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TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.30 A.M.

BRITISH ADVANCE CONTINUES.

LONDON, To-day. The British army on the Tigris front, which assumed the offensive on Wednesday has made a further advance. An official statement given out here to-day says that the British are now within three quarters of a mile of the Tigris opposite Kut-el-Amara. During Thursday the advance secured by the operations of the previous night was steadily improved. The statement says, our forces are advancing northwards by both banks of the Hal River, a British outpost being established within three quarters of a mile of the Tigris south of Kut-el-Amara. During Thursday night aeroplanes flying by moonlight successfully attacked the porton bridges of the Tigris which the enemy had removed from their sides and was towing up stream. The material was broken up and scattered.

BLACK AS EGYPT'S NIGHT.

LONDON, To-day. The fog which settled over London yesterday is described as being the most dense in fifty years. From early morning until late at night London City was in perpetual night, the inconvenience being the greatest in the evening owing to the light restrictions. Omnibuses stopped running; taxi cabs disappeared from the streets; people in the streets carried torches. In the

Strand torches were lighted and soldiers new to the metropolis are said to have been led about like blinded men.

BRITISHER SUNK.

LONDON, To-day. Lloyd's Agency announced British ship Nalad sunk. The crew saved.

FIGHTING AT VERDUN.

BERLIN, To-day. There has been a renewal of infantry fighting in the Verdun region to-day, the War Office announced in to-night's supplementary statement.

"VICTORY IS CERTAIN," SAYS NIVELLE.

PARIS, To-day. General Nivelle, recently appointed Commander of the armies of the north east, was present with General Petain, Commander of the French armies of the Soissons-Verdun sector, in the successful operations of December 15th north of Verdun, both having collaborated in the preparation. Up on leaving Verdun for his new headquarters, General Nivelle, taking leave of his staff, spoke as follows: "The test is conclusive. Our method has proved sound once more and the second army has just asserted in the highest degree its moral and material ascendancy over the enemy. Victory is certain. I give you the assurance that Germany will learn it to her cost."

WHAT GERMANY WANTS.

LONDON, To-day. Telegraphing from Copenhagen, the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co. quotes the Frankfurter Zeitung as saying that Germany does not want a cessation of the fighting, but merely a conference in which all the belligerents shall openly state

their peace proposals, the conference to be held at the Hague about January 15. While the conference is in session, all the belligerents to be allowed to continue military operations.

ANOTHER FIRE.

CHARLOTTETOWN, To-day. Another fire occurred at Summer-side last night, \$12,000 damage. Three men have been arrested charged with incendiarism.

GERMAN STEAMER ESCAPES BLOCKADE.

BERLIN, To-day. The German ship Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, 17,072 tons, which had been at anchor at Odde, near Bergen, Norway, since the beginning of the war, arrived at Stavanger, according to a despatch from Kristiania to the Frankfurter Zeitung, after having broken the British blockade. Outside of Bergen a line of two British destroyers and three torpedo boats, the message adds, was crossed by the German steamer.

SCHOOLBOYS NOW.

LONDON, To-day. A Reuter despatch from Copenhagen says the Government of Scholzwitz, Prussia, has proclaimed civil conscription of school boys. They will be used for railroad work, in loading and unloading trucks of which there is a shortage.

ROMANIAN GRAIN FOR GERMANY.

LONDON, To-day. Adolf von Batocki, President of the German Food Regulation Board, arrived at Budapest to attend an Austro-Hungarian conference, says a despatch from the Copenhagen Exchange Telegraph. Herr von Batocki is quoted as declaring that the Austro-Germans seized sixty million bushels of grain and maize in Rumania, insuring to the Central Powers sufficient supplies until next harvest.

LOST IN SNOW STORM.

NEW YORK, To-day. The Brazilian barque Nettie, with 12 men on board, was lost during a snow storm on Friday night off Barnegat, on the New Jersey coast.

PORTUGUESE TROOPS FOR WEST FRONT.

PARIS, To-day. Portuguese troops intended for service with the French troops in France, according to a quotation of La Patrie from a Portuguese official Journal, will be called the Portuguese Expeditionary Corps and will be under the command of General S. T. Amegre and Amegre. The latter, former Governor of Angola, is reputed to be an able strategist.

ROMANIAN FOREIGN OFFICE AT PETROGRAD.

BERLIN, To-day. The correspondent at Stockholm of the Lokal Anzeiger telegraphs that during the meeting of the last Rumanian Crown Council it was resolved that the Rumanian Foreign Office should be transported to Petrograd, other ministries for the present being established at Kiew. The Rumanian Parliament, it is reported, will meet at Petrograd. King Ferdinand is said to have declared that he would stay one week in Russia, then go to England. The correspondent quotes a Russian news despatch from Jassy on the Russo-Rumanian frontier as saying that the Rumanian towns of Braila and Galatz on the Danube in southeastern Moldavia have been evacuated by the Rumanians.

