

# TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.00 A.M.

## MAIL DETENTION CONTROVERSY.

LONDON, To-day. The controversy over the detention of international mails is widening in scope without any signs of settlement. The Anglo-Swedish phase of the controversy is attracting most attention, but other nations affected are watching developments closely. According to indications they are prepared to intervene with something more formal than inquiries. Protests from Sweden to England and vice versa crossed each other apparently without bringing the two nations any nearer to an understanding than they were when the dispute began. British traders doing business with Russia and Roumania are besieging the Foreign Office with petitions to have the question settled.

## CONSCRIPTION OF SURPLUS WEALTH.

LONDON, To-day. A suggestion made in the Commons this afternoon by William C. Anderson, Labor Member, that as a pendant to the Military Service Bill another Bill should be introduced for the conscription of all surplus wealth had a chilly reception. Premier Asquith declined to give facilities for such a measure. He reminded Anderson that steps in the direction indicated had already been taken by the Income tax, by the super-tax and by excess profits tax. The Prime Minister added: "I need hardly say it may be necessary to impose further burdens of this character, meanwhile I cannot anticipate measures which may be imposed in future Finance Bill by giving the suggested facilities."

## SENATOR SMITH TWISTS THE LION'S TAIL.

WASHINGTON, To-day. Britain's interference with neutral trade was the subject of vigorous and exhaustive speech in the Senate yesterday by Senator Smith, of Georgia, who pleaded for action to prevent England from advancing her own trade at the expense of the United States, while attempting to tugger Germany commercially. He declared the rights of the citizens of the United States and other neutral nations were being recklessly disregarded and emphasized particularly what he denounced as Britain's lawless treatment of the American cotton trade. Discussing the action of the Allies in proclaiming cotton trade as contraband, Senator asserted cotton had not been used or needed by Germany or her Allies for the manufacture of war munitions for more than eight months, as Germany had developed a process for using wood pulp as a cheaper and more effective substitute for cotton in the manufacture of explosives. "We quickly continue to furnish Britain what she is compelled to obtain from the United States while commercial rights of citizens of this country are trampled under foot," asked the Senator. The President can only write notes, said Senator Smith, "but he can do more. I do not mean to go to war. There may come a time when we shall have to fight, but I don't believe in involving the nation in war for a few dollars, all we have to do is to show that we have nerve to insist on our rights. England understands that we are right and that she is wrong. 'I want to say,' Senator Williams continued, "that if the Sena-

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tor from Georgia could have his way and Congress were to pass and the President sign the measure he advocates it necessarily would result in non-intercourse with Allies, unless they were to stand still like a lot of whipped cuds while warring for life, liberty and independence and obey the will of the United States. Congress would not stand for bullying from a people who cannot bully," Senator Williams took issue with the designation of England's blockade as a paper one. I don't want to see Dixie put into the attitude of caring just as much about prosperity as the lives of women and children sent to their graves in the ocean, he continued, until the question as to the loss of women and children is settled. "I do not intend to nag the President or his Administration about the loss of property. My people are not ready to put cotton and human life in the same basket, especially when they have sense enough to know that if the ship-ment of cotton to England and Allies was cut off cotton would be worth about four cents now. Senator Hitchcock, Democrat, asked Senator Williams what he would do to assure respect for the United States mails, declaring Britain had seized 52 bags of first class American mail, bound direct to Rotterdam, and had not consented to render justice yet. Suppose that the right of the United States is not answered by Britain, what would you do? demanded Senator Hitchcock. What Senator Williams wants me to say is that I would declare war against Britain and cause a lot of Irish, English, Welsh, Scotch, Canadians and Americans to be killed because my mail had been interfered with, but I shall not say it. Does the Senator know all that secret of the American mail stolen so that England can take our trade away from us, persisted the Nebraska. Of course I resent every act beligerent that violates our rights, replied Senator Williams, but I do not care enough about it to shed human blood over it. As to British censoring handover our trade letters to British business men I have doubts. It strikes me that Britain is a little too busy at war right now defending her life to be engaged in catching trade secrets. We have three thousand miles of undefended Canadian border. I don't want my boys to go up there killing Canadian boys and Canadian boys coming down here killing our boys, just because somebody stopped somebody's mail on its way to Norway. Suppose seizures went on indefinitely, demanded Hitchcock. Suppose the moon was made of green cheese, returned Senator Williams, but they are being made indefinitely, persisted Hitchcock. They are not, replied Senator Williams.

