

## To-Day's Cables.

## REPORTS DENIED.

**PETROGRAD, To-day.**  
The Japanese Embassy here, in an official statement denied reports that Japanese have been landed at Vladivostok. Japan is the sincere friend of Russia, says Embassy statement, and does not entertain the least intention of interfering in the internal affairs of Russia. The presence of a Japanese cruiser at Vladivostok has no connection whatever with the present situation in Russia.

## KITCHENER'S NEPHEW WAS IN COMMAND.

**LONDON, To-day.**  
The monitor Raglan which was reported lost in action at the entrance to the Dardanelles on Sunday, was commanded by Viscount Broome, nephew of late Earl Kitchener. Nothing has been reported concerning the Viscount's fate.

## GEDDES WILL DISCUSS WITH REPRESENTATIVES.

**LONDON, To-day.**  
Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service, having failed to have the Society of Engineers and organization which took part in the conference held in the past week on man power bill to meet him, has decided to proceed to the Clyde, where a larger number of the Societies of Engineers are engaged, in order to discuss with the representatives of the men. The amalgamated society in a statement issued to-day explains that from its point of view the military needs of the country do not justify the Government in abrogating the pledge given last May, that the skilled men of the engineering business should not be withdrawn from it when others of military age and fitness, who have entered the business since the outbreak of war, remain in it. The statement contains objections to the men who entered the engineering business since the beginning of the war being taken from the army.

## FIRST MONTH OF NEW YEAR THE MOST TRYING OF WHOLE WAR.

**LONDON, To-day.**  
The first month of 1918 has been one of the most trying of the whole year for the British people. Now the nation seems to have weathered its doubts and disagreements and accepted the watchword "We must go on or we are lost." The Labor Union met the demand upon them for more men in khaki with a critical and doubtful spirit, they insisted upon the Government's exact war program and were inclined to believe that peace negotiations were possible. These demands have been met out with the Government fully and freely, with straight talking on both sides, and the Government seems to have been able to meet the demand principally to Premier Lloyd George and it strengthens his position and authority for the time being. The statement of the Government was never disturbed by fusillade of questions from the Laborites, some of them out and out pacifists. Of the Friday conference probably the most effective statement Lloyd George made was that the Government was ready to go into a peace conference whenever the Germans showed any disposition to negotiate in equitable terms, but he saw no disposition of that kind now. There is still sharp criticism of the Government by the masses, the chief ground being the food problem. While apparently there are enough supplies in the country to maintain the population in comfort, the complicated business of distribution has not been successfully met. A general election is expected as soon as the new register of voters can be made. Eight million new voters, six million of whom are women, will vote at the polls under the reform bill which the House of Lords is now debating. The predictions are that the next Government will be a Labor-Liberal Coalition with the Labor Party holding the largest number of seats of any party in the House of Commons and the strongest position in the cabinet.

## WAR REVIEW.

**LONDON, To-day.**  
The Russian Constituent Assembly was short lived. It was convened on Friday in Petrograd, after a brief fighting and dissolved early Saturday morning by the Bolsheviks, after a vote had shown conclusively that the Government headed by Lenin and Trotsky was greatly in the minority. Likewise the delegates to the peace conference at Brast-Litovsk are at Brast and seven and pourparlers end.

ed as on other occasions. The stumbling block is the German demands and their refusal to withdraw troops from occupied parts of Russia. Evidently the German censors are keeping a strict watch over German papers in their expressions of opinion on the serious international political situation, for even meagre reports of the doings of militarists or antimilitaristic parties were missing. The Sunday accounts from Berlin, coming by way of Amsterdam and forwarded by the semi-Wolff Bureau, were to the effect that the military party had gained a victory over their opponents with regard to the settlement of questions regarding annexations in the east.

## OSTEND SUBMARINE BASE BOMB-BARDED.

**ON THE WEST FRONT IN FRANCE & BELGIUM, To-day.**  
Military operations apparently are increasing all along the line, as compared with those in the past few weeks when little or no fighting, except artillery duels and minor raids, were carried out. Entente warships have bombarded the German submarine base at Ostend on the northern Belgian coast, while around Ypres, between Lens and St. Quentin on the Chemin-des-Dames and St. Mihiel sector, and north of the Rhine and Marne Canal, there has been notable increase in operations by infantry, and the probabilities are that within the next few days it is expected that big battles may take place. One indication of probable early fighting is the resumption of aerial activity on a large scale, especially on the French front. Saturday the French airmen had a good day operating against the enemy, sending down eight enemy machines in fights in the air.

## ARTILLERY DUELS.

**ON ITALIAN FRONT, To-day.**  
Fighting again has turned to artillery duels of opposing sides, the infantry keeping to their trenches except for small patrol engagements. All along the northern front artillery duels are of a violent character and at several points along the Piave River a like condition prevails.

