

## TO-DAY'S Messages.

10.15 A.M.

### CANADIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION

OTTAWA, To-day. The Dominion Economic Development Commission which is meeting here to-day, decided to appoint a staff of experts to make detailed investigation into the conditions of all sections of Canada. They will look into a series of subjects such as immigration, agricultural production, transportation, marketing and rural credits and then report to the Commission which will prepare an ultimate report for Parliament.

### FATAL EXPLOSION.

BUFFALO, New York, To-day. Fifteen workmen were killed and as many more probably fatally injured in an explosion in the plant of the Kellogg Blower Co., Harrison Street, here yesterday afternoon. Without warning the boiler in the plant exploded with terrific force and a three story building crumpled to the ground, burying two score of workmen in its ruins. Few escaped uninjured. A fire broke out in the ruins. The explosion broke every pane of glass in a school across the street from the wrecked factory and threw several hundred pupils into a panic. The school fire alarm was sounded and the children marched out without disorder. Blower Co. operated under Larkin Co. and manufactured glass and pottery ware.

### NEW WIRELESS INVENTION.

MADRID, To-day. A new device in wireless telegraphy invention by a Spanish professor is to be tested on February 1st between the coast of Spain and the United States. The Spanish Government has requested the American authorities to send trial messages. The new apparatus is said to increase greatly the effectiveness of wireless transmission beyond the distance of 5000 kilometres or 3,200 miles.

### PURSUED BY BRITISH.

LONDON, To-day. The German aeroplane which passed over Dover at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, according to the British official statement issued last night, was engaged by all the anti-aircraft guns and pursued by two British machines.

### McBRIDE'S NEW JOB.

LONDON, To-day. Sir Richard McBride has arrived to take up the office of Agent General of the Province of British Columbia.

### EARTH DISTURBANCE.

PETROGARD, To-day. The Seismograph at the Government observatory, located 20 miles southwest of here, reports an earth shock at 9 o'clock this morning. The intensity and oscillations is estimated at double those experienced in the great Messina earthquake. The centre disturbance is fixed at a point fifteen hundred miles distance.

### HEAVY FLOODS ON TIGRIS.

LONDON, To-day. General Sir Percy Lake, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in Mesopotamia, sent the following report of the situation there during the past 48 hours. The Tigris River has risen 7 feet, and at Kut-el-Amara is two and a half feet, preventing all troop movements by land. An armistice was concluded for 2 hours and 20 minutes for the collection and burial of the dead. General Townshend reports from Kut-el-Amara he has sufficient supplies and that his troops have not been further engaged.

### M.P.'S TO VISIT THE FRONT.

LONDON, To-day. A proposal was made in the Commons to-day that all members of the House should visit the front during the Parliamentary recess and that arrangements should be made for their reception by the Commander-in-Chief, the idea being that great benefit would accrue to the Parliamentarians by close contact with actual war operations. Tennant in replying thought it would prove too big an undertaking, entailing too much work for the General Staff, but he promised to see what could be done if members, desirous of making the trip, would communicate their names. Tennant also gave an idea of the great part aeroplanes were playing in the operations on the Western front, announcing that in the last four weeks 13 British aeroplanes, and nine or ten German machines had been lost in the same period. The Under Secretary for War said the British employed 138 machines, while the Germans used approximately 29. The number of British aeroplanes which crossed the German lines was 1,227, while 810 German machines crossed British lines. Aerial battles, Tennant said, have occurred over behind the German lines, owing to the westerly winds, and German machines if hit planned down in their own lines which the British were unable to do.

### SCUTARI OCCUPIED.

BERLIN, To-day. Scutari has been occupied by the Austro-Hungarian troops, according to an announcement issued to-day by the Austro-Hungarian headquarters.

Several thousand Serbians who armed the garrison retired towards the south without offering any resistance. Scutari was occupied by Montenegrin troops in June, 1915. Scutari is the most important trading town in Albania, it has a population of about 20,000. It lies on the east bank of the lake.

