



To-Day's Messages.

COMMERCIAL PRESSURE.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 24. Pressure through commercial circles to compel the recognition of Soviet Russia is being exercised by the Bolshevik interests, according to a Berlin newspaper to-day.

DISEASE IN PETROGRAD.

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 24. Reports of serious living conditions at Petrograd have been received by Professor Hermann Zeidler of Viborg, showing that typhus, cholera and influenza are taking heavy toll of depleted population.

ANOTHER HUN EXPOSED.

BERLIN, Feb. 24. Matthias Erzberger, Minister of Finance, voluntarily resigned from the Cabinet to-day. Erzberger's resignation came as a climax of the sensational testimony in his libel suit against Dr. Earl Helfferich, former Minister of the Treasury. The nature of this testimony, it was considered, left Erzberger no other choice than to relinquish his portfolio. According to the testimony of States Attorney Messer Schmidt, which was given with the utmost reserve and caution, Erzberger had smuggled large amounts of his private funds to Switzerland.

HELPING THE TURK.

LONDON, Feb. 24. The Right Honorable K. S. Montague, Secretary for India, in a statement to the Evening Standard on the question of turning the Ottoman Government out of Constantinople, said the taking of Constantinople from the Turks was to be a necessary result of the war, "I respectfully suggest that you ought not to have asked Indians to take part in the war against Turkey."

BULGARIA WARNS ALLIES.

LONDON, Feb. 24. A Sofia despatch says it is semi-officially announced that the Premier has notified the Allied representative in the Bulgarian capital that if Greece obtained Western Thrace the Bulgarian Government would not be responsible for the consequences.

THE COUNCIL'S CONDITIONS.

LONDON, Feb. 24. The official statement of the Allied Supreme Council in declining to deal with Soviet Russia, which was announced after a meeting of the Council to-day, follows: "If communities which border the frontiers of Soviet Russia, and whose independence or de facto autonomy they have recognized, were to approach them and ask for advice as to that attitude they should take with regard to Soviet Russia, the Allied Governments would reply that they cannot accept the responsibility of advising them to continue a war which would be injurious to their own interests. Still less would they advise them to adopt a policy of aggression towards Russia. If however Soviet Russia attacks them inside their legitimate frontiers the Allies will give them every possible support. The Allies cannot enter into diplomatic relations with the Soviet Government, in view of their past experiences, until they have arrived at the conviction that Bolshevik horrors have come to an end, and that the Government at Moscow is ready to conform its methods and diplomatic conduct to those of all civilized Governments. The British and Swiss Governments were both compelled to expel representatives of the Soviet Government from their respective countries, because they had abused their privileges. Commerce between Russia and the rest of Europe, which is so essential for the improvement of economic conditions, not only in Russia but in the rest of the world, will be encouraged to the utmost degree possible, without any relaxation of the attitude described above." After the Supreme Council had finished its conclusions with regard to Russia, it again took up the Turkish question, hearing the report of the Smyrna commission. Premier Venizelos of Greece was then summoned to discuss the question with the Council.

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Allies and the Ex-Crown Prince of Germany.

There is authority for stating that no demand has yet been made to Holland by the Allies for the extradition of the ex-Kaiser, nor if he is handed over, will he be arraigned on a general charge. On which his extradition will be demanded, have not yet been formulated. Optimists say that in five years' time he will be again ruling at Potsdam. Stranger things than that have happened. It is probable that the extradition of the ex-Crown Prince, who is definitely "wanted" for larceny and the spoliation of French chateaux, will be requested in the near future. It has been decided that he and the Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria will be arraigned on these charges. As the Bavarian Prince is now in Germany, his surrender will form the subject of a request to the German Government—probably in connection with the Allies' general list of German war criminals who are to be tried.

Germany to Be Charged.

BUT WILL SHE PAY? All expenditure incurred by the Inter-Allied Naval Commission in Germany is to be charged to that country, including the value of the fuel used by H. M. S. "Malaya," and the cost of the special fittings required to enable her to carry the Inter-Allied Commission to Kiel. All expenses in taking the plebiscite in Schleswig will be divided equally between the German and Danish Governments. The cost of the British ships employed on this duty, viz., H. M. S. "Carysford" and three destroyers, the hospital ship "Agadir," and a stores ship will also be charged to these countries. But the question most people are asking is, "Will Germany be made to pay?"

Ingenious Smuggling.

At Van Buren, Me., customs officials have discovered the most ingenious method yet of smuggling liquor across the Canadian line in use in various places along the border. What appears to be an innocent horse blanket doubled over the collar of team horses hauling wood, produce and such across the line has been found to be lined with a rubber bag with a capacity of five or more gallons of liquid. Teamsters making two trips a day have been able to bring across hundreds of gallons of liquor in this way, it is believed. Overdoing the business is believed to have been its undoing, the unusual activity in the teaming line having excited the suspicion of the officials, who searched many loads before the horse blanket trick was discovered. One teamster was found to have a broom on his sled with a hollow handle which held more than a quart of whisky. For 50 cents he would "lend" his broom long enough for a customer to take a fairly good drink.

Doorn for Wilhelm.

The Hague, Feb. 16.—(By the Associated Press).—The latest Allied note to Holland, with regard to extradition of the former German Emperor, reverses the original demand for his surrender and only asks his internment, with the suggestion that the former German monarch be sent, perhaps, to one of the Dutch islands in the East Indies, it became known to-day.

