TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.30 A.M.

GERMANY'S PLOT LAID BARE.

WASHINGTON, To-Day.

The following is a copy of Zimmerman's instructions sent to Bernstorff: "Berlin, Jan. 19th, 1917.—On the first of February we intend to begin submarine warfare unrestricted. In spite of this it is our intention to endeavour to keep neutral the United States of America. If this attempt is not successful, we propose an alliance on the following basis with Mexico. That we shall make war together and together make peace; we shall give general financial support and it is understood that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. The details are left to you for settlement. You are instructed to inform the President of Mexico of the above, in the greatest confidence, as soon as it is certain that there will be an outbreak of war with the United States, and suggest that the President of Mexico on his own initiative should communicate with Japan, suggesting adherence at once to this plan, and at the same time offer to mediate between Germany and Japan. Please call to the attention of the President of Mexico that the employment of ruthless submarine warfare promises to compel England to make peace in a few months.—Signed, Zimmerman."

This document has been in the hands of the Government since President Wilson broke off diplomatic relations with Germany and has been kept secret while the President has been asking Congress for full authority to deal with Germany while Congress has been hesitating. It was in the President's hands while Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollwegg was declaring that the United States placed an interpretation on the submarine declaration never intended by Germany, and that Germany promoted honored and friendly relations with the United States as an heirloom from Frederick the Great. Of itself, if there were no other, it is considered a sufficient answer to the German Chancellor's plaint. The United States brusquely broke off relations without giving authentic reasons for its actions. The document supplies the missing link in many separate chains of circumstances, which until now have seemed to lead to no definite point. What Congress will do, and how the members of Congress who openly have sympathized with Germany in their opposition to clothing the President with full authority to protect American rights, will regard this revelation of Germany's machinations to attack the United States, is the subject to-day of the keenest interest.

12.30 P.M.

GERMANY MOBILISING THE LAST MAN.

COPENHAGEN, To-Day.

According to German papers, compulsory mobilisation of Germany's "Home Army" is imminent. The appeal for volunteers, though answered by large numbers, has not produced enough workers to satisfy the actual requirements. Large numbers of men are needed at once to replace those employed behind the front to work in munition factories, which are now being compelled, and for farm work. The papers say that the Government is prepared for compulsory enrolment in the early days of March of all persons between seventeen and sixty, so that the recruits can be put on work from April 1st.

FALL OF BAPAUME IMMINENT.

PARIS, To-Day.

The Germans appear to have already fallen back behind Bapaume, and the fall of that town is imminent, according to information from the front which has reached military circles here. The new German line is said to run along the road from Bapaume to Peronne and some distance in the rear of the former town. During their retirement the Germans have systematically destroyed their dugouts and provision depots and rendered their trenches useless. An Australian patrol in one place found a chain stretched across a ravine, and discovered in time that it was connected with a mine at either end. German artillery fire is said to have been notably feeble during the recent retreat, but heavy guns are reported still in position at Bapaume mounted on rails.

AMERICAN FREIGHTER REACHES FRANCE.

BORDEAUX, To-Day.

The American freighter Rochester has arrived at the mouth of the Gironde. The Rochester and New Orleans were the first American vessels to leave the United States for Europe after the breach of diplomatic relations with Germany.

£20 REWARD FOR SIGHTING SUBMARINE.

LONDON, To-Day.

Americans and others crossing the Atlantic can make a hundred dollars by sighting a submarine. Sir C. F. Yarrow, a Glasgow shipbuilder, writes to the Times that in order to encourage everyone to keep a sharp lookout, he has offered a reward of twenty pounds up to an expenditure of £10,000 to anyone aboard commercial vessels who draws the captain's attention to an enemy submarine. The reward will be paid on the certificate of the captain giving the name of the person who first draws attention to the submarine. Application should be forwarded through the owners to Sir Thomas L. Devitt, Chairman of Lloyds register of shipping in London, who has consented to make the awards.

1.00 P.M.

FRENCH & BRITISH SOCIALISTS.

LONDON, To-Day.

British Socialists have declined an invitation from the French Socialist party to send delegates to a Congress of Socialists of the Allied countries, which it is proposed to hold on March 15th. The British reply says: "We are strongly of opinion that the Congress should not be held. The year 1917 is the most critical period of the war. The great majority of the Socialists are fighting at the front to repel the German invasion and are unable either to attend as delegates or to appoint others to be present in their place."

DENMARK TEMPORARILY DRY.

LONDON, To-Day.

The sale of all spirits and other alcoholic liquors has been prohibited in Denmark, according to a despatch from Copenhagen. The order is temporary, and calls for returns to be made in all stocks of spirits in the country.

AMERICA TAKING ACTION.

WASHINGTON, To-Day.

