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TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

REMARKABLE SPEECH.

PARIS, Dec. 11.
Returning from redeemed Alsace-Lorraine, to-day Premier Clemenceau delivered one of the most remarkable speeches ever heard in the Chamber of Deputies. The speech dealt with Alsace-Lorraine, and the Premier was greeted with enthusiasm. "For me in this life, which at times has seemed miserably long," said M. Clemenceau, "it has been permitted that I should travel over the stage of crime which has been committed between Bordeaux and Strasbourg. What has been accomplished surpasses anything in history as ever registered before. The redemption of Alsace-Lorraine has been the goal of my life. A young girl to whom I spoke in Strasbourg, said to me 'We may now smile, M. Clemenceau, we have wept long enough.' I am speechless. Silence alone could cope with such a situation. Many times have I felt life not worth living, but since young girls from Alsace-Lorraine in the exuberance of their joy kissed me, saying 'Saviour,' my journey of life is finished. Some day some one will tell about these heroic sacrifices which have lasted half a century. We must go to the homes of the Alsacians and Lorraines for the true story."

GUARDS IN PLENTY.

BERNE, Dec. 12.
The Military Minister, C. Decoppet, in the Swiss Parliament yesterday, declared that there are now sufficient volunteers for the Frontier Guards and that therefore the regular troops can be demobilized.

FIGHTING IN RUSSIA.

ARCHANGEL, Dec. 10.
(By the A. P.)—The Bolshevik forces were repulsed with considerable losses, when they launched strong attacks against the Russo-Allied positions on the sector between the Dvina and the railroad near Narasovo, Saturday. Fighting in the snow clad forests, the Anglo-Russian troops captured considerable booty, in a counter-

attack on the Pinea sector. The Russo-Americans have withdrawn to more tenable positions.

EVIDENTLY WANTS TO KEEP HIM.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 11.
The former German Emperor is, entitled to the right of sanctuary in Holland, and therefore his return to Germany cannot be demanded, according to a statement made to-day by Jonker Eerenburg, in the Lower Chamber of Parliament, during a debate on the visit of the former Emperor to Holland.

KING THANKS SWISS.

LONDON, Dec. 11.
(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—King George has telegraphed the President of the Swiss Confederation, on the occasion of the termination of the scheme, under which four thousand British officers and men were interned in Switzerland. His Majesty expressed gratitude for the never failing kindness bestowed upon these men. The Swiss President sent a felicitous reply.

NOT PERMITTED TO SPY.

PARIS, Dec. 11.
(Havas)—Marshal Foch has refused the request of the German armistice delegates that they be permitted to communicate with the provinces west of the Rhine now being occupied by the Allies. The Commander-in-Chief declared that it was necessary to maintain the blockade of Germany as provided by the armistice.

MORE MEN FOR SIBERIA.

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.
Over 300 men comprising a draft for Siberia will be leaving Ottawa on Thursday. This is the largest draft for Siberia which has left Ottawa. It is commanded by Capt. Fennell. Ten officers and a M. O. will accompany the draft which leaves in the evening.

LATEST!

HARD TO PLEASE.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 11.
In well informed circles here, it is insisted that Peru will decline an offer of mediation by Argentina, if the declaration has not already been sent. In these circles it is declared that the present status of the situation is that Peru has accepted President Wilson's offer of mediation, and is inclined to reject that of Argentina, while Chile is disposed to reject the offer of the American President, and accept that of Argentina, if President Irigoyen assures Chile that the settlement will be confined to the present conflict.

MUST COME BACK.

BERNE, Dec. 11.
(By the A. P.)—Madame Rosika Schwimmer, who was one of the chief members of the For Peace Mission to Europe, and who has been hailed as Hungary's first Ambassador to Switzerland, will be recalled by the Hungarian Government it is said.

BRITISH AT BONN.

LONDON, Dec. 12.
(British Wireless Service.)—The British advance guards have entered the City of Bonn, and have taken possession of the bridge over the Rhine, there. Bonn is situated on the left bank of the Rhine, fifteen miles south east of Cologne, and between that city and Coblenz.

FREEDOM OF THE SEAS.

DEWSBURY, Eng., Dec. 11.
Viscount Grey former Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, speaking here to-night, devoted a part of his address to a discussion of the freedom of the seas. He said in part, this is a matter which it is feared may create difficulty between President Wilson and the British Government. I think it is a great pity that so much has been said about the freedom of the seas, without it being defined. It is true there is considerable prejudice against the phrase. It is not German

but American. It was made in the United States, and the Germans adopted and used it for their own purposes, in a sense to which we have never agreed. Hence its own popularity, but until President Wilson defines it, and comes to discuss it with our government, there is no need to anticipate difficulty about an agreement as to what it means. Viscount Grey went on to say that if the phrase meant freedom of the seas, in time of peace, Britain could agree to it as being in line with her traditional policy. If, on the other hand, the phrase meant freedom of the seas in time of war, President Wilson probably proposed to qualify it as securing freedom of the seas to these nations observing covenants of a League of Nations, and denying freedom of the seas to any nation not observing those covenants.

