

## To-Day's Messages.

**HOOPER ACCEPTS OFFICE.**  
NEW YORK, Feb. 24.  
Herbert Hoover telephoned Senator Harding to-night that he had accepted offer of the Cabinet Post of Secretary of Commerce.

**INSURANCE BENEFIT INCREASED.**  
LONDON, Feb. 24.  
In the House of Commons to-night, during a debate on the Unemployment Insurance Bill, the Government in response to urgent representation by Laborites agreed to increase the insurance benefit from eighteen to twenty shillings for men, and to sixteen shillings for women.

**DELIBERATELY DONE.**  
DUBLIN, Feb. 24.  
In a general order issued to-day, relating to the killing of two soldiers at Bandon, and three at Woodford, Galway, on Tuesday, General Sir Neville MacReady, Military Commander in Ireland, says there is no doubt that these crimes constituted deliberate attempts to exterminate the troops and to tempt them to break the bounds of discipline.

**TOO MUCH DICKERING.**  
LONDON, Feb. 24.  
The Near East is again the melting pot. The Servian Treaty, signed at Versailles, but not yet ratified by the Powers, is to be redrafted in favor of the Turks (former enemies) against the wishes of the Greeks (former Allies), to what extent, however, will not be known until the Inter-Allied Commission has visited the spot, and decided between the claims of Greeks and Turks regarding the ratio of populations in Thrace and Smyrna. This decision was reached this afternoon when the Supreme Council decided to invite both Greeks and Turks to separate Conferences to-morrow, when they will be asked if they are prepared to accept such an invitation, subject to the acceptance of the remaining terms of the Treaty.

**UNCLE SAM AS ARBITRATOR.**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.  
The United States Government was asked by Panama to-day to use its good offices to avoid any bloodshed in Central America, growing out of the alleged invasion of Panama soil by Costa Rican troops.

**SIMONS HEDGES.**  
BERLIN, Feb. 24.  
Speaking to-day at an Economic Council as to whether he would give the German people unanimous "No" to the London Conference, Dr. Simons, Foreign Minister, said "we undoubtedly shall have to face an extraordinary violent storm in London, for Paris decisions with regard to reparations do not constitute demands which have been advanced at random. They have come into being as the result of fierce conflicts, and I believe in great haste in order to meet the absolute necessities of the financial and economic situation of our opponents. In drafting our counter proposals we must reckon on the unity of our opponents."

**PASSED THIRD READING.**  
LONDON, Feb. 25.  
The House of Commons, last night, passed the third reading of the Unemployment Insurance Act.

**NO TRUTH IN IT.**  
LONDON, Feb. 25.  
Art O'Brien, of the Irish Self-Determination League, has authorized denial of a report that he is engaged to Mrs. Terence McSwiney, widow of the late Lord Mayor of Cork.

**AS IT IS IN RUSSIA.**  
RIGA, Feb. 25.  
Reports received here from Moscow say that the results are growing in Ukraine, and in the Tambov and Orenburg districts in Russia. In the Tyumna district of Siberia, armed peasants are defending foodstuffs against requisition. The Red Army is said to be without discipline, and is acting without consideration of order.

ders. Moscow reports say it is rumored that mutinous sailors began a bombardment of Petrograd on Wednesday. The Government has increased the bread ration in order to pacify an excited population.

**WILL BE WITHDRAWN.**  
PARIS, Feb. 25.  
French and Italian military forces, still in Palestine, will be withdrawn by the beginning of March, in accordance with the terms of the British mandate, over Palestine, says a newspaper report.

**ALL BADLY SCARED.**  
BILBAO, Feb. 25.  
A panic among seashore villagers yesterday, when the steamer, Galo with one hundred tons of dynamite went ashore off Bilbao, was finally allayed when the Governor had the explosive unloaded by workers from a nearby munition factory.

**NEW CASES REPORTED.**  
NEW YORK, Feb. 25.  
Seven new cases of sleeping sickness in New York, and one death from the disease in White Plains were reported here yesterday.

