

TODAY'S MESSAGES.

NEW YORK REPORTS STORMS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. The wind to-day reached a velocity of 84 miles an hour, blowing in several accidents. One man was blown into an open manure pit and several persons thrown to the pavement. Steamship officials reported further delays to vessels at sea as a result of the storm.

CORDON WITHDRAWN.

DUBLIN, Jan. 17. The barricades and troops, cordoning a wide area in North Dublin, were removed this afternoon. Soldiers were posted on the roofs of houses and armored cars patrolled the neighborhood during withdrawal.

FATAL BOMB EXPLOSION.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17. One man is dead, a second is dying, and six others were injured by a bomb explosion to-night at the headquarters of the Quaker City Taxi Cab Co. Chauffeurs of the company have been on strike for several weeks and police orders were issued, immediately after the explosion, for a roundup of the strikers.

EXECUTION POSTPONED.

DUBLIN, Jan. 17. An appeal against the infliction of the death penalty on Joseph Murphy was heard before the Court of Appeals to-day. The decision was adjourned until January 25, and the execution of the prisoner postponed until Jan. 27.

SIX ARRESTS MADE.

LONDON, January 17. Six men were arrested this morning in connection with the attempt to blow up the premises of the Esso Oil Co. at Wandsworth last Saturday. The police allege that it is their belief one of the prisoners is a leader of the so-called Sinn Féin terrorist gang in London. They assert further that a large collection of papers and documents, seized, indicate the connection of the arrested men in the Sinn Féin movement.

FAKED PHOTOGRAPH.

LONDON, Jan. 17. A supplementary report of Irish investigations into conditions in that country was issued this evening by the Labor Party. It stated that the publication of the testimony of one witness before the investigating commission resulted in a visit to his home by armed men, who, not finding the witness, proceeded to damage the furniture. The supplementary report challenges the accuracy of the Government's accounts of the battle of Tralee, drawing the conclusion that the battle was a figment of the imagination, and alleges that there is a serious conflict between the evidence gathered by the commissions and the colorful stories of the battle of Tralee presented in the House of Commons by the Chief Secretary. The document cites what it estimates was a case of the deliberate falsification of a photograph portraying a battle scene, in order to support the accounts given in the House of Commons. The report says the photo in question has been suppressed, but it reproduces how it pictured a wounded soldier and two dead Sinn Féiners, lying in a road, and the cadets taking Sinn Féin prisoners in the background. The report declares that this photograph appeared in many newspapers, and was variously labelled as a picture from the Kerry front, and an illustration of the battle of Tralee.

HOLD UP GANG ARRESTED.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 17. Five men were arrested late to-night in connection with a robbery of \$12,000 from a New York Central Railway agent here, and the shooting to death of Detective Louis Schroeder and A. E. Long. The five men were taken in a raid on a Broadway lunch room, less than a mile from the scene of the holdup.

LIMITED TO 175,000 MEN.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. Congress voted to-day to limit the size of the regular army of the United States to 175,000 enlisted men. The vote was 41 to 33 set aside the decision of last week to reduce the army to 150,000 men, and then without a record vote adopted the original resolution of Senator New, Republican, Indiana, directing the Secretary of War to stop recruiting until the army is cut to 175,000 men. The House, ten minutes later, adopted a similar resolution also directing the Secretary of War to cease enlistments until there are not more than 175,000 enlisted men in the regular establishment. The House vote was 285 to 4.

WILL LIGHTEN REPRESSION.

LONDON, Jan. 17. Since the suspension of the negotiations, with O'Flannigan there has been a complete cessation of unofficial conversations for an Irish truce, and it is not likely they will be renewed for at least two months. During this interval, the authorities in Ireland will be permitted to lighten up repressive measures and prove their belief that Ireland can in this manner be restored to order and the extreme end confounded.

L. G.'S BIRTHDAY.

LONDON, Jan. 17. David Lloyd George, Prime Minister

of Great Britain, was 55 years old to-day. He has been a member of the British Cabinet for fifteen years, and Prime Minister since 1916.

WON NEWSPAPER DECISION.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 17. Johnny Wilson of Boston, middle-weight champion, won a newspaper decision over Joe Chip of Newcastle, Pa., in the thirteenth round of a bout here to-night.

CLOUDBURST CAUSES DAMAGE.

HONOLULU, Jan. 18. A cloudburst in the Pololu Valley, following the unprecedented rains of the last few weeks, caused damage estimated at one quarter of a million dollars. A few small houses were swept away, and four persons are reported drowned.

UNIFORMED WOMEN.

LONDON, Jan. 18. Two uniformed policemen, says the Daily Mail, participated in a search for wanted men at Tournafulla, County Limerick, on Sunday.

MAY CAUSE TROUBLE.

DELHI, India, Jan. 18. Unrest prevails in the Indian Army at the Government's decision to mobilize thirty thousand Indian troops and two thousand five hundred British officers.

FOR BURIAL IN PALESTINE.

LONDON, Jan. 18. Bodies, supposed to be those of the Grand Duchess Olga, daughter of former Czar Nicholas of Russia, and her maid, are aboard the British steamer Devanba, due to reach Egypt, shortly. They will be taken to the Holy Land for final interment.

