

TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.00 A. M.

FAVOUR CHURCH UNION.

MONTREAL, To-Day. The Congregational Union of Canada, which is holding an annual meeting here, passed resolutions to-day in favour of selective conscription, Church Union and Federal Prohibition. The vote on Union was without a dissenting voice.

TO RECRUIT FOR ALL ALLIED ARMIES.

BOSTON, To-Day. The United States is to be made a recruiting ground for the armies of all the Allied powers, according to Col. MacInnes of the Adjutant General's Department of Canada, and Major Chas. D. Murray of the War Office, London, members of the British recruiting mission to this country who were here to-day. They said the British and Canadian recruiting forces already here would assist in the work of enrolling subjects in Italy, Belgium and France for war service either with British organizations or in forces of their own countries. The officers said they were arranging this international enlistment and would direct the work in New England.

PERSHING'S PARTY IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, To-Day. Headed by Major General John J. Pershing, its Commander, the first representatives of the American Army that is to enter the European war embarked this morning at a British port after an uneventful voyage of 10 days aboard the White Star liner Baltic. The party was received with full military honours and immediately entered the city, where it arrived this afternoon and was welcomed by Earl Derby, Minister of War; Viscount French, Commander of the British Home Forces, and Canadian officers and American officials. General Pershing's personal staff and members of the general staff who will perform the preliminary work for the first fighting force, number 57 officers, and are accompanied by a squad of some fifty privates and a large military band. The entire contingent devoted itself to the hardest kind of work organizing throughout the journey, and the whole atmosphere of the contingent is that of men embarking on a grave enterprise with the deepest realization of its difficulties and demands.

BIG EARTHQUAKE IN SAN SALVADOR.

SAN JUAN, Del., To-Day. San Salvador, Santa Fecla and neighboring towns and villages were destroyed by earthquakes which commenced at seven o'clock last night and continued throughout the night, according to information received here from the President of Nicaragua to-night. The President's message says that telegraphic communication has just been re-established with San Salvador and confirms that the earthquakes commenced at 7 o'clock p.m. yesterday (Thursday) and continued all night, accompanied by a heavy rain. San Salvador, Santa Fecla and neighboring towns and villages were destroyed. The casualties were small. There were some fires. The President of Nicaragua telegraphed the President of San Salvador offering relief committees to send help to the suffering and homeless.

WHEAT FOR BELGIUM.

LONDON, To-Day. Word was received here to-day that two Belgian Relief Commission boats had reached Rotterdam from Halifax with 10,000 tons of wheat. These are the first of such boats crossing the Atlantic for some time. Their cargoes will be welcomed in Belgium where there has been a shortage of cereals.

A WELCOME POSTPONEMENT.

LONDON, To-Day. Owing to various circumstances the general meeting of the International Socialist Committee set for to-day in Stockholm could not be held, says a Reuters despatch to-night from the Swedish capital. It is rumoured, says the message, that the meeting has been postponed until September.

12 30 P.M.

BRITISH SHIP REACHES U.S.A.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, To-Day. The British passenger ship Orduna has arrived from the United Kingdom bringing 25 passengers. The ship was conveyed through the war zone and for more than 1,000 miles of her voyage by American destroyers.

BRITISH RECRUITING IN U.S.A.

NEW YORK, To-Day. The British Recruiting Mission announced yesterday that in its campaign for enlistments an active canvass would be undertaken at the disposal of the British Recruiting Mission, it was said, which, with an idea given by the British Consuls, was expected to supply virtually a complete record of all British subjects in the United States from 18 to 45 years of age.

SAN SALVADOR WIPED OUT.
SAN JUAN DEL SAR, To-Day.
A report received from San Miguel

says that San Salvador was destroyed, only 100 houses being left standing. The strong earthquakes there, the report says, were followed later by lava and boiling water.

GREAT STOCK OF MEAT DESTROYED.

BUENOS AIRES, To-Day. According to advices from Colon province an enormous stock of frozen meats in the warehouses of a British company has been destroyed. The stock was intended for the Entente Allies, and its value estimated at 2,000,000 piastres. The persons engaged in the plot are said to be Turks.

SHAMING THE MEN.

PETROGRAD, To-Day. Two hundred girl students of the Petrograd Technical Institute have entered their names on the rolls of a female regiment which is being raised by Ensign Butchkareff. The aim is to immediately start for the front and to fight in all respects under the same conditions as men. Scores of girls and women anxious to fight appeared yesterday at the office of the League of Equivalents for Women, which has expressed its approval of Lt. Butchkareff. Last night the women warriors held their first meeting. They were addressed by Col. Popenoff of the twelfth army who appealed to the women to shame the male strikers and to admit to their hearts only suitors who have actively helped to defend the Fatherland.