### DROPPED 200 BOMBS.

LONDON, To-day. The French air squadron yesterday made important raids on the towns of Monastir and Gjevgjeli, according to a despatch from Saloniki. The Reuters despatch says one squadron dropped more than 200 bombs on Monastir and neighboring enemy positions. Another squadron threw a hundred bombs in the vicinity of Gjevgjeli. All the machines returned safely though they were subjected to heavy fire. It is believed the bombs did great damage.

### DISPERSED THE SENUSSI.

LONDON, To-day. (Official)—Northwest of Egypt, General Wauchope's column in Egypt attacked a camp of the Senussi tribesmen on Sunday, dispersing of the enemy and burning the camps.

### MILITARY SERVICE BILL PASSED COMMONS.

LONDON, To-day. Military Service Bill passed the third reading in the Commons last night by a vote of 383 to 36.

### ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

LONDON, To-day. An official report was made public last night: "We exploded a mine near St. Eloi, damaging the enemy trenches considerably, a small patrol passed through the enemy's wire entanglements near St. Eloi and fired into the trench which was strongly held, retreating, without casualties. To-day the artillery on both sides have been active about Loos. We carried a successful bombardment of the enemy's trenches northeast of Arras, doing considerable damage. There have been bombardments about Hooge, St. Jean, Pilkem in the vicinity of Ypres. Near the latter place we silenced the enemy's trench mortars with our artillery fire."

12.30 P.M.

### COL. HOUSE WILL VISIT BERLIN.

LONDON, To-day. German newspapers which have just reached London lay great emphasis on the importance of the mission of Colonel Wilson, the American personal representative in Europe. Col. House has definitely decided to visit Berlin. The Hamburg Freemanblatt declares Col. House's errand is to restore harmony among the American Ambassadors in Europe and express the hope that his efforts for peace would be successful.

### THE SERVICE BILL IN THE LORDS.

LONDON, To-day. The military Service Bill passed through the report stage in the Commons last night without serious modification. The Government accepted an amendment that capital punishment should not be inflicted for refusal to obey the call to the colors. The principal discussion turned upon the measure for industrial compulsion, many members expressing suspicion regarding the attitude of David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, especially as Lloyd George had not participated in the debate in the Bill. Andrew Bonar Law, on behalf of the Government, gave further assurances on this point, which he declared, were binding on the whole Government. On motion for the third reading, Sir John Simon, Former Home Secretary, asserted although the Government had done much to meet objections to the Bill, it had failed to allay the fears of those who believed the Bill was a mere prelude to industrial compulsion and had also failed to meet the case of the conscientious objector, therefore, he was unable to recommend the Bill should be allowed to pass its third reading without a division. He strongly deprecated however violent opposition to the Bill once it became law. The Bill was immediately sent to the Lords and given its first reading. The second reading will be taken in the Lords on Wednesday. Parliament will probably be prorogued on Friday.

### POMERANIAN DAMAGED.

QUEENSTOWN, To-day. The Allan Line steamer Pomeranian outward bound from Glasgow to Canada, was disabled in a terrific gale, and is making for Queenstown. The steamer lost her rudder and propeller. All aboard the Pomeranian are safe. Another steamer is escorting her to port.

### MAKING FOR ST. JOHN'S FOR COAL.

NEW YORK, To-day. Radio advices received here to-day that the Holland-America Line steamship Noordam, stating that she was short of coal and heading for St. John's, Nfld., for a sufficient supply to enable her to reach this port. The Noordam with passengers and cargo from Rotterdam via Falmouth left the latter port on January 15th.

### BRITISH AND RUSSIANS MAKING FOR THE KUT.

LONDON, To-day. The British force at Kut-el-Amara and the Russian troops west of Hamadan are so near that if there were no difficulties in the way it might be possible to effect a junction within ten days. In spite of this fact, there is much fighting yet to be done, and difficult country to be crossed. The British press already is beginning to speculate about the prospects of the expected junction. The Chronicle says it will be a happy day when the British and Russians begin to fight side by side in this theatre of war, and it ought to contribute to a better understanding between the two people. The Times, however, notes the Turks appeared to have stopped the Russian advance in this district. It fears a Russian set back if Turkish reports of the retreating Aswad from the Russians are correct, as this would threaten the Russian occupation of Hamadan from more than one direction.