The Associated Press learns on excellent authority that the Dutch government has already determined to reply with an offer to actually intern Wilhelm at Doorn. Holland will accept the full responsibility of preventing him from endangering the peace of the world, establish a guard over him and a strict censorship.

The Largest Circulation.

Since its foundation in 1904, the British and Foreign Bible Society has issued over 200 million copies of the Holy Scriptures, and of these more than 98 millions have been in English.

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Bowring's Vessel Lost.

Bowring Bros. received a message to-day stating that their vessel Gwendolyn Warren, Capt. John Kendrick, had been lost on her way to Brazil. The captain and crew had been taken off by the steamer Pikepool, and taken to Hampton Roads, Va., U.S.A., the message added.

Lost Three Vessels.

A. E. Hickman & Co., Ltd., lost no less than three vessels in the last week or so. They are: Ruth Hickman, Joan Hickman and Marion Louise H. This is a severe loss to the fish carrying trade of the country.

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT. S.S. Prospero in port. S.S. Fortia arrived at Louisburg yesterday morning, where she is loading coal.

REIDS'

Argyle and Kyle not reported. Clyde arrived at 11.30 a.m. yesterday. Glencoe left Hermitage Cove early on the 23rd. Home and Petrel at St. John's. Meigle and Sagona left here this morning.

A Big Success.

On Tuesday evening American Chain Overshoes, in which the principle of the weed chain used on automobile tires has been humbly adapted to horses' shoes, were first tried on the streets of St. John's and created quite a sensation among horse owners. Attached to the fore hoofs of a heavy truck horse they enabled the animal to get a footing on ice and snow without exertion, which his bare hind shoes were unable to hold. Later they were tried on a cab horse and worked with the same results, except owing to a mistake in size one chain got detached. American Chain Overshoes are not sold by blacksmiths. Ask your Hardware Dealer for a set feb14,lm

Protection for Tenants.

"In Paris the courts are prosecuting landlords who jump rents unreasonably, one proprietor having been sent to jail for eight days and fined \$100 for adding \$25 to the price of a heated apartment which formerly rented at \$27. In Jersey City a thousand tenants who combined against landlords who tried to gouge them are being supported by the City Law Department in their legal fight. In New York a court to deal with rents has had to be established. In Montreal," says the Gazette, "some such measures are being invited by those landlords who have almost doubled already high rents. The prices being asked for some dwellings are beyond the purses of the average household and are literally outrageous. Neither taxation nor cost of maintenance justifies some of the rentals being demanded."

Shipping Notes.

A three-masted schooner passed Cape Race, going south yesterday.

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"Prohibition has gone too far," says the Cincinnati Star. "We have tasted the 'dry' mince pie. Most emphatically we say that it is not mince pie—at least, not the kind that mother used to make and for which father furnished the bottle. Those were the mince pies that were mince pies! Mother's mince meat seemed the glowing embers of the richest fruits, set between two pieces of fondly embracing crust. But this thing that they now seek to pass as mince pie is nothing more than a soggy sandwich, a hash that is metamorphosed into congealed lead as it meets the gastric juices. Mince pie had best join its disreputable companions that suddenly have become anathema to the American legislator and his friend the lobbyist. For without the contribution that came from father's bottle mother is powerless. Her pies have become the rose without the odor, the tree without the foliage, the egg without the nog."

So Sore She Could Not Get Out of Bed

MANITOBA LADY STATES THAT DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED HER.

Miss Annie Forlanski Had a Complication of Kidney Troubles and Says She Found Permanent Relief From All of Them in Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Fraserwood, Man., Feb. 24th. (Special).—That Dodd's Kidney Pills are the standard remedy for all kidney troubles was perhaps never better demonstrated than in the case of Miss Annie Forlanski, of this place. Let her tell her story in her own words. "My back was sore," Miss Forlanski states, "and my body was so sore I could not get out of bed. My bladder also bothered me, and I had urinary troubles. "Three boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me."

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The Mosquito's Responsibility.

(Acadian Recorder.) One of the first questions asked by those who read Ancient History is, what caused the national ruin of the succession of great nations and Empires which passed across the stage and vanished in oblivion. The generally accepted theory is that the constant wars and massacres, plus famines and pestilences, which were the order of the day, at length so depleted the population that they fell before some stronger assailant. The theory of "moral rotteness" is also a favorite. Now a scientist comes forth with the claim that malaria was the cause and the mosquito the agent, particularly of the ruin of Greece and Rome. In all the many low valleys and marsh-bordered streams of Greece and Italy the Anopheles Mosquito had his habitat and infected the human inhabitants in all the neighboring regions. The malaria thus continuing from generation to generation, and spreading all the time, at length undermined the constitution of the people everywhere, and disabled them both in their peace and war activities, and easily made them victims of more vigorous peoples. If this was the case, and it seems quite probable, the modern world should be wise and wage an unceasing warfare against the deadly insect. No part of Europe or Asia was more terribly cursed than the Panama Canal zone, but the letter was cleared up and is now a health resort. What was done in Panama can be done elsewhere.

Search for Luminous Paint.

Search is being made for a reliable luminous paint which will glow, for the benefit of motorists and pedestrians after dark. The Automobile Association says that they have searched the market for a paint that will successfully illuminate a signpost. They are experimenting, but the chief difficulty has been the adverse action of the atmosphere on the paint. Encasing the sign in glass was tried, but the light faded. The Association is preparing to illuminate electrically a number of signs.

From Cape Race.

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