## FIGHT IN THE DARDANELLES.

**LONDON, To-day.**  
An Admiralty statement says: The Goeben and Breslau, Turkish names Sultan Selim and Midulla, with destroyers, were in action with British forces at the entrance to the Dardanelles this (Sunday) morning. The Breslau was sunk; the Goeben escaped but was being evidently badly damaged in the Narrows of the Straits. The Goeben is now being attacked by naval aircraft. Our losses were the monitor Raglan and a small monitor, the M-28.

## ASSEMBLY DISSOLVED.

**PETROGRAD, To-day.**  
The Constituent Assembly has been dissolved by the Bolshevik authorities. It is officially announced to-day that sailor guards closed the Assembly at 4 a.m. to-day. The official statement follows: When the Constituent Assembly voted against the declaration made by the President of the Central Executive Committee, after an hour's deliberation, the Bolsheviks left the hall followed by the Social Revolutionists of the left, on the Assembly showing its unwillingness to approve the manner in which the peace poor parties were being conducted. At 4 o'clock a.m. to-day, the Constituent Assembly was dissolved by sailors. To-day a decree dissolving the Assembly will be published. The first hint the newspaper men received that extreme measures were contemplated was at 6 o'clock to-day, when the people were informed that the Tauride Palace, where the assembly began its session yesterday, would be closed to the members of the assembly, to newspaper men and everyone else. Congress has passed by a vote of 273 to 61 a resolution supporting the Constituent Assembly and calling upon the people's commissioners to agree to the majority with a view to formation of a Government responsible to the Assembly. From Moscow it is reported that many persons were wounded and others killed as a result of the Red Guard demonstration there in favor of the Constituent Assembly.

## THE FOOD SITUATION.

**LONDON, To-day.**  
Demonstrations to demand better distribution of food were held at Brighton, at Epsom, at Kent, and other places in England, while men, women and children were still in queues in many places for a Sunday meal, meat, butter or tea. At Epsom, 3,000 workers from one of the big war factories formed a procession and marched to the local food committee.

to protest against their wives and children having to wait long hours outside the shops of grocers and butchers and then being obliged to come away empty handed. The men say that owing to the scarcity of food they are unable to work and the percentage of sickness has been higher. Meanwhile butcher shops were closed and grocery stores were virtually sold out this morning and men were waiting on the streets for the food committee to take some action, and the queues in London and many other parts of the country were bigger and more numerous than ever. On Saturday everywhere in London crowds gathered at the butcher shops at an early hour, there being at least one thousand persons at 9 o'clock waiting to be served in the retail section of Smithfield Market, most of these got limited portions and were luckier than the people in the suburbs, many of whom were unable to get any meat. This is due, not so much to shortage of cattle and sheep, as weather, which made it impossible in many districts to bring live stock to market and to family distribution. The supplies of margarine are increased but here again distribution is complained of, some were well supplied, while others had only the scantiest of allowance.

## NEW SIGNIFICANCE.

**STOCKHOLM, (Saturday by A. P.)**  
—Reports of strikes and other demonstrations in Austria which the Austrian Government has permitted to be telegraphed abroad acquire new significance when read in connection with the Arbeiter Zeitungs report of Socialist meetings held in Vienna last Sunday, meetings which were attended by a vast number of persons protesting against robbing the Austrian people of all influence in the negotiations by continually postponing meetings in the Chamber of Deputies and Delegates and by suppressing criticism in the press of Germany's and Austria's Foreign Policy. The meeting demanded that the peace negotiations at Brast-Litovsk be continued in friendly spirit. The Socialists also demanded that the people of Poland, Lithuania and Courland be permitted to vote freely on the question of form of their state and the allegiance. Resolutions adopted by the meeting further declared that the Socialists regard the peace programme of Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson as a sign that they are being forced, by laboring classes, to modify their imperialistic aims. Resolutions in conclusion protests against systematic misrepresentation of these utterances in entire Bourgeoisie press and calls on the Governments of the Central Powers to consider them as an opportunity to offer to all enemy Governments democratic peace without annexation or contributions.

**PETROGRAD, To-day.**  
The decree issued by the Central Executive Committee of the Congress of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates dissolving the Constituent Assembly, say that the revolution created by the only organization able to direct the struggle of the exploited working classes for complete political and economic liberation. During the first period of the revolution the Workmen and Soldiers' Congress, it is added, perceived the illusion of an understanding with the Bourgeoisie and its deceptive parliamentary organization and realized that the liberation of the oppressed classes was impossible without a rupture with the Bourgeoisie, therefore the revolution of November arose, giving all authority to the Congress of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates. The decree says: The Constituent Assembly being elected from the old election lists was the expression of the old regime, when authority belonged to the Bourgeoisie. The people who voted for the Social Revolutionists were unable to distinguish these of the right who were partisans of the Bourgeoisie, from those of the left who were partisans of Socialism, therefore the Constituent Assembly necessarily became the authority of the Bourgeoisie Republic, setting itself against the revolution of November and the authority of the Workmen and Soldiers' Councils. The revolution of November, the decree continues, has shown the workers that the old Bourgeoisie parliamentarianism has had its day and was incompatible with the talk before Socialism, and that only such institutions as the Workmen and Soldiers' Councils were to overcome. The oppression by the rich classes and every refusal to recognize the authority of the Republic, Workmen and Soldiers' Councils, and to place in the hands of the Constituent Assembly and the Bourgeoisie the liberty which has been won, would be a step backwards and toward the bankruptcy of the workmen and peasants (not finish).

