

TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.00 A. M.

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, To-day. Continuing his isolated attacks against the French lines the German Crown Prince on Friday threw his troops forward north of Moulin Lafaux, where the battle front bends northeast of Soissons, and against the battle scarred positions on Hill 304 on the Verdun front. Checked on Thursday in his attempt to hold the positions won on Mont Haut in Champagne, the Crown Prince had better success in his effort to break the French line. Near Moulin-de-Lafaux the Germans gained a footing in some advanced trenches, while counter attacks by the French troops forced them to retire from most elements taken, but they still remain in the toe of a portion of them. French artillery fire sufficed to check the German efforts against Hill 304, the Germans suffering heavy losses. There has been increased artillery firing in the Ypres sector in Belgium. Both London and Berlin comment in their statements on the activity of heavy guns in that region. Aside from several small raids and outpost engagements there has been little doing, except in artillery fighting on the Arras battle front. On the other battle fronts there have been no changes. Austrian attacks in the Vojdice area of Julian front, north of Gorizia, were repulsed by the Italians, and Vienna reports the failure of Italian attacks in the same region. The taking over of the government of the great fortress of Kronstadt by the Local Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates, and strike outbreaks in many large munition factories in Petrograd, indicate that the new Provisional Government in Russia is meeting with increased internal opposition. Kronstadt, 20 miles west of Petrograd, is the main fortress guarding the Russian capital, and is the main port of entry to the capital from the Baltic Sea. The Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates there not only have taken charge of the town but have declared that they do not recognize the Provisional Government. The Council has announced that all relations between Kronstadt and Petrograd hereafter will be carried out only through the Petrograd branch of the Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates, which recently caused the overthrow of several members of the Russian Cabinet. More than 120 of the largest factories in Petrograd are threatened with a complete tie up because of the strike demands made by the workmen. Several factories already have been tied up by strikers and the Conciliation Board is endeavoring to bring about an agreement between workmen and employers.

MOB RULE IN RUSSIA.

PETROGRAD, To-day. The fateful decision of the Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates to assume control of Kronstadt, the great fortress which defends Petrograd, was carried out by a vote of 210 against 40, with eight delegates abstaining from voting. It is announced by the Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates that henceforth the relations of Kronstadt with Petrograd and the remainder of Russia will be only through the intermediary of the Petrograd branch of delegates. The local Workmen's and Soldiers' Council at Kronstadt announced that it has taken in its hands the effective power of Kronstadt, that it doesn't recognize the Provisional Government, and that it has removed all the Government's representatives. The Minister of Justice has notified his colleagues of this development and on their instructions has communicated with the Kronstadt Council to revoke the orders.

PROUD OF CANADIANS.

OTTAWA, To-day. Lt. General Byng, commander of a Canadian corps in the field, wrote to Sir Geo. Perley following the battle of Vimy Ridge, expressing pride in his men. The following extract from the letter was issued from the Militia Department to-night: "The corps was splendid last week. I knew they would do well, but could not have imagined the attack could possibly go as smoothly up to the time as it did. I see a good deal written that the resistance was feeble, but this is by no means the case, as is evidenced by the enormous number of dead Germans and our heavy casualties. Two flank divisions had heavy fighting (the 1st and 4th), but except for the centre of the 4th division, where we were checked for some hours, nothing disturbed the accuracy of the time table. Naturally one's pride in the corps can hardly be described in words, and it would be impossible for me to do so."

NOT VERY MANY BUT TOO MUCH.

OTTAWA, To-day. The belated returns ordered by the Commons in February, 1915, showing the number of Civil Service employees of German nationality in Canada at that time, was tabled in the House this afternoon. The eight departments reporting show twenty employees on the staff who were of German nationality.

A GOOD DECISION.

DUBLIN, To-day. The Council of the Irish Unionist Alliance at a meeting here to-day resolved, while deprecating the opening of the question of Home Rule during the war, to participate in the Convention proposed by the British Government provided the Convention includes a fair representation of Unionists from the three Southern Provinces.

PROMISE SAFE PASSAGE TO NEUTRALS.

LONDON, To-day. The German Admiralty has promised safe passage through the barred zone to all neutral vessels in English ports on July 1st, provided they carry distinctive signs and following indicated routes, according to a Reuters despatch from Berlin by way of Amsterdam. The announcement reiterates that England prevented the sailing of neutral vessels from British ports on the dates fixed by the German Admiralty as safe, thus hampering the supply of food to neutral countries. It adds that since the German sea barrier is raised only against the enemies of Germany, the German Naval Command, despite serious military objections, has decided once more to meet the wishes of neutrals who are suffering through England's arm-

orders that all neutral ships in England shall be granted safe passage through the barred zone on July 1st, provided they carry distinctive signs and will follow the indicated routes. Germany's assurance of safe conduct to Swedish and Norwegian steamers from British ports on July 1st was announced on May 30th.

WORKING FOR PEACE IN AUSTRIA.

