

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

PAPAL CELEBRATION.

ROME, Dec. 22.
The seventh anniversary of the coronation of Pope Benedict, postponed from September 6, was held today in the Sistine Chapel, in the presence of numerous church dignitaries and the Diplomatic Corps in Rome.

HOMELESS SOLDIERS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.
Mayor Martin has appealed to Premier elect King to open the Commodious Drill Hall here, for housing homeless men, many of whom are ex-soldiers, during the winter.

READING IS ADAMANT.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 22.
Lord Reading, Viceroy of India, today declined to withdraw proclamations prohibiting seditious meetings, and those against non co-operationists. This stand was announced to a Native Deputation, who asked that the proclamations be withdrawn, and imprisoned Moplah leaders released. The Viceroy however told the Deputation he hoped the Government might be able to change its attitude in the near future, and permit the suggested conference of all the important leaders.

STAGGERING UNDER THE LOAD.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 22.
The Canadian Council of Agriculture today adopted a resolution calling the attention of the Federal Government to disastrous conditions of Canadian agriculture, and urging upon the Government that it make use of its undoubted authority to organize, and if necessary, reorganize the personnel of the Railway Commission in order that relief from the crushing burden of freight rates be secured.

DYING BY THOUSANDS.

RIGA, Dec. 22.
"The famine situation in Russia has become absolutely ghastly," said Colonel Haskell, Director of American Relief Work in Russia, on his arrival here from Moscow. "Where a few months ago people were dying by hundreds, they are now dying by thousands."

AS IT IS IN IRELAND.

LONDON, Dec. 22.
The Dail Eireann's adjournment of further debate of the Irish peace agreement until January 3, although coming as a complete surprise here, was considered on the whole as favorable to chances for ratification. By agreement among the contending faction, Dail members will deliver no speeches touching on the agreement during the period of adjournment, nor will participate in public meetings at which the agreement is discussed, but it is believed the Irish people will get together and agitate for ratification. The English newspapers correspondents in Dublin emphasize the importance of the speech of Richard Mulcahy, chief of staff of the Irish Republican Army in Dail yesterday, in which he advocated acceptance of the treaty. They thought his support, together with that of such fighters as Michael Collins and J. C. McKeown assured the adhesion of republican forces throughout the country. Some correspondents dwell upon what they consider Eamon De Valera's loss of prestige, as indicated by the vote for adjournment, which he opposed. De Valera's statement that when he assumed the Republican Presidency he did not regard his oath as fettering his actions, and regarding it as considerably damaging his influence. Dublin correspondents of the Westminster Gazette, while hoping and believing that the treaty would be ratified, says Sinn Fein would still remain to be reckoned with. Emphasizing that Sinn Fein is not satisfied with the treaty he says it is difficult for English people to appreciate the invincible earnestness of the extreme Republicans of Ireland, to whose nature any compromise is entirely alien.

AMERICA ALWAYS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.
A resolution, by which President Harding would be authorized and directed to call an International Economic Conference, was introduced in the Senate yesterday by Senator France, Republican, of Maryland. The Conference would be held in Washington in March, 1922.

WOULDN'T HAVE IT.

ROMA, Dec. 22.
The Italian Chamber of Deputies, yesterday, defeated a motion of Deputy Chiesa in favor of the resumption of commercial relations with Russia by a vote of 220 to 88.

STARVING CHILDREN.

MOSCOW, Dec. 22.
The death rate in the famine districts of Russia is rising rapidly. More than two hundred victims are buried every day in the Saratov region. The United States relief administration is now feeding more than eight hundred thousand children and the number is expected to pass the million mark by Christmas.

HOW JAPAN VIEWS IT.

PARIS, Dec. 22.
Premier Takahashi, of Japan, is quoted by the Tokyo correspondent of the newspaper "Excelsior" as declaring "The quadruple entente, which for Japan replaces the Anglo-American alliance is much wider in its bearing on all chances of war. I venture to say," he continued, "that the Washington conference has opened a new epoch in the Pacific and the world. I not only believe that the entente will result in making the Japanese people happier, because it will lighten their burdens, but further that by reason of the guarantee we obtain, the position of Japan is strengthened in the Far East." In regard to China the Premier is quoted as saying, "China is in an advanced stage of decomposition. It will be an unpleasant situation for Japan and a misfortune for China, if as the result of her anarchy, she does not cooperate with friendly powers seeking to bring about her unification."

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