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### NANCY AGAIN BOMBARDED.

PARIS, To-day. The City of Nancy was again bombarded yesterday morning by long range German guns and yesterday afternoon a number of bombs were dropped from German aeroplanes. The damage from bombardment was considerable and only two persons were wounded, while the aeroplane attack is reported to have been without result. It was announced from Paris, January 8, that during three preceding days six persons had been killed and ten wounded. Nancy as a result of a bombardment of the city by German 15 inch guns. Alarming rumors having been circulated as to the havoc caused by the bombardment and consequent panic among the inhabitants. The Prefect of the Department in which Nancy is situated, issued a circular discrediting rumors on day mentioned. President Poincaré went to Nancy and passed the entire day there. Safe conducts were issued to 30,000 persons to leave the city on the occasion of the three days bombardment.

### KING NICHOLAS IN FRANCE.

LYONS, To-day. King Nicholas, of Montenegro, accompanied by Crown Prince Paul, Prince Peter and Princess Milica and seven officers and thirty soldiers of his staff arrived here last evening from Italy and was received at the railway station by the Municipal authorities who welcomed him in the name of President Poincaré, a military escort attended him to his hotel, where his daughters, Princesses Xenia and Vera had arrived last week.

### SULTAN'S YACHT TORPEDOED.

LONDON, To-day. A despatch from Athens says the Sultan's yacht, according to reports from the Bosphorus, was torpedoed in the latter part of December. The vessel was seriously injured but is still afloat.

### GERMAN FLEET TO COME OUT WITH 17 INCH GUNS.

NEW YORK, To-day. The German fleet, with the heaviest new battleships, armed with 17 inch guns, far outranging the largest of the British, and escorted by a fleet of fast torpedo boats, is expected to give battle to the British, according to Thomas R. MacMeehan, Aeronautical Engineer and President of the Aeronautical Society of America. Mr. MacMeehan said to-day that this prediction is from sources of authoritative information in Germany.

ELDERLY WOMAN MEETS ACCIDENT.—Whilst coming down Carter's Hill this morning, an elderly lady named Mooney fell on the ice, and badly sprained her right ankle, also inflicting some severe bruises to her arms and shoulders. She was moved to Stafford's pharmacy nearby and given kindly attendance. Carter's Hill is really in a very dangerous condition, and it would be wise if the residents there give the steep incline a plentiful supply of ashes.

PERSONAL.—Mr. J. W. N. Johnson, General Passenger Agent with the R. N. Co., is about again after a week's sick leave.

### A Daring Burglar.

AYRE & SONS' OFFICE ENTERED. After the day's business had been concluded and employers and employees had left, the office of Messrs. Ayre & Sons, Pitts Building, was entered on Saturday night. An entrance was forced through a window at the rear. The drawers of the desks were found open and the floor littered with paper by Mr. Harold Ayre. Up to press hour the police had not made any arrests, also a four year old boy. The origin of the fire is unknown. The mother and another child were badly burned. They escaped in their night clothes by jumping from a top window.

### Fire At Conception Harbour.

MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN BURNED—HOUSE AND CONTENTS DESTROYED.

Mr. Hutchings, Deputy Minister of Justice, received the following communication this morning from Magistrate O'Toole at Conception Harbour: "On Saturday night the house of Maurice Costello was burnt with all its contents, also a four year old boy. The origin of the fire is unknown. The mother and another child were badly burned. They escaped in their night clothes by jumping from a top window."

From the tenor of the foregoing the assumption is that the four year old boy was fatally burned. Further particulars are eagerly awaited.