## Casualty List.

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**Still Dangerously Ill—No Improvements, Rouen, January 18th.**  
3472—Private Arthur Warford, Pt. Leamington.  
2471—Private John C. Butt, Henley H. Labrador.  
3593—Private Joseph Hurley, Brennan's Lane.  
New Zealand Stationary Hospital, Waiques, January 18th.

1922—Corporal Thos. V. Payne, 37 Monkstown Road. Wounded accidentally, hand.  
2098—Corporal Joseph Dunn, M.M., Hoptall, T.B. Wounded accidentally, knee.

**At Wandsworth.**  
2663—Private R. Haytor, Trinity, T.B. Trench Foot.  
Previously Reported Missing, Dec. 8rd. Now Prisoner of War, Wounded—Authority Letter from Private Hargrove to Central Prisoner of War Committee, Dec. 30th from Seiton, Hanover, Germany.  
2909—Private Kenneth Magford, Fort Albert, N.D.B.

**J. R. BENNETT,**  
Acting Minister of Militia.

## Reid's Boats.

The Argyle not reported since leaving Placentia on Saturday on Red Island boats.  
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The Home left Exploits at 12.15 p.m. on Saturday.

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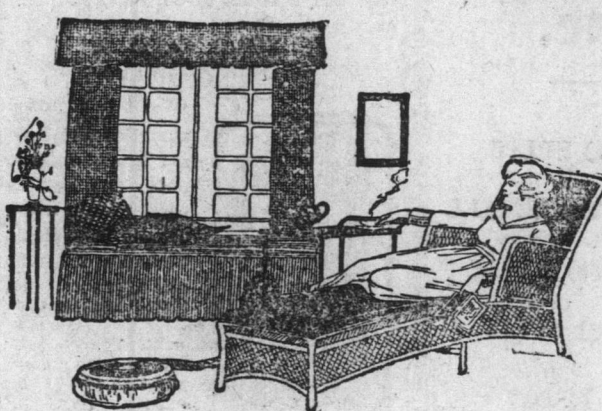
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## Here and There.

**DESSERTERS SENT BACK TO BEVERLY.**—Three of the Beverley's crew who deserted their ship while at Harbour Grace a few days ago, one of whom was arrested on Saturday night and the others yesterday, were given in charge of Detective Whelan and taken back to their ship by this morning's train.

**THE BREW GOT THE BREWER.**—A man named "Brewer" who filled up to the brim yesterday on some kind of a brew the ingredients of which he did not know was given lodgings at the police station last night. This morning he appeared before Judge Morris. It being his first offence he was allowed to go.

**LABEL CASE IN PRIVATE.**—The preliminary in connection with the criminal label charge of Hon. W. F. Coaker vs. Sir W. D. Reid will be heard in private before Magistrate Morris at the Judges' Chamber at 3 o'clock this afternoon. A number of witnesses have been summoned by defendant and by complainant.

**MAN INJURED.**—A laborer named Quintan employed at Bowring's South Side premises met with a nasty accident at 11.30 o'clock this morning, when his left arm got caught in a hoist. The limb though not broken was badly wrenched. Quintan was immediately brought across the harbor and taken to a doctor for surgical treatment.

## Your Boys and Girls.

A truly invaluable nursery possession is a tray of sand which will fit upon a small table or even on the floor. The tray should have the edges built up to a height of four inches or over and should contain a heap of clean sand. The sand, when slightly moistened, can be fashioned into all manner of fascinating objects, from the elementary castle of baby's imagination to a complete railway line with stations, bridges and tunnels through toy trains may be run, or the daintiest of miniature gardens planted with twigs and leaves and bordered with massive rocks formed of stones. This sand garden need take no room that is appreciable for the little owner can be taught to scoop up the sand and keep it in a closed receptacle, the empty tray being put out of the way until time for use.

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them in this way, one will find, will save much trouble and confusion.

The Cochrane Mission Circle are repeating their Variety Entertainment in the Lecture Room on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, commencing at 8 o'clock. Proceeds are in aid of the Armenian Relief Fund. Don't fail to see the comic dialogue, "Aunt Matilda's Birthday Party." General Admission, 20 cents. Children 10 cents.—Jan 21, 11

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