AMSTERDAM, To-day. According to a Vienna despatch today the Polish Club decided to authorize Deputy Das Zilky, in agreement with other parties, to introduce an urgent motion in the Lower House of the Austrian Parliament, declaring that both belligerent parties now recognize the right of nations to govern themselves and the foundation of a lasting peace. The resolution, the despatch adds, summons the Government in the name of the House to do everything possible with all States and peoples who desire peace on the basis of an understanding among the nations to render such a peace possible in the immediate future.

COALITION PROSPECTS BRIGHT.

OTTAWA, To-day. After twenty-four hours of high tension and uncertainty the chances for coalition look brighter to-night than any time since the Prime Minister made the proposal to the Opposition Leader. Although the situation is still somewhat blurred by uninformed speculation on previous rumours, there are certain things which can be discerned as indicating at rising time a Coalition probability. In the first place there have been renewed conferences between the Prime Minister and Sir Wilfrid Laurier; in the second, equally encouraging for prospects of union is the fact that the Liberal whip of the party left to-night for Quebec for a second conference with Sir Lomar Gouin. While the meeting between Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier this afternoon was, as on previous occasions, of a confidential character, the Herald correspondent learns upon the highest authority that the Prime Minister laid proposals before Laurier of a generous and non-partisan character. The Premier in fact is known to have offered Sir Wilfrid a Coalition on a fifty per cent basis, that is to say on a basis by which the Cabinet would be composed of half Conservatives, half Liberals, the Conservatives retaining merely the advantage of Sir Robert Borden retaining the Premiership. In addition to the liberality of this offer he is known to be willing that all the Liberals to be taken into the Coalition may be named by Sir Wilfrid. Hopefulness for an agreement to-day lies in the fact that Sir Wilfrid Laurier didn't reject Borden's offer. It is believed the Leader of the Opposition will take a definite stand and submit his answer to the Premier's proposals by Sunday night. The success of the whole venture hinges around the province of Quebec.

SPREADING THE ILLUSION IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, To-day. Extreme pacifist Socialists, organizations, including the Independent Labor Party, have arranged for a big mass meeting at Leeds on Sunday to proclaim their sympathy with the work for peace without annexations and indemnities and to demand that the British Government support that formula in harmony with the Russian Government. James Ramsay MacDonald and Philip Snowden and other prominent pacifist ranks will speak. The meeting has gained a wide advertisement through local and other opposition, which led to the refusal of the use of one hall, but another was obtained.

AMERICAN INVENTS NEW BOMB.

WASHINGTON, To-day. Representative Tilson, of Connecticut, exhibited in the House to-day a bomb which it is claimed will explode six feet above the surface of the earth no matter from what height it is dropped and destroy everything within 200 yards, or even further. The device is the invention of Lester P. Barlow, thirty years old, a native of Pennsylvania who has served as coal passer in the navy and had charge of the aeroplanes for (use against?) Villa in Mexico at the time of the Border difficulty. The trouble heretofore has been that bombs bury themselves in the earth the explosion causing a crater which prevents effective fragmentation. The bomb has not yet been tested with a full charge, but in an experiment with a partial charge it threw missiles everywhere for 300 yards around.

Casualty List.

(Received June 2nd.)

Reported by Post Cards from Following Wounded and Prisoners of War at Anhalt, Duisburg, Rheinland, Germany, April 22nd: 2322-Private Samuel Hooper, Rock Harbor, Burlington, Missing April 14. 1850-Private Allan Pilgrim, St. Anthony, Missing April 14. Reported by Postal Censor Post Cards en route for Newfoundland, from Following Prisoners of War at Duisburg, Rheinland, Germany, April 20th: Wounded Left Side. 2960-Private Samuel King, Victoria Cove, Gander Bay, Missing April 14. Reported Post Card from Following Prisoner of War at Munster, Westphalia, Germany, April 21st, Wounded Slightly Arm: Making Good Progress. 2488-Private Herbert Balbin, County Road, Hay Roberts, Not previously reported missing by unit.

2029-Corporal Elnahbert Moss, Sallor's Island, B.B. to Hospital at Duisburg, Rheinland, Germany, April 22. Wounded slightly arm. J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

The United States Army may place a large contract for the bombs.

RESCUED AMMEN.

LONDON, To-day. The Daily Mail says the two British airmen have been landed by a destroyer on the east coast, after having been rescued from their wrecked machine. They had been clinging to the wreck for five days and five nights with a piece of chocolate as their only food.

LOSSES IN THE AIR.

LONDON, To-day. The morning papers figure that 713 airplanes was shot down on the western front in May, of which 442 were German and 271 British and French. British headquarters admitted the loss of 86 machines, but as the French do not announce any war losses it is impossible to verify the inference that they lost 185. It is worthy of note that the estimate of 271 is compiled from the German official reports. The total losses for April were estimated at 709.

ZEPPELIN SCARED OFF.