PRISONERS' STORIES.

British Headquarters in France, To-Day.—Comparative quiet reigned yesterday along the front of the latest British attack which wrested Messines Ridge from the Germans on Thursday. The noise of the guns was quite appalling but otherwise the day was one of the utmost calm. The night was also quiet and the British have thoroughly consolidated their gains and are able to defend them against any counter attack the temporarily bewildered Germans may commence. Prisoners kept coming in yesterday in increasing hundreds, dazed by nearly a week of the most terrifying gas fire and half famished as a result of the starvation barrage the British had kept on their lines of communication and supply. These men upon reaching the cool grassy spots within the barbed wire stockades erected for their anticipated arrival, stripped themselves to the waist, tore off their heavy trench boots and flung themselves on the ground, where they were soon lost in the heavy sleep of complete exhaustion, for their war is over and their relief at being out of it was only too evident. The men who had seen most of their military service on the Russian front were the most demoralized of all. "We had heard much of conditions on the Western front," said one of the captured German officers, "but we always thought there was much exaggeration about them. We had no realization what war was

when we came from Russia a few weeks ago. We were told we were going up against British, but that we need not worry as the English were not in a position to accomplish anything serious against us in view of their offensive at Arras. The artillery fire we experienced when we first came to Messines Ridge was more terrible than anything we had seen or heard of on the eastern front. When within a week ago the English started their extensive bombardment it was horrible to endure. Few of us ever thought we would get out alive. There was a distinct sense of relief when the mine was exploded on Thursday morning. We knew then that an attack was under way and that we soon should be dead or in a position to surrender. Most of us can frankly say that we preferred the latter. This experience of ours should end the war; we have no possible chance to win. Two days ago my division was made up of three splendid German regiments. We were of fire with which we could not possibly compete. Now my division exists no more." This officer had no complaints to make against the German higher command and no apparent desire to win favor from his British captors. He was so shaken by the ordeal he had undergone that he seemed to find at least a momentary relief in expressing in excellent English the thoughts which were uppermost in his mind. The experience of his division apparently is evidence that Germany is not finding a solution here of her military difficulties in the transferring of her old eastern units to the western front.

Boy Hurt at Railway Yard.

A lad named Washington Winsor, 14 years of age, met with an accident at the railway yard at 10.30 o'clock this morning. It happened that the boy in question, named Michael Roche, was polishing the brass fittings on one of the R. N. Co's sleeping cars when, the latter attempting to extract a rubber band from the pocket of the former, which he claimed was his, young Winsor fell off the platform of the car and, striking the end of a railway tie, injured his hip. He was picked up in a semi-conscious condition and brought into the station, where an attempt to secure the services of a doctor were of no avail. He was later placed in a cab and driven to his home, 29 Brazil's Field. The boy is a son of Mr. Howard Winsor, cabinet maker.

Thursday's outgoing express reached Port aux Basques on time yesterday. The incoming express with first-class passengers reached the city at 2.30 p.m. to-day. The local from Carbonear arrived in the city at noon to-day.

Our Baseball Column.

PLAGIARISED AND OTHERWISE.



CASEY AT THE BAT.

(Requested).

There was case in Casey's manner as he stepped into his place. There was pride in Casey's bearing and a smile on Casey's face. And when responding to the cheers he lightly doffed his hat. No stranger in the crowd could doubt 'twas Casey at the bat.

Ten thousand eyes were on him as he rubbed his hands with dirt. Five thousand tongues applauded when he wiped them on his shirt. Then while the writhing pitcher ground the ball into his hip, Defiance gleamed in Casey's eye, a sneer curled Casey's lip.

And now the leather-covered sphere came hurtling thro' the air. And Casey stood watching it with haughty grandeur there; Close by the sturdy batsman the ball unheeded sped—"That ain't my style," said Casey. "Strike One," the umpire said.

From the benches, black with people, there went up a muffled roar. Like the beating of storm waves on a stern and distant shore; "Kill him; kill the umpire!" shouted someone in the stand. And it's likely they'd have killed him had not Casey raised his hand.

With a smile of Christian charity great Casey's visage shone. He stilled the rising tumult, he bade the game go on; He signalled to the pitcher and once more Casey's visage shone. But Casey still ignored it, and the umpire said "Strike Two."

"Fraud!" cried the maddened thousands, and echo answered "fraud!" But a scornful look from Casey and the audience was awed; They saw his face grow stern and cold, they saw his muscles strain, And they knew that Casey would not let that ball go by again.