Spurred by the increasing menace from Germany, the House leaders today planned to seek action before night on the bill authorizing the President to arm ships, and to rush it to the Senate, where an agreement exists not to pass a similar measure before to-morrow. Opposition dwindled rapidly as the members of Congress learned of the German plot to involve Mexico and Japan in a war with the United States. The House Bill, which contains no authorization for the President to use other instrumentalities in defence of neutral rights and would prohibit Government insurance for ships carrying ammunition, might reach a vote by four o'clock to-day under a special rule which Chairman Flood of the Foreign Affairs Committee expected to press to-day. It became known authoritatively to-day that the President endorses the Senate Bill, which includes the other instrumentalities clause and carries no insurance prohibition for ammunition ships. The administration plan is to substitute the Senate Bill for the House Bill and try to force the lower body to accept the change. Senator Lafollette's attitude is the principal cause of uncertainty over the Bill's fate. He started a filibuster when an effort was made to bring up the measure at 1 o'clock this morning after a long night on the Revenue Bill, and finally desisted when it was agreed to put off action until to-morrow. He has not indicated whether he intends to filibuster then. The State Department last night sent to Berlin a Government request for the immediate release of four American Consuls held there pending receipt of word that the German Consuls in the United States have been permitted to go to their posts in South and Central America.

2.00 P.M.

FRENCH PATROL RAIDS.

PARIS, To-Day.

Encounters between French and German patrols took place during last night in the Argonne and east of Metzeral in Alsace, the War Office announced to-day. Prisoners were taken by the French in the course of these operations.

DRIVING THE TURKS.

LONDON, To-Day.

The British continued the pursuit of the Turks on the Tigris front throughout Tuesday, it is announced officially.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.

WASHINGTON, To-Day.

Full official confirmation of Germany's proposal to Mexico of an alliance with Mexico and Japan to attack the United States was given today both at the White House and the State Department.

2.15

BAPAUME BEING EVACUATED.

LONDON, To-Day.

Evidence has accumulated that the evacuation of Bapaume is under way. The Germans have destroyed all high towers in the city to prevent their utilization by the British as observation points.

U. S. PREPARING.

WASHINGTON, To-Day.

As a result of the increasing gravity of the German situation the administration is giving serious attention to preparedness measures, particularly to questions of universal military training, even though the passage of a Bill providing this seems unlikely at the present session. While the policy of armed neutrality announced in the President's last address to Congress is to be continued if possible, the administration is taking into account the possibility of further aggressions necessitating the most thorough preparedness.

KNOWLING'S
Grocery Department.

EAST, WEST and CENTRAL STORES

offer the following:

Mackerel in tins, 25c. tin
Anchovy Paste, Crosse & Blackwell's, 18c. tin
Oysters in tins, 13 & 25c
Sardine Paste...18c. tin
Whiting, in tins; Smoked .. ..25c. tin
Aberdeen Bloaters in tins .. ..18c. tin
Anchovy Essence, Lazenby's ...37c bot.
Sardines in tins, 15c. tin
Fish Rissoles in tins 22c. tin
Boneless Codfish in cartons ..15c. pkg.

Empire Baking Powder, guaranteed quality, 1 lb. tins, 22c. lb.

Apricots, in large tins .. .. ..20c. tin
Pears, in large tins .. .. ..27c. tin
Prunes, choice; new .. .. ..15c. lb.
Apricots, Evaporated, 23c. lb.
Fruit Jellies, Monk and Glass (Table Jelly with assorted fruits) .. ..17c. pkt.
Peaches, in large tins .. .. ..20c. tin
Greengage Plums, in large tins, 22c. tin
Peaches, Evaporated, fancy yellow..17c. lb.
Figs, good Algerian, 18c. lb.
Jelly Crystals, "White's" ..12c. pkt.

Orange Marmalade in tumblers .. ..16c. each

National Rolled Oats, 60 oz. cartons, 35c. pkt.
Petit Pois French Peas .. .. ..18c. tin
Plasmon Oatfood, for invalids .. ..26c. tin
Plasmon Rolled Oats, 17c. pkt.
Sago, good quality, 11c. lb.
Marrowfat Green Peas .. .. ..11c. lb.
English Marrowfat Peas in tins .. .. ..25c. tin
Rice, fancy uncoated, 6c. to 9c. lb.
Ground Rice....13c. lb.
Tapioca, choice pearl, 13c. lb.

Choice Local Turnips, $1.80 per brl. of 150 lbs.

Maggi's Soups, the best Soups on the market. Per pkt. of 5 16c. & 23c.
Assorted Sauces, Morton's good quality, 10c. bottle
Tomato Ketchup, Heinz, best quality, 20c. bottle
Onion Seasoning, 14c. bottle
Corned Beef, Fray Bentos, sliced.. ..33c. lb.
Macaroni.. .. ..18c. lb.
St. Charles' Cream, 12c. tin
Evaporated Milk, Libby's, full pound tins.. .. .. ..14c. tin

Plum Jam, good quality tumblers, 18c. tumbler

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An Important Announcement.

SATURDAY, March 3rd, Marks the Closing of

OUR 21st ANNUAL SALE.

Every department during the remaining days of this Sale will participate in offering values of more than usual interest.

Extraordinary selling is expected, and not without cause, for many of the strongest values of the month are planned for the closing days.