### Big Liner Reaches Port, Short of Coal.

The s.s. Noordam, Capt. Vanvalraen, put into this port this morning short of coal. She is 14 days out from Rotterdam, via Falmouth, England, bound to New York with a general cargo. She has on board 370 passengers of different nationalities and principally British and American people. The steamer was 5 days out from Rotterdam when she put into Falmouth, where she took on board all the passengers. After leaving Falmouth, on the 16th inst., strong head winds were met. As Capt. Vanvalraen put it, "each day was a continuation of bad weather. The ship sustained no damage but her headway was impeded greatly. On Saturday last the engines reported that the bunkers were running short and Capt. Vanvalraen decided to come here to get a supply of coal, after ascertaining what our port conditions were."

The Noordam is a large palatial steamer belonging to the Holland-America Line, was built by the Harland-Wolff, Ltd. at Belfast in 1909. She is twin screw, 12,500 tons gross, 7,375 net, 550.2 ft. long, 62.2 ft. wide and 34 ft. deep. 1200 horse power, rying 180 lbs. pressure. The Furness Withy Co. are the agents for the Noordam, which is now getting 600 tons of Admiralty coal at the premises of J. Harvey & Co., Ltd. She will probably resume her voyage early to-morrow morning.

### Reids' Boats.

The Argyle arrived at Placentia at 9.50 p.m. yesterday from the west and sailed to-day on the Merasheen route. The Gloucester left Port aux Basques at 3.55 a.m. to-day. The Kyle left Port aux Basques at 6.50 this morning. The Megie is now discharging at Placentia. The Sagona was due at Port aux Basques at 1.30 this p.m.

### Train Notes.

The express arrived at 1.15 p.m., bringing several passengers and a fairly large Canadian mail. The southern shore train arrived at 11.45 a.m. Amongst those who came to the city by her were C. and Mrs. Lester, M. Drouin and a patient from Caplin Bay for the General Hospital.

### Here and There.

THE RECOUNT.—The work of counting the ballots in the recent Provincial election commences to-morrow morning before Mr. Justice Johnson. The preliminaries in connection with the recount will be finished to-night.

ON LONG TRIP.—The schr. Success, which is now 55 days out from Bahia to this port, was reported off the Southern Shore yesterday evening. She had not reached as far as Cape Spear up to 1 p.m. to-day, but will no doubt put in an appearance some time this evening.

SOCIABLE.—If you want a good time, come to George Street Social in the Basement on Wednesday night, the 26th inst., as it's going to be the best yet. A splendid programme has been prepared in which the "Calypso" String Band, Mrs. Guy, Misses Curtis, Taylor, Storey, Pike, Mitchell, Oates, Hutchings, Steele, Creswell and Lyon; Messrs. Kendall, Kerr, Young, Hurshel, McIntosh, Christian, Courtenay, Steele and Danson will take part. So come along and bring your friends. Candy for sale. Admission 25c. Jan. 25.

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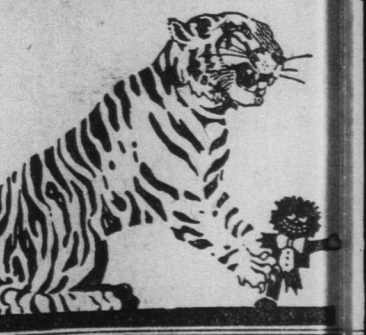
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## War News.

### OFFICIAL.

The Governor, Newfoundland:

Headquarters in France report only mining and artillery activity.

Russia reports a German attack repulsed near Chortorsk. In the Caucasus the Turks are retreating hurriedly in all directions to Erzerum. Over fifteen hundred prisoners have been captured.

The German Governor and Commandant of the Cameroons have fled into Spanish territory. Several Allied prisoners were re-captured.

The King of Montenegro's proclamation says: "Better die, than accept Austrian offers of peace."

BONAR LAW.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

Hostile aeroplanes dropped bombs on the Kentish coast on Sunday night. No naval or military damage; the civilian killed, six slightly injured. Sunday at noon two hostile aeroplanes visited the same locality, but were driven off.

British headquarters report mining and artillery activity.

Twenty-four French aeroplanes bombarded the stations and barracks at Metz; one was lost. After mining and violent bombardment, west of the Arras-Lens road, the enemy penetrated several hundred yards of first line trenches. A counter-attack drove them out; except twenty-two yards of the salient. The enemy lost heavily.

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