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By S. S. Stephano, Monday,  
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tribunal and the assembling of witnesses would necessitate the withdrawal of too many officers required on the field, but that everything was being done to assure an adequate inquiry in due course.

11.15 A.M.

## MILITARY SERVICE BILL PASSES COMMITTEE STAGE.

LONDON, To-day. The Military Service Bill was passed through the Committee of the House of Commons at 11 o'clock last night amid loud cheering. Walter Hume Long, President of the Local Board Government, in a speech closing the discussion said he desired to remove the impression that under this Bill the Government was creating a great monster in the form of a Military machine which would grab at any man coming within its scope. There was no intention that the War Office should act with undue severity, but on the contrary it is intended to maintain the present system, almost identical, but giving it a statutory position it had hitherto not occupied. Philip Snowden, the Socialist member for Blackburn, speaking as an opponent of the Bill, paid a warm tribute to the generous spirit of the Bill had been piloted through the House by Andrew Bonar Law and Mr. Long. Mr. Bonar Law then expressed grateful thanks of himself and Mr. Long to all sections of the House for the restraint shown in Committee. John Dillon, the Nationalist, added that he had never seen a Bill which might easily have led to a passionate and heated debate conducted through the House with greater skill or in a more conciliatory manner. He thought that Premier Asquith had never shown greater skill than in leaving its conduct to Mr. Long and Bonar Law.

## LITTLE DOING IN FRANCE.

LONDON, To-day. The British Official issued last night reports fourteen fights in air yesterday. We drove two enemy machines down into the German lines during the day. We lost one aeroplane. Yesterday we exploded a mine near Tricourt. An enemy aeroplane dropped bombs on the outskirts of an unimportant village behind our lines. Generally on the front the day passed quietly. There was less artillery fighting than usual and there is nothing of importance to report.

## BIG RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE.

LONDON, To-day. Violent attacks by the Russians with strongly reinforced armies are being launched against the Austro-Hungarians, along the Bessarabian frontier. This is a renewal of the offensive. The sanguinary character of it is indicated by the Austrian official reports which say that between Tzortz and Boyantz, the Russians at several places succeeded in entering the trenches of the Teutons, and engaged the defenders in hand to hand encounters. To the northeast of Czortowitz, the Russians claim to have captured an Austrian Sector, and to have repulsed five desperate counter-attacks. The Russian official communication tells of a raid on the Spichk sector in the Russian line. Sixteen vessels being destroyed along the Anatolian Coast. In the Caucasus, the Turks, according to Petrograd, were thrown from their positions in the centre of the long front, suffering heavy losses. In addition to the usual artillery and mining operations in the Western line, the operations in the Eastern line, we have essayed an infantry attack against the Germans to the north of Verdun. Berlin reports that the attack was put down. The announcement is that the British Commonwealth that the British column coming up the Tigris valley to the relief of Kut-el-amara is in close touch with the Turks at Esin, seven miles from Kut-el-amara. This region of Petrograd, soon will be the scene of a big battle between the relief column and the British hemmed at Kut, and the Ottoman forces. Although it has been officially announced that fighting had resumed between the Austrians and Montenegrins, no news concerning the details of the new operations have come through. King Nicholas is declared to be at Podgoritz, with his troops. The Military Service Bill passed through the Committee in the House of Commons. Emperor William has returned to Germany after a visit to the Balkans. Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia in the United States, says the Senate has denounced Great Britain for the holding up of neutral commerce, especially cotton to Germany, and proposed an embargo on munitions and foodstuffs to Great Britain. Senator John Sharpe Williams, in reply, said that until the issue of murdered American women and children on the high seas were settled, he would not nag the President, or attempt to force a settlement for monetary losses, until after the war.

