

TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.00 A.M.

THE THREATENED INVASION OF EGYPT.

PARIS, To-day.
Telegrams from Bucharest declare Field Marshal Von Mackenzén is directing preparations for a powerful expedition against Egypt, says a Havas despatch from Rome on advice to the Messagero from the Roumanian capital. It is added that a number of trains loaded with munitions, have been sent to Turkey, including one train of 25 flat cars, laden with the parts of two sixteen inch mortars and shells for use of the guns. The shipment is destined for use in the Egyptian campaign. Reports that Germany is preparing to move against the Suez Canal and Egypt with a mixed force of Turks, Germans and Austrians are current in Paris. Some of the reports go with various details, it being said, for instance, that the army is likely to consist of from 500,000 to 800,000 men, and that a four track railroad is being built across the desert towards Suez.

SUNK ON XMAS DAY.

LONDON, To-day.
The Swedish steamer Nereus, 1,229 tons gross, was sunk in the North Sea on Xmas Day. The crew drifted about in two boats in terrific weather until Monday when they were picked up.

A HUN STORY.

BERLIN, To-day.
A message from Sofia reports that the newspaper Narodni Prava declares through its minister at Sofia, that Greece does not object to Bulgarian troops entering Greek territory, if this step is unavoidably necessary in the interest of military operations. Premier Radoslavoff expressed his thanks for the communication and assured the Minister that Bulgarian troops on Greek soil not only would not harm Greek interests but on the contrary would aid them.

THREE THOUSAND TRIBESMEN DEFEATED.

LONDON, To-day.
A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Co. from Cairo says: It is announced that the operations on Christmas Day on the west of the Egyptian front were completely successful. An enemy tribesman force of three thousand strong was driven back, leaving two hundred dead on the field. Effective support was given to the British force by gunfire from the ships. A British official issued on Monday said on December 25th the principal Arab force near Mers Matruh (Materuh) was attacked and dispersed with a trifling loss to British troops.

SWEDEN HOLDS UP MAIL.

LONDON, To-day.
While as far as can be ascertained no formal protest has yet been made by the British Government to Sweden over the reported detention of 1,500 bags of mail, bound from England to Russia, official circles admit that the Foreign Office has sent the Swedish Government an outline of its attitude on the subject of such detention.

FRANCE WANTS WAR NOT PEACE.

PARIS, To-day.
Eighteen months ago France wanted peace. To-day she wants war, and most energetically for that end will use all her resources, said General Gallieni, Minister of War, asking the Senate yesterday to approve of the action of the Chamber of Deputies, giving him the class of 1917 recruits for January 5. Gallieni's remarks were greeted with prolonged applause. "Who ever says the word 'peace' in the streets is considered a bad citizen," continued the Minister of War. "Mothers are not mourning for lost sons, they want them avenged. The 1917 class will leave with the assent

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Tinned Fruits are very cheap this year.

25 cases Campbell's Soups, 12c. tin.
20 cases Fresh Eggs.
100 bris. Apples—Kings, Wagners, Ben Davis.

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ALMERIA GRAPES.
WINE SAPP APPLES.
PEARS.

GRAPE FRUIT.
CALIFORNIA ORANGES.
FLORIDA ORANGES.
VALENCIA ORANGES.
20 bris. Holyrood CABBAGE.
FRESH OYSTERS.
FINNAN HADDIES.
KIPPERED HERRING.

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Small consignment
GEES & CHICKEN
by rail to-day.

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of the nation. It demands those charged with the duty to receive and instruct these young men and prepare them for the great contest which will not end before France, in accord with her Allies, says: 'I stop, I have obtained what I wanted, I recommend peace.' Redoubled applause interspersed with shouts "excellent" came from the entire Senate which arose as a mark of honour. Returning to his Ministerial seat, General Gallieni received the congratulations of his colleagues. The Upper House immediately passed the Bill and authorized the public posting of the Minister's address.

THE PATRIOTISM OF THE INDIA NATIONAL CONGRESS.