BRITISH BOMBING RAID.

LONDON, To-day. An official report from British headquarters in France issued last night, reads: Last night a party of our troops successfully raided the enemy's trenches near Ransart and inflicted a number of casualties, bombing his depots, and also entered the enemy's trenches southwest of Wytschaete, where we destroyed machine gun emplacements. The enemy blew up Camontet this morning east of Ypres.

MUNITION WORKS IN ENGLAND.

NEW YORK, To-day. War preparations and the conversion of industrial plants into munition factories have by no means crippled the steel industry of England,

according to Dr. Shellito, of the International Steel Corporation, who returned on the Noordam to-day from a six months' trip in England and France. He said that almost a normal quantity of manufactured steel products is being turned out and that new industries are being established in France. Said Dr. Shellito: "I found the people anything but discouraged over the prospects for victory. The nation is organized as a fighting unit and munitions are being produced at an astounding rate. I visited one factory where 5,000 women and 1,600 men are turning out between fifty thousand and seventy-five thousand shells daily."

LABOR: OPINION ON THE WAR.

LONDON, To-day. Lloyd's Weekly News has published specially written statements on the subject of the German peace offer by four representative Labor leaders, Stephen Walsh, M.P., James O'Grady, Chairman of the General Federation of Trade Unions, C. B. Stanton, M.P., and Lt.-Col. John Ward, Commander of the Navies' Battalion. All declare that the war must continue until the conditions laid down by Premier Asquith and Lloyd George are achieved, but Walsh in addition contends that the Allies should take the opportunity to make their position clear before the world.

MORE SINKINGS.

LONDON, To-day. Lloyd's announces the sinking of the Danish steamer Michaelis Outchoukoff, 2,113 tons, and the British schooner Constance Mary, 176 tons.

WARNED AGAINST RAIDER.

NEW YORK, To-day. Another warning to the shipping of the Entente Allies to be on guard against a German raider on this side of the Atlantic was sent to-night by a British officer of Sandy Hook. The wireless message was very largely a repetition of the one flashed a week ago stating that no new information as to the character or location of the supposed raider. It is considered in marine circles to be in the nature of a precaution.

SHIPPING ACCIDENT IN THE FOG.

LONDON, To-day. Numerous shipping accidents are reported owing to Saturday's heavy fog. The crew of an English and Welsh ground lightship, landed at Barry, report that the lightship sank in collision with the steamer Welshman. The Norwegian steamer Annareid collided with the Belgian relief steamer Vigstroom lying at anchor in the Tamar. The Annareid went ashore in a sinking condition, and the stern of the Vigstroom was damaged. The steamer Royal Transport, commanded by Barry Roads with an unidentified vessel and was compelled to dry dock. The steamer Norah Elania was towed into Portsmouth harbor after collision with the steamer Chioria. The tug Morena from Buenos Ayres is stranded off Chichester harbor.

TWO UNIONIST PEERAGES.

LONDON, To-day. The King has conferred a peerage upon Sir W. Maxwell Aitken, and the Right Hon. Charles B. Stuart-Wortley, members of Parliament. Thus two Unionist seats in the House are vacated for members of the new Cabinet. Sir William Aitken, formerly official eye witness with the Canadian troops, was born in Canada, and knighted in 1912.

SUFFRAGETTES AGAIN.

LONDON, To-day. Sylvia Pankhurst, militant suffragette, endeavored to hold a demonstration at the East India dock gates this afternoon to demand peace. A big crowd assembled, and mobbed the speaker. The police interfered and rushed Miss Pankhurst and her friends to a police station, followed by a demonstrative crowd. The prisoners were held under bail on examination before the magistrate.

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, To-day. The French continue the great offensive on the Meuse sector of the Verdun front, and have made further gains. The British also made progress and succeeded in Saturday night's engagements in raiding the enemy's trenches near Ransart, south of Wytschaete, gaining a foothold in both cases. The German War Office admits the loss to the French of the village of Bezonvaux. Wood west of that place, but asserts that the French thrust further northward broke down before the German fire on the heights north of Bezonvaux. The new French lines at Vacheranville and Bezonvaux and the Chambrette Farm region have been heavily bombarded by German guns. North of the Acre River in the Somme sector British detachments attempted to enter German trenches but were repulsed. The Teutonic armies under Field Marshal Von Mackensen in Eastern Wallachia, have crossed the Buzeu and lower Calamitatul River. In addition to taking 1150 prisoners captured great quantities of rolling stock, with innumerable vehicles of other kinds. The pursuit of the Rumanian troops in Dobruja continues. The Teutonic forces are now close to the forest district in the north where it is expected the Russo-Rumanian armies will offer strong resistance. Petrograd admits the capture by the Germans and Bulgarian forces of the village of Testomle in Dobruja. Desperate encounters marked the fighting in Volhynia, where the forces of Prince Leopold declared by the Berlin War Office to have stormed the Russian position on a front of six hundred yards north of the railroad between Iovai and Lutsk, capturing five officers, three hundred men, and several machine guns and mine-