1.15 P.M.

## "HOLD FIRM" SAYS JOFFRE.

PARIS, To-day. Joffre says that the essential thing now is for civilians to do their part in holding firm. "If only civilians will hold firm that is the essential thing," said the French Commander-in-Chief to a deputation from National Railroads' Men's Union, formed to help war sufferers. "If Frenchmen keep steady we shall have victory, not immediately or even soon, but eventually."

## AN AUSTRIAN DENIAL.

VIENNA, To-day. It is announced here that press reports say that Montenegro has discontinued negotiations are unfounded. It is stated that as yet the laying down of arms demanded by Austria has not been completed by the Montenegrins, and that until this is done by all the Montenegrin troops, peace conditions will not be discussed. Conditions have not yet been stated, as Austro-German peace terms, Countessmarch, Otto, formerly Austrian Minister to Gettine, is still en route for that city and arrived at Solajavo to-day. It is added that several of the Montenegrin troops will be sent to force a settlement for monetary losses, until after the war.

will be, it is stated here cannot yet be published, but they will include the retention of Mount Lovcen.

## MONTENEGRO WILL FIGHT TO BITTER END.

PARIS, To-day. The Montenegrin Consul in Paris makes the official announcement that all negotiations between Montenegro and Austria have been broken off, and that Montenegro has decided to fight to the bitter end.

## AUSTRIANS RENEW FIGHTING.

GENEVA, To-day. A correspondent of the Temps says that according to a despatch from Vienna, the active renewal of military operations have been undertaken by the Austrians in Montenegro.

## KAISER MAKES A SPEECH.

LONDON, To-day. A despatch from Amsterdam says at a banquet given in Nish on Tuesday last, on the occasion of the presence there of Emperor Wilhelm and King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, both monarchs delivered addresses.

## TEUTON BOOTY.

LONDON, To-day. An Amsterdam despatch says that the total booty of the Teutonic Allies during the 17 months is summed up in Vienna as follows: Nearly 3,000,000 prisoners; 10,000 guns; 40,000 machine guns; 470,000 square kilometres of enemy territory has been occupied.

1.45 P.M.

## DEDEAGHATCH BOMBARDED.

LONDON, To-day. The Allied warships bombarded Dedegatch on Tuesday, according to a Saloniki despatch to Reuters; the bombardment caused considerable damage to a train and several storehouses were set afire.

## "CANNOT BE STARTED."

AMSTERDAM, To-day. "An Empire that stretches from Aras to Bagdad cannot be starved, even if its enemies cut off all supplies from the outside world," says the Cologner. An article on the prospective tightening of the blockade by the Allies. The newspaper expressed the opinion that such a measure would greatly increase Great Britain's difficulties with neutral nations, which, it says, would not allow Britain to continue to destroy the commerce. It adds that this measure would never bring victory to the Entente.

2.00 P.M.

## BERLIN SAYS THAT CONSTANTINE HAS REFUSED ENTENTE DEMANDS.

NEW YORK, To-day. A cable to the New York Times from Berlin says: reports have reached Berlin that the demands made by the Allies in their ultimatum to the King of Greece that passports be handed to the representatives of the Central Powers have been refused. Further information is lacking. The last remaining bridges about Saloniki have been destroyed.

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## Cartridges Exploded.