BOMBAY, To-day.
Ten thousand delegates, representing all Committees, were present yesterday at the opening of the annual meeting of the India National Congress, which was notable for the loyal patriotic utterances of the speakers. Millions in India are waiting to serve as the keynote of the opening speeches. In the Presidential address Sir Satyendra Sinha, said: The supreme feeling in India was admiration for the self-imposed burden Britain was bearing in the struggle for liberty and freedom, and pride that India had proved herself not a whit behind the rest of the Empire in assistance given to the Mother Country. Continuing, Sir Satyendra expressed the hope that the spontaneous outburst of loyalty would dispel for ever all distrust and suspicion between Indians and their rulers. The speaker admitted the time had not arrived for self-Government in India, but he urged the British Government to approve ungrudgingly the goal to which India aspired and also permit the recruiting of a strong national Indian army.

THE LONDON BUDGET.

LONDON, To-day.
While there has been a considerable renewal of activity at several points on both the eastern and western fronts in the past twenty-four hours, the situation in the Balkans has the most peaceful appearance for weeks. Despatches from both Germanic and Entente Powers are in agreement as to the probability of an Austro-Bulgarian offensive against Salonika disappearing with the withdrawal of the Bulgarian frontier Guards to purely defensive positions well behind the Greek frontier. The Associated Press Vienna correspondent declares the Central Powers have come to regard any offensive against Salonika as a measure promising only embarrassment and no advantages. In fact the Central Powers are inclined to regard the huge Allied force at Salonika as safely cooped up and uselessly expensive that, therefore, it would be to the advantage of the Central Powers to let it remain here on the western front. German officials admit the French advance on Hirzstein, but gives no details. There also has been further activity in the Vosges district, with intense artillery fighting along the whole front at

Hartmannswellerkopf. Vienna reports Russians attacked fiercely on Dneister and in Bessarabia. An Austrian communication speaks of the Russians advancing in serried lines, fifteen or sixteen deep, which artillery broke up with huge Russian losses. Despatches from a German source says a terrible battle has been going on since Friday in Bessarabia. From many isolated fronts come the reports of preparations for a spring campaign, either to form a change in the location of large bodies of troops or in building fortifications along the Dvinsk and Bug lines. The Germans are said to be constructing colossal fortifications equipped with heavy artillery with machine guns and automatic rifles, supplied in unlimited quantities. The Bulgars are reported busy entrenching their armies well back on the Grecian frontier, while the equipment continues to arrive for the French and British at Salonika, which in the report of General Castellan is considered by its defenders as impregnable. A change is also noted in the Turkish dispositions in the Dardanelles, where the defenders of Gallipoli are in possession of heavy siege guns which have been better served since the opening of the Austro-German opened the road to Constantinople. It is understood the British authorities are making every possible preparation adequate to defend the Suez Canal and their Egyptian positions.

NOON.

DOWNING STREET CROWDED.

LONDON, To-day.
The sensational press reports of the Cabinet situation aroused such public interest that at yesterday's assembling, the police were forced repeatedly to clear Downing Street of crowds. In absence of any official statements makes it difficult to say exactly how serious is the present situation of the cabinet. Members certainly maintain the appearance of outward calm, which would hint the difficulty is more a matter of deciding on methods of details than a radical difference in basic principles. The press again divided itself into two groups, which may most readily be defined by the American phrase as for and against the Government. The latter group is hopelessly in the minority.

PERMISSIVE BILL FOR CONSCRIPTION.

LONDON, To-day.
Yesterday's Cabinet meeting, although it failed to secure the agreement of all Ministers upon the vexed question of the Voluntary System vs. Conscription, was of a very critical and decisive character. Virtually it reached the decision that the application of force may become necessary before all eligible single men are effectively brought to the colors. Therefore, it was resolved that at the earliest opportunity a Bill should be introduced into Parliament in order that the Government might have the necessary power, should it be found no other course was effective for this, and Asquith is expected to make a statement of the whole question in the Commons on Wednesday or Thursday of next week and announce the speedy introduction of a Bill of a permissive character, making service obligatory on unmarried men who have failed to attest under Lord Derby's scheme. Anti-conscriptionist Ministers offered strong opposition. It is still unknown whether any resignations will follow. It is believed, however, that it is quite likely now that the line of policy upon which a majority of Ministers agree is indicated, that some at least of the anti-conscriptionist section of the Cabinet have so far waived their principle to consent to a modified application of force. That principle is as follows: First the Premier's pledge to married men is binding on the whole Government; second, the pledge should be redeemed forthwith; third, the principle of compulsion should be accepted; fourth, the Premier should announce this policy at the earliest opportunity after the re-assembling of Parliament. It is believed the actual formal resolution of the new policy has been postponed until another meeting on Thursday; and in the short interval, Asquith will be employed in using influences to avert disruption in the Cabinet, which it is still quite possible may be avoided.