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Battle of St. Quentin.

The solid fighting qualities of the British have been demonstrated again and again in the bloody battles of this war, but the deed conceded to be the greatest feat ever performed by a British division was accomplished in the fighting around St. Quentin. The Forty-sixth, commanded by a major-general who was a private in the South African war, according to Associated Press despatches, first crossed the Hindenburg line at the St. Quentin Canal, north of Bellenglise, last Sunday. This is the bare statement. This is the deed.

Unable to see twenty feet ahead of them because of the dense fog, the soldiers followed the explosion of their

barrage to the canal banks, where they plunged into the water. The opposite bank was lined with German machine guns. Behind, between two hills, the Germans had their field guns, but the British did not find that out until later. When they plunged into the water some of the British had lifebelts, others swam across, and some made their way hand over hand on lifelines, all through a terrific hail of machine-gun bullets, which sprayed and enfiladed the ranks.

Once they gained the other bank the British fought their way up the slippery canal banks, went over the German parapets, and finished off hundreds of Huns with bayonets, rifles and pistols. The smoke barrage and terrific bombardment from the British cannon had kept those field guns between the hills, and behind, rather quiet, but when the other bank had been gained the German guns spoke. The 77's fired at point-blank range, with open sights, at the advancing British soldiers, who charged into the mouth of the guns. Luckily the shot went over the heads of the North Midland Division. The British finally reached the guns, and bayoneted every German gunner.

After they had crossed the canal one part of the British division was sent to one end of the Bellenglise tunnel and another to the other end. There were immediate signs that the tunnel was full of men. One screaming shot from a captured German howitzer into the mouth of the tunnel, and the Huns literally poured out their hands in the air, shouting "Kamerad."

The operations of the day netted the Forty-sixth Division 4,200 prisoners, seventy cannon, more than 1,000 machine guns, and a great quantity of other war material.

It is by fighting such as this that the Hindenburg line is being broken. It is by fighting such as this that the German military power is being destroyed.

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ENTERED HOSPITAL.—Gordon Yates, ex-private of the Royal Nfld. Regiment, entered the General Hospital on Tuesday to undergo an operation as a result of wounds received in the famous battle of July 17, 1916. Gordon on that day received wounds from which he has been suffering ever since. He is one of the gallant 500, and we wish him a successful operation and a speedy recovery.

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The Merchant Mariners.

(From the Montreal Gazette.)

The Admiralty has formally thanked the mercantile marine and fishing industry for their "incomparable services" during the war. The official despatch adds that without the former's loyal co-operation with the navy and its indomitable courage, the enemy's submarine campaign must have attained its object. These are words of high praise; and they are deserved. The captains, officers and men of the merchant vessels during the activity of the enemy's submarine squadrons started out on each voyage with the knowledge that it might be the last for themselves and their ships. There were times when from one hundred to two hundred ships a week, sailing to or from British ports, were sunk, often with the loss of many lives, always with risk and hardship for the survivors. Brought back to a home port, the men who escaped at once sought new ships and started out again. Some of them, when the opportunity offered, defended the property in their care against attack by enemy craft. They did this even after the military murder of Captain Fryatt, of the steamship Brussels, one of the worst crimes perpetrated by German authority during the war. Captain Fryatt resisted an attack on his ship and later was captured, subjected to a form of trial and executed. It was evidently expected by those who shared in the proceedings that other merchant captains would be deterred from following Captain Fryatt's example. They were not. But those who, when opportunity offered, fought their assailants were no braver than those who, without armament or purpose to use it, sailed daily into waters infested with U-boats, and maintained the supply of food and materials for the populations. Their courage was as great

as that of the men of the navy, and the services they rendered were of a value that may hardly be estimated. Without it, the war would not have been won. And with men of the mercantile marine rightly included the men of the fighting craft. These, besides pursuing their avocations in enemy waters, constituted the majority of the crews of the fleet of "destroyers" that in the Mediterranean as well as in British waters, spent their lives looking for mines that had been placed by the enemy, where they did most harm. The service was dangerous to a degree hardly comprehended by those not engaged in it. Many boats and their crews were lost. It kept the sea routes relatively safe for war and cargo ships, and the esteem of the electorate. Day many of the devotees of the Liberal Party are calling on Sir Robert Bond to again assume leadership, and in a measure it is up to him whether he accepts the offer. Conditions to-day are vastly different from what they were on last election day. The Government's policy during the past few years has alienated the support of many of its followers.

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our country to-day is in an apparently passive state politically. It is not that an election will be held in the spring. There are rumours of secret parties, but nothing definite revealed as yet. The lessons of the last few years have shown us the necessity for a change of Government, and the cry of many of our people to-day is for some man to take the reins and command and lead the nation to the victor. Many of the devotees of the Liberal Party are calling on Sir Robert Bond to again assume leadership, and in a measure it is up to him whether he accepts the offer. Conditions to-day are vastly different from what they were on last election day. The Government's policy during the past few years has alienated the support of many of its followers.

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