ANOTHER ENQUIRY.

LONDON, Jan. 18. The Times says there is good reason to believe that the fires in Cork will be made the subject of another inquiry by another commission, about to be appointed.

SEARCH ORDERED.

U.S.S. New Mexico, at Sea, Jan. 18. Two divisions of destroyers were ordered yesterday to search for the Naval Seaplane NC-8, off Costa Rica.

INTERNATIONAL BARTER.

LONDON, Jan. 18. Trade by barter will soon be in full swing between Great Britain and Baltic States, which are lacking in bare necessities, says the Daily Mail.

STRICKLAND'S REPLY.

LONDON, Jan. 18. In a letter to the Deputy Mayor of Cork, relative to a request to remove martial law, Major, General, Strickland, British Commander, says that

the present state of affairs in Cork cannot be allowed to continue, and he will be compelled to "take such drastic measures as may be necessary to make the lives of Crown forces secure from assassins and cowardly attacks."

JAPAN CALLS IT "BLUFF."

TOKIO, Jan. 18. Proposals from United States for "naval holiday" are intended more for the help of United States than for the peace of the world, said Marquis Shigenobu Okuma, former Japanese Premier, in an interview to-day. "The Japanese naval programme is fixed at a minimum necessary for national defence," he said.

U.S. PRESS ON BIG SHIP POLICY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. Reports from London to the effect that the Council of Imperial Defence views with disfavor, the continuation of "Big Ship Policy," has aroused considerable attention in the press of the United States. The New York Times attributes the change in attitude to consideration of expense. The Evening Sun recalls the fact that it was such splendid vessels as the Queen Elizabeth, the Malaya and Barham that kept mastery of the seas and forced the German fleet to cover.

ROBBED U. S. MAILS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18. Five youthful bandits held up a United States mail truck at the Union Station here to-day, escaping in an automobile with twelve bags of mail, ten of which were registered. The pouches are said to contain part of a Federal reserve bank money shipment.

DANISH INDUSTRIES CRISIS.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 18. Danish industries are facing a critical situation, the majority of large concerns working only half time and others being closed down. Unemployment is rapidly increasing, and the market is being glutted with foreign made goods.

Mayoral Comedians.

A. M. Sullivan used to tell a delightful story of a loyalist mayor in Ireland—rarer during the 'eighties than snakes. Having occasion to propose the toast of Queen Victoria at a local banquet, he said:—"Gentlemen, I give you the toast of Her Majesty the Queen. She is popular at home; she is popular abroad; she is popular with the rich; she is popular with the poor, and gentlemen, what is a truer test of good womanhood, she is popular in her family."

"Another story," says Sir Henry Lucy in "The Diary of a Journalist," "shows that this Irish mayor had not a monopoly of unconscious humour. Early in his elevated career, the mayor of a small town in Lincolnshire was called upon to preside at a banquet.

"The list of toasts being submitted to him, he was advised that in proposing the health of the King and Queen it was not necessary or desirable that he should expand his remarks. Profiting by this advice when the time came, he said:—"Gentlemen, I will ask you to join me in drinking a toast to the King. I am told, and I am sure you will agree with me, that the less said on the subject the better."

"The toast having been duly honoured, he rose again. 'And now gentlemen,' he said, 'the King being drunk, I give you the Queen.'"

McMurdo's Store News.

TUESDAY, Jan. 18, '21. Many people seem to share our belief that McMurdo's Emulsified Coconut Oil Shampoo is the very thing the public have been searching for in the way of a shampoo preparation that can be used with the minimum of trouble to reach the fullest of results. This no doubt is what explains the increasing popularity of this elegant preparation, and makes new friends for it day by day. Price 40c. a bottle. If you need a tonic which will increase the appetite and nerve force quickly, try Gault's Cod Liver Oil Compound. 'Twill give results. Price \$1.00 a bottle.

For informal dances the slipper with the fancy strap is new. Silk pockets are outlined on the outer edge with tiny buttons.

"REG'LAR FELLERS"

WHAT HAVE YOU BEHIND YOUR BACK?
APPLES!
GIVE ME ONE LIKE A GOOD BOY.
FIRST YOU HADTA GUESS HOW MANY I HAVE AN' IF YOU GUESS RIGHT I'LL GIVE YOU BOTH OF THEM

No Home Life in China.

Seven hundred and seventy-nine of every one thousand babies in the great Chinese republic die before they are two years old, according to the latest and most accurate statistics available in that great and disjointed nation, reports Mrs. Egbert Hayes, just returned from several years of residence in the ancient city of Soochow.

And the average Chinese reaction to this appalling fact is the stolidly practical rejoinder, "What would we do if they didn't?" The strangeness of this casual attitude toward the tragedy of infant mortality in the world's oldest nation is matched by the queerness of the whole domestic system. It is perhaps significant, Mrs. Hayes thinks, that among all their fifty thousand characters or picture words there is none which translates what we mean by "home."

Every Chinaman of any consequence has besides a first wife, who is almost invariably a despot in her relations with the rest, a "little wife," and others according to his means. The first wife has as one of her prerogatives the right to claim for her own any child she fancies of any of the other wives. Moreover, she must be consulted in all matters concerning the upbringing of all the children of the complex household.