The boy Phiscent, of Trinity Bay, the victim of an accident, as explained in our report in yesterday's Telegram, is now at the General Hospital under treatment and is doing well, and it will not be long before his wounds are healed and he will be discharged. Exactly how the accident occurred is the details of the new operations have come through. King Nicholas is declared to be at Podgoritz, with his troops. The Military Service Bill passed through the Committee in the House of Commons. Emperor William has returned to Germany after a visit to the Balkans. Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia in the United States, says the Senate has denounced Great Britain for the holding up of neutral commerce, especially cotton to Germany, and proposed an embargo on munitions and foodstuffs to Great Britain. Senator John Sharpe Williams, in reply, said that until the issue of murdered American women and children on the high seas were settled, he would not nag the President, or attempt to force a settlement for monetary losses, until after the war.

## Suddenly Lost Voice While Singing at St. John.

St. John Telegraph, 11th.—One of the most amazing accidents in theatrical circles in St. John for some years occurred last Thursday, when a singer was suddenly stricken almost dumb in the middle of a song. Five weeks ago Miss Helen Marr, of Boston, arrived in the city to fill an engagement at the Gem Theatre. She came from the Olympia Theatre, Boston, and was a singer of splendid ability, being possessed of a voice of good quality and remarkable range.

## On Thursday evening last she was singing at the theatre, when suddenly she was stricken in her throat, and her voice left her almost completely.

The young lady was forced to stop in her singing, and was taken to the Lansdowne House, where she was a guest. On examination it was found that one of the vocal cords, under the severe strain of constant singing, had collapsed.

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ONE ARREST.—Matters were quiet in police circles last evening and only one arrest was made.

FROM WESTWARD.—The S.S. Portia left Placentia at 4 a.m. to-day, due here to-morrow morning.

WEATHER.—It is calm and fine along the railway line to-day; the temperature ranging from 10 to 20 above.

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RECOVERING.—Inspector General Sullivan, who was operated on at the General Hospital a few days ago, is on the mending hand.

KYLE'S PASSENGERS.—The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.15 a.m. to-day with the following passengers: George F. Goldbert, Alex. Carral, J. M. Boak, Mrs. W. J. Carol, A. S. Denison, Walter Nicolle, H. C. Moore.

COAL CARCOES.—It is expected that the S.S. Neptune will leave North Sydney to-morrow for this port. The S.S. Eagle is also expected to get away from North Sydney to-morrow, "black diamonds" laden for here.

POLICE COURT.—(Before Mr. Morris, J.P.)—A man, summoned by his wife for assault and non-support, was ordered to sign bonds to give \$4 per week for the support of his wife and children, or go down for 30 days.

FIRE ENQUIRY.—An enquiry into the fire which destroyed the store of Mr. A. Thompson and badly damaged the store of Mr. Jessop, both situated on Duckworth Street, is being conducted this afternoon at the Magistrate's Court.

SACRISTAN PENSIONED.—Mr. Daniel Clatney, who for the past twenty years held the position of Sacristan at the R. C. Cathedral, has been pensioned, his retirement being brought about principally owing to his failing health of the past few years. A successor has not yet been appointed.

REIDS BOATS.—The Argyle sailed from Placentia for the westward at 5.20 p.m. yesterday; the Glencoe left Harbor Breton, early this morning, going west; the Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.15 a.m. to-day; the Meikle is due at Placentia from North Sydney; the Sagona left Port aux Basques at 10.30 p.m. yesterday.

## BORN.

On the 8th inst., a son to Mrs. and Mr. J. Nugent, grocer.

## DIED.

This morning of bronchitis, Belay M., aged 1 year and 9 months, darling child of Dr. W. and Mrs. Roberts. On January 20th, at 11.30 a.m., Eli Garland, aged 48 years, leaving a wife, 5 children, mother, one sister and 2 brothers, to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 46 Spencer Street.

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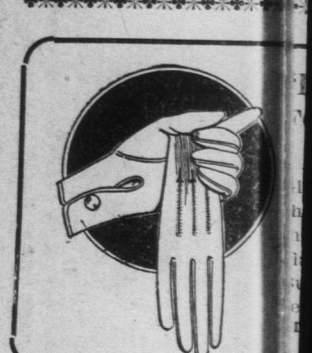
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