**GETTING READY TO BURY 'EM.**  
POTSDAM, Germany, Feb. 25.  
Former Empress Auguste Victoria is reported unconscious at Doorn, Holland. It is said there is no hope for her recovery and her early demise is indicated. Visitors to the Palace here report that preparations for the interment of the former Empress are going on, and a plot for her and former Emperor William is being made ready.

**NOT ASKING MUCH.**  
VIENNA, Feb. 25.  
Military precautions to prevent a general strike here on Saturday have been taken by the Hungarian Government in Budapest. Workmen who threaten to strike have demanded a wage increase of one hundred per cent.

**"ADVENTURERS" WARNED.**  
BERLIN, Feb. 25.  
Declaring that the Government was conscious of its authority, and would promptly crush any attempt at a coup d'etat, Dr. Walter Simons, German Foreign Minister, warned "Political Adventurers" to-day. He declared experts were unanimous in their conviction that Germany would be unable to pay the annuities demanded by the Allies under the Paris agreement, or bear twelve per cent. export tax. The Government was hopeful, he said, of arriving at a solution, which would prove even more suitable to the needs of the Entente than the Paris proposals.

**A GENERAL ENGAGEMENT.**  
MACROOM, Ireland, Feb. 25.  
Fifty auxiliary police, travelling in lorries, were ambushed between this village and Ballyvourney, this morning, by three hundred men. The attacking party opened fire from the cover of rocks along the side of the road, killing one policeman and wounding six. The fight was still going on at the latest report.

**A DIFFERENT STORY.**  
PARIS, Feb. 25.  
Germany will offer the Supreme Allied Council one hundred and twenty billion marks in reparations, says the Berlin correspondent of Le Journal, who says he received information from "a Parliamentary source."

**DEFIANT WORKMEN RAISE RED FLAG.**  
PARIS, Feb. 25.  
The red flag was raised to-day over a big electrical works, under construction at Gennevilliers, just to the North of Paris, by workmen who refused to quit the plant, despite a lockout declared by the company. The lockout followed a refusal to accept a reduction in wages. A large force of police and a small detachment of troops were called out to maintain order.

**IT'S UP TO THEM.**  
LONDON, Feb. 25.  
Greek and Turkish delegates to the Near East Conference were expected to-day to either accept or re-

fuse a proposal for the revision of the Sevres Treaty on the basis of a report by the Inter-Allied Commission, which will visit Thrace, Constantinople and Smyrna.

**CENTRAL AMERICAN RUCTION.**  
PANAMA, Feb. 25.  
An angry crowd of Panamanians tore the Costa Rican coat of arms from that nation's Consulate here last night, during a demonstration which resulted from the announcement that Coto, in the Province of Chiriqui, had been occupied by Costarican forces. An official statement says Costa Rica claims this territory in accordance with the award of Chief Justice White of the United States Supreme Court, arbitrator in the dispute. A Panama statement says it declines to accept the award.

## Obituary.

The funeral of the late Lydia Thorne took place yesterday afternoon from her daughter's residence, 39 Job Street. Deceased who was the relict of the late Joseph Thorne, had reached the age of 77 years, and he-longed formerly to Trinity, but since her husband's death have resided with her son Mr. Geo. Thorne, until this winter which she has been spending with her daughter Mrs. J. Hiscock, where she died after a short illness. She leaves to mourn her 3 sons, Mr. Geo. Thorne, of Ayre & Sons, Ltd., Alfred, of the Reid Mfg. Co., and Henry, of Boston, and 4 daughters, Mrs. Jas. Hiscock, Mrs. Archibald Woolridge, Mrs. Joshua Day, of this city, and Mrs. Geo. A. Heighton, of Picot, N.S., and 31 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Interment took place at the C. E. cemetery.

"O how we miss you, mother. Your dear sweet loving face. We miss you now as the days go by. No one can take your place. We know you still are near us. Although you make no sign; But we'll meet again some day, please God."  
Some day, sweet mother mine."  
—Com.