COPENHAGEN, To-day. A Zeppelin appeared over Swedish territory on Friday morning near Malmö and was driven away by the fire of Swedish torpedo boats. The airship also approached the Danish frontier south of Copenhagen. The troops guarding the coast fired a number of warning volleys, after which the Zeppelin disappeared in a southerly direction.

HENDERSON AT PETROGRAD.

PETROGRAD, To-day. Arthur Henderson, member of the British War Council, has arrived here. He was met at the station by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Tseschenko and later was introduced to the other Ministers.

THOMAS AT JASSY.

JASSY, Roumania, To-day. M. Thomas, French Minister of Munitions, has arrived here and received an enthusiastic reception.

ANARCHISTS PARADE.

LONDON, To-day. A Petrograd despatch to Reuters says that a few score anarchists, accompanied by some soldiers and sailors, marched through the Nevsky prospect and other main thoroughfares at midday on Friday carrying black banners inscribed "Down with authority; down with Capitalists; long live the Social Revolution and the Commune." They were armed with daggers, rifles and grenades. The paraders stopped outside the Kazan Cathedral and harangued a crowd of spectators. One sailor proclaimed that they were only dangerous to Capitalists and not to the poor. Subsequently the agitators went from one assembly to another along the Nevsky inciting them to rob banks and declaring that a social revolution would be proclaimed on the occasion of the approaching Municipal elections. The authorities did not interfere with the demonstration.

FRENCH REPORT.

PARIS, To-day. Lively canonading in the region of the Chemin des Dames is reported in the official statement issued by the French War Office this morning. The statement says that a few feeble German attacks were repulsed during the night.

Train Movements.

Thursday's outgoing express reached Port aux Basques at 10.30 p.m. yesterday. The incoming express reached the City at 3 p.m. to-day.

Holiday Trains.

For the convenience of those who intend going out in the country to spend the weekend holidays we give below the list of trains leaving the city from now till Monday.

TO-DAY.
Trepassey 5.30 p.m.
Carbonara 6.00 p.m.
Brigitte 6.00 p.m.
Brigitte Junction 8.00 p.m.
TO-MORROW.
Express 12.30 p.m.
Excursion to Tor's Cove 2.00 p.m.
Return 8.00 p.m.

MONDAY.
Local 8.45 a.m.
Express 12.30 p.m.
Trepassey 5.30 p.m.
Carbonara 6.00 p.m.

Housebreakers Still at Remand.

The trial of the Morgan lads was set down for this morning in the Magistrate's Court, but the authorities were not ready to proceed as they are still busy looking up evidence, and the prisoners were further remanded. They have confessed to breaking into quite a number of city residences and taking a considerable amount of goods. The last place they broke into, it will be remembered, was the residence of Mr. F. Steer, who was seriously assaulted with a bottle by the culprits.

A WITTY RETORT.

A lady whilst going downstairs to dinner had the misfortune to step slightly on the dress of a lady in front of her. The man on whose arm the former was leaning rudely said aloud, so that the couple in front might hear:—"Always getting in the way, like Balaam's ass!" Upon which the lady whose gown had been trodden on, turning round, replied, with a sweet smile:—"Pardon me, it was the angel who stood in the way and the ass which spoke."—Tit-Bits.

RESERVIST GOES TO HOSPITAL.

Royal Naval Reservist Spencer of H. M. S. Briton was removed to the Hospital this morning for medical treatment. He is a native of Spencer Cove, N.B.

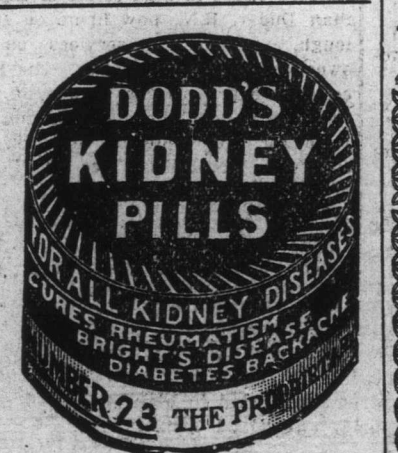
C.C.C. Band will meet in their New Hall immediately after 9 o'clock Mass to-morrow (Sunday) morning, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Seaman R. Joy, U.S.N.—li

CONCERT FOR CHURCH FUND.

In aid of St. Joseph's Church Building Fund a concert will be held in Holyrood on Monday evening, June 7th, at which some of the best vocal and instrumental talent of the city will assist. A feature of the event will be a playlet to be presented by the children of St. Joseph's and Quiddi Vidi. In view of the laudable purpose, no doubt a large patronage will be extended.

DIED.

Passed peacefully away at 12 o'clock, June 2nd, after five months illness, Elizabeth Norris, in the 81st year of her age. Deceased leaves one son and two grandchildren residing in Boston, also two sisters, Mrs. Keefe, of Ferryland, and Mrs. Shea, of St. John's, to mourn; funeral at 2.30 p.m. on Monday from the residence of her son-in-law, 22 Flower Hill.—R.I.P. Boston papers please copy.



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