The sneer is gone from Casey's lip, his teeth are clenched in hate, He pounds with cruel violence his bat upon the plate;

And now the pitcher holds the ball, and now he lets it go, And now the air is shattered by the force of Casey's blow.

Oh, somewhere in this favoured land the sun is shining bright, The band is playing somewhere and somewhere hearts are light, And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout, But there is no joy in Mudville—mighty Casey has "struck-out."

Tim Hartnett has registered with the American Consul here for the U. S. Selective Service for active service. It is to be hoped however that Uncle Sam will have a heart, and let him lead his Wanderers thro' the season. "Bill" Sinnott's pitching is still the poetry of motion as it used to be in the pre-war days. His wing will be of great assistance to the B. I. S. this year, though he says his arm is so sore that his slow ball is faster than his fast one.

T. Cobb, the famous professional baseball player, doesn't grip his bat with both hands together at the lower end of the club. His hands are several inches apart and at least three inches from the end of the mace he wields.

The genial "Doc" Pritchard has signified his intention of playing if the Wanderers are in need of his services. Some of the other clubs wish he would make the same offer to them.

Along with the cock-robins, blushing violets, collis-in-the-head, poets, and other signs of Spring, the baseball prophets awoke from their long, long sleep this week. They are particularly active in the vicinity of Rawlin's Cross—where one and better baseball is played each night after the Nickel show than could be played in three Newfoundland leagues.

You said it, Bo! Charlie Quick and Si Jenkins are again going to be in the outer gardens for the Red Lions this year. These "youths" allow very little to get past them; while anything that goes in the air finds its happy resting place in their gloves. Three strikes by Art Hiltz are almost as rare as one strike by Ford workmen.

HEARD AT PRACTICE.

It's easy enough to be pleasant When existence moves onward serene; But the bloke worth while Is the one who can smile When the pile is scorching his bean.

That star of backstops—Charlie Ford—announced at the end of last season that he had played his last game of ball. The need of funds for the Red Cross, however, found a ready response with Ford, and he is going to don his Wanderers' togs once more. It's a pity some others don't emulate his example.

A Difficulty Solved

Webster defines a Razor as "A sharp-edged instrument used for shaving," but failed to specify the method of keeping it sharp.

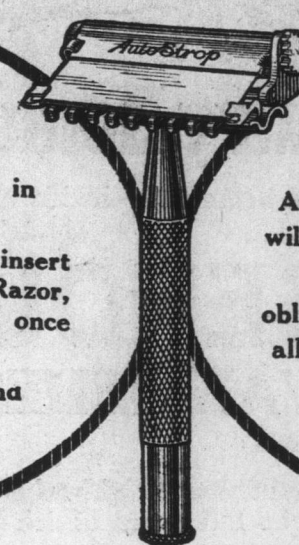
The invention of the AutoStop Razor has provided a precise method of keeping its blades in perfect condition for shaving.

To renew the edge you need only insert the stop through the head of the Razor, and the stropping of the blade is at once automatic.

The edge is renewed for each shave and daily improves with use.

Try it without cost by asking your dealer to lend you an AutoStop Safety Razor on approval. You will like it so well that you will gladly pay for it. You may return the Razor without further obligation if its service is not totally and unusually satisfactory.

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TORONTO

CANADA

AT THE HOUSE.

Petitions were presented by Mr. Moulton from Channel for a bridge; by Mr. Abbott from Troystown for a public wharf, road and telegraph construction, and from Sailors' Island and Flat Island, B.B., for telephone and post office; by Mr. Winsor from St. Brendan's for a road to Dock Cove; by Mr. Winsor from Pool's Island for repairs to public wharf, also from Port Blandford for a grant for a bridge, also from Brookfield for repairs to a bridge; by Mr. Lloyd from Burgoyne's Cove, Petley, Britannia Cove and Clifton for a motor boat to replace a sailing vessel to do the mail service, also from Bellview for telegraph connection; from Little Heart's East for grant for road to Little Harbour; by Mr. Stone from Trinity East, Port Rexton, Champneys and English Harbour for protection of cattle from railway trains, also from Ireland's Eye, Amherst Cove and Bonavista for a telegraph office and extension of the wires to Ireland's Eye.

The Resolutions confirming the contract for the Bay of Islands Steam Service were passed without amendment.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole dealing with the Resolutions in relation to the contracts with the Riverside Woollen Mills, Ltd., and the Newfoundland Knitting Mills, Ltd.

The Leader of the Opposition strongly criticized certain sections of the Resolutions. He said the price of clothing was just as essential to the people as the price of foodstuffs and he considered it an iniquitous practice on the part of the Government to further overburden the people with taxation and bind future legislation and future Governments for twenty years in regard to the tariff.