HERRING FISHERY. — Good herring fishing continues to be had at Bonne Bay.

A Frightful Death!

Suffocated In Asthma Attack

Every sufferer from asthma knows the terror, the abject remedies that overcomes them when struggling for breath. The old fashioned remedies may relieve, but never cure. Best results come from Catarrhazone, which cures asthma after hope is abandoned. It's because Catarrhazone kills the asthma germ that it cures. Choking spells and labored breathing are

THE DEFENCES OF SALONIKI.

LONDON, To-day.
A despatch from Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters in Macedonia says, the new defensive lines laid out by the Entente Allies around Saloniki, made a sweep about 50 miles in a semi-circle from the Vardar River to the Gulf Orphanage, nearly half this distance is naturally defended by the lakes of Langaza and Besik. Few sites are better suited by nature for the requirements of scientific defence. The position is very similar to the Turkish lines at Tchaldja, where the Bulgars suffered their only defeat at the hands of the Turks in 1912, save the valley here is broader, the hills higher. The whole 50 miles encircling Saloniki is surrounded by a broad valley which is a morass in parts and would afford little cover in advancing. The hills within the fortified lines furnish admirable gun emplacements, commanding all approaches. On the slopes remain the trenches where the Turks intended to make the last hand and wire entanglements have been utilized by the Entente Allies. There are numerous tumulus and mounds within the fortifications which may later be opened.

TWO MINISTERS MAY RESIGN.

LONDON, To-day.
The Cabinet decision with regard to modified conscription became known too late to be considered in editorial comment of most of the morning papers here. The conscriptionist papers are pleased with the decision, while the opponents of the plan mostly content themselves with stating that no considered opinion can be ventured, until Earl Derby's recruiting figures are known. The Times says the precise scope of the proposed bill, will be the subject for further discussion, and that the Cabinet's decision was largely due to the strong advocacy of the project by David Lloyd George, and some of his unionist colleagues. The Times anticipates that there will be at least two Cabinet resignations, Reginald McKenna and Walter Runciman. The newspaper remarks that resignations sometimes are infectious.

BULGARIAN REGIMENT MUTINIES

PARIS, To-day.
The Eleventh Bulgarian Infantry Regiment, stationed at Gumulslina, Bulgaria, has mutined, according to information reaching the Athens correspondent of Petit Journal.

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McMurdo's Store News

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 29, 1915.

To-day we are very pleased to be able to announce that a shipment long overdue of Sanident Tooth Paste has come to hand and is now at our customers service. This tooth paste shows no diminution of popularity, because it is honestly made of pure and good materials, and is quite unrivalled as a cleaner of the teeth and cleaner of the mouth. To those who have not tried Sanident Tooth Paste we say get a tube and try it for yourself. Price 25c. a tube.

The Lullaby Bath Soap is really a dandy Soap, and is good enough for the general toilet. Manufactured by Blondeau et Cie, London and Paris, there is however no need to labor the point of quality. A twenty cent cake weighs full six ounces Eau de Cologne perfume.

Here and There.

Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine only 10c. a bottle.—d14,tf

ALEMbic SAILS.—The barq. Alembic is now ready to sail for New York with a cargo of oil.

No advance in price, Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine only 10c. a bottle.—dec14,tf

THREE FUNERALS.—Three funerals met at the R. C. Cathedral yesterday afternoon. The prayers were said by Rev. Dr. Carter.

One 10c. bottle of Stafford's Essence of Ginger Wine makes 3 quarts of Ginger Wine.—d14,tf

JUVENILE TREAT.—On Thursday evening of next week the members of the T. A. Juvenile Society will be given their annual treat, that being decided on at a meeting of the ladies held last night.

HOCKEY

Sticks, Pucks and Skates.
Snow Shoes and Moccasins.

Snow Shovels, assorted sizes.
Detachable Runners for Baby Carriages.
Sleigh Bells and Saddle Chimes.
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We have them in Green, V. Rose, Tango, Sax Blue & Crimson---MARVELLOUS VALUE---and every one of them UP-TO-DATE

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FROM SPAIN'S RICHEST WINE PROVINCE.

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