THE ROYAL STORES, LTD.

Casualty List.

Received March 1st.

1643—L.-Corp. Kenneth Blake, Gander Bay, Fogo. Admitted Wandsworth; gastro enteritis.

1782—Private Thomas W. Ford, Jackson's Arm. Dangerously ill of pneumonia, 34th Casualty Clearing Station, Feb. 27.

J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Obituary.

On Tuesday last, the 27th, after a short illness, there passed away, James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Walsh, of Witless Bay. His loss will be keenly felt by his relatives and his many friends in the community as his cheery disposition had endeared him to all. He leaves to mourn his parents above-mentioned, also two brothers and two sisters; John, Hilda and Barbara, of Witless Bay, and Thomas Walsh, of Pope St., this city. The deceased was in his 22nd year. R.I.P.—Cor.

Milady's Boudoir.

ARTISTIC POWDERING.

Many women flatter themselves that powder is not visible under electric or gas light. The fact of the matter is that searching electric light tends to give a haggard dry expression to the face which has been injudiciously powdered. White powder looks ghastly, pink looks purplish and the whole physiognomy seems to appear drawn under such circumstances.

Yet no woman appears well without face powder. All depends on the kind of powder used, the way it is applied and the condition of the skin. The skin should, of course, be smooth, and just enough powder used to make the skin look soft and fair.

Many women complain that powder will not adhere to the skin. In winter and early spring, thanks to the dry hot atmosphere of our homes and offices, this is true, and the use of cleansing cream, put on and wiped off, before using the powder, is necessary.

It is, as I have said, always a mistake to use powder upon a surface which is not absolutely clean. This is true for several reasons. First, such a skin is apt to later exhibit clogged pores; second, powder spread over a surface which is not clean or one which is dusty, loses its quality of purity and takes on the color of the surface beneath it, thus giving a dingy look to the whole countenance.

When it is necessary to go outdoors, when chill drying winds are abroad, it is well to use the cleansing cream twice, the first time to remove all dust or soil, wiping it off thoroughly before applying the second coat. This should be manipulated thoroughly and also wiped off, after which the powder is applied, using plenty of it. Allow it to remain on the face for a few minutes, then remove all that will come off easily. If a veil is now adjusted, the skin will be well protected from the wind and will also appear to very good advantage, looking soft, fresh, clear and sweet.

There was a Time, Not so Many Years Ago, When Little was Said About "Food Values"

Gradually, however, scientists began finding out that many common ills were directly traceable to the excessive use of certain "foods" which are deprived of a large portion of the mineral salts of phosphorus, iron, calcium, etc.—food elements absolutely essential to life.

These facts led, some twenty years ago, to the making of GRAPE-NUTS, a food rich in these mineral elements. This splendid food, made from whole wheat and barley, supplies perfectly the wonderful "food values" of these grains lacking in the ordinary dietary.

GRAPE-NUTS is most delicious! Eaten with cream, as it usually is, it is an ideally balanced food, and should be served daily.

"There's a Reason" for

Grape-Nuts

Food prices may soar, but there has been no change in price, quality, or size of package of Grape-Nuts. This is also true of Postum, Instant Postum and Post Toasties, also made by the manufacturers of Grape-Nuts.

Telegram Fashion Plates.

The Home Dressmaker should keep a Catalogue Scrap Book of our Pattern Cuts. These will be found very useful to refer to from time to time.

A PRACTICAL SEASONABLE MODEL.

1974—Child's Outdoor Set, Consisting of Leggins and Coat.

This model is good for zibeline, serge, cheviot, corduroy and velvet. It makes a nice, warm and comfortable suit for sport and outdoor wear. The leggings extend to the waistline. The Pattern is cut in 4 sizes: 2, 3, 4 and 5 years. It requires 3¼ yards of 44-inch material for a 4-year size.

A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 10 cents in silver or stamps.

A POPULAR STYLE.

1955—Ladies' Overall Apron, with Sleeve Portion in Either of Two Lengths.

Percale, seersucker, gingham, chambray, lawn, alpaca or brilliantine could be used for this design. The back and sleeve portions are cut in one, and joined to the front in a deep armscye, and underarm seams. The fulness is held at the waistline under the belt. The Pattern is cut in 4 sizes: 34, 38, 42 and 46 inches bust measure. It requires 6½ yards of 36-inch material for a 38-inch size.

A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 10 cents in silver or stamps.

No. .. ..

Size .. ..

Address in full:—

Name .. ..

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It is necessary to send in the illustration with the Coupon properly filed out. The pattern canot reach you in less than 15 days.

INQUIRY INTO DROWNING ACCIDENT.—The inquiry into the death of the young woman named Jane Crawley, of Pouch Cove, which occurred on February 13th when the unfortunate girl was drowned in a well, took place at the Court House this morning. Private W. A. Sullivan, a returned soldier, and Mr. Herbert Sullivan, who discovered the body of the victim in the well, were examined by Mr. McCarthy, J.P., and Supt. of Police, Grimes.