throwers. A thrust by the Russians near Illuski was repulsed, a result accomplished only after three desperate attacks. According to Petrograd, southwest of Valeputna in the wooded Carpathians the Russians after repelling an attack by large German force at the point of the bayonet captured the height. More active artillery bombardments have marked the fighting in the Austro-Italian theatres. These patrol engagements are the only events announced from this sector.

The London Observer, commenting on the German peace offer, says it is dominated with a completeness for which the Pan-Germans, even in their wildest dreams, scarcely dared to hope. A magnificent middle Empire for an international Federation under German headship practically exists and comprises at least 160,000,000 persons. This is the position which Germany has achieved by arms and would like to secure permanently by peace negotiations. The present manoeuvre has no other object. With such a position in prospect, Germany could well afford to retire from France and Belgium and even pay an indemnity to the latter. In such circumstances peace by negotiation could only be a betrayal of the Allies' cause. The Allies cannot secure a right peace or a safe settlement until they have overthrown the central league by force of arms. If the Allies are wise they will keep the whole height and breadth of their original aims. They will declare that they are as resolved to establish a just and stable system of international peace as was Lincoln to maintain the Union, and as resolved to smash German militarism and domination as was Lincoln to smash slavery.

Serious Accident.

Aged Man Dies of Injuries Received By Falling Over Stairs.

Richard Price now lies cold in death as a result of falling over a flight of stairs in the home of Mrs. F. Woods, who conducts a boarding house on Water Street. The accident happened on Saturday evening last. The victim fell head foremost and received a severe blow in his descent; when picked up, the man was unconscious. A. A. had wound flowed freely on his scalp and blood flowed copiously from it. He was attended by Dr. Anderson, who, seeing that the patient's injuries were of such a serious character, ordered him to the General Hospital, whither he was taken in the ambulance Saturday night. Yesterday the unfortunate man succumbed to his injuries, without having regained consciousness. Deceased was a man of advanced years and belonged to Petty Harbor. The remains were confined and sent there to-day for burial.

Here and There.

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WEATHER REPORT. The weather across country is, a strong N.E. gale, raining in places; temperature 30 to 35 above.

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AT PERAMBUCO.—The schr. Nellie M. Capt. Torrance, reached Perambuco after a run of 39 days from this port.

CHOIR PRACTICE.—St. Andrew's Choir will meet for practice in the Kirk at 9 o'clock to-night. Full attendance is requested.—dec18,11

REACHED PORT.—The schooner Svalen, Capt. Rosenbeck, reached port at 2 p.m. yesterday from Fleetwood, England, in ballast to Smith Co., where she will load fish for the European market.

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SOON TO LEAVE FOR FRANCE.—Mr. P. J. Raynes, 112 New Gower St., received a message from his brother, Lance Corp. H. Raynes, from England, stating that he was leaving for France on Dec. 28th. Lance-Corp. Raynes was all through the Gallipoli campaign and took part in the raid on Caribou Hill. On July 1st he was hit in the knee by a machine gun bullet and for some time after was confined to the 3rd London General Hospital.

CHRISTMAS TREE & TOY FAIR. Botwood Hall, Hutchings Street, Tuesday, Dec. 19th, afternoon and evening. A Real Live, Santa Claus. Toys for all at shop prices. Teas served. Candy for sale. Admission:—Adults, 10c.; Children, 5c. Come and bring the children. dec13,21,7,5,m

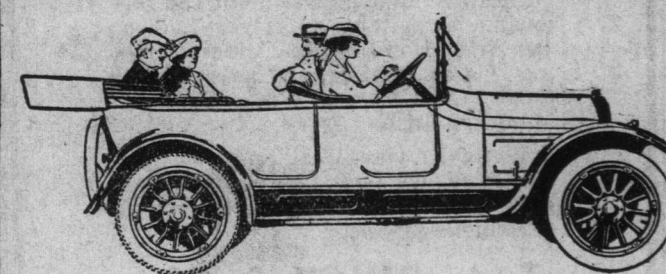
C. C. C. XMAS DANCE (in aid of New Hall and Band's running expenses)—On St. Stephen's Night (to-morrow week), Tuesday, December 26th, in the C. C. C. New Hall. Full C. C. C. Band. Popular prices and programme. Tickets at reduced prices Double now \$1.00 (formerly \$1.50); Lady's, 50c. Refreshments at usual prices. Those who attend are assured of a real old Xmas Dance.—d18,11

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