## Some Royal Gluttons of Old.

While the civilized world during the last few years has been accustomed to short rations, deprivation of food would seem to have been a novelty some centuries ago, at least to some of the ruling classes. Henry of Navarre, he of the white plume, used frequently to express the wish to make France so prosperous that every peasant might have a fowl in the pot for Sunday. But if the King had condescended to share such a peasant feast there would not have been much of it left for anyone else. He used easily to dispose of a whole fowl, although it was of melons and oysters that he was reputed to eat most greedily. Nevertheless, the hero of Irvy was not really a glutton. Compared with King Louis XV., Louis the Beloved—and his Queen, Marie Leszynski, he merely trifled with his food.

King Stanislas of Poland, father of the Queen, in a letter written about two centuries ago, told of the simultaneous attacks of indigestion suffered by his daughter and his son-in-law. The King had eaten too many figs and drunk too much milk on top of them, and had gone to bed with a well-earned royal stomach ache. "You have heard of the indisposition of the King and Queen," wrote King Stanislas. "Thank God, they are through with it. Their sickness is from eating too much; for they suffered from a violent indigestion, the Queen especially, after she had eaten 180 oysters and drunk four glasses of beer to follow them!" That is a record to make one gasp.

**Exploits of Charles V.**  
It is a marvel that the unhappy lady survived her indiscretion. However, her performance was mild and lady-like in comparison with those of Charles V.

That wise and observant gentleman and school teacher, Roger Ascham, watched him with amazement at the Feast of the Golden Fleece devour his way through "sod beef, roast

mutton, charred (broiled) hare, after which he fed well on a capon. He drank the best that ever I saw; he had his head in the glass five times as long as any of them, and never drank less than a good quart at once of Rhenish wine."

It is not a pretty picture; nor was his gluttony occasional, like that of an indulged child who stuffs itself at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Motley relates that it was Charles's custom to breakfast at 5 on a fowl seethed in milk; dine at 12 on twenty courses; sup soon after vespers, and again at midnight or later, this last meal being the heartiest of all, and every repast irrigated by vast draughts of beer and wine.

After that it makes little impression on us to be told that another King of France died of eating a whole dish of green peas, from which no one else got a taste.

## Fads and Fashions.

The snugly fitted bodice and slightly panned skirts are being worn. A dress of mauve crepe de chine has the edges bound in French blue ribbon.

Many smart bathing suits are of the fashionable new "pineapple weave."

A hat of brown tulle is trimmed with a wreath of golden oats and grasses.

The wide Moya neck and deep armhole are used for some afternoon frocks.

An evening headdress may be a bandon of jade velvet sparkling with diamonds.

One interesting frock has a long, pointed bodice, a petal apron and well-shaped sleeves.

The skirt of a gorgeous evening gown ends in trousers which fit over the slippers like gaiters.

Gauntlet gloves of white kid are stitched in tan and have inserts of tan kid around the cuffs.

The new frocks and blouses make interesting uses of peplums, scallops and petal draperies.

## Electricity From Air.

Not less interest is being taken in the electrical instruments for the use of dentists and surgeons, and in this connection it is permissible to refer to the world-wide curiosity which is felt relative to the claim made by Dr. Eugen Steinach of the University of Vienna that he can restore youth to the aged by the X-ray. The full merits of this treatment are yet to be determined, as is the efficacy of the patent taken out by young Edward M. Hubbard of Seattle, for a process of generating electricity from the air by means of a dynamo weighing only forty pounds. Hubbard says his invention will revolutionize the uses of electricity in the home, office, etc., for by it every householder shall be able to make his own heat for cooking and house heating and shall be dependent on nothing but air for his supplies. In Italy a similar discovery has been announced. Gustave Letner, a widely known engineer, has discovered, he says, a system by which static electricity in the atmosphere may be transformed into dynamic current. The apparatus is described as antennae bearing a retroactive collector joined to a special transformer which is acted on by the radioactive matter through a technical process which the inventor does not explain. But his experiments have been successful. It is reported, and a larger apparatus is being constructed.

## New German Aeroplane.

A departure from standard aeroplane design is the great German Staaken monoplane, built in one of the Zeppelin works where efforts of late have been concentrated on the aeroplane instead of dirigible type of airship.