But even the first wife, much as she lords it over her less fortunate successors, is a meek person when the man of the house comes home. No woman is allowed to eat at his table. Women of the upper classes, those of the useless, deformed feet, spend their days, Mrs. Hayes explains, gambling and smoking. Those of the coolie class slave like to some oxen, while their babies, their poultry and the family pig roll round in one untidy but relatively contented mass on the floor of their one roomed shacks.

The great are very great, and the poor very low, in this four thousand year old land, just as it has been always. The sedan chair of an official must be carried by at least four of the swarming coolie population. A fifth runs ahead, showing the world in his outstretched hand the name card of the great man behind him. The sedan chair is still, perhaps, the commonest of conveyances, Mrs. Hayes notes. In Soochow there is no wheeled vehicle. There are the chairs, and in the Venice-like waterways boats, and nothing else, not even a jinricksha.

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT. S.S. Prospero left Nipper's Harbor at 10.20 a.m., going north as far as Tilt Cove. S.S. Fortia left St. John's for Western ports at 10 o'clock this morning. GOVT. RAILWAY COMMISSION. Argyle to leave Placentia to-day for Bay route. Clyde arrived at St. John's at 1 p.m. yesterday. Kyle at St. John's. Sagona at North Sydney.

TO CORRESPONDENTS!

Correspondents are requested to accompany contributions with their real names, not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith. In future no correspondence will be considered unless this rule is adhered to. It is also requested that all letters "For Publication" be so marked.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. Tracy and family wish to express their sincere thanks to all those who helped them during their son and brother Edward's illness, especially Dr. Mitchell, Mr. Chas. Hutton, Mr. Albert Blackler, Mrs. Jas. Toon, Mrs. Appell; also those who sent wreaths and flowers: Mrs. N. J. Smith, Master Teresa Dwyer, Miss Kathleen Hayes, Prof. P. J. McCarthy, Mr. N. J. Fanning, the Bugle Band and N.C.O.'s Mess of the C.O.C. and also members of Terra Nova Lodge No. 923, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen for their letters of sympathy.—adv.

"Here Beginneth the 4th. four days"

And KEARNEY'S prepared for 'em. He's there with the goods every time, and this time it's GENT'S READYMADES, made ready for your visit by having the prices cut in two.

KEARNEY'S 50-50 SALE is the talk of the city. The store is packed with shoppers because the genuineness of the "cut-price" is an acknowledged fact—not only by KEARNEY—but by the purchaser himself. Look below at what KEARNEY'S decided to offer for the fourth lap.

Raincoats, London styles, medium weight, lined check; Step or Military Collar, Side or Square Pockets	Regular Price \$42.00. Half Price, \$21.00
Fleeced Camel Hair Linings for Raincoats, Light Overcoats, etc.	Regular Price \$20.00. Half Price, \$10.00
6 only Overcoats, Brown, medium weights; just the Coat for Spring wear	Regular Price \$45.00. Half Price, \$22.50
5 only Gent's Dressing Gowns. Special	Regular Prices \$35.00 & \$40.00. To be cleared out at \$17.50
3 only Gent's Dressing Jackets	Regular \$16.50, \$21.00, \$25.00. Half Price, \$8.25, \$10.50, \$12.50
Dent's Kid Gloves, lined; all sizes	Regular Price \$6.00. Half Price, \$3.00
Dent's Kid Gloves, unlined; all sizes	Regular Price \$4.25. Half Price, \$2.13

It's up to You



An Innocent Fleeced.

One of Vienna's most notorious social vampires has been arrested in the person of Julius von Szemzo, a Hungarian aristocrat, aged 39, on the charge of that at a game of baccarat in his private house, he and his brother won no less than 28,000,000 kronen, or nominally more than £1,000,000 from a young Viennese, aged 21, whose name has not been disclosed. It seems that the two Szemzo brothers were nearing the end of their financial resources, despite their ostensible life, and resorted to the shearing of this young lamb, who is the son of a rich manufacturer. They proposed that though they played for kronen, losses should be paid in some foreign currency.

At the end of two days' play the young innocent found to his horror that he had lost 28,000,000 kronen, and was obliged to sign seven bills of exchange for 2,000,000 dinars. In case of trouble with the police, the sum was stated on the bills to be in consideration of a loan of 28,000,000 kronen received from Szemzo. Even here, however, the young innocent had been swindled, Szemzo having calculated the dinars at twice the rate of exchange prevailing.

This Julius Szemzo is well known in certain strata of society as the Man with the Yellow Gloves, owing to the fact of a married lady of whom she thought she had grounds for jealousy.

Were They Happy Ever After?

(From the London Morning Post.)

A newly-married lady was being interviewed by the reporter of the local newspaper just after the ceremony. "And after the honeymoon, where do you intend to settle down?" was his final question. "At the old manse," said the bride, as she hurried away. The reporter thought it sounded unusually familiar, but he decided to use it. When it appeared in print the report finished up: "After the honeymoon the happy couple intend to live at the old man's."

