

# TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.30 A.M.

LONDON, To-day. The threat of reprisals by the British Government for the sinking of hospital ships has issued following the German admiral's statement, that the Admiralty had convincing evidence that hospital ships were frequently misused for the transportation of ammunition and troops. This statement said that hospital ships passing on the military route of hostile armies engaged in France and Belgium, which were then in the lines of Flamborough Head and Terschelling on the one hand and Land's End Point on the other, would be no more treated as such, but that Germany's enemies would be free to use such vessels for the transportation of wounded and sick army members outside of this district, barring other sea routes reserved in case of further misuse of hospital ships in violation of international law. The reply of the British Government denied the German Admiralty's allegation and pointed out that Germany had a right to search hospital ships in case of suspicion, a remedy which they never had utilized. It added that the request had been made to the U. S. that Germany be informed that Britain had decided that if Germany's threat was carried out reprisals will immediately be taken by the British authorities concerned.

### TAFT ALL FOR WAR.

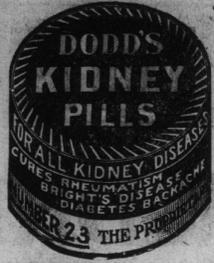
OKLAHOMA CITY, To-day. The only thing left for the U. S. to do in order to maintain its national honour is to get into war, William Howard Taft told a convention of the Oklahoma Branch of the League to Enforce Peace here to-day. After we get into war, he said, the thing to do is to get on the side of those who are fighting Germany. We can do nothing but make war now.

### MOST IMPORTANT.

MOOSE JAW, Sask., To-day. Four Moose Jaw cars were run by women conductors to-day. It is believed this is the first time women served as conductors in Canada. They wore uniforms with military caps, short skirts and leggings.

### AMERICAN ATTITUDE THE SAME.

WASHINGTON, To-day. While it is assumed from the defensive measures already taken by the military arm of the Government that President Wilson in addressing Congress next week will ask for war against Germany or a declaration that a state of war exists, it is known he will speak along broad lines dealing lightly with the incidents leading up to the present crisis. Officials feel now that the time is past when incidents should be discussed, and that henceforth only fundamental questions both as to the present and future American safety should be considered. As a result the President is gathering opinions and suggestions from all sides as to the sort of address to make in the coming crucial hours. The general situation has not been changed by the speech of the German Chancellor Bethmann Hollweg to-day, according to the view to-night of officials who read the press reports of the portion of the address dealing with the States and submarine warfare.



Germany, it was stated, has consistently attempted to lay the blame for action on other nations. On previous occasions Pres. Wilson has taken the position that Germany is in no way justified in carrying on such ruthless measures because of the British blockade. Only a complete change in the (submarine campaign would be likely to alter the) attitude of the United States it has been said semi-officially recently. The press reports indicate that the German Chancellor did not even discuss that possibility. The President will meet the Cabinet to-morrow for the last time before beginning the actual writing of his message to Congress, and therefore it is expected the German situation will be dealt with very fully. He is hopeful that no time will be lost in organizing the House so that he may deliver his address as soon as possible after the extra session convenes.

### WAR REVIEW.

LONDON, To-day. If the U. S. at the coming extra session should declare war against Germany, that country will have to bear the (outcome?) This statement was made by the German Chancellor in the Reichstag and seems to be the German's final declaration that Germany does not intend to give up her unrestricted sub. campaign. For the first time since the British and French troops began their seizure of the ground between Arras and Soissons evacuated by the Germans a period of comparative quiet has set in. The only advance recorded by either the British or French War Offices is the capture of the village of Neu Bourjon Vat, about ten miles S. W. of Roisel by the troops of Field Marshal Haig. Only artillery activity is reported from the front held by the French troops, still being quite violent in Champagne on the sector of Maison de Champagne, around Hill 304 near Verdun and in Lorraine near Emburmesnil. Along the eastern front in Russia the situation remains unchanged, the Russians and Austro-Germans being virtually inactive owing to the thaw. Petrograd reports the repulse of Russian attacks along the Ossia and Czobanyos Rivers in Roumania, but says the Russians put down an attempt by the Teutonic Allies to advance along the Fokshant-Teutchiu Road. British forces oper-

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ating in Palestine have made an advance of 15 miles against the Turks, capturing the entire staff of the 53rd Division of the Turkish, including a General and 900 men. The Austrians are keeping up the offensive against the Italian's eastern front in the Austro-Italian theatre. After having for several days heavily shelled the positions on the Carso front, they delivered an attack, but met with a repulse, according to the Italian War Office. Nothing new has come through concerning the operations in Macedonia. The British steamer Alnwick Castle, 5,900 tons, has been sunk in the Atlantic Ocean, 320 miles from the nearest land. According to the British Admiralty the ship was unarmed. Ten persons died from exposure in open boats, while others were frost bitten.

