TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

BANDITS HOLD UP 170 PEOPLE IN DETROIT.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 20.
Seven gunmen, early Sunday, held up Allendale Inn at Warren and Snyder Street. They lined up one hundred and seventy persons at the Inn and obtained money and jewellery valued at several thousand dollars. Four persons, including one woman, were shot and seriously injured. The gunmen escaped in an automobile. A short time later an automobile containing seven men, believed to be the ones who held up the Inn, was seen in Monroe, about forty miles southwest of here. The night policeman in Monroe approached the car and one of the persons in the machine shot and killed him. Two of the gunmen stayed outside of the roadhouse while three entered from the front door and two from the back. They all began firing through the crowded dance hall. Women screamed and fainted. The bandits stripped the jewellery from the women and money from the pockets of the men. In their haste they tore diamonds from rings and stickpins with their teeth.

CHAMBERLAIN DECLARES ENTENTE HANGS BY A THREAD.

MANCHESTER, Aug. 20.
Addressing the members of the West Birmingham Unionist Association on Saturday night, Austen Chamberlain declared "the entente is hanging by a thread and any clumsy handling of the reparations question at this moment may snap that thread and undermine the work of the last twelve or fifteen years." He characterized the Government's last note to France as inconsistent, illogical and futile, and pleaded for caution in a situation which he said was fraught with peril for Great Britain, the Allies, Europe and the world. He added, "Germany is almost at the brink of disaster and threatened with a revolution. She is in peril of starvation because of the reckless finance in which she indulged."

NOMINATIONS IN IRISH ELECTIONS CAUSE NO SURPRISE.

DUBLIN, Aug. 20.
Nominations for Free State parliamentary elections furnish no surprises. On the average there are less than three candidates for each of the one hundred and fifty-three seats grouped into thirty constituencies. Republican candidates number about eighty.

COMPETITOR IN THE SCHOONER RACE LAUNCHED.

GLOUCESTER, Aug. 20.
A winner in the builders' race against time, the new fishing schooner Shamrock was launched Saturday at the Essex yards of A. B. Story. The vessel has been entered in the race for the Lipton trophy off this port in August and her owners plan to have her trials next Friday . The Shamrock is somewhat smaller than the three other schooners entered in the race—the Mayflower, Henry Ford and Elizabeth Howard. She will be commanded by Capt. Malloch.

EIGHT LIVES LOST IN HOTEL FIRE IN MUSKOKA.

TORONTO, Aug. 20.
The Canadian National officials here state that their information is that eight lives were lost when the Wawa Hotel on Lake of Bays, Muskoka, Ontario, was burned at one o'clock on Sunday morning.

SIR WILLIAM MEREDITH IS SERIOUSLY ILL.

MONTREAL, Aug. 20.
Sir William Meredith, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Ontario, is lying seriously ill at the Royal Victoria Hospital here. He is stated to be in no immediate danger.

THAMES DOCK STRIKERS RETURNING TO WORK.

LONDON, Aug. 20.
Thames dock strikers have agreed to return to work on Tuesday, thus ending the unauthorised strike that for several weeks past has appeared to form the basis of a possible national dock strike. The Strike Committee maintains workers have won their freedom by breaking with the Union, saying that fifteen thousand men have enrolled with new amalgamation of lighter men, stevedores and cokers.

FOREST FIRE DOES DAMAGE IN SOUTH OF FRANCE.

CANNES, France, Aug. 20.
A forest fire broke out Saturday in Esterel Mountains and spread rapidly to the seaboard village of Mandelieu. The populace sought refuge in Cannes area. Colonial troops were hurried from Toulon to cope with the fire, which also played havoc in the village of Roquebrune and Valscque, resorts frequented by Americans in winter season. Material damage is reported to be tremendous and three lives were said to be lost.

DOWNFALL OF POWER OF COMMUNISTS THREATENED.

BOLOGNA, Italy, Aug. 20.
Four thousand workers of Molin

ella, thirty miles from here, have joined the National Fascisti syndicates. This is looked upon as marking the downfall of the power of the Communists here.

Personal

Capt. Ed. Bishop, of Wesleyville, is at present in town on business.

Messrs. E. B. Garland and J. A. Carmichael left by yesterday's express on a wee's vacation at Grand Falls.

The Prizes won in St. Joseph's Garden Party Regatta will be presented to-night in St. Joseph's Hall, at 9 o'clock. Winning crews are requested to be present.

MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES NEURALGIA.