The most striking feature of the Staaken is the arrangement of the engines. Following the lines of the all metal construction of certain German machines, the Staaken has an exceptionally thick single wing which is so braced internally, between the top and bottom surfaces, as to require practically no external bracing.

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P. E. I. PARSNIPS, CARROTS and BEETS.  
NORTHERN SPY APPLES, known as the Winter Gravenstein, small size, 15c. per doz.  
P. E. BUTTER, 2 lb. prints and bulk.  
LOCAL AND CANADIAN CABBAGE.  
CALIFORNIA LEMONS, 360 size, 37c. doz.  
"KIT" COFFEE—Small and large size.  
MACARONI and SPAGHETTI, 15c. package.  
FRY'S COCOA, 1/2 lb. tins, 37c.  
FRY'S COCOA, 1/4 lb. tins, 19c.  
DR. TIBBLE'S VI-COCA, 1/2 lb. tins, 45c. tin.

**C. P. EAGAN,**  
Duckworth Street & Queen's Road

## FISH, in Tins.

Cod Roes.	Cod Tongues.
Clams.	Clam Chowder.
Shrimps.	Codfish Balls.
Chicken Haddie.	Sardines.
No. 1 Lobster.	No. 1 Salmon.
Baby Herring.	Sardine Sandwich.
(in Tomato Sauce).	

**Assorted Fish Pastes**  
FRESH FROZEN CAPLIN, CODFISH, COD TONGUES.

SMOKED KIPPERED HERRING, FINNAN HADDIE.

**Flaked Cod Fish.**  
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Grocery Department.

## MUTT AND JEFF

JEFF THOUGHT MUTT HAD BECOME A WIDOWER.



—By Bud Fisher.

## "Crucifix Fish."

Throughout the West Indies the "crucifix fish" is regarded with a mixture of superstition and reverence by the natives who throw specimens caught in their nets back into the sea and cross themselves when they come upon the skull of one. The dried skeleton of this fish shows plainly on the outer side of the skull the figure of a man on a crucifix, with a halo about the head. On the other side of the skull is a figure of a monk with a cowl bending before an altar.

**SAFE AND COMFORTABLE.**  
Your kiddies will be safe and comfortable in the Casino at the Mall to-morrow afternoon. Send them along, and then go out and do your shopping.

St. Patrick's Society, St. Andrew's Society? No, St. George's Society. What are our English men and women thinking about. Get busy and join right away. Be a leader and blaze the trail.—Feb 25, 21

## Outport Nurseries

TRACTS FROM THE... have been kept... lately. I am... the motor boats... think it great... I am sure... their estimation... nights out of... a lovely breakfast... looking all... about 11 a.m. and... when two men... go to... so had pneumonia... was a rowing boat... rowing and I still... we got there to... there about three... treatment and... fructions with the... able women came... It had turned... the mother warmed... in the boat for... trapped me up in a... about me—down... the boat. We... about half an hour... I started to... against the... night it took us... and they were... men had rowed... I never was... if I cannot... get there to repair... they make. All... really meant they... and they do it... I slept 13 hours... woke me with... "Travelling Under... Some days later... to go to—about... they said if I would... they would get a... So I went. They... but it was a... eight calls—bad... pretty bad ones. They... walk home as they... all out. I got... and was absolutely... meaning to get away... bed when a wire... up by the mail... young man with... when I got to the... some tea and then... the patient was... in a small room... through it. They... on 2 blankets... on the chest... the legs, thick... the knees—oh! and... and the mother... sweating himself... I understood that... him, blanket... changed the bed... door and a window... weren't for the life... and the bedroom... in the morning... I forgot the... from the... women sitting... wanted to stay in... attended to him. Next... they did not. I... with me to show... At 2.15 I was... and sent all but... was nearly as hard... patient. They told... to have a large... was so ill. I told... with the washing... the morning would... the point, with... were. They turned... morning at about 8... had been ill... week-end and stayed... door on the way back... other men rowed me... there I made three... tried to get a mot... me back. All the... we walked 4 miles... done and went to... hours. I was called... motor on Tuesday... she must be abou... not to her she was...

## CHEER UP!

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