### 1.30 P. M.

#### GERMAN RHETORIC.

LONDON, To-day. Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent says that Dr. Von Bethmann Hollweg in his address, referred to events on the battlefronts and especially the Western front, on which, he said, things had been accomplished for which warm thanks were due the brave troops of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Von Ludendorff. His remarks were greeted with applause. The Chancellor is also quoted as saying the submarine warfare in March has been as successful as in February, a statement that was also greeted with applause. Referring to domestic affairs the Chancellor said the day's speeches had not convinced him that a reform of the Prussian franchise could be begun now. It would be a very serious matter to discuss such a question while millions of men were in the trenches. The Chancellor concluded by expressing confidence that the unity of the German people, who were without differences would make them invincible.

#### THE GREAT VICTORY IN PALESTINE.

LONDON, To-day. The newspapers to-day comment enthusiastically on the British victory near Gaza, in Palestine, which naturally opens the way for much biblical and historical reference and comparison. "The New Crusade" and "The fight for the Holy Land" are among the head lines. Jerusalem is assumed in some quarters to be the immediate objective of the invaders. Other commentators, however, think the British aim first at securing the whole coast of Palestine. In any case the newspapers consider that the blow dealt the Turks near Gaza will seriously cripple the effects of Emperor William's visit to Palestine and his entry into Jerusalem 19 years ago. Of this the Times says that the political aims which led to that visit are now in process of being shattered. The Holy Land, it would seem, is on the eve of being rescued from the regime which through centuries has held it in bondage. The manner in which the British have rushed railroads across the desert is considered a remarkable achievement. Apparently hundreds of miles of railroads have been constructed across the desert since last August.

#### Here and There.

**WEATHER REPORT**—The weather across country is calm and fine; temperature 22 to 45 above.

**Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS'.**

**ETHIE AND GLENCOE.**—The Ethie left Lamaline at 11 a.m. to-day, inward. The Glencoe left Port aux Basques at 5.40 p.m. yesterday.

**SEALERS LEAVE FOR HOME.**—About seventy sealers, members of the Sable I's crew, will leave by tomorrow's train for Gampo, whence they will proceed to their homes in Bonavista Bay. The R. N. Co. have special cars for the convenience of the men. A number of others will leave by the local this evening for points in Conception Bay.

**A BIG INSURANCE POLICY.**—The latest news in Life Insurance circles is that J. P. Morgan has taken out an additional insurance of two and a quarter million dollars. We understand a number of the Canadian Insurance Companies with branch offices in Newfoundland have taken a large portion of the risk, a fact that speaks well for the sound financial condition of these institutions.

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### Two More High Honors

Str.—I beg to inform you that His Excellency the Governor is in receipt of a cablegram from Major Timewell, of the Pay and Record Office, London, notifying him that No. 2010, Lance-Corporal Martin Pico, of Bos Warlos, St. George's, has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for Gallantry, and that No. 236 Sergt. Arthur Webber, of Harbor Grace, has been awarded an Italian Decoration, Bronze Medal, for valour. Sergt. Webber has already been awarded the Military Medal.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. R. BENNETT,  
Colonial Secretary.  
Editor Evening Telegram.

### 1917 Sealing Voyage a Good Success.

This year will witness an early close of the sealing voyage, due principally to the prohibiting of killing hood seals. With chances poor of getting any more harps the remaining six ships at the front are expected home to-morrow and Sunday. The Viking, the only ship operating in the Gulf, is about half fished. Still it is not unlikely that she will abandon the voyage after to-morrow. The aggregate catch is expected to reach two hundred thousand, a comparatively good voyage for twelve vessels. It will be noticed that the pelts are light, judging by the Sable I's cargo, the first ship discharged. This is due to the fact that the main body of whitecoats were disturbed and slaughtered so early in the spring, but when it is remembered that the ruling price for fat is phenomenally high the shrinkage in weight will be easily offset. The value of the voyage for 1917, it is estimated, will be approximately six hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of skins, or a total value of one million dollars.