Other speakers were the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Coaker and Mr. Halfyard.

The Committee then rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again. The Trustees Act Amendment Bill went through its second reading.

The Colonial Secretary tabled the reports of the Agricultural and Mines Department, after which the House adjourned till Monday afternoon.

Grocery Store To-Night

To-night's the night all right. Lots of high class groceries, and several fourteen pound sacks of flour given away. Many people only come for the fun and there will be lots of fun to-night. Rossley's troupe of hand-some young ladies, all highly trained and adapted to the various parts, and the greatest picture ever exhibited to an intelligent audience. Send the children, so good for them to see a good, instructive picture once in a while. Corporal Jagers, of the 60th Rifles, who lost a leg in the Battle of Ypres, the only one representing the wounded Canadians on the vaudeville stage. His act consists of songs, dances, drills and many thrilling stories of life at the front. He certainly amused the wounded in hospital with his antics.

JUST ARRIVED!—Khaki Drill for Ladies' and Gent's Raglans, 35c. and 40c. yard. THE WEST END BAZAAR, June 8, 21 51 Water St. West.

Cape Race Report.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind S. E., light, weather dull. The Portia passed at 5.40 a.m. Bar. 29.75; ther. 50.

SUMMER FOOTWEAR

Ladies', Misses' & Children's.

New Styles Now Showing.

LADIES' OXFORDS.

Dongola, Gun Metal and Patent . . . \$2.50
Patent, Cream Cloth Tops . . . \$2.00

STRAP SHOES.

2 Strap Dongola Sandals . . \$1.80 and \$2.50
4 Bar with Bow . . . \$2.50
High Cut Laced, Black Kid, \$5.50 and \$7.00
High Cut Laced, Grey Kid, Cloth Top, \$5.50
Black Velvet, Buttoned . . . \$2.00

WHITE DUCK FOOTWEAR.

Ladies' Laced and Buttoned Boots . . \$2.50
High Cut Laced . . . \$2.70
Ladies' Strap Shoes . . . \$1.50
Ladies' Pumps . . . \$2.00

PUMPS.

Dull Kid, plain toe . . . \$1.75
Dull Kid, Grey Cloth Top . . . \$1.75
Dull Kid, low heel . . . \$2.25
Patent, Black Cloth Top . . . \$2.50

GREY CLOTH LACED BOOTS.

Black and Tan Foxed . . . \$3.00

CHILD'S & MISSES WHITE DUCK BOOTS.

6 to 10 . . . \$1.50 to \$1.70
11 to 2 . . . \$1.75 to \$1.95

STRAP SHOES.

6 to 8 . . . \$1.05
9 to 11 . . . \$1.15
12 to 2 . . . \$1.25



STEER Brothers

Concert For Church Fund.

All arrangements have been finalized in connection with the high class concert to be held in Hoytestown, on Monday evening next, for the benefit of the new St. Joseph's Church Building Fund. Some of the best known and talented performers of the city are taking part and what promises to be a most entertaining feature will be the production of a children's Play-let. The worthy object is deserving of a liberal patronage. Work on the new church is progressing rapidly and the contractors hope to have it ready for occupancy some time next month.

Nothing better for Wedding or Birthday Presents can be had than a set of that pretty Ivoroyd Goods showing at R. H. TRAP-NELL'S.—June 9, 61

Naval and Military Convalescent Hospital.

Amount previously acknowledged . . . \$2,644.42
Donation from Capt. William Bartlett, Brigus, per Lady Davidson . . . 10 00
Discount on Wm. J. Clouston's account . . . 1 65
Donation from Brookfield Tea and Entertainment for General Expenses . . . 3 20
Donation from the Assyrian residents on Bell Island, per Hon. J. R. Bennett . . . 100 50
Donation from Mrs. Mackinson, The Goulds . . . 2 00
Discount on Harvey & Co's account . . . 1 65
Discount on George Knowling's account . . . 55
Donation from The Presby-

terian W. P. A. . . . 20 00

Additional Donors of Fully Equipped Beds Cost \$55 Each.

Brookfield Tea and Entertainment, per Mrs. E. Lester and Mrs. Glendenning—2 beds.
Children of Cape Broyle, per M. C. 1 bed.
Children of Presbyterian College—1 bed.

C. C. C. BAND MONTHLY DANCE (in aid of New Hall)—C. C. C. New Hall on Thursday next, June 14. Tickets—Double, \$1.00 (including supper); Lady's, 50c. Music by the full Band. Donations of cakes, etc., from lady friends of the Band will be gratefully received.—11

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GARTGET IN COWS.