiago the Italians have made splendid resistance and the enemy attacks have been worn down after having suffered losses estimated at a good part of three divisions; but in the central sections between the Piave and Brenta Rivers his attack has been repulsed, being "readily augmented and it is in this portion of the line that conditions continue grave. The Italian positions which General Diaz announced as abandoned are northwest of Guero on the Upper Piave, and the front now runs south of Guero. It is along this line where the mountains meet the plains and river valleys that the greatest effort is now being made.

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near Monte Montefena and Monte Tomba. This northern sector is very vital to the east front along the Piave, as a breach at the north would bring the enemy in the rear of the Piave line, which thus far has resisted all frontal attacks, not only as regards the immediate result there but in connection with its effect on the Piave line. The Count of Turin, Commander-in-Chief of the Italian cavalry, has issued an address highly commending the part taken by the cavalry in protecting the retreat to the Piave. Particular mention is made of the groups under Generals Airoldi and Piella.

A COVERT THREAT.

GENEVA, To-day. The Austrian Embassy in reply to a telegram sent to her by the Geneva press association asking her to take Venice and its treasures under her protection, says it is understood that an open town which makes no attempt to defend itself has certainly the right to every indulgence. Nevertheless the fate of Venice depends entirely upon the action of the Italian Government.

TORPEDOED IN MEDITERRANEAN.

LONDON, To-day. A British patrol vessel was torpedoed by an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean on November 18, according to an Admiralty statement issued to-day. Four officers and five men of the crew were killed.

AMERICANS LOST WITH DESTROYER.

WASHINGTON, To-day. Lieut. Commander Walter E. Reno, Commanding Officer, his two junior officers, Lieut. Chase F. Woderburn and Ensign H. G. Skinner, Jr., and 18 enlisted men were lost in the sinking of the American torpedo-boat destroyer Chauncey in a collision in the war zone on Monday morning, the Navy Department was advised to-day by Vice-Admiral Sims.

2.00 P. M.

WORK OF THE TANKS.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, To-day. Thousands of British cavalry to-day were co-operating with the great army of tanks and infantry in continuing the successful assault begun yesterday by the British troops against the Hindenburg defence. Open fighting has been going on at many places since yesterday and the horse troops, who are the backbone of the army, have been rendering invaluable service in "mopping up" the enemy territory. The German losses have been heavy. At least four divisions of infantry had been badly smashed since the fighting began. Large numbers of civilians already have been released from the captured towns, about five hundred were brought back from Masfere and other places furnished their quotas of non-combatants who received their deliverance with rejoicing. General Bing said his chances on the tanks, and the tanks made good beyond the wildest expectations. Just before these mighty engines went forward to prepare the way for the infantry and cavalry, the General commanding the iron monsters distributed an order of the day in which he said, "We expect every tank to do its damndest." They did this and dealt the Germans one of the most staggering blows they have received in many months. With the tank "General" leading them in a monitor in which he flew his flag they charged through two of the strongest lines in the German defence system on the western front as though these fortified trenches had not been there, and behind them on a front of some six miles the infantry and cavalry pushed through the great gaps which had been made.

CANADIANS JUBILANT OVER BYNG'S SUCCESS.

CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, To-day. The splendid British advance has electrified the Allied forces on the western front. Nowhere has the striking success of Byng and his army been greeted with greater enthusiasm than by the Canadian Corps. None of the congratulations pouring in upon him are more sincere than those from the Canadian force, whom he commanded so ably. So well was the secret of the advance kept that it was not until the afternoon of the attack that the whisper ran from division to division, brigade to brigade and battalion to battalion that the army of their old leader was striking to the south. With that whisper went the conviction that success would accompany the advance. By evening, when the splendid success of the attack was known, Canada in Flanders was jubilant.

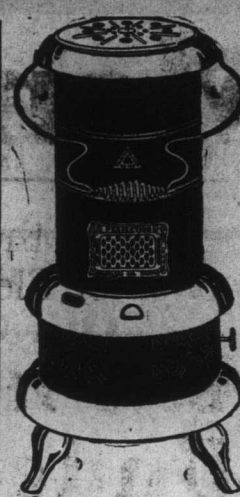


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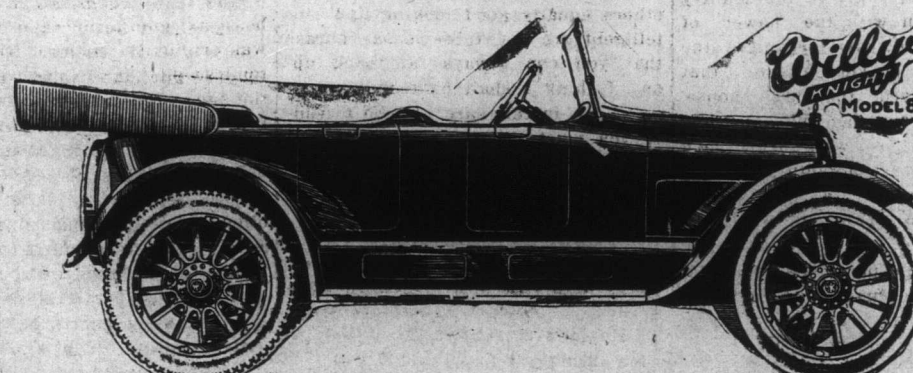
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The people from all parts of the district who have occasion to pass through Placentia express their best wishes for his future welfare and rejoice that although our junior member did not desert us as his colleagues did, but has gone right into the firing line so as to be in a better position to look after the welfare of his constituents. He will need reinforcements, the voice of the people, to make the contractors perform their duty to the public, as the public are paying the contractors, and the people's interest should be safeguarded and get full value for their money.

Mr. Walsh will see that the coastal steamers, especially the Argyle, perform their trips regularly, as at present he is working night and day to have the Argyle placed on her regular route so that the people of this Bay

get the service which they justly deserve also to see that the Portia calls at this port regularly, as last trip going west she passed leaving fifteen passengers and twenty bags of mail behind. But with Mr. Walsh quartered in St. John's he will be in a better position to see that his district gets the full benefit of the traffic and coastal service which the contractors are bound to perform.

Even the ferry service on Placentia Gut and N. E. Arm, which some think good enough, is not half good enough, and the people of Jersey Side and Dunville will very soon get a much better service, as Mr. Walsh intends taking this matter up at once, and see that suitable boats are put on, as the present boats are in a very dilapidated condition, and are not safe for this important service. The extra boat now doing service is one of the old Black Punk which was worn out in the black punt days, now converted into a motor boat which may fall to pieces any moment crossing with a load of passengers.

Many a poor traveller passing through Placentia will miss the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Walsh where they always received a hearty

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