### Municipal Council.

At last night's meeting of the Civic Council E. Guzewell wrote that one of his horse's legs was injured by getting entangled in the covering of a manhole, and claimed compensation. Referred to Solicitor.

J. P. Blackwood on behalf of his client, Mr. T. Sparkes, asked for permit to build on LeMarchant Road. The matter is in the hands of the Council's Solicitor.

J. Baird, on behalf of the Fire Insurance Underwriters, and the Inspector of Police, complained of the bad condition of the streets which would cause delay in the case of the fire companies proceeding to a fire. Referred to Engineer.

R. Dowden claimed damages amounting to \$30 for injury to house furnishings caused by water overflowing from a broken pipe on Military Road. Mr. Dowden makes his claim on the ground that the Council or its officials were to blame, as the broken main was not attended to for a considerable time after the Council had been made aware of the facts. Referred to Solicitor.

W. Snow, Golf Avenue, asked permission to build house, and offered to pay proportionate share of improving the street. Deferred for consideration.

Bye laws in connection with disposal of ashes and the hours of removal are to be published.

### An Explanation.

#### CAPTAIN PARSONS NOT TO BLAME

We published yesterday a letter from the Rev. Mr. Guy criticising strongly the conduct of Captain Parsons in a certain matter. We have to-day learned the full facts of the case, and out of justice to Captain Parsons will explain them briefly. It will be seen that the whole affair was one of mutual misunderstanding, and that the worst that the captain can be convicted of is possibly a little hastiness.

The day before Mr. Guy learned of the death of Mr. Badcock's son, Capt. Parsons was informed of it. He did not immediately acquaint Mr. Badcock, for good reasons, but broke the news to him early the following morning. He not only did this, but advised him that his place was with his family, sent him with the first officer to the train and altogether treated him with the greatest kindness. When Mr. Guy telephoned to him later in the day, he was unable to attend the phone personally and told the messenger he was too busy to do so. Had the Captain known the nature of Mr. Guy's business he would certainly not have made such an answer. We think that his behaviour to Mr. Badcock is sufficient answer to the charge which the reverend gentleman, perhaps not unreasonably from his standpoint, made against him.

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**TURKISH ARMY IN PALESTINE CAPTURED BY JERUSALEM.**  
LONDON. The British army in Palestine defeated a Turkish army of ten thousand men, capturing 1,000 men including the official staff of the 53rd Division. The official statement says British troops have advanced fifteen miles from the eastern coast of Palestine and have pushed the Turkish army back to the Wadi Ghazza, five miles south of Gaza. Gaza is twenty miles from the Egyptian boundary.

**BRITISH CAPTURED NEUVILLE.**  
LONDON. The British forces in Champagne captured the village of Neuville near Ypres, according to an official statement. The heavy casualties were inflicted by the German forces. The village of Neuville is situated on the eastern bank of the Somme, and was captured this morning at 11 a.m. in which the enemy lost 2,000 men. We took a few prisoners. The parties entered the enemy's trenches in the night east of Arras, in the neighborhood of Neuville and Neuve Chapelle. Several were destroyed and damaged. Two German aeroplanes were driven down in a damage during air fighting yesterday. Our machines are most efficient.

**FRENCH OFFICERS IN ARGONNE.**  
PARIS (Official). From the Somme to the situation is unchanged. Our artillery continued during the night. Our troops are in contact with the enemy in the Argonne, and during recent days, to the south of the Oise. Important material and munitions were captured. The Germans are still in possession of the shells on Soissons with their guns. In Rheims region, on a successful raid north of the Somme, in Champagne, the enemy attempts completely to drive down the Argonne. On the left bank of the Meuse during a spirited battle, our troops captured the last enemy trenches which were held since 18th March. Wood and Hill 304 sectors were captured. Some prisoners. Nothing to report on remainder of front.

### And